

PORTSMOUTH ADVERTISEMENTS
OXFORD HALL, OXFORD HALL
 Tuesday Night, March 19th.
POLK MILLER'S DIRECT REGIMENT.
 "An Evening of Story and Song on
"Old Times Down South."
 Delineating the Old Plantation Negro.
BENEFIT OF GRIMES' BATTERY 23
 m13-47
Special For To-day.
 Good Ginger Snaps, 6c per pound.
 Good Oyster Crackers, 6c per pound.
 Fine Evaporated Apples, 10c or 11c
 per quart.
 Good Butter, 20c per pound.
 California Prunes, 7c per pound.
 C. W. HUGHES & CO.,
 802 Crawford street.

PORTSMOUTH RIFLES ATTENTION.
 Members of this Company are
 ordered to assemble at their Armory at
 6 o'clock p. m. sharp, on THURSDAY 14th
 inst. in uniform, to attend the
 funeral of the late Honorary member, DAVID
 WILLIAMS, deceased.
 By Order of
JOHN W. HAPPER,
 Captain Commanding.
H. F. BUTT, First Sergeant.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., March 4, 1895.
THE FIRM HERETOFORE existing
 under the name of GRIMES & OVER-
 MAN, as Contractors and Builders, has been
 dissolved by the withdrawal of John M.
 Grimes. The business will be continued by
 EDWARD OVERMAN, who will settle all
 debts and collect all bills due the old firm.
 JOHN M. GRIMES,
 EDWARD OVERMAN.

STOVE COAL!
 Orders for STOVE COAL for immediate deliv-
 ery at \$3.50 per ton anywhere in the city.
 Please order with
THE E. C. BROOKS CO.,
 March 1st, 113 High street.
DWELLING FOR SALE.
 Nice dwelling, corner Holliday and Chest-
 nut streets, Park View; seven rooms and
 kitchen, stable, nice porch, etc. Party desir-
 ing to sell and build a larger house. Will
 sell on reasonable terms.
JNO. L. WATSON.

Hotel Portsmouth,
 PORTSMOUTH, VA.
R. R. GARDNER, - - - Manager.

Eighty-five commodious and well fur-
 nished rooms. Parlor, Private Ladies En-
 trance, and every convenience.
 Efficient caterer and chef recently en-
 gaged. Table excellent.
 Rates—\$2 and \$2.50 per day; \$20 and
 upwards per month. Excellent hotel for
 families

SAY, GIRLS!
 Tell your brothers that they
 can save just \$15
 by buying a



Waverly Bicycle!

Call at our store and let us show you the
 materials that make the wheel
 so true.

\$75 & \$85 IS OUR PRICE.

COLUMBIA, EAGLE and RABBIT, sold
 on easy payments.

W. N. WHITE'S SPORTING HOUSE,
 214 HIGH STREET, - PORTSMOUTH, VA.

AT 229 HIGH STREET.

Come in and buy one of those extra large
 Marcellus Quits, worth \$2, which we are
 selling this week for \$1.12; also Fast Black
 Heavy Ribbed Hose, 10c per pair.
 New line of Spring Ginchans from 5c to
 12c. Outings from 3c to 10c.
 A full line of Frastley's Spring Dress
 Goods, Drap D'Almas, India, Cashmires,
 Embroid. Crepes and Figures.
 All Winter Dress Goods must go to make
 room for Spring Stock. You will find ex-
 cellent bargains in them. Ladies' Brushing
 Underwear at and below cost. Women Under-
 wear very low. Butterick's Patterns for
 Spring now in stock.

W. C. NASH,
 229 High Street.

**selling out to make a change in the
 firm.**

The entire Stock of the Famous Shoe
 Store, 229 High Street, is offered for
 sale at cost, and in some cases far below
 cost. The name of this well-known firm
 has been a household word to the shoe-
 buying people of this section for the
 past five years and the merits of their
 stock are easily answered when you
 consider their phenomenal success during
 their career. There will be a
 change in the firm on or about March
 15th, and until then we have to dispose
 of our entire stock regardless of cost
 prices. All parties having claims
 against said firm present them at once,
 and all parties indebted are requested
 to settle same without delay at the
 Famous Shoe Store, 229 High Street. If
 Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives
 the best satisfaction of any cough medi-
 cine I handle, and as a seller leads all
 other preparations in this market, I
 recommend it because it is the best
 medicine I ever handled for coughs,
 colds and croup. A. W. BALDRIDGE,
 Millersville, Ill. For sale by all drug-
 gists.

PORTSMOUTH NEWS

PORTSMOUTH AND ITS PORT
 The News Narrowed Into Neat and
 Noticeable Narratives.

ODD FELLOWS AT DEEP CREEK

Central Church Meetings. Union Mis-
 sion Church. A Letter Regarding
 Immigration. Rubbish to Be
 Removed. Official Visit to
 the Royal Arcanum.

The work of rebuilding the Union
 Mission Church has been commenced.
 The Elks reported having had a big
 time at Newport News Tuesday night.
 The Odd Fellows anticipate having a
 good time at Deep Creek to-night.
 Quite a number will go up.
 The case of Melvin White, charged
 with robbery, was continued from yester-
 day until Saturday morning.
 There was only three unfortunates
 in the Mayor's Court yesterday and all
 of them were fined \$1 and cost.
 The grand officers of the order of
 Royal Arcanum of the State paid Portsm-
 outh Council an official visit last
 night.

A white man, resident of South Portsm-
 outh, threatened to kill his wife
 Tuesday while under the influence of
 liquor.

Harrison Shepherd, colored, was
 tried before Justice Hughes yesterday
 on three charges and was sent on to
 the County Court.

The funeral of the late Mr. David
 Williams will take place this afternoon
 at 3 o'clock from his late residence,
 No. 903 County street.

The rubbish from the old temporary
 engine-house, which has been lying in
 the center of Court street, will be re-
 moved in a few days and the street will
 be cleared up.

The meetings at Central Church con-
 tinue to draw large crowds. A 4 o'clock
 prayer meeting is held daily and much
 good is expected to result from the
 same.

The new portion of Oak Grove Cem-
 etery will be beautified with shade
 trees, the Council having appropriated
 \$300 for that purpose. Drinking water
 will also be introduced.

The Misses Agnes and Lina Catehio,
 daughters of the late Nathaniel Catehio,
 and sisters of W. H. Catehio, Esq.,
 left last night for Philadelphia, where
 they will reside with their brother,
 John.

Mrs. Jennie Armistead qualified yes-
 terday on the estate of her husband,
 the late Samuel W. Armistead, who was
 killed at the Mars Island Yard. She
 also qualified as the guardian of her
 children.

A tramp named Cain, who has been
 ordered out of the city three times and
 served five days in jail for vagrancy,
 was again escorted out of the city yes-
 terday and given to understand if he
 returned he would get thirty days.

The members of the Portsmouth
 Rifle Company are ordered to assemble
 at their armory this afternoon at 2
 o'clock in service uniform to attend the
 funeral of the late David Williams, an
 honorary member of the company.

A colored woman named Watts was
 arrested yesterday afternoon for as-
 saulting a woman named Elliott on the
 street with a cone. The Elliott woman
 claims that she gave her no provoca-
 tion for the act. The case will come
 up for trial this morning.

Mr. Jos. E. B. Branch, grand lec-
 turer of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fel-
 lows in Virginia, arrived here last night
 and is the guest of Mr. N. E. White-
 burst, on Dinwiddie street. He will
 go to Deep Creek to-night to institute
 a new lodge of Odd Fellows.

An anonymous letter was received by
 the Mayor on Tuesday in reference to
 immigration, &c. It was communicat-
 ed to the Council through him, but
 that body decided that as no name was
 signed to it, it could not properly come
 before the Council, so it was not read.

Attention is called to the advertise-
 ment of Grimes' Battery, in which they
 announce that Polk Miller, the great
 Southern humorist, will appear at Ox-
 ford Hall on Tuesday, the 19th, in his
 imitation of Southern negro in songs,
 dances, etc., for the benefit of that
 company.

The Best for the Family.
 MACON, GA.—"I have found Sim-
 mons' Liver Regulator the best family
 medicine. I have used it in indig-
 estion and biliousness, and found it to
 relieve immediately. After eating a
 hearty supper, if on going to bed I
 take a dose of it, I never feel any bad
 effects of the supper."—Ovid G.
 Sparks, ex Mayor.

"Perhaps you would not think so,
 but a very large proportion of disease
 in New York comes from carelessness
 about catching cold," says Dr. Cyrus
 Edison. "It is such a simple thing and so
 common that few people, unless it is
 a case of pneumonia, pay any attention
 to a cold. There are a great many cases
 of catarrh and consumption which have
 their origin in this neglect of the sim-
 plest precaution of every day life. The
 most sensible advice is, when you have
 one get rid of it as soon as possible.
 By all means do not neglect it." Dr.
 Edison does not tell you how to cure a
 cold, but we will. Take Chamberlain's
 Cough Remedy. It will relieve the
 lungs, aid expectoration, open the se-
 cretions and soon effect a permanent
 cure. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale
 by all druggists.

**Children Cry for
 Pitcher's Casteria.**

Spring Opening.
 Full line of new spring suitings just
 received. Look at our window display,
 suits made to order, \$12.50, \$14, \$15,
 \$16, \$18, \$20 and \$22.50. M. Rosen-
 baum, 116 and 118 High street, Portsm-
 outh, Va.

Novelties in Children's Hats.
 Among the new goods we have re-
 ceived are some of the latest novelties
 in children's hats, the very latest "fad"
 of the season. As we have a very com-
 plete line we feel sure we can please
 you. Chas. R. Welton & Co., 332 and
 334 High street.

Important Information.
 We are gradually completing our
 stock of fine and well made clothing
 for the coming spring. We have the
 reputation for selling the neatest, nob-
 blest and best fitting clothing in the
 two cities, at the lowest possible prices.
 Breslaw & Anthony, 114 High street.

Charles H. Sturtivant, funeral di-
 rector and embalmer, 308 Third street,
 corner Harrison. mh10-1m

How to Make Mullagatawny Soup.
 Cut in small pieces the breast of a
 young chicken after it has cooked in
 soup stock. Put on the fire the carcass
 and bones of the chicken, add enough
 soup stock to cover it, simmer for one
 hour and strain. Fry two small onions
 in one ounce of butter; add three-
 quarters of an ounce of flour; stir well;
 pour the broth in the butter and onions; boil
 up; add one tablespoonful of diluted
 curry powder, half a cup of milk, pep-
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 payment 15 cents and a 25 cent ticket
 from the county poor office. She left
 rather hurriedly, I noticed."—Rochester
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**Superintendent John Winder, of the
 Seaboard Air line, is in the city on
 business.**
 An order was issued yesterday re-
 moving Mr. McGuinn, superintendent
 of motive, of the Seaboard Air Line,
 and appointing Mr. Reid, of Chicago,
 in his place, the same to take effect
 March 16th. Mr. Reid's headquarters
 for the present will be at Raleigh, but
 it is thought that he will soon be lo-
 cated in this city. There are also ru-
 mors floating around about the ma-
 chine shops being brought back here,
 but it is only a street rumor.
 Rumor also says that there will be
 some other changes after this month
 runs out.

Contract Awarded.
 The Port Norfolk Railway Company
 has made a contract with the Brush
 Electric Light Company, of Cleveland,
 Ohio, to furnish them with dynamo
 and cars for their road, and with a
 Watertown, N. Y., company for motive
 power engines, &c. They expect to
 have the line in operation by May.

An Accident.
 Yesterday afternoon a gentleman
 named Isaac Paganand while at work on
 a spar at the U. S. bony yard cut him-
 self very badly on the knee with a
 drawing knife. Dr. V. G. Culpepper
 was called in and dressed the wound.

**Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah,
 Ga.**
 DEAR SIRS—I bought a bottle of
 your P. P. P. at Hot Springs, Ark.,
 and it has done me more good than
 three months' treatment at the Hot
 Springs.
 Have you no agents in this part of
 the country, or let me know how much
 it will cost to get three or six bottles
 from your city by express.
 Respectfully yours,
JAS. M. NEWTON,
 Aberdeen, Brown County, O.

All Work Guaranteed.
 We guarantee each and every suit
 turned out in our made-to-order de-
 partment to fit perfectly and satisfac-
 torily.
 We allow no poor work to leave our
 store. Suits to order from \$17.50 to
 \$45.
 Our ready-made department is com-
 plete with all wool suits, from \$6.50 to
 \$25. We can please you. Levy &
 Jacobs, 209 High street.

read! read!
 We must have room. Three thousand
 yards beautiful spring gingham, re-
 duced from 12c to 6c per yard; 3,000
 yards Turkey red table damask, re-
 duced from 50c to 10c per yard; 3,000
 yards extra fine all linen crash, re-
 duced from 10c to 6c per yard. A. J. Phil-
 lips, under Oxford Hall.

Duffy's Malt Whiskey and pure
 blackberry juice for medicinal purposes
 at C. E. Jones', corner of County and
 Middle streets. mh9-10t

**Lamps, silk shades, wire frames, doll
 carriages, toilet sets, pictures, tables,
 rockers and everything else at Craw-
 ford's Furniture and Carpet House.**

**To-day, To-morrow, Friday and Sat-
 urday, March 13th, 14th, 15th and
 16th, Four Days Only.**

We will offer 1,300 yards of High
 land zephyr cloth, worth 12c, at 9c a
 yard. The styles of this beautiful
 fabric and the very latest, direct from
 New York city; 200 yards chevrons, en-
 tirely new, worth 12c, will go at 9c a
 yard; 60 inch wide exquisite pattern in
 table linens, worth 60c, will go at 48c a
 yard, together with a handsome line of
 napkins at 4c each, worth 8c; another
 lot at 6c, worth 10c; another lot at 8c,
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Spring Work on the Farm.
 Preparing the Land For Corn, Cotton, the
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 on the importance of early spring plow-
 ing. Where the soil is deep put the
 plow in deep and turn each furrow com-
 pletely, but if the soil is shallow and
 the subsoil near the surface put the
 plow just deep enough to bring a little
 of the clay to the surface and leave the
 furrow on edge. Return as far as pos-
 sible all the vegetable matter left on
 the surface. The stubble and lands not
 planted last year ought to be broken
 first. Land which was in corn should
 come next. The cotton land—that is,
 where cotton grew last year—should be
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 this as near planting time as is conve-
 nient. Give the rye and barley lots all
 the time possible to go on with their
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 tonishing what may be gained in this
 way, says Southern Cultivator, author-
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The soil for corn ought to be well
 and deeply broken. Corn is more sen-
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 crops and needs a deep, mellow bed in
 which to send out its little food search-
 ing roots. If the land is broken some
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 winter rains. Once this crop begins to
 grow, it is the presence of moisture,
 more or less, that makes or mars it.
 Finny, deep breaking, repeated and
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 this moisture.

The best time for seeding to grasses
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 prepared for this crop is the plan of
 sowing in the standing grain. For this
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 Then sow the grass seed, which will
 thus be washed in, instead of off, by
 the first rain. The best varieties are red
 and mammoth clover, tall meadow oat,
 orchard, red top and rye grasses. Alfalfa
 and Japan clover should not be sown
 until later. The former requires a rich
 soil, but Japan clover will grow on land
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Oats can be sown on until the last of
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 izers must be determined by the crop
 planted, the soil, as well as the ability
 of the farmer to pay for the grass. As a
 general rule, commercial fertilizers ap-
 plied to barren land, destitute of hu-
 mus, are not profitable. Let us there-
 fore make all the home manure that we
 can, plant leguminous crops, and as an
 adjunct we will find that we can use
 profitably all the commercial fertilizers
 that we are able to buy.

**CURE
 SICK
 HEAD
 ACHE**

Sick headache and relieve all the troubles in-
 cident to a bilious state of the system, such as
 Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after
 eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most
 remarkable success has been shown in curing
 Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS
 are equally valuable in Constipation, curing
 and preventing this annoying complaint, while
 they also correct all disorders of the stomach,
 stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels.
 Even if they only cured

Ache they would be almost priceless to those
 who suffer from this distressing complaint;
 but fortunately their goodness does not end
 here, and those who once try them will find
 these little pills valuable in so many ways that
 they will not be willing to do without them.
 But after all sick head

is the bone of so many lives that here is where
 we make our great boast. Our pills cure it
 while others do not.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are very small
 and very easy to take. One or two pills make
 a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do
 not grip or purge, but by their gentle action
 please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents,
 five for \$1. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail,
 CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

BERKLEY BRIEFS.
**Charged With Selling Whiskey to a
 Minor.**

Yesterday afternoon Emanuel Jack-
 son made a complaint to Sergt. Lindsay
 that a clerk of A. Berman had sold
 whiskey to Joshua Cross, a minor. A
 warrant was issued for Berman's arrest
 and he appeared last night at 6 o'clock
 before the Mayor. Cross admitted
 that he bought the whiskey, but two
 witnesses for the Commonwealth swore
 that he did not. The court was of the
 opinion that the accused was guilty,
 but reserved his decision until this
 morning at 10 o'clock and bonded Ber-
 man for his appearance.

Last night the station house was
 packed beyond standing room, by col-
 ored people mostly, to hear the trial of
 four colored women, charged with
 swearing on the street. Some of the
 evidence proved to be "very spicy"
 and brought forth laughter from most
 of the spectators. The Court had to
 threaten to have the doors locked and
 fine every one inside for contempt.
 Gertrude Woodhouse was first called.
 About a dozen witnesses had to testify.
 The Court fined her \$2 and cost. The
 next called were Lula Brown, Annie
 Reed and Betsie Gibb. Nearly an hour
 was taken up in these cases and re-
 sulted in a fine of \$2 and cost for each
 offender. In default they were locked
 up for the night.

Rev. Josiah Elliott, of Carrutuck
 county, N. C., was the guest of Rev.
 H. N. Quisenberry yesterday.

The Modern Way
 Commends itself to the well formed, to
 do pleasantly and effectually what was
 formerly done in the crudest manner
 and disagreeably as well. To cleanse
 the system and break up colds, head-
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