

THE NEWS OF NORFOLK ON PAGES 2, 3, 5, 6 & 11.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.
Forecast for Friday and Saturday:
Virginia and North Carolina: Partly
cloudy and warmer Friday; fresh
southwesterly winds. Saturday fair.

Norfolk and Vicinity.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR
TO-DAY.

Fair and warmer. Fresh south
winds.

TEMPERATURE, RAINFALL AND HUMIDITY.

Maximum temperature	42
Minimum temperature	30
Normal temperature	41
Departure from normal	minus 4
Departure from normal since Jan- uary 1st	plus 203
Rainfall in past 24 hours	0
Rainfall since 1st of month	0.06
Mean relative humidity	75

CALENDAR.

Sun rises 7:06 a. m., sets 4:39 p. m.

TIDES.

Norfolk: High water, 0:45 a. m. 1:11
p. m. Low water, 6:59 a. m. 7:31 p. m.
Old Point: High water, 0:24 a. m. 1:
12:50 p. m. Low water, 6:38 a. m. 7:10
p. m.

MEETINGS.

NOTICE!

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE
ROANOKE AND TAP RIVER RAIL-
ROAD COMPANY.

A general meeting of the Stockholders
of the Roanoke and Tap River Railroad
Company has been duly called and will
be held at the office of the Company, in
Portsmouth, Va., on SATURDAY, Decem-
ber 16th, A. D. 1899, at 1 o'clock p. m.
The objects and purposes of said meeting
are as follows:

1st. For the purpose of considering the
consolidation of the Roanoke and Tap
River Railroad Company with the Rail-
road and Gaston Railroad Company, and
also to consider and agree upon the terms
and conditions upon which the consol-
idation with such the Roanoke and Gas-
ton Railroad Company shall be made.

2d. And also to consider the sale to the
Roanoke and Gaston Railroad Company of
the property and franchises of the Roa-
noke and Tap River Railroad Company,
and the terms and conditions of such
sale.

JOHN H. SHARP, Secretary.
Portsmouth, Va., Nov. 11, 1899.
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AMUSEMENTS.

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WOOD HEATERS are con-
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to buy an ETCHING, with neat brown
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the thing for an inexpensive Xmas pres-
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\$1—OUR PRICE—\$1.

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Ornate Ware, Toilet Articles, 10c to \$2.50.
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BEFORE THE WAR,

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ite can be readily made from
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largest assortment of finished
designs in the South.

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THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

EXTRAORDINARY POWERS GRANTED To Board of Water Commissioners by Councils of Norfolk.

This Important Branch of the City Government Operated In-
dependent of the Councils—A Bit of History Showing
How it Was Accomplished—A Comparison of
Ordinances.

A comparison of the ordinances pub-
lished below will show that prior to
April, 1896, the ordinances of the city
gave the Board of Water Commis-
sioners extraordinary powers in the con-
duct of that very important branch of
the city government, including the
right to make contracts and to fix sal-
aries of officers and employees, &c.

The Councils in April, 1896, recognized
the fact that the scope of this De-
partment was too broad, and passed an
ordinance fixing salaries, and otherwise
limiting the powers of the Board.

This ordinance appears to have been
unsatisfactory to the present adminis-
tration of the Water Department, as we
find that in February last the Councils,
being requested by the Board of Water
Commissioners, not only restored it to
its former status, but added additional
privileges and rights, which practically
relieve the Councils of all bother and
trouble of supervision of the affairs of
this Department.

A comparison and analysis of the or-
dinances published below will be inter-
esting.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

The History of the ordinance, which
was passed by the Councils last Feb-
ruary, giving extraordinary powers to the
Water Board, is as follows:

The draft of the ordinance (and as
given below) was prepared by City At-
torney W. H. Taylor, by request of
the Board of Water Commissioners, and
approved by the Water Committee
(A. S. Martin, Edward Mahoney and
C. H. Spann), was presented to
the Common Council January 24, 1899.

Mr. Wm. W. McManus moved suspen-
sion of rules and the passage of the or-
dinance.

Mr. Tazewell Taylor advocated cau-
tion in granting such broad powers.

Mr. A. S. Martin, of the Water Com-
mittee, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. J. Frank East moved an amend-
ment as follows:

"Provided, however, that after the
appointments shall have been made,
their duties defined, and their compen-
sation fixed, that the same shall be ap-
proved by the Councils."

The ordinance as amended, on motion
of Mr. McManus, was placed on its
passage, and passed by vote of 8 ayes
and 9 nays, recorded as follows:

Ayes—Allen, Coke, Joyner, Kiernan,
Ridgeway, Seneca, Smith and East—8.

Nays—Beaman, Callahan, Elliott,
Hannan, Hodges, Mahoney, Martin,
McManus and Taylor—9.

Mr. Hodges from the floor moved that
the vote be reconsidered, which was
carried, and the ordinance and amend-
ment was referred to the Finance
Committee.

On February 7, 1899, the Finance
Committee presented to the Common
Council with its approval, the or-
dinance as originally drawn by the City
Attorney, and approved by the Water
Committee, and under suspension of the
rules it was adopted by a vote of 16 to
5, recorded as follows:

Ayes—Allen, Armstrong, Beaman,
Hannan, Hodges, Kiernan, Mahoney,
McFarland, McManus, Ridgeway,
Shall, Seneca, Smith, Taylor, White-
hurst and East—16.

Nays—Camp, Coke, Callahan, Cou-
lins, Elliott and Jones—5.

The same ordinance was passed
UNANIMOUSLY by the Select Council
February 14, 1899, the vote being re-
corded as follows:

Ayes—Bonney, Consolvo, Holland,
Jacobs, Kahn, Mayer, Oberdorfer,
Pannill, Spann, Vail and Greenwood.

The ordinance as adopted is as fol-
lows:

AN ORDINANCE.

Amending and Re-enacting Section 7
of Chapter 46 of Ordinances of 1894.

Section 1. Be it ordered by the Com-
mon and Select Councils of the City of
Norfolk that section 7 of Chapter XLVI,
City Ordinances, 1894, entitled "Water
Department," which was amended and
re-enacted on the 5th and 20th days of
April, 1896, be now amended and re-
enacted so as to read as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Board of Water
Commissioners to conduct and manage
the affairs of the water department of
the city in such a manner as will best
subserve the city's interests; and to
that end they are hereby AUTHORIZED
AND EMPOWERED TO MAKE

CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE
OF THE SUPPLIES necessary for the
daily operation of the works and for
such ordinary repairs to the machin-
ery as may, from time to time, be
needed; to enter into contracts for per-
manent improvements to the works
subject to the approval of the Councils;

to employ laborers necessary to the ef-
ficient working of the plant; to use
the ground or soil under the street,
road or highway within the county or
city of Norfolk for the purpose of re-
pairing or laying water pipes, erecting
hydrants, and making connections with
the water mains for private or public
use; but with the express stipulation
that they are to restore the surface of
such street, road or highway as near
as may be, to its original condition, and
repair all damages caused by such use
thereof; to appoint a superintendent at a
salary not exceeding eighteen hun-
dred dollars per annum, and whose
office hours at the Water Department
shall be from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.; a reg-
istrar at a salary not exceeding sixteen
hundred dollars per annum; a book-
keeper at a salary not exceeding nine
hundred dollars per annum; one inspec-
tor at a salary not exceeding seven
hundred and twenty dollars per annum,
and when necessary two additional
temporary inspectors at a salary not
exceeding fifty dollars per month each;

a lineman at a salary not exceeding
seven hundred and twenty dollars per
annum; a chief engineer at a salary
not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars
per annum and residence at the water
works; three assistant engineers at a
salary not exceeding seven hundred and
twenty dollars per annum each, and to
define their duties; to make rules
for water; to make rules and
regulations governing the plumbing and
introduction of water into private or
public premises, and for the general
conduct of the Water Department, not
in conflict with these general ordi-
nances.

Section 2—This ordinance shall be in
force from and after July 1st, 1899, and
all ordinances or parts of ordinances in
conflict herewith are hereby repealed to
take effect from and after July 1st,
1899.

Adopted by the Common Council
April 9, 1896—14 ayes, no nays, 1 ex-
cused.

(Signed) JOHN L. ROPER,
President Common Council.

Adopted by the Select Council April
20, 1896—8 ayes, 3 nays.

(Signed) JAS. L. WINSTON,
President Select Council.

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Has found that his little ones are im-
proved more by the pleasant Syrup of
Figs, when in need of the laxative ef-
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other. Children enjoy it and it benefits
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gether. Go home by the Seaboard Air
Line. One and one-third fares for the
round trip.

Adopted by the Common Council
February 7, 1899; 16 ayes, 6 nays.

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Adopted by the Select Council Feb-
ruary 14, 1899; 11 ayes, no nays.

(Signed) FRED GREENWOOD,
President Select Council.

Teste: H. S. HEIMAN, City Treasurer.

FOR COMPARISON.

We publish below section 7 of Chap-
ter XLVI, of City Ordinances of 1894,
also the ordinance of April 9th and 20th,
1896, amending same, WHICH WAS
IN TURN AMENDED BY THE ORDI-
NANCE PUBLISHED ABOVE.

SECTION 7—CHAPTER XLVI.

ORDINANCE 1894.

"It shall be the duty of the Board of
Water Commissioners to conduct and
manage the affairs of the Water De-
partment of the city in such a manner
as will best subserve the city's interests,
and to that end they are hereby au-
thorized and empowered to make con-
tracts for the purchase of the supplies
necessary to the daily operation of the
works, and for such ordinary repairs to
the machinery as may, from time to
time, be needed; to enter into contracts for per-
manent improvement to the works, subject to
the approval of the Councils; to employ
engineers and other help necessary to
the efficient working of the plant; to
use the ground or soil under any street,
road or highway, within the county or
city of Norfolk, for the purpose of re-
pairing or laying water pipes, erecting
hydrants and making connections with
the water mains for private or public
use; but with the express stipulation
that they are to restore the surface of
such street, road or highway as near
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tor, define their duties, and fix their
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water; to make rules and regulations
governing the plumbing and introduc-
tion of water into private or public
premises, and for the general conduct
of the Water Department, not in con-
flict with these general ordinances."

AMENDMENT OF APRIL 9TH AND 20TH, 1896.

AN ORDINANCE.

To amend and re-enact section 7,
Chapter XLVI, City Ordinances 1894,
entitled "Water Department."

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THE FIGHT OVER LIGHT.

THE TWO BIDS NOW BEFORE THE COUNCILS.

The fight between the Norfolk Rail-
way and Light Company and the Nor-
folk Heat, Light and Power Company
for the contract to light the city is in a
unique status at present, both sides
having failed to win in the Common
Council Tuesday night. It is now being
ragged with unrelenting vigor on both
sides and it is no exaggeration to say
that few fights before the Councils ever
excited greater interest. The number
of partisans each company has is much
greater than one could have supposed
and this adds interest to the develop-
ments.

Both sides were active yesterday.
They are preparing to continue the
fight before the special meeting of the
Common Council and the regular ses-
sion of the Select branch.

Mr. Pender said yesterday that he be-
lieved his company was awarded the
contract by the vote of 11 to 7 in the
Council Tuesday night, but that he
would take no steps until the Councils
met. He believes the President East's
ruling that it is a constitutional ma-
jority on a question where the two
members from Atlantic City Ward are
not entitled to a vote is correct. It is
thought by some, though, that Mr. Pen-
der will not express himself; that
should the decision of the Common
Council eventually give the contract to
some company other than Mr. Pender's,
the matter will be carried to the courts
on the above issue.

This issue is a troublesome one. It is
not new by any means, having caused
much discussion heretofore. In fact,
the City Attorney was called upon to
give a decision in a similar case some
time ago. A bond issue was voted for
the Atlantic City Ward sewers and a
constitutional majority was necessary—
that is, a majority of all the Council-
men. There are twenty-three members
of the Common Council, but on mat-
ters relating to appropriations or ex-
penditures the two members from At-
lantic City Ward have no right to vote.
In the vote on this bond issue there
were only 11 affirmative votes, not
counting the Atlantic City Ward mem-
bers. The City Attorney, in a lengthy
decision, held that leaving these out
only twenty-one Councilmen were left,
and that eleven is a constitutional ma-
jority in cases of this kind. In the
course of his opinion he says:

"It is not reasonable to suppose that
the increase of the number of the
Councilmen, accompanied as it was by
a prohibition on the new Councilmen
against voting on issues of bonds, was
intended to make it necessary to have
a larger affirmative vote in order to
make the issue of bonds valid."

Mr. Pender's friends claim that the
awarding of the lighting contract is a
similar case. On the other hand, the
friends of Mr. Williams' company
quote the city charter which says that
on questions like these it shall require
a majority of all the members elected to
the Councils. They claim that the
charter should have more weight with
Councilmen than an opinion of the City
Attorney.

Colored Smiths in Trouble.

Smith and Smith, both colored, one
named John, the other Cornelius, are
occupying adjoining cells at the Station
House. John Smith came to the
Police Station yesterday morning and
reported that he had been robbed of
\$65 by Cornelius Smith. Detective
Snowden soon arrested Cornelius, and
the money was found on him. John,
the accuser, appeared later, and when
asked where he got the money made a
sudden break for liberty, but was
caught by Detective West. The au-
thorities believe the money was ob-
tained fraudulently, and are now in-
vestigating the case, preparatory to
the appearance of both prisoners in the
Police Court this morning.

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On December 12th and 13th the Nor-
folk and Washington Steamboat Com-
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