

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form. From Tuesday's Daily.

At the meeting of the Natural History Society last night the subject of the naturalization of the elder duck was discussed.

Griffiths, the globe trotter, reached London on May 16th, a couple of days behind time, and his journey was lengthened out to 64 days 11 hours and 20 minutes.

Rev. P. McF. Macleod, at the meeting of the Ministerial Association held yesterday read a paper on the "Relation of the State to Religion." The paper set forth the supremacy of the state.

A number of small boys last Sunday congregated in an old house near the Jewish cemetery with a barrel of beer. The police have the names of the young miscreants and there may likely be more of the matter.

The operator at Cape Beale sent up the following dispatch at 12 o'clock today: Mr. Grant, engineer of the Quadra, had a narrow escape from a panther. He was cutting a flag pole in the woods and a panther came after him and he had to clear out.

The congregation of Calvary Baptist church presented their pastor, Rev. Mr. Baldwin, with a fine gold-headed cane on the occasion of the anniversary of his birth. Mrs. Baldwin was given a silver watch, probably inscribed at the same time. The presentation was very pleasant affair.

The open sail boat Try Again, owned by Albert Haynes, of the Liverpool, was stolen from the mooring place near McIntosh's boat house on Saturday night. This is the third robbery of the kind in the last few weeks, and the provincial police are devoting some attention to the matter.

The Empress of India arrived from Vancouver at 8:30 this morning and an hour later was on her way to Yokohama. The tug Veloc acted as tender here and put a number of passengers aboard. Only 25 Chinese sailers from here this trip.

The vessel had a total of 51 cabin passengers, and a very good cargo of freight. The court of revision on the new provincial voters list for this district was held today, J. H. McKean being the factor of voters sitting in the matter.

There was not a single complaint made so the collector and his staff may be said to have done their work exceedingly well. There are 4677 names on the revised list and a supplementary list which contains about 150 more names. The latter is occasioned by the recent order-in-council. It will be printed in about a week.

William Munsee, the well known sealing man left for Japan this morning on the Empress of India. His first of sealers are at work in Japanese waters this year and it is on business in connection with them that he visits Japan. Most of the vessels in Japanese waters will call at Hakodate late this month.

Mr. Munsee's schooner and the rest of Mr. Munsee will arrive there in time to meet them and will be absent from the city about three months. The catches of his vessels will very likely be shipped home from Hakodate.

The seizure of the three sealers by order of the admiralty caused considerable surprise among sealing men, and there are many who doubt now that the cases will ever be pressed. However, they are they are being defended by the best legal talent obtainable and will be carried to the privy council if need be.

An endeavor will be made to legally settle every possible point in dispute. There is very little inducement in making the fact, for the owners will have to meet every expense whether they win or lose. Each of the three vessels is now in the custody of a customs officer, whose salary will have to be paid by the owners.

The sealers seem to be thoroughly aroused and say that they propose to inform the British public by published statements and from the platform of the shameless manner in which they have been treated by Ottawa and London officials. A general fund is to be raised for the legal fight.

From Wednesday's Daily. The Arion club has decided to donate the proceeds of its recent concert to the sufferers by the flood. The Kamloops assizes have been postponed for six weeks owing to the interruption to travel.

There were two vagrants in the police court this morning. Robert Doonan was remanded until Thursday. Jno. Turner was convicted to come up for sentence when called upon.

The Victoria Wheelmen is the name of the new cycling club of this city. Rules and regulations were adopted at a meeting held last night. The club has already a membership of 40.

Richard Copeland was committed for desertion in the provincial police court this morning and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labor. Otago and London were committed on the steamer Triumph.

The Y. P. C. E. of the First Presbyterian church has elected the following officers: W. C. Wilson, president; Miss M. A. Wilson, vice-president; Miss Gill, secretary, and D. A. Fraser, treasurer.

An union picnic of the Methodist Sunday schools of Victoria will be held at Sidney July 2. The picnic will be taken to Sidney by the Victoria & Sidney railway. An interesting programme of sports has been arranged.

Sunday Bishop Perrin dedicated a new Anglican church at Fulford harbor. Rev. J. B. Haslam and Rev. E. F. Wilson assisted. Bishop Perrin administered the rites. Confirmation to several. Monday the bishop was given a reception at Vesuvius Bay and later he went to Kuper Island.

The Refuge Home committee thankfully acknowledge donations to the Home during January, February, March, April and May from the following friends: Daughters of St. George, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Humber, Miss Field, Mrs. Nubigan, Messrs. Erskine & Wall, Mrs. J. Fell, a friend, Mrs. Mc-

Intosh, Mrs. Howis, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Newman, Hebrew ladies Mrs. Shakespear, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Elford, Miss Ramsdell. J. B. McKilligan, collector of voters for Victoria, has favored us with an early copy of the new voters list for this city. Mr. McKilligan's duties have been faithfully performed, and the list is as nearly perfect as it is possible to make it. There are 4677 names, and a supplementary list will bring the total to about 4900.

The mails for eastern Canada, England, etc. will be despatched via San Francisco to-morrow evening. They will close at 7:30, to be in time for the steamer. Mails from the east are collected at Calgary or some point in its vicinity, and no one knows when they will get through. The outgoing mails are to be sent by way of San Francisco unless ordered otherwise.

The inquest upon the body of Mrs. Peter Jolliboy resulted in a verdict of suicide while despondent. Deceased before shooting herself wrote a letter saying she was going to die by her own hands, and she enclosed in separate envelopes Young small presents for friends. Mrs. Jolliboy was a sufferer from acute rheumatism, and it is supposed she committed the rash deed when an attack seized her.

St. Barnabas church sale of work began this morning at 10 o'clock. There was a good attendance and sales were rapid. A concert will be given to-night. The programme is as follows: Pianoforte solo, Miss Hiscocks; duet, Misses Whitaker and King; G. Brooker, recitation, Miss Alice Turner; song, Mr. Lewis; selection, Prof. Wicken's band; song, Miss Alice King; song, Mr. Keith; song, Mr. Godson; song in character, Misses Cohen and Aaronson; song, Mr. Brown.

The following donations were received at the Protestant Orphans' Home during May: Flower seeds, Mrs. Jackson; milk (daily), three granite iron milk pans and one large tin-pan, Mrs. Knowles; dresses, Miss Ramsdell; milk, Mrs. Ross; cakes, Young Ladies' Institute; magazines, The Hall; soda crackers, ginger snaps, fancy biscuits, apples, sugar, apple cider, raspberry, butter, Queen's birthday reception committee; grass clippers, Mr. Kenzie; ladies of the Baptist church; clothing, Mrs. Christie.

From Thursday's Daily. Jno. Knox will probably fill the James Bay Methodist church pulpit during the summer. Mr. Knox is a pupil at Westminster Methodist college. A concert will be given in the South Saanich Temperance hall Friday evening. A special train will leave Topaz avenue at 7:30. Round fare, 50 cents.

Frederick Smith, of Vancouver, and Miss Mary Carter were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. T. Baldwin at the home of the bride's mother, Burnside road. Anacleto Lamie, an aged Frenchman, was found dead in bed this morning in his cabin, corner Douglas and Esplanade streets. The cause of death was heart disease. Dr. Corsan gave a certificate to that effect. Lamie left a will bequeathing his property to his relations in Montreal.

Anniversary services will be held next Sunday in Metropolitan Methodist church. Special music is being prepared by the choirman, Mr. Buck, and the evening service will be mainly musical. Rev. Mr. Cleaver will probably conclude his series of powerful disquisitions upon the "Life of Moses." The N. P. steamship Tacoma left for the Sound at 10 o'clock this morning. She took some coal here and the process of taking it to the outer wharf and transferring aboard was a slow one. The Tacoma will sail again for the Orient about a week or ten days. She will have a big cargo on the return trip.

John Williams was charged in the provincial police court this afternoon with killing a dog owned by Charles Lewis Prowse. Williams admitted killing the animal, but said it was killing his chickens. The chickens were in the public highway. The charge was withdrawn, and the case will be settled between the interested parties.

The steamer Maude arrived from the west coast last night. She saw no sealing vessels on the coast and heard nothing of the derelict reported. According to the last reports as to its location she would have passed it in the night. She brought up 50 seal skins taken by the Indians at different points on the coast. The following passengers came up on the Maude: Col. I. J. Withrow, Prof. Dewson, Mrs. J. Sutton, Miss Luckey, B. Waters, S. Starkham, C. Dawley, and J. B. Brockhurst and wife.

The Dominion government steamer Quadra, Captain Walbran, returned from the west coast yesterday evening. Fine weather was enjoyed during the cruise. The chief engineer and two men were engaged at Cape Beale lighthouse making sundry necessary repairs at that station. At Carmanah lighthouse eight men in charge of the chief officer, blasted rock from the boat landing so as to make it safe for ordinary use. Whilst the members of the crew were busy in the various duties on shore, the Quadra made some observations of the tides off the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

The steamship City of Puebla sails for San Francisco this evening. California and the south appear to offer the only route to the east for storm-bound westerers at the present time, and many passengers for eastern points leave by the Puebla. Some are on their way to cities in eastern Canada, and will have "a long around the circle" to get there. The saloon passengers booked are: Robert Cox and wife, Miss A. Lester, Mrs. R. E. Sutton, Mrs. F. Ross, Wm. Savage, C. J. Savage, R. Wilson, Miss M. A. Cole, Miss S. A. Rine, Mrs. P. P. Rutherford, Mr. Martin Lester, Mr. Patterson and wife, J. W. Garland, J. B. Bland, F. Sillard, Mrs. R. W. Clark, Miss F. Robb, Mm. Murray, T. S. Cousens, Dr. Verinder, Miss Kate Luckey, Mrs. J. E. Sutton, J. D. Ward, and wife, H. Hoy, Earl of Dumoreau, H.

FOR AMATEUR SAILORS. An Arrangement that Prevents Capsizing and Sinking. G. V. Johnson, the boat builder and proprietor of the boat house at Leschi park, Seattle, has under construction a sail boat which, he says, will prove a blessing to amateur yachtsmen—for it is being built on a principle that makes it absolutely unshakable; more than that, no matter how hard or squally it may blow, or how little knowledge of sailing the man at the tiller may possess, the boat cannot be capsized, he declares.

At present a rather mixed case respecting wages is being tried. The parties are from Saanich. G. H. Barnard is acting for plaintiff.

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The good health of the subordinate lodges was next in order. Philip Hall, of the Grand Chancery of Far West lodge, No. 1, Charles Cole, C. C. of Victoria No. 17 and Ald. W. J. Dwyer, senior P. C. C., responded in the order named. Bro. Hussey of Vancouver, spoke for the visiting knights and indulged in some pleasant remarks on the subject of newspaper men. Clement Rowlands, who was in excellent voice, rendered "I Fear no foe" and the national anthem of Wales. Great applause rewarded his excellent singing. Then came the humorous speech of the evening. Walter Chambers also responded. The press was answered for by Messrs. Ellis, Egan and Bledsoe. All deprecated the practice of making the newspaper man a high priest at an hour when he is tired, and his brains slightly obscured. Mr. Bledsoe was probably the best oratorical effort of the evening and he was heartily applauded. Brother Fitzhugh spoke for the Fraser River lodges and said he was glad to say that the reports of damages were in many instances exaggerated. J. Hughes proposed "The Departed Brethren," and it was silently drunk. W. K. Tulloch answered for "Ourselves." Remarks were made by Brother Cookley of New Westminster, Stephen Jones, J. C. Byrne, General Bigelow and others, and with the singing of the national anthem and "Auld Lang Syne," the affair was over.

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The good health of the subordinate lodges was next in order. Philip Hall, of the Grand Chancery of Far West lodge, No. 1, Charles Cole, C. C. of Victoria No. 17 and Ald. W. J. Dwyer, senior P. C. C., responded in the order named. Bro. Hussey of Vancouver, spoke for the visiting knights and indulged in some pleasant remarks on the subject of newspaper men. Clement Rowlands, who was in excellent voice, rendered "I Fear no foe" and the national anthem of Wales. Great applause rewarded his excellent singing. Then came the humorous speech of the evening. Walter Chambers also responded. The press was answered for by Messrs. Ellis, Egan and Bledsoe. All deprecated the practice of making the newspaper man a high priest at an hour when he is tired, and his brains slightly obscured. Mr. Bledsoe was probably the best oratorical effort of the evening and he was heartily applauded. Brother Fitzhugh spoke for the Fraser River lodges and said he was glad to say that the reports of damages were in many instances exaggerated. J. Hughes proposed "The Departed Brethren," and it was silently drunk. W. K. Tulloch answered for "Ourselves." Remarks were made by Brother Cookley of New Westminster, Stephen Jones, J. C. Byrne, General Bigelow and others, and with the singing of the national anthem and "Auld Lang Syne," the affair was over.

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