

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 29th to 31st December, 1905. The first day of the week was showery...

The weather in Alberta has been generally fair and mild, while in Manitoba zero temperatures have occurred...

Local News.

An interesting and instructive address was delivered on Saturday afternoon by Rev. E. Le Roy Dakin...

The men of the sealing schooners appreciate reading matter when on a cruise. The Young Men's Christian Association...

On Saturday Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, issued the following notice: "Col. Holmes, D. O. C. presents to Lieut.-Col. Hall...

The employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company engaged on the Esquimalt line were on Saturday thoughtfully remembered by Bullen Bros...

The death of a young girl, Miss Erskine, who had resided here for over 22 years. Many residents will remember Mr. Berryman...

Margaret Blair, Erskine, daughter of Robt. Erskine, passed away on Saturday at the family residence, 34 Kings road...

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A number of Victorians who went to Toronto to study at the Ontario College of Pharmacy in that city were signally successful. John McArthur...

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Richard Hall, M. P., P. P., Will Be Host at This Year's Dinner. Adhering to the custom so happily inaugurated by him, Richard Hall, M. P. P., will entertain the navyboys...

Albert Hildebrandt, a machinist, was struck and killed by an engine Wednesday while on his way to work at Schenckley. He is survived by a wife and three children.

Farmer's Sons Wanted. A young man, well educated, with a good knowledge of English and French, is required for a position of a clerk in a large business...

Learn Veterinary Dentistry. A \$2000 a year. We teach you at home in three weeks. The only school in the world that teaches you to treat all the diseases of the mouth...

Andrews, pies and doughnuts; Mrs. W. Pendray, oranges and groceries; H. D. Heincken, Christmas cake; Mrs. G. A. McTavish, Christmas pudding...

—Dr. P. F. Scher Schmidt, superintendent of the White Pass & Yukon railway's river fleet, is in the city, a guest at the Driad. The doctor is an old newspaper man having at one time been proprietor of the "Bennett-Sun."

—C. A. Harrison, of the Djard hotel, has imported a standard bred stallion from Kentucky. The horse is well bred for speed, and although only 18 months old, Mr. Harrison has already commenced breaking him to driving.

—Robt. Bell and Geo. Brown were charged in the police court this morning with snatching a purse from a young lady named Miss Denis on Saturday night. The robbery is alleged to have occurred in Douglas street...

—At the First Presbyterian church next Friday evening a splendid cantata, "Around the World with Santa Claus," will be given. Different nationalities and trades and professions will be represented by the boys and girls in costume.

—Word is brought by the Tees that scarlet fever has made its appearance among the Indians at Bella Coola. Dr. Fagan, of the provincial board of health, says that there has been an outbreak reported. Three families have been reported to be suffering from the disease.

—The Sunday school entertainment in the Congregational church Wednesday evening was well attended. At 6 o'clock tea was served the children. Later an excellent program was given by the children. A fine load of Christmas trees was a feature of the entertainment, and from St. Santa Claus distributed presents.

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British Barque Cast Away at Entrance to Barkley Sound—All Hands Believed to Be Lost.

—The crew of the steamer Portland have arrived at Seattle. They say the vessel is badly aground and at high tide is submerged up to the captain's room.

—The orphanages under the auspices of the Sisters of St. Ann, at Nanaimo and Quamichan, were not forgotten at Christmas by many of the leading merchants and citizens. Most sincere thanks to these benefactors are hereby offered by both sisters and children.

—Magistrate Hall Wednesday afternoon dismissed the charge of kidnaping preferred against Mrs. Durham in the police court. An effort will be made to have the child placed in the home of his mother, Mrs. Durham and daughter, will be permitted to visit her.

—On Tuesday, the 26th, the marriage took place in the vestry of the Congregational church, between Thomas Jarrett, United States customs officer at Seattle, and Mrs. Zaza Nolovich, of Moscow, Russia. The bride was attended by Miss Dean of Seattle, while Mr. W. Burras of this city, supported the groom.

—A dispatch from Portland says the Northern Pacific Railroad company plans, on completion of the north bank road into Portland is to put on two immense passenger and freight steamers. The steamers will carry 500 passengers, and will average in speed twenty knots.

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Hiawatha's Sailing, two girls and four boys; song, Miss Laura Biancourt; recitation, The Village Blacksmith, Grace Norton; recitation, Tale of a Dog and a Bee, Val Caldwell; Scotch recitation, W. Leask.

—The entertainment was voted the best of its kind ever held on Salt Spring Island. After cheers for the teacher, Mr. Dodds and the chairman, and singing "God Save the King" the entertainment closed. Dancing was then started and kept up until an early hour in the morning.

—On Friday evening the pupils of Miss Mount's school at North Vesuvius held their annual Christmas tree, a large number of parents and their friends being present. The school was gallily decorated. The manner in which the children acquitted themselves earned for Miss Mount the highest praise from the audience.

—Chorus, Scholars; recitation, Willie Cotford; solo, Mr. Hatfield; dialogue, two girls; solo, Mr. Williams; recitation, Edward Martin; solo, Mr. Shaw; dialogue, three girls and four boys; song, Messrs. B. and J. Collins; recitation, William Barker; solo, Mr. Williams; recitation, M. Leask; solo, Mr. Ramsay; dialogue, chorus, scholars; recitation, Lawrence Barker; solo, Miss Lee; recitation, Jessie Barker; song, three girls; recitation, Willie Cotford; song, Mr. Shaw; dialogue, two girls and one boy; solo, Mr. Ramsay; recitation, Carrie Cotford; song, three girls; Mr. Gave the King.

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Begin treatment by taking one "Fruit-a-tives" tablet three times a day and two at bedtime—for 3 or 4 days.

Take the tablets twenty minutes before meals, and always drink half a tumblerful of cold water (not iced) with each tablet.

Then take two tablets every night for a week—and then one every night for a month.

Be careful about the diet—eat regularly—avoid veal, pork, dark meat fowls, and never drink milk with meals.

Bathe frequently—dress warmly—exercise sensibly—take "Fruit-a-tives" faithfully—and see how much better you are at the end of the month.

DR. RISMULLER IS WELL SATISFIED WITH THE SECHART WHALING OPERATIONS.

Everything at West Coast Station is Running Smoothly Now—Extensions are Expected.

Dr. Rismuller, who has become interested in the West Coast whaling station at Sechart, is in the city at the present time. He expects to leave at once for California.

The special prize list is a most generous one, in fact the largest that has ever been offered. All local fanciers are asked to come out and make the show the best and biggest in British Columbia, as it was last year and always has been.

A case of kidnaping was opened before Magistrate Hall in the police court Wednesday. The defendant is Mrs. Durham, and the complainant was Murray.

The wreck itself seems to have occurred off this bay about fifty yards distant. Such a sea was running at the time that it was impossible for a man to reach shore alive.

Among the articles found which may be useful for identification purposes, was a handkerchief and collar with the name A. S. Laurie, and handkerchief and socks with the name Wormell.

When the first body was found blood was still flowing from cuts on the head, showing that the man had only died a short time before.

Wreckage of all descriptions has come ashore, including parts of three boats, seven oars, a woman's grey coat trimmed with black and red cord, scraps of a log book with the names of John Houston, master, and Donald Cameron, mate.

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S. Parker Tuck, sheriff of South Kootenai, came down from Nelson on Christmas Eve to spend the holidays with his family at Rocabella. His two sons, Charles and John, were with him.

Dr. H. B. Rogers, of Chemsais, left for New York last Saturday night via the Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited train. On January 6th he will sail from New York on the White Star steamer Cadiz for a cruise of the Mediterranean with Mayor and F. S. Barnard and party.

A Lindsay, of the Wellington Colliery Company, has returned from San Francisco after looking into the coal trade there. He reports that the business with Vancouver Island is in a healthy condition, and that shipments from Newcastle and Australia have diminished considerably.

J. J. Mulholland, an erstwhile Victorian, now proprietor of the Ferguson Hotel, Seattle, is spending a few days in the city. He is among the guests at the Dominion.

Dr. F. Proctor will leave for Roseland to-night via the Northern Pacific. It is rumored that he will not return alone.

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