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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels will appear at The Victoria to-night. Among the performers are Billy Kersands, Jas. Crosby, Jas. Moore, Billy Reynolds, C. F. Alexander, Chatham Bros. and W. O. Terry. The organization has been seen in this city before, and it is therefore unnecessary to say anything further than that they were received with much gratification.

A very pleasant promenade concert, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Central Church, was held, Wednesday evening. Solos were rendered by Miss McLeod, Mrs. Starr, Miss Heath-field and Messrs. Brown, Richardson. Booth, Mitchell and Mordon. Miss M. B. Sharp, Miss A. Russell and Mr. Keith Middleton acted as accompanists.

Owing to washouts, Griffith's Faust company have been detained at Hope, Montana, and will not be able to keep

their engagement at The Victoria, Jun 15 and 16. They will appear later on.

The Vancouver charity concert, June 5 was poorly attended. The programm was a capital one, and was arranged by Mr. Austin.

Matters of musical interest are unusually quiet this week.

POULTRY.

(Under this heading, all questions relating to poultry will be answered.)

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HE Dominion Government has restored the duty of five cents a dozen on eggs, During the short period it was off, eggs were rushed into this Province from all quarters, even Japan sending us large quantities. If it so happened that some of the Japanese eggs found their way to Ottawa, we are not surprised at the duty being restored.

Five cents a dozen is little enough protection for our local poultry men. Feed, on the Sound, is from ten to fifteen dollars a ton cheaper than over here, and besides the supply was so greatly in excess of the demand that dealers were able to obtain eggs at their own prices.

When all the eggs required for hatching are obtained, the male bird should be taken away from the hens. It is a good plan to fence off a small yard, and with proper food and water, several males can sup the other till next several males can run together till next season. The advantages are, the hens lay better, the eggs keep larger, and the males obtain a needed rest.

The new edition of the American Standard of Perfection will be here in a few days and copies may be obtained from the editor of this department.

The members of the Decimal Score Card Association are agitating the question of breaking away from the A. P. A. and publishing a Decimal Standard—the beginning of the end, and we expect, with the rival scoring systems fighting, that comparison judging will come to the front, where it belongs.

THE KENNEL.

THE black Cocker Spaniel, Shell C.K. C. 3,206, has whelped a fine litter of five—two dogs. One, a beautifully marked saddleback, gives every promise of turning out a clinker. The sire is Frisco Toby, a dog that has the peculiarity of getting at least one rare and choice pup in each litter.

We had the pleasure of meeting, this week, with a genuine Old Country fancier in the person of Captain Bolderston, of the ship Borrowdale. He always has a kennel of well bred dogs on board, the gem of the present collection being a Black and Tan Terrier bitch from Lady Mosworth's kennels. We have rarely seen a better received her color panel. seen a better specimen, her color, pencil ling and thumb marks being just about perfection. She could do with just a little more length of leg, and could be tucked up the least bit in loin. Very

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