

LOCAL NEWS

A meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in Berquist's hall on Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p.m.

Last Friday and Saturday immense numbers of wild geese were seen passing over Sidney in their annual northward migration.

Mrs. A. E. Moore, Third street, will be "at home" on Thursday, May 8th, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on the second Thursday of each month following.

The B. C. Electric Co. is getting busy in connection with its Saanich line. It is erecting train sheds and passenger platforms on the property recently secured on the Burnside road in Victoria.

Bert Johnson who had three fingers cut off by the edger in the saw mill is at present in St. Joseph's Hospital Victoria but his wound is healing so rapidly that his return to Sidney is expected this week.

We are glad to be able to report that the dairy herd of Mr. Knowles, from which most of the public supply of milk is obtained, has been inspected and has been found to be quite free from tuberculosis.

Mr. F. W. Anderson the genial young of the Sidney branch of the Merchants Bank, came back Monday from a holiday trip of six weeks. Mr. Anderson reports having a very pleasant trip both going and coming but is glad to get back to his Sidney home. We regret to state that he arrived unaccompanied thus knocking on the head a strong rumor that the trip east was to bring home a life's running mate. Mr. Anderson re-

ports that in all circles Vancouver Island is looming up large.

The members of the Lacrosse Section of the Sidney Athletic Association had a meeting in the early part of the week and elected a committee for the ensuing year. Captain, F. M. Humber, Vice-captain, Henry Bedford. P. N. Tester has arranged to manage the team for the season.

The general Committee of the Sidney Athletic Association is actively engaged in rolling and levelling the baseball and Lacrosse ground, which is situated on John Brethours Subdivision below the English Church. The Association deeply appreciates Mr. Brethour's generosity in lending them this piece of ground free of all cost.

Mr. W. R. Smith from Victoria has decided to open up a business in Sidney for the supply of electrical appliances and also to carry on a general contracting business in the same line. Mr. Smith has had many years experience in this business, he was for ten years superintendent for the Kootenay Electric Co. in Kaslo before which he had been in a similar capacity in Nelson. Mr. Smith after carefully looking over the ground has selected Sidney as the most promising field for his energies. Owing to the fact that there are no vacant premises available Mr. Smith will erect a store on Beacon Avenue. He is now prepared to undertake work for electrical installation of all kinds.

The Private Secretary

The Company is actively engaged rehearsing and hopes to make good on the 9th May when the play will be produced in Berquist's new hall. The tickets are now on sale for the performance and can be purchased from the Post Office, Sidney Trading Co., and the Sidney Hotel. Special arrangements are being made to handle the children so as to let them have a good view near the stage, the side seats are being held for them near the front. Mr. Berquist is making strenuous efforts to seat everyone comfortably and also to improve the acoustic arrangements of the hall. Prospects look good for a bumper house. Curtain goes up at 8 p.m. the North Saanich orchestra will be in attendance.

OBEYING ORDERS.

German Servant, Like Chinese, Does as He is Told.

There seems to be some characteristics which Germans and Chinese hold in common. Many are familiar with the story of the Chinese servant who threw the broom down the back stairs every morning at 10 o'clock because his mistress had done so when she first instructed him in his duties.

Recently a young German in Munich, fresh from his service in the army, where he had been taught to obey orders implicitly, got employment with a baker who owned a dog, for which neither he nor his wife had any great love.

As the time approached for the renewal of the dog license, amounting to nine marks (\$2.50), there were some discussions in the family as to whether it would not be better to have the dog killed. The baker, however, instructed the new assistant to take nine marks to the excise office and bring back the dog license.

At the same time the wife, not knowing what her husband had done, told the young man to take the dog to the animals' home and have him killed; she gave him a mark (25 cents) for the fee and 12 cents for himself, because he appeared to be rather fond of the dog.

The valiant ex-soldier reported himself later in the day minus the nine marks and the dog, but proudly showed that he had executed both commissions faithfully by procuring the license for the dog and a receipt for the money he had paid for having him killed.—Exchange.

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