

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a General Form.

From Monday's Daily.

The officers of H. M. S. Phospat will give a ball on December 8.

On December 4 at 9 a. m. the semi-annual high school entrance examination will be held. It will take place in the high school building.

The firm of Coltart & Jenks has dissolved partnership, and the former will continue the business. Mr. Jenks has been made provincial manager of the Equitable Life Co.

Mate W. D. Frost, of the ship *Gloria* of the Seas, who was recently injured by a fall into the hold of the vessel, has been sent to his home in San Francisco by U. S. Consul Roberts.

A cabinet for minerals is being placed in the board of trade reading room. It is of yellow cedar, nicely finished. No difficulty is expected in securing a first-class collection for the cabinet.

The Mexico brought no news of importance from Alaska except the unanimous selection of Thomas C. Nowell, a prominent Juneau mining man, as territorial delegate from Alaska to the next U. S. congress.

The women on View street are moving on to Chatham street, the residents of Chatham street don't want them there and have prepared a petition which soon will be presented to the police commissioners asking their removal.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will deliver a discourse at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday evening on "The Unity of the Human Race." This subject is receiving considerable space at the present time in the leading reviews and periodicals.

The "Meeting of the Nations" concert netted \$125; gross receipts \$228 and expenses \$102. The \$126 has been divided proportionately according to the number of tickets sold in advance. The Protestant orphanage gets \$54 and the Catholic home \$42.

Patrick Kelly was this afternoon committed for trial by Magistrate Macrae, charged with attempting to break jail. Kelly was at the time waiting trial on a charge of supplying liquor to Indians. He pleaded in extenuation that he was drunk.

The young ladies of St. John's church will hold a fancy dress bazaar at the school room on Herald street on December 6. They are working hard on the articles for the bazaar and making the most necessary arrangements, and it will no doubt be a success.

Several times last week cars were thrown at Esquimalt tram cars as they passed along Store street, and on one occasion Mrs. William Croft was severely blown in the chest. The tramway management will make every effort to discover the culprits.

The steamer City of Kingston carried away 6000 cases of salmon last night, destined for points in the east. It will all go by rail over the Northern Pacific. The Kingston took the salmon at the outer wharf, and it was 10 o'clock before she had it all loaded.

There was a very pleasant social dance on Saturday evening at Hartford hall. It was given under the direction of Mrs. M. E. McCracken, and the Bantley family furnished the music. Similar affairs will be given every Saturday evening throughout the winter.

The current number of the Canadian Oddfellow contains photographs and sketches of two well known British Columbians, Provincial Grand Master W. J. Dwyer, of Victoria, and John Hilbert of Nanaimo, his deputy. The Oddfellow is a neatly printed sheet and is a recent publication in the field of journalism.

What looks very much like a "ghost" story has been sent out by some enterprising Port Townsend correspondent. It relates how a tug boat sneaked out of the sound on a dark night loaded with guns and ammunition, which were placed on two lumber ships to be landed in Hawaii for the royalists, who, it is said, are conspiring to place the queen on the throne. To make the story more authentic the correspondent tells how a case of bullets dropped overboard.

George Bridges and A. C. Munro have just returned from a two weeks' shooting trip around Lake Shawanigan. They report with few as plentiful (at one end of the lake while the sportsman is at the other). The long Armstrong gun is recommended as a very efficient weapon. Five deer and one panther were bagged during the outing. The number of deer being so few is accounted for by the sportsmen not getting in among the numerous herds reported as "browsing" on the bluffs.

The North and South Saanich Agricultural association have elected officers as follows: S. Sandover, president; P. Turgoose, vice-president; W. A. Bissett, treasurer; H. F. Haldon, secretary; and W. Thomson, J. T. Harrison, J. Carvin, B. Embree and J. Johns, committee. The reports show the society to be in a flourishing condition. A new constitution has been adopted and has been found to be a great advantage. Admission to the annual balls in future will be by invitation only.

The British ship *Drumblair*, which sailed from San Francisco for London on August 29th, reached here destination last week, making the passage in 83 days. This is the fastest time on record, and demonstrates the value of putting ships in the dry dock for a cleaning frequently. The *Drumblair* came into port last spring after an extraordinarily long voyage from Liverpool, and the reason given for it was that her bottom was foul. She was docked and cleaned and now has broken the record for quick and profitable voyages.

Mrs. Henderson, relict of the late John Henderson, died on Saturday at her residence, Mount Newton hotel, South Saanich. She had been ill for several months. The deceased was very well known both in the city and district, the Mount Newton hotel being a favorite stopping place during a drive around the Saanich peninsula, and the popular hostess will be missed by scores of friends. Mrs. Henderson was a native of England, aged 61 years. The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning from South Saanich and at 2 o'clock from Christ Church cathedral.

Miss Mary Finlayson, eldest daughter of the late Roderick Finlayson, died at the family home, Douglas street, at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, after a lingering illness. The deceased was a kind-hearted and generous, and of a very charitable disposition. She was endeared to all who had ever met her. She had been ill for some time and her death was anticipated, but it was none the less painful to her relatives and friends. Her mother, four brothers and three sisters survive her. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the family residence, and at 2:30 the funeral services will be held at St. John's church.

Matt Ries, the Seattle crook, who was here last summer a fugitive from justice, has been captured. He went east from here, and swinging around the circuit went to Los Angeles. He was arrested there and reached Seattle a couple of days ago on the collier *Woolery*. Ries is under a sentence of three years for larceny of a man on one of the sound boats a couple of years ago. He has money and made a hard fight on the case, but was beaten at every point. He says he is willing to do his time. While here last summer he retained a legal firm to fight extradition.

Some of the "boys" are likely to get into trouble. Complaints have been made to the police that on Saturday night or Sunday morning some hilarious revellers, whose identity is more than suspected, wore down and carried away the signs of two barriers on Government street and the other on Bastion street, besides breaking down fences, etc. The legal gentlemen do not mind the "boys" having a little fun provided they pay for it like anybody else, but as one of them put it, "when it gets down to my contributing \$10 as the price of two signs for a joke the joke is a little hard to see." That malicious destruction of property is in the eye of the law a crime. A fine drawing of steel in the little fellow's eye is causing great pain. He came to town to consult a medical man.

To provide funds to buy provisions for the poor at Christmas the ladies of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral will give their annual charity concert at Institute Hall on Dec. 17. They will have the best available talent, and as the matter of creed does not enter in the question of those to be aided the concert should be freely patronized.

There was a good attendance last evening at a social given in the school room of the First Presbyterian church in honor of the fourth anniversary of the Y. P. S. of C. E. of that church. Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. R. G. Munson and F. W. Teague, first president of the society, made addresses. Representatives from the various young people's societies in the city were present, and took part.

John J. Williams and Mr. Florence Young, daughter of Henry Young of South Saanich, were quietly married on the 24th instant at the home of the bride's sister, 55 Princess avenue. Miss bride was bridesmaid, and C. Young, brother of the bride, supported the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George Eyerton. Mr. and Mrs. Williams left for San Francisco, where they will in future make their home.

Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., gave an "at home" at its hall, Pandora street, last evening. There was a good attendance, many representatives of sister lodges being present. The programme consisted of solos, both vocal and instrumental, recitations, readings, and club swinging, interspersed with parlor games. Coffee and cake were served at the close, and after singing the national anthem the company dispersed.

No further word has been received from the steam schooner *Mischief*, and it is possible that she got off the beach at Seymour Narrows and continued on her journey. In shipping circles no more word was expected until the steamer or her returns from the north on Friday. It is quite probable that when the *Mischief* went north she stopped and gave the *Mischief* what assistance she could—that is, if the schooner was still on the beach.

The concert at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church lecture room last evening was a very attractive affair. The excellent choir was heard to advantage in three well selected numbers. They were "Brighton Night," "Lullaby" and "The Befriest Tower." The numbers by Miss Russell, Miss Brown, Mrs. Turnbull, Mr. Muir and Mrs. McCandless were all heartily appreciated. The ladies' orchestra was also warmly applauded. Rev. W. L. Clay was a good presiding officer.

The police commissioners have decided to investigate the charges preferred against Constable John Smith by Maynard H. Cowan, who claims that the officer failed to protect him when he was assaulted at the outer wharf by Thomas Gannon and Robert Dalgarno. The parties interested have been notified to appear at the city hall at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon. The investigation will very likely consume considerable time. The evidence will be much the same as that taken at the trial of the assault case, and it may be that time.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Finlayson took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence. A large number of sorrowing friends. There were a large number of beautiful floral offerings and at St. John's church the services were conducted with full choral accompaniment. Rev. Jenks officiated at the church and the cemetery where the body was deposited in the family vault. The pall bearers were Hon. J. H. Turner, Senator Macdonald, Captain Lewis, Mr. J. W. Tolmie, Lieut.-Col. Prior, Mr. A. W. Jones, Dr. J. D. Helmecken and Mr. H. M. Graham.

It was at Nettle Island not Christy Island, where the life buoy from the lost ship *Ivanhoe* came ashore. Nettle Island is in Barclay Sound, and there is

an Indian ranch on it. Those who are familiar with the Cape and west coast are inclined to the belief that the ship foundered just outside of the Cape, and that much of the wreckage and possibly some of the bodies will come ashore in Barclay Sound. There is a strong current setting in toward the shore, and many of the tidal movements have a tendency to carry floating articles in the same direction.

The members of the committee appointed by the local dairymen to consult with the provincial government regarding bovine tuberculosis have had an audience, and reported that they are not very well pleased with the result. A prominent dairymen is authority for the statement that the local government refused to pay compensation for cattle infected with tuberculosis and which were ordered to be killed. It is probable that a meeting of the dairymen will shortly be held, when the report of the committee will be considered. The dairymen are desirous that disease should be stamped out, but they are of opinion that it is an injustice that they should suffer the entire loss. A royal commission sitting in England on the subject has awarded the British cattle men three-fourths of the value of the beasts condemned to be slaughtered. It is understood that there are quite a number of cattle in quarantine. They have to remain there for a year.

The Victoria amateur minstrels have had several requests to repeat their excellent performances under the auspices of many different charities and organizations, and there is every probability that it will be given again in aid of the maternity home. The latter is a most deserving charity, is in need of aid and has two hundred and thirty children. And then there is a general demand for another appearance of the minstrels. Many who saw them want to go again, and those who did not are anxious for another chance, so it is quite likely that on the Saturday after Christmas the show will be given again. The minstrel shows themselves are going to have a smoker at Pioneer hall on Saturday night. It is limited to those who took part. The smoker the matter of another performance will be settled. It should be stated that the chrysanthemums worn at the performances were kindly donated by Mrs. D. W. Higgins and Mr. Thomas Corsan. The dresses for the skirt dances, which were very pretty, were designed and made by Miss Simpson, with Spencer & Co.

From Thursday's Daily.

The Canadian Pacific steamship *Empress of India* left Hong Kong at noon to-day.

A parlor social was held at the residence of Postmaster Shakespear this afternoon. A paper on "Our Schools" was read.

The marriage of Harry Morton, the well known lacrosse player, to Miss Lydia Carter has been announced. Mr. and Mrs. Morton are quartered at the Clarence. The couple are receiving the congratulations of their friends who wish them every success.

E. A. Wickland, of Snohomish, and Miss Cora Kuntzen, of Seattle, were united in marriage here last evening. The ceremony was performed at the manse, 173 Pandora street, by Rev. Dr. Campbell. Miss Clara Berglund, of this city, supported the bride, and Oscar Berglund was groomsmen.

The school board yesterday opened the tenders and made the award in connection with the printing of the papers for the semi-annual examination. The tender of T. R. Cusack of 75 cents per subject was accepted and the contract awarded to him. The board will hold a meeting tomorrow night.

Work on Horsely mine at Cariboo has been shut down for the winter owing to frost. Seven thousand dollars has been cleaned up in the sluice boxes as a result of a thirteen days' run. The mine is frozen now so that the gold in them cannot be obtained, but it is estimated that they contain three times that amount.

William Russell, of the B. C. B. G. A., and a pupil in the school of gunnery, met with an accident last night while at drill in the drill hall, one of the wheels of the gun carriage passing over his toes, bruising them to such an extent that two of them had to be amputated. Mr. Russell is an assistant to Dentist Hall.

At the meeting of the Jubilee hospital board the treasurer reported accounts for October amounting to \$1250.54 and pay sheet \$570.15. Ordered paid. The secretary of the ladies' auxiliary reported the resignation of Mrs. G. A. McTavish from the presidency. Mrs. Charles Hayward has been elected president and Mrs. A. J. Smith secretary.

Eliza Johnson, summoned for keeping a disorderly house, and Alfred Parke, summoned for vagrancy, failed to appear in police court to day, and warrants for their arrest were ordered issued. The cases grew out of the assault of Henry Gant, colored, by Parke at the Johnson woman's house a few days ago. It is said that they have left Victoria for pastures new.

The Boys' Brigade concert held in the Y. M. C. A. hall last night was well patronized. The programme was varied and interesting. Miss Murray gave a clever exhibition of club swinging and Miss Sharpe followed in a humorous song entitled "Every Night." Mr. Sharpe executed the "Tutesmezzo" from Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana*, and the recitation of Rev. Solomon Cleaver was very pleasing. Miss Walker played a polonaise from Chopin. The receipts will go towards furnishing a uniform for the brigade.

Coroner Hasell is expected back from Saturna island to-morrow. He went up there yesterday morning to conduct an inquest in the case of Matsuo, the Japanese found dead and supposed to have committed suicide. He was accompanied by Dr. Lang, whom he instructed to make a post mortem on the body of deceased. There is every probability that the case is one of suicide and that if an inquest was held the finding would be that. The friends of deceased will

take charge of the body and will very likely give it burial at Saturna island.

The bazaar given by the ladies' aid and guild of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, at Patall's hall was a great success. It was opened at three o'clock by Mrs. Dewdney and during the afternoon there was a large attendance. The men from the R. M. A. decorated the hall and rendered valuable assistance at the concert. Gunner Ayton and twelve men who appeared in the amateur minstrel performances sang and were heartily encored. Other numbers on the programme were: Pianoforte solo, Miss Nicholson; song, Mr. A. E. Cave; song, Mr. Phillips; song, Messrs. H. J. and A. E. Cave; song, Gr. Ayton. The affair was a financial success.

Grouped on the sidewalk on Government street near the consulate of the United States was a number of sailors. They were from the bark *Detroit*, and were waiting to see General Roberts, the American consul. The men left the bark *Detroit* at Nanaimo on the ground that she was unseaworthy. The *Detroit* is loaded with coal for San Francisco, and was towed into Esquimalt harbor by the tug *Lorne*. The circumstances are told by Gerston David, one of the crew. He said:

There are seven of us in the party, and our names are William Brookes, John Hedensted, John McKnight, Chas. Anderson, Kennedy Bane, Sam Young and myself. I suppose we are called by the hard name of deserters, but if you listen to my story you may think differently. We came up from San Francisco, where we shipped on the bark *Detroit*. She is an American bottom, and we were on an American bottom. We noticed that although she was light she was leaking badly, and of course we were on the alert when she was in Nanaimo loading, watching how she would behave. She got 1800 tons of coal in her and then she left four feet of water in her hold. She was then drawing 25 feet of water forward and 26 feet aft. This was the beginning of the week and we were lying in the water. On Monday night she began to leak badly, and the ship carpenter, who was at the pumps, reckoned that she was leaking three inches an hour, and he reported that he could not make headway with the water against the pumps. We realized that this was a serious matter, for if she leaked so much in calm water, what would she do in the open, where things would not be so advantageous? We told Captain Rice, and he was surprised, but said nothing. We then went away muttering something to himself that she was leaking too much. Again we saw the captain and told him we would demand a survey. We had previously decided upon this action. He replied that we could have a survey, but that we would have to pay the expense. The bark, he said, had been surveyed and pronounced seaworthy. We rejoined that that was the company's survey and that we wanted another by a disinterested party. "Do as you want," he said. We went up town seven of us to the office of Vice-Consul Dennison and presented the matter to him, but when we came back to the boat it was gone. The captain had sailed without us. Vice-Consul Dennison then advised us to come down to Victoria, and having communicated with General Roberts here it was decided to hear our complaint this afternoon. This is what we are here now for. We came down by the noon train. The *Detroit* is an old boat, 38 years old, and in my opinion is not as seaworthy as the lost *Ivanhoe* and other such craft. The *Ivanhoe* was seaworthy until she was lost; then they found out differently. We do not object to serve our time, but we do think that lives should be protected and that we should not be placed on a bark that is in such a condition as the *Detroit*. This is not the first time that the crew of the *Detroit* have refused to sail, on her. Only a few months ago she was at Apaculo and she was leaking badly. The objection must have had something in it, as they patched her up a little, but now she is as bad as ever.

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anger train on the Valley divi- N. Y. N. H. and Hartford, entering Hartford struck a engine of the N. Y. N. H. crossing near Pleasant street ing. Engineer H. J. Lewis of England engine was terribly and injured. The body was an hour later. The passen- was derailed, but no one was

er's Magazine

IN 1895.

etons, a new novel by Thomas be begun in the December num- and continued to November, 1895, may be one's favorite among news. It will be "conceded" by all Thomas Hardy's foremost artist in fiction, and the Simp- be expected to arouse enthu- siasm in degree to that which a Tribby—the most successful year. Another leading feature Personal Recollections of Juan the Steur Louis de Goussier, her secretary, under which guise the ar of living American magazine present the story of the Mar- Ingle January number will