WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS

Victoria Meteorological Office.

23rd to 29th December. 1908.

During this week there has been exceptionally little sunshine and the rainfall has been small also for this time of the year. Owing to the excessive amount of cloudiness there has been no frost reported in this vicinity, and only upon three days did the temperature fall below the freezing point in the neighbornhood of New Westminster. The winds have also been remarkably light throughout this period and were chiefly from the north and east. Only one gale was reported on the Coast, and that occurred at the entrance to the Strafts of Juan de Fura. It was probably local, caused by the concentration of the moderate easterly winds from the various inland quarters. The highest velocity reported was 48 miles an hour at Cape Flattery. The astribution of barometric pressure that his week has been almormal; for instead of there being a series of ocean storm areas moving rapidity eastward across this province, accompanied by southerly winds and much rain, an extensive high barometer area has covered the Pacific slope from Cassiar to California, and any ocean storms that have spread eastward have done so either far to the northward or across Southern California.

The weather has been remarkably mild throughout this province, and in Alberta even more so, where the temperature rose to 60 upon two days, and upon the remaining five was chiefly above 32 degrees.

These high temperatures in Alberta were caused by the prevalence of chinock winds from the Rockles.

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rence.
Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was only three hours; rain, .22 inch;
highest temperature, 49.2 on 29th; and lowest. 87.0 on 23rd.

Naw Westmine or Rain, .30 inch; highest temperature, 46 on 29th; and lowest,
28 on 25th.

Kamloops—No rain or snow; highest fem-

ocal+Rews.

The paper on "School Libraries," by D. Wilson, B. A., inspector of public schools in this province, appears in a recent number of the Canadian Educational Review, published at Toronto.

Preparations are being made by the children of the Rose Circle of the King's Daughters to give a matinee on the afternoon of Saturday, January 9th, at the Philharmonic hall. The proceeds of the entertainment will be donated to the assistance of the mission schools for Indian children in this province.

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meeting on Monday resolved to invite the executive of the Liberal-Conservative Association to attend a union meeting at an early date, in order to make the preliminary arrangements for a meeting of the party for the selection of a candidate for the city for the House of Commons.

The funeral of Henry Newman, of Esquimalt road, who died Monday at the Jubilee hospital, took place this morning at 11 o'clock from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. Appropriate religious services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Barber, both at the parlors and grave.

German residents of the city held a Christmas tree festival in the A. O.J.U. W. hall on Monday. There was a large attendance. The entertainment provided was typically German in character. A tree was furnished heavily laden for the young people, and the programme of songs and recitations given in connection was greatly enjoyed. Refreshments in keeping with the character of the entertainment were served.

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-Rock for the new landing which is to form an abutment for the James Bay, wall is being procured from Sehl's point. The city has here a steam drill in operation and the rock secured is readily con-

-The annual meeting of the Vancou ver Island Veterans' Association will be held in Pioneer hall, Broad street, on Thesday evening, 12th January, 1904, at 8 o'clock. After the financial statement for 1903 is submitted, the election of officers for the ensuing year (1904) will

The local post of the Native Sons of British Columbia at their meeting on Tuesday decided to hold their annual ball during the first week in February. They decided to hold monthly whist tournaments and smokers. A committee was appointed to prepare a musical programme for the next meeting in January. The election of officers will take place at that meeting also.

-Victoria City band will give their annual social dance on New Year's Eve at the A. O. U. W. hall, the music for which will be provided by the full band. Rowe. In the past socials given by this aggregation have proved most enjoyable. The band is still up to its standard and con-stantly practicing, and with their magnificent set of new instruments will produce splendid music for the occasion.

-It is probable that before long nother church will be established in the entral portion of the city. The German sidents of Victoria, now numbering residents of Victoria, now numbering over 400 people, nave acquired the building formerly used by the Icelanders of Spring Ridge as a place of worship, and in the near future expect to remove it to a location on Johnson street. The building has a seating capacity for 200, and with some improvements, it is said, could be made very comfortable.

a the ancient city, and from this fact tself a great deal of interest is attached.

schools in this province, appears in a recent number of the Canadian Educational Review, published at Toronto.

—Mrs. M. E. Marr, proprietress of the Boomerang restaurant, remembered the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home in a substantial manner. A large packing case filled with a variety of welcome presents was sent by her to the Home for distribution among the children.

—One of the Canadian Education and Mrs. Rawei at the Metropolitan Methodist church. Many lantern pictures illustrating Maoriland were shown, and the interesting and instructive descriptive addresses delivered by the Raweis were much appreciated. Mrs. Rawei intend leaving for the States in a few days, and before returning to New Zealand will make an extended tour of America.

It is announced in Sound papers that an increase in commodity rates applying to all Western bound traffic on all roads, including the C. P. R., is shortly to go into effect. It is said that the average increase will amount to 17½ per cent. So far, however, local agents have not been notified of any change.

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—A Seattle detective is in the city investigating the story of the disappearance from a 'Frisco liner of a woman and a child, reference to which appeared in these columns at the time. As will be recalled the two were on board when the steamer left Seattle, and some of the passengers claimed to have seen them, on the vessel after she left Victoria, but they had disappeared when San Francisco was reached. It is suspected in certain quarters in Seattle that the woman and child left the steamer here, which accounts for the investigation by the Sound city sleuth. -A Senttle detective is in the city in

street.

Louis Bowman, proprietor of the Steltz restaurant. Yntes street, was found dead in his bed Wednesday. An inquest will be held to-morrow to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death. Deceased has lived here for upwards of forty years, and was widely known. He was an unmarried man, and lived with his father on View street. lived with his father on View street.

The death occurred Wednesday of Mrs. Sarah Hobbs, relict of the late Geo. Hobbs, at her residence, 117 Johnson street. Deceased was 86 years old. She leaves only one grandson to mourn her loss. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Saturday at 2.30 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Company. Religious services will be conducted by Rev. Dr.

-Bandmaster Finn has arranged for another strong attraction for Saturday night's promenade concert in the drill hal', when the second game of the pro-vincial league inter-city basketball series will be played. The contesting teams will be the Fernwoods of Victoria and the Sixth Regiment of Vancouver. In addition to this excellent attraction the regimental band will render an excepionally fine musical programme,

-Tuesday morning a Chinese domes-tic employed by several Work Point offi-cers was found dead in his room at the barracks. Coroner Hart was notified, and ascertaining that poisoning was the cause of death, decided to hold an in-quest. This was done, and a verdict of suicide was returned. There were a number of chalk characters on the door of tion showed to be an expression of his intention to make away with himself.

hundredth birthday at the residence of her son-in-law, James L. Davis, 10 Carr street. Mrs. Barnum was born in Chard, Somersetshire, England, on December 29th, 1803, during the reign of King George III. She has twenty-seven living grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren. As an evidence of Mrs. arnum's perfect health it is noteworthy that she walked several blocks to the James Bay Methodist church on Sunday,

Householders and license holders are reminded of the necessity of registering at the city hall before they can qualify for the municipal voters' list. Up to 2 required declaration at Mr. Northcott's office. Last year's total was 1,388, but it is expected that the candidates will ensure the destruction of that record. Tomorrow is the last day on which it is posintending voters the city assessor's office will be open from 7 to 9 o'clock to-night and to-morrow night.

Protectorate wish to acknowledge the following donations and to thank all those who so kindly remembered them:

Mr. Colbert, \$5; Mr. Nolte, \$5; Mrs. Mc-Quade, turkey; Miss McDowell, roast of beef; Fell & Co., turkey, crackers and Turkish delight; Mrs. Patton, cake, fruit and eggs; Mrs. O'Counor, box of oranges; Mr. Coombs, fruit cake; F. J. Baines, confectioners: Mr. Sess.

—Mr. Horace Charles Williams, fourth son of Mr. J. L. Williams, of this city, has lost a very valuable walking cane. He had it on Mr. Thos. Palmer, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony a few days age by Rev. Dr. Campbell. The ceremony took place at the parsonage, there being present only the intimate friends of the contracting parties. Miss Williams, a sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. W. Williams, his brother, supported the groom. A wedding supper was served after the ceremony. The newly married conpie were the recipients of r. handsome array of presents. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have taken up their residence on Second street. will be made to recover the article, the disappearance of which makes it appear

seed was typically Genman in character, any result of the seed of the process of the possible of the process of the possible o

-The annual city tax sale was held address to men only at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday in the council chambers. It was conducted by Chas. Kent, the city treasurer, who knocked down in all-seen lots, which went in short order. This year's list was unusually small, the significance of which has already been commented on in these columns.

—It, is reported from White Horse that a man named Johnson, working on the bench of No. 47 below, on Bullion creek, is taking out a dollar to the pan on the rim along the bench, and is making an average of nine ounces a day. The story, has been reasonably well verified, and is implicity, believed at White Horse.

-The Western Medicine Company, of which H. H. Jones is manager, is about to vacate its present offices in the Mc Gregor block, at the corner of View and Broad streets, to make way for Robin Dunsmuir, who is about to open a business in the location. Mr. Dunsmuir will handle all the barge business between the

-The Aberdeen Association acknowledges with thanks donations of magazines from Mrs. Jenns, Mrs. Loat. Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Flumerfelt, Mrs. C. S. Baxter, Miss Galletly, Miss Harvey, Capt. Lewis, J. C. Bridgman, the James Bay Athletic Association, and the Alexandra

-The annual conference of Christians will be held at Centre hall, Broad street, between Johnson and Pandora streets, on January 1st, 2nd and 3rd, at 10, 3 and 7 o'clock. Messrs, McClure, from San Francisco, Blair from Australia, and Harcus from Everett, will be among the speakers. A special invitation is given to all Christians in the city.

This morning an Association football match took place between the St. Louis College and North Ward teams. The game resulted in a win for the North Ward by a score of two goals, to nil. McIntosh and Penketh did the scoring Hale, hearty and possessed of her faculties to a remarkable degree, Mrs.

D. W. Barnum Tuesday celebrated her played well for the losers. The North Ward team is trying to arrange a game with the South Park eleven for Satur

> -The annual meeting of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association and Exchange will be held in the city hall on January 5th, the morning session beginning at 9 o'clock, and afternoon session at 1.30. Addresses will be given as follows: "Successful Strawberry Growing," H. E. Tanner, M.P.P.; "Market in the Northwest Territories," -R. M Palmer; "Commercial Orcharding," W C. Grant; "Trees, Shrubs and Plants for Decorative Purposes," R. Layritz. All interested are invited to attend.

-Constables Clayards and Carson o Thursday took into custody two men named John Brown and John Wilson, who are suspected of stealing two bottles morrow is the last day on which it is pos-sible to qualify. For the convenience of intending voters, the city respectively. The whiskey was snatched from the bar in the absence of the bartender. No long afterwards the occupant of premise on Humboldt street informed the police that there were two drunken men in the The ladies in charge of the R. C. back ward. A bottle of liquor was fou

> AT THS PLAYHOUSES. Stanford University Mandolin and Glee Club To-Morrow-Other

Exquinner road, show does Monday at the Sounder to a show of the Sounde

ing of next week when Wm. A. Brady's production of "Foxy Grandpa" and his 25 singing and dancing associates appear. There are delights of music, specialty, scenery and costumes, and all new song novelties. The local production will be complete in every way. The company is strong, and headed by Mr. Joseph Hart, the well known comedian who played the part all of lear season.

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Cameron.

New Year! Everywhere the New Year!
There are books and toys for the New Year, glittering trinkets for the New Year, car, dresses for the New Year, schemes of fortune for the New Year; kind wishes and good deeds for the New Year.—Charles Dickens.

merry heart doeth good like a medi Pity and need make all fiesh kin. Ther is no caste in blood, which runnet of one hue mor caste in tears, which trickie saft with all.—Sir Edwir Arnold.

se you who read this, and think for a moment of the long chain of iron or gold, of thorns or flowers, that would never have bound you, but for the formation of the first link on that memorable day.—Charles Dickens.

You can't "have" your pudding anless you can "eat" it.—John Ruskin.

it is a fair, even-handed, noble ad-justment of things, that while there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.—Charles Dickens. Each man can learn something from his neighbor; at least, he can learn to have patience with him—to live and let live.—Charles Kingsley.

Yet I doubt not through the ages one in-creasing purpose runs, and the thoughts of men are widened by the process of the suns.—Tennyson. Every man can build a chapel in his breast, himself the priest, his hear the sacrifice, and the earth he tread on the altar.—Jeremy Taylor.

great thing can only be done by great man, and he does it witho effort.—John Ruskin.

drama of such sort as the Author chooses. If it be His pleasure that you should act a poor man, see that you act it well; or a cripple, or a ruler, or a private citizen. For this is your business, to act well the given part.—Epictetus.

Rest is the sweet sauce of labor.-

o banish the tears of children! Con-tinual rains upon the blossoms are hurtful.—Jean Paul. men cannot live isolated; we are all bound together for mutual good or else for mutual misery, as living nerves in the same body. No higher man can separate himself from any lowest.—

Thomas Carlyle.

Happiness grows at our own firesides, and is not to be picked up in strangers galleries.—bouglas Jerrold.

Each of the shadowy figures stretched its right arm forth, and pointed upwards. Spirits of the Bells! Their sound upon the air! They take such shapes and occupations as the hopes and thoughts of mortals, and the recollections they have stored up, give them.—Charles Dickens.

he man who does not learn to live while he is getting a living is a poorer man after his wealth is won than he was before.—J. G. Holland.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 30.—The Pan-American Rallway Company, with head-quarters at Guthrie, and with \$250,000,-000 capital stock, to build a line from Bort Nelson to Hudson's Bay, to the Argentine Republic, was chartered to-day.

Argentine Republic, was chartered today.

From Port Nelson the road is to run
via Winnipeg in Manitoba, through the
states of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahama, Indian Territory and Texas, thence through Mexico,
Central America, the Republics of
Panama, Colombia, Equador and Peru,
into the Argentine Republic. A branch
line is provided, running from Peru
through Chili to Valparaiso. The total
length is 10,000 miles. The incorporators, as named in the charter, are W. B.
and G. R. Davis, C. D. Farmer, H. C.
Iles and Edward Hilman, of Arlington,
Okla.

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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS. Number of Treats Held Last Evening by Sabbath Schools and Local

Churches.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The annual Christmas entertainment n connection with the Sunday school of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was held last evening. There was a large attendance of parents, friends and chilgiven by the pupils and all spent a most njoyable time. -During the evening an nmense basket was filled with gifts rought by the children to be sent to the Indian mission school at Ahousaht. This work provided much entertainment, everyone being delighted with the opportunity to arrange a surprise for the litthe ones, the majority of whom are not remembered by Santa Claus on Christ-mas Day. A tableau illustrating the song, "Nearer My God to Thee," was

the children. During the evening the superintendent of the school, Mr. J. T. Croot, was presented with a handsome

mantel clock.

The school room of the James Bay Presbyterian church was filled last even-

Clement Patterson; fancy marching, by Junior Brigade; recitation, Clarence of Catarrh. I was troubled with this dis-Holland; duet, Clare Stinson and Maggie ease for years, but the first time I used

Santa Claus made his appearance during the evening and distributed presents.

A large number of young people and friends gathered in the Methodist church, Strawberry Vale, at the annual Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening. A sumptuous feast was provided for the scholars and friends at 6 'clock, after which the children rendered songs, recitations and dialogues in a really creditable style. Mr. Ferguson acted as Santa Claus, greatly amusing the audience and delighting the childr The pastor of the church, Rev. T. H. Wright, occupied the chair. Mr. Averil spoke of the pleasant evening and moved a vote of thanks to the efficient chairman and spoke in complimentary language of the faithful services performed by the officers and teachers. The vote being put to the meeting was carried with applause. Rev. Mr. Wright in reply referred to the successful work of the school under the present superintendent and teachers. This closed one of the largest and most successful Christmas

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COLDS, CATARRH AND CATARRHAL HEADACHE RELIEVED IN 10 MIN-UTES AND CURED BY DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER.

Here's one of a thousand such testi monies. Rev. A. D. Buckley, of Buffalo, says: "I wish all to know what a blessing nt Paterson; dialogue, Nellie Rankin, I now regard manufacture and this remedy it gave most delightful relief. Dr. Agnew's Pills are delightful. 40 doses 10 cents.

DELAHUNTY—On the 27th inst., the wife of J. J. Delahunty, of a son. SOSTED—At Nelson, on Dec. 25th, the wife of A. Sosted, of a son.

JOHNSTON-MACFARLANE—At Vancouver, on Dec. 28th, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, H. Johnston and Miss Mabel Macfarlane. BERRY-RAE—At Vancouver, on Dec. 28th, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, W. S. Berry and Miss Susan Rae.

Miss Susan Rae.

BOLTON-GURD—At Cranbrook, on Dec.

21st, by Rev. Mr. Beacham, S. E. Bolton
and Miss Eleanor Gurd.

MARTIN-CUTHBERTSON—At Phoenix, on
Dec. 24th, by Rev. J. D. P. Knox,
Daniel M. Martin and Miss Lizzie
Cuthbertson.

BRACKMAN—On the 30th instant, at his residence, Catherine street, Victoria West, Henry Brackman, a native of Hamburg, aged 71 years.

STATISTICS REVEAL A SPLENDID

Over Four Hundred Thousas Aggregate - Does Not 1 Ship Building.

The building activity in V its immediate environs duri lay ranging between four hu and and half a million dollar at the building inspector's o hall shows that there h ded buildings completed within the municipality nore than \$250,000. In s the inspector allows co ut \$80,000 for general alt pairs, while he estimates he large number of dwell utside the city, especially of

But the total outlay as estirepresents only the number erected and repaired during 1903. If to this is added building and repairing various yards, for which justly celebrated throughou west—an industry so close with the progress of the city well be included in the ag of a million dollars. If thi improvements-sewer and -would occupy a pos list and swell the aggrega undred thousand the courtesy of the building W. W. Northcott, a Times tive yesterday secured a correct for the past year as Mrs. Allan, 11/2 story build street, \$1,500.

Mrs. K. E. Baines, 1½ soulding, Yates street, \$2,500 B. C. Land and Investm three story brick building, Westcott Bros., Yates stree Mr. Booth, one story fr Belleville street, \$2,000.

Mr. Beckwith, two story James Barber, one story Belleville street, \$1,800 ing, Cadboro Bay road, \$300.
Mrs. Brown, three one s
buildings on Dallas avenue, \$ total, \$5,400. Messrs. Brown & Cooper,

brick building, Govern Mrs. Minnie Conyers, two house, Stanley avenue, \$1,600 Chemical Works, large fran their works, \$2,400. Ald. Cameron, addition Birdcage Walk, \$300. Capt. Chas. Campbell, two ing, corner Third street road, \$2,400. Mrs. Sarah Clayton, house phion street.
City of Victoria, addition

hall property, \$2,000. Carnegie library, corner Blanchard streets, contract Mrs. M. H. Campbell, 11/2 s building, Pemberton road, Geo. Calder, one story fran San Juan avenue, \$1,200.

Mrs. Ellen Dickinson, two dwelling, Edward street, Vi \$1,900 John Douglas, new house of estate, \$5,000.

Ed. Fawcett, 1½ story fram Gorge road, \$1,500.

E. P. Fox, addition to dy Cadboro Bay road, \$400.

A. B. M. Gordon, two st dwelling, Hilside extension, Gee Duck Tong & Co., two building, Frisquard street, \$6,5 J. E. Grice, one story house barn, corner Douglas and streets, \$800.

streets, \$800.
Capt. Gidley, one story fr.
ing. Mary street, Victoria We
Mr. Howell, one story cotts
street, \$1,800. Mrs. M. Knight, 11/2 story f ing, Gorge road, \$1,500.

Mrs. Effic Kilpatrick, two soulding, Cadboro Bay road,
A. W. Knight, one story fi ing, Pandora avenue, \$1,800. Law Union and Crown Life Co., two story brick buildi

street, occupied by Sylves Mrs. Langley, addition to Fort street, \$650.

P. S. Lampman, 1½ story from the street, \$3,000.

H. E. Levy, three 1½ street, \$1,000. buildings, View street, \$1 total, \$3,000. T. F. Le Clerca, two st house, corner Fernwood and I dorn street, \$3,000. Messrs. Moore & Whittin

ory frame building, Vie

story \$1,600

Methodist church, corner avenue and Devonshire road, tion, \$500. Mr. Mallette, two story f ng, Superior street, \$2,000. Mrs. Mucintosh, new house Mrs. Macintosh, new house, street, \$2,400.
Mr. Morrison, two story fra ing. Belleville street, \$2,500.
T. H. Mafthews, two stor dwelling. Yates street, \$2,000.
John W. Morris, two stor building, Linden avenue, \$2,60
G. C. Mesher, two stor building. Dalas avenue, \$3,800
J. J. Mulholland, two stor building, Biydcage Walk. \$2.00

building, Birdcage Walk, \$2.0 Wm. 3.00re, two story framing, Pandora avenue, \$2,000. Messrs, Moore & Whitti story house Pandora avenue, Alterations to two houses of street, Victoria West, \$800. James McL. Muirhead, 11/2 Tobert street, Sp