

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The sum of \$277, the net proceeds of the Metropolitan Methodist church choir's recent entertainment, was yesterday handed to the treasurer of the B. C. Benevolent Society.

There will be a special meeting of the school board to-morrow evening, when it is believed that there will be some time devoted to the application for positions on the teaching staff of the collegiate institute. The result of the recent exams may possibly be known, so there may be a few changes in the regular teaching staff.

The new organization to take the place of the old Victoria Club has been founded. There was a largely attended meeting held last evening at which it was decided to organize. It was decided to call the Pacific club and to incorporate under the Benevolent Societies' Act. Chas. Hayward, Dixie H. Ross, William Wilson, A. B. Gray, A. Holmes, J. S. Yates and W. M. Wilson were named as provisional directors.

Harry Brown, who robbed the Cariboo stage near the 150-mile House, was tried summarily before Judge Cornwall on Saturday. The trial took place at the 150 and resulted in a conviction. The prisoner was sentenced to 15 years with hard labor.

From Wednesday's Daily.
A service of the Swedish church will be held at the residence of V. Jacobson, Head street, Friday evening, July 27, at 8 o'clock.

The Sunday school of St. James' church will give its annual excursion and picnic on Wednesday, August 1. Sidney has been selected as the place at which it will be given.

At the meeting of the Natural History Society on Monday evening, it was decided to have a field meeting at Sidney on Saturday next, and it was also agreed to have another at Sooke, some time later on.

Frank Parker, general agent of the Sound for the Northwestern line, is in the city. He says that except for half a day his company had no trouble during the strike and, as there was no trouble on the main line but on the Spencer branch, between St. Paul and Dunsmuir.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their annual meeting at 2:30 to-morrow afternoon in the Temperance Hall at which reports of the past two years' work will be received and the officers for the coming year elected. A large attendance of members is desired.

In Victoria was declared illegal.
The Sunday school children of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral had an outing at Oak Bay yesterday afternoon, and had simply a busy time. They were in the charge of the clergy and of Miss Skinner, Miss Burns, B. Wilks and E. J. Sehl. They were taken out and back on special cars.

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Charles Ramos, in an interview with the Seattle Telegraph says he is not sanguine of the success of the various pumping and dredging machines at the Fraser river. The suction pumps which it was thought would work a revolution on the Fraser river bars are no doing as well as expected.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL STAFF.

Remaining Two Masters Were Named by School Board Last Night.
Proposition to Introduce Tonic Saliva System of Music in the City Schools.

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