

BRIEF LOCALS

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily. The steamsip City of Puebla sailed for San Francisco Saturday night and her cabin passengers were: Mrs. Kendall, W. H. Kendall, E. P. P. Kendall, H. Kendall, J. H. Turner, A. L. Rogers and Mrs. F. C. Lutz.

Five Assyrians with mysterious names, charged with peddling without licenses, were in the police court this morning, but their cases were not taken up, being remanded until Wednesday. The informations were sworn to by E. C. Smith, deputy city treasurer.

The Williams directory for British Columbia for 1895 has been issued, and will be found as complete and accurate as care and pains can make it. In appearance the volume is much the same as last year, the printing and binding being good. An added page gives the results of the municipal elections in the cities for the present year.

At the Saturday night meeting of the committee on tuberculosis appointed by the Dairyman's Association the following resolution was passed: "That this committee respectfully requests all agricultural societies and persons interested in dairying, to furnish the secretary with such information and advice as may be thought pertinent and serviceable to this investigation, and that a copy of this resolution be handed to the press." All communications should be addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Victoria.

Preparations are now being made for commencing the construction of the two swift revenue launches, says the Port Townsend Leader. The timbers for the keels are all at hand and it may be of interest to know that the material has grown inside of the city limits. Two miniature models of the launches have been prepared and to judge from these, the new launches will be the most beautiful crafts ever seen in these waters or indeed anywhere. It is expected that the work must be completed by the 1st of May.

Court Fernwood, I. O. F., have elected officers: C. R., Bro. A. Bowers; V. C., Bro. J. P. Kelley; R. S., Bro. W. F. Fullerton (re-elected); F. S., Bro. C. Carter (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. Croghan; chap., Bro. Fleming; S. W., Bro. Barlow; J. W., Bro. Parker; S. B., Bro. Brandson; physician, Dr. Holden; C. D., Bro. Adams; trustees, Bros. Kelley and Parker; finance committee, Bros. Barlow and Fleming. The officers were installed by acting Supreme Chief Bro. Adams, assisted by acting Supreme Marshal Bro. Dr. Holden.

St. Columba's church, Oak Bay, has just received a present of a handsome Doherty organ from Mrs. Mundie, Winipeg, sister-in-law of Rev. Mr. Murison. It was used for the first time at the service yesterday, and gave great satisfaction, being clear and sweet-toned. The mission has long been in need of a suitable instrument to lead the praise, and the kind gift of Mrs. Mundie is highly appreciated by the congregation and will be of great assistance. Its coming will be celebrated by a song service under the leadership of Mrs. Mundie, organist, at the close of the regular evening service on the 17th inst.

The barkentine Wrestler, which went ashore near Victoria about two years ago, has been purchased by Kennedy & Ingals of San Francisco, and they will ask congress to adopt a bill to readmit her under the American flag, says the Port Townsend Leader. After she went ashore she was sold to a company formed in Victoria after an unsuccessful attempt to float her. The company got her off the beach and ran her up on a mud bank, where she has been lying ever since. With that change of owners her flag changed, and now it requires special legislation to float again the stars and stripes over her.

The entertainment at Temperance Hall Saturday night was very largely attended. It was the third of the series given by the Good Templars of the city and Dr. Lewis Hall presided. The programme, which was very well rendered, was as follows: Instrumental, duet, Bro. Furman; recitation, A. W. Semple; duet, Misses Anderson and Clyde; recitation, Mr. Coleman; vocal quartet, Victoria West Glee Club; recitation, Miss Jennie Bager; Highland dance, Messrs J. McKenzie; wine glass solo, Mr. Tweedie, and farce, Robert Clarendon. Mr. Coleman, A. W. Semple, Mrs. Cherry, Miss Mary Taylor and Miss J. Semple.

The steamer Saturn, which arrived at San Francisco on her last trip from Panama, was boarded by customs officers and subjected to a rigid examination, says the Port Townsend Leader. Information was given the officers shortly after the steamer tied up that there was opium aboard her, which led to the search. Away down in the shaft alley late in the afternoon the officers were rewarded by finding forty-five five tael tins of the drug, which was immediately

taken into custody. Opium by way of Panama is rather an unusual way of shipping the drug into San Francisco, and although the vessels from there are closely watched no special efforts have been made to detect a trade in opium from that port. Seventy-five thousand pounds of halli-but was brought down by the Thistle on Saturday from the deep sea fishing grounds. It was shipped east over the Northern Pacific and south by the City of Puebla. A quantity was retained for the local market. A San Francisco boat also took a large cargo of fish south, leaving about the same time as the Thistle.

A petition is being signed by the Roman Catholics of the province for presentation to the Dominion government. The petition is one in common with petitions from the other provinces which will be presented at Ottawa favoring separate schools for the Catholics of Manitoba. The names of a number who are not Roman Catholics are said to be on the petition.

Captain Wallace of the steamer Walla Walla, which arrived here on Saturday, was just prepared to leave for San Francisco elected as Commander of California harbor, No. 15, of the Masters and Pilots' Association. As the steamer was leaving the wharf Captain Wallace was presented with the pennant of his office, which now flies from the masthead of his steamer.

Daniel Connors, arrested for having stolen property in his possession at the instance of Martin Morgan, was in the police court again to-day, the preliminary hearing of his case having been postponed. He had promised some additional evidence as to the alleged partnership with Morgan, but it was not forthcoming, and the magistrate ordered him committed for trial. The goods had been taken in September, and in answer to a question by the court as to why he had been so long in laying an information against stated that Connors had threatened to "fix him" if he did.

The sealing schooner Theresa, Captain Myers, and Aurora, Captain Harold, will soon be at work off the coast. The former left for Pacheco Bay this morning, and it is expected she will have her Indian crew of hunters in a few days. The Aurora goes to Kyoquoot, leaving this afternoon, and as soon as she gets her Indians there will put to sea. Very few schooners from Victoria are left in port, and those that are here are actively preparing for sea. The start this year has been an early one. This is occasioned by the fact that the schooners that started for the Japan coast had to allow from 35 to 55 days for the passage, and on the coast here there was a little rivalry over Indian crews.

The number of poor people being fed by the Salvation Army is slowly increasing. About a week ago, when the Army first opened the food and shelter depot, the number fed was 25. On Sunday 59 names were on the list. The Army is also extending relief to a number of poor families. Adjutant Schibald acknowledges receipt of the following donations: One sheep and two sacks of potatoes, James Dunsmuir & Co.; one sack of potatoes, one sack of turnips, Bro. Hearns; meat, L. Goodacre; one halibut, Mr. Butler; vegetables, I. Braverman; coffee and sandwiches, L. O. O. P.; provisions and sandwiches, C. O. P.; provisions, committee of Protestant Orphans' Home entertainment; tea, Mrs. Wise. These donations have been a great help.

Among the unique and pleasing matrimonial events of the season that which took place on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. Robert Foster, 51 Work street, Rock Bay, was one of the most enjoyable. The occasion was the celebration of the nuptials of Fanny McKinley, of this city, and Mr. H. H. Kinley, of Belleville, Ont. The costume and trousseau of the bride were pronounced lovely and the bride herself most charming in appearance. Rev. Solomon Claver officiated. A magnificent spread had been provided, and after the supper speeches, recitations and a general musical programme were joined in by the guests and friends of the interested parties. Mr. and Mrs. Harding will likely remain in Victoria for the present.

Mr. F. G. Vernon, agent-general designate for British Columbia, is paying a visit to his brother at Clontarf Castle, Dublin, and returns to London next week to assume his new duties as successor to Mr. Beeton, says the Canadian Gazette. It will be seen from our report of the proceedings in the British Columbia legislature that Mr. Vernon will, from the 1st of June next, have general and there is an office for the province in that home of colonial officialdom—Victoria street. Mr. Beeton held the position as an honorary one. Since the Gazette received its information the government has decided to give Mr. Vernon \$2000 for the six months between January 1st and June 30, 1895.

Alfred Dubois fainted in the police court this morning. He had just been sentenced to two months for the theft of a gold specimen from the board of trade building. Dubois was in the habit of paying visits to the reading rooms of the board of trade, and Secretary Edworthy had missed papers, periodicals and at last a specimen of minerals lent the association for exhibition in their room. Dubois' name was linked with the robbery and Private Detective Kelly worked up the case. With the help of the provincial police, Dubois was arrested at the Y. M. C. A. and the missing specimen was found in a church envelope at his lodgings. He is a photographer by profession and had a good reputation, being a Sunday school teacher and forward in all religious work.

From Thursday's Daily. The trotting horse Starwood has been sold by Messrs. W. D. Hayward and Samuel McDonnell to Messrs. Wright & Lawrence, of Vernon, and was taken up last week. The preliminary hearing of William Stelmoch, charged with arson, was concluded yesterday evening. A. L. Belyea, for the defence, reserving his case, and the court directed that the accused be

committed for trial. In addition to those mentioned yesterday, Constable Gilchrist, who worked on the case, gave evidence for the prosecution. The steamer Topeka will leave Port Townsend for Juneau and other Alaskan points on the evening of the 7th inst. The first class fare is \$25 and the second class \$10, a reduction of more than one-half.

Ah Yau was arrested by the city police yesterday for stealing a couple of pieces of cordwood, but the prisoner was discharged without the case being gone into at all in court. It was regarded as being too trivial. A debating society in connection with the Y. M. I. was organized last night, the following being elected officers: President, W. J. Harris; secretary, treasurer, William Mulcahy; managing committee, Rev. J. A. Van Nevel, J. Reid, C. Roarke.

The police have been on the lookout for some time for a man who has been known as the "Red" and children, particularly in the James bay district. Descriptions of the fellow were furnished by several, and this morning Constable Smith arrested a man on suspicion of being the one wanted. He was booked for indecent conduct, and it may be that his sanity will be inquired into by a committee of physicians. He gave the name of James N. Morrison and had very little to say for himself. He is a middle aged man, and when arrested was dressed quite neatly. He is light complexioned and has a blonde moustache. Peter Bellinger would have left the city last night if a boat to take him to the American side had been available. He spent the night at a hotel town here, and it is believed that he took his departure for Seattle on the steamer Rosalie this morning. He was afraid of being arrested for obtaining money on false pretences as intimated by Hon. A. R. Richards, Q. C., and was very anxious to be beyond the reach of the law before it could be set in motion. It is said that he did not take the trouble to get his trunk. Arthur Lamour has gone back to the care of Warden John with whom he says he is very happy all the time.

The Nanaimo poultry show, shortly to open, will be one of the finest exhibitions of the feathered tribe seen in the province. The exhibitors from Victoria will include the best portions of the province will be as well represented. There is a number of cash prizes, ranging from \$5 to \$50, and quite a few gold medals and silver cups are offered. The Wellington Coal company, the New Vancouver Coal company, and Mr. Rosefield, of San Francisco, are donors of very handsome trophies. Sharp Butterfield, of Windsor, Ont., has been secured to judge. Mr. Butterfield is well known by reputation among all poultry dealers in the province, and his awards will doubtless give satisfaction. Nearly 1000 entries are on the list.

The Pacific Coast Steamship company is having a lively fight with the lines in opposition to it, which enter on the coast. The rate of fare is aggressive from both sides. When the steamer ship Mexico arrived at Seattle from Alaska she took cargo for San Francisco, and the company gave a passenger rate on her of \$10 and \$4, or just about the end of the cost of food. The Chief in addition on the route and the Farrallon on the run to San Francisco, the old company will have a respectable quarrel on its hands.

Mr. Eberts has introduced a bill to amend and consolidate the game protection acts, and the provisions are consolidated in the bill which if passed will make the law clear. There are very few changes proposed by the bill. One section, however, fixes fines for the killing of big game, being in some cases \$25 and in other cases \$50. Clause 12 provides that hunters shall not enter fields where there is growing grain nor any field after having been warned off by the owner. Game may be sold for five days after the end of the season, thus giving men an opportunity of getting rid of game that they may have on hand. The bill entirely stops the sale of prairie chickens.

The two Chinese, Ah Hong and Ah On, arrested in connection with the murder assault on Charles Sing, were admitted to bail last evening in the sum of \$500 pieces. The desired amounts were quickly furnished. At Jubilee hospital Sing is doing very well and will soon be out. Chief Sheppard believes it is impossible to secure a conviction in the case of the Chinese. His intention was to kill Sing. No event in many months has so thoroughly stirred up the Chinese colony as this assault. There were nearly two hundred Chinese in the police court yesterday afternoon to hear the application for bail. Ah Hong is little short of a martyr in this case, in the estimation of his white friends, who are numerous and influential. They will not believe he is guilty. He is also backed up by the representative Chinese.

From Wednesday's Daily. Members of the Y. M. C. A. are talking of the establishment of a lacrosse team. Many of them are old football players and think they can do as well with the stick as with the ball. Rev. Mr. Pierce, of the Methodist mission schooner Glad Tidings, gave a very interesting lecture on his work among the Indian tribes at the Herald street mission last evening. James Woods, captain of the sloop Annie, was again arraigned in the police court this morning. He was fined \$50 and costs two weeks, ago, pleaded guilty to three counts of supplying liquor to Indians.

The Victoria gun club held its first meeting at the Hotel Victoria last evening. Among the matters up for consideration was the necessity to secure new grounds for the club, the old ones having been taken for the fortifications. The club elected the following officers: President, Otto Weller; Vice-President,

highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

R. Jackson; Treasurer, Charles B. McClusky; Captain, J. W. Switzer. Mr. A. Colby and Miss A. C. Lawrie were married last night at the residence of Thomas Lawrie, Michigan street. The bridesmaids were Misses Whittlaw and Tennant. Mr. Redgrave supported the groom. The wedding presents were many.

Arthur Lamour, the kidnapped child, is still at the provincial jail in charge of Warden John. Rev. Joseph Nicolay has offered to take the child and send him to the Roman Catholic orphanage at Westminster. The authorities have not yet given an answer to the rev. gentleman.

George Smith, a strong, able bodied young man, who has been begging on the streets, was convicted of the offence in the police court this morning. He was ordered to appear for sentence on the 9th under penalty of paying \$25. In the interim he will no doubt leave the county.

The filer bed plans were yesterday dispatched to Toronto to be passed upon by E. H. Keating, city engineer of that city, and William Haskins, city engineer of Hamilton. They are to receive \$100 a day apiece to pursue on the fourteen plans, and Mr. Haskins is to be allowed his expenses in addition.

Donations to the Refuge Home for January were as follows: Richard Hall, one ton of coal; H. McDerind, four pounds of butter; Mrs. Hart, bread and cheese and fish; friend, lambrequin; Mrs. Spencer, potatoes; a friend, cabbage and carrots; Mrs. Goodacre, cake; Mrs. Plett, clothing; a friend, vegetables. H. M. S. Phosant leaves on Friday for Nanaimo, and will include the navigation of Vancouver island. She will go up the west coast, around Cape Scott and back along the east coast. She will while away take her target practice and go through other drill. She will be absent from port for a few weeks.

Mayor Teague, asked whether it was the intention of the city council to vote relief to the Fraser valley flood sufferers, replied: "We will have to wait until the estimates are down. We do not know what we can do yet, but I think that charity begins at home and that our own poor should first be looked after."

The funeral of the late Dr. Renwick took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of E. B. Paul, 58 North Park street, and was quite largely attended, particularly by the medical men of the city. Services, conducted by Rev. Mr. Jenns, were held at St. John's church. The speakers were: Dr. J. C. Dayle, Dr. Hasell, Dr. Richardson, and Messrs. Geo. Simon, J. D. Twiss and Capt. Buchanan.

Pigeon fanciers have cause for rejoicing. A special prize will be offered to the victor in the Nanaimo poultry society's show. The following is a quotation from a letter received from the secretary of the association: "We have received word from Victoria that the ministers of the provincial house have given a trophy valued at \$50 for the best display of pigeons, to become the property of the winner after two successive years. We will receive entries for this event up to Monday, 11th inst. The Assyrians charged with peddling without a license were up in the police court this afternoon. E. C. Smith, deputy city treasurer, appeared for the prosecution. Two of the defendants pleaded guilty, and as it was their first offence and they were strangers in a strange land, they were only fined \$5 apiece, with two dollars added in each case. One was acquitted, the evidence being regarded by the court as insufficient to convict, and one case was remanded for hearing later on. The trials attracted the whole Assyrian colony, which numbered about twenty.

Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., had their usual Tuesday evening meeting in Temperance hall, Pandora street, when quite a number of visiting members from sister lodges were present. During the first night of the quarter the following officers were installed by Lodge Deputy Bro. G. Russel W. Sinclair, P. C. T.: R. Wilson, C. T.; L. Hall, V. T.; S. L. Townsend, S. I. T.; G. W. Maynard, S.; S. L. Welch, A. S.; T. W. Daybird, F. S.; E. J. Evers, T.; Bro. Price, M.; Bro. Nelson, D. M.; W. Scoville, G.; Bro. Clow, S.; S. L. Hall, organist; W. Cornack, C., and reporter for lodge.

CAPTURE OF WEI-HAI-WEI

Official Report of the Admiral Who Took the Port in the Fight

Chinese Peace Envoy's Full Power to Negotiate With Japan

London, Feb. 9.—A British dispatch says: "Official—The admiral says the Japanese or men during the night of Hai-Wei on Feb. 5th, by the enemy struck and lost, killing all on board, after having exploded against a Chinese ship, and destruction and was practiced the enemy's fire. A tenant and two men were killed."

Shanghai, Feb. 3.—The envoys have applied for return to China, but the order has been refused. The document clothing the power can reach them. The United States consular, in a report confirmed Press dispatch about the several members of the consular staff by Chinese sailors. The Chinese have taken their own trouble arose from wounding of a Chinese, the Concord's apprentice's matter was settled by the small staff to the wounded sailor. Chief dispatch says: "Two forts are still making a Washington, Feb. 9.—penter in a cable to the ment dated Chin Kiang. The Japanese have taken Wei-Hai-Wei. Three Chinese feet were sunk in torpedoes. The Chinese 'the purpose of going to the distressed people beyond the side the harbor, even if day the Japanese fleet of the Lanlungto forts, who sorously. The bombardment. The first Japanese the flagship, diving against the eastern side while the second division Selph. The Chinese fleet the assistance of the fort. Yuen used her gun with success. The Chinese fired a small ship well. There were many Chinese gunboats also assisted badly damaged. The fought desperately until firing ceased on both sides. The Chinese were wounded evening indicated were disabled. The Chinese killed, or that ammunition score. The sea was rough and fearing that the Chinese seek shelter, remaining exits from the harbor. During the night the Japanese from a prisoner who had ashore that Admiral Ting naval commander, had of the various ships side the harbor, even if should be captured, and destroy the Japanese fleet shore was ordered to remain until the last, under pain death. The bombardment ed to the harbor, even if should be captured. The first from continued weakly. The Chinese were so repeatedly "that their guns were hampered and less spirit."

Towards the close of great battleships Ting Yuen were disabled. The settled down and found shouts of the Japanese sea. The other Chinese distress.

The Central News corporation Arthur confirms the reports by that agency of Li Kung Tao and the Chinese warships. He ing the attack upon the ready a Chinese shell of the Japanese cruiser and wounding eight men of Chinese vessels already the correspondent adds not give their names.

Admiral Itō is to be issued from the harbor. From Wei-Hai-Wei, under February 7. "While we the forts the enemy's from the harbor. The Chinese chased them, and them, either by sinking them ashore. Captain reports that in passing they a heavy cannonading of the harbor, into which shells could be seen dropped by the retreating Chinese, French, German, and American warships were.

The same correspondent reports mention cannot be made of the direction of Ting Yuen, who are drilling ready for the advance scouts frequently approach

of China's intentions, the standing of the de planned to Mr. Foster their rank might be in America or Europe.

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