

SHORT LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Column Daily.

The Victoria Rugby football team announce a smoking concert to be held at the Clarence on Saturday evening.

Mr. Drury, who made a photographic survey of the Kootenay country, is preparing his report.

Rev. W. D. Barber will lecture in St. John's school room during the second week of January, not to-morrow evening as stated.

The Young Men's Institute last night held a very interesting debate on "How to best advertise Victoria." Many good ideas were offered.

Rooms 3 and 4, market hall, will be the polling places for school trustees this year. Ald. McKillop will move this in council, and it is not expected that there will be opposition.

Four Chinese overcrowding cases will be tried in the police court some time this week. Health Inspector Murray has been on the hunt for several nights for Chinese overcrowders.

Under her new time card the City of Kingston reduces the time between Victoria and Portland seven hours. Passengers leaving this city at 7.30 in the morning reach Portland at 9.45 p.m. the same day.

Thomas Hooper's plans for the A.O. U.W. building have been accepted by the building committee. The plans call for a two story brick building with a stone front on the lot adjoining the steam laundry on Yates street.

H. M. S. Sattelle has been commissioned for the "Falcon" station to relieve the Garnet. The Sattelle is a sister ship to the Hyacinthe. She was on this station some time ago. She has received a thorough overhauling in England.

Fourteen promising young violinists, members of the best families in Vancouver, have formed themselves into an orchestra there under the leadership of F. Victor Austin, their teacher. They will give their first monthly recital on the 28th inst. They are said to play with much ability.

The promenade concert held by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. last evening was well patronized. The fair was continued to-day, a lunch being served from 12 till 2, and the sale of work being continued in the afternoon.

This evening the "mystery" entertainment takes place.

Ald. Harris is of the opinion that a man should have a vote at the civic elections whether he has paid his taxes or not. The municipal act at present debarbs delinquent Ald. Harris will move at the next meeting of the council to amend the act. He will introduce a resolution asking the city's representatives to take action in the legislative assembly.

The half yearly examinations of the public schools will be held as follows, commencing on the 19th inst: Rock Bay and Victoria West schools Tuesday; James Bay and Girls' Central schools Wednesday; Hillside and Boys' Central schools Thursday; Spring Ridge and High schools on Friday. The municipal school examinations will be held in the morning.

In the police court Emily Peterson, Hyatt, klotchman, and Big Hat, were each fined \$5 and costs for being drunk. Edward Robertson, white, had a bottle of whiskey in his pocket in the Indian reserve, fined \$5. Alternative, two months. Ah Loy, theft of wood from the E. & N. railway, three months at hard labor. Lay has been in jail, on and off, for the past several years.

Fifty men are at work on the new marine railway at Esquimalt. Temporary ways have been built, on which are being constructed the sections of the railway that are to be placed under water. The first section will be launched in a few days. In the meanwhile men are at work making a bed for the railway and clearing the channel leading to it. A lot of rock has to be blasted.

New Westminster has long been noted for its many talented musicians. The old Choral Union that accomplished so much excellent work under the baton of Bishop Sillitoe has been reorganized for operative work, and is called the New Westminster Operative Society, and is now teaching Gilbert & Sullivan's masterpieces.

"H. M. S. Pinafore" with a vim that promises great results. At the fourth rehearsal they went through the piece without a blunder or a hitch. There was a chorus of 60 or 70 and an orchestra of 27 pieces. F. Victor Austin is conductor of the society, and is delighted with the progress made.

The committee appointed by the meeting held in the board of trade rooms to draft a platform for the ensuing civic elections held their second meeting yesterday afternoon. They spent a great deal of time arranging a platform, which is now about completed. It deals with almost every subject of interest to the ratepayers, including sewers, water, streets, fire, light and funerals. One of the clauses, it is understood, stipulates that the city by-laws be carried out and not allowed to become dead letters. The committee will hold another meeting to ratify the platform, after which it will be presented to the ratepayers. After it has been accepted by those present at the meeting, candidates, pledged to the platform, will be chosen.

Burglars broke into Saunders' restaurant, 171 Government street, last night or early this morning. They opened the back door with skeleton keys, and left it standing wide open when they departed. A case of coal oil, 15 or 20 dozen of fresh eggs, a number of beef steaks, several pounds of butter, half a dozen buckets, and the clothing of the Chinese cook comprised the booty. Mr. Saunders sleeps in a room above the restaurant and heard nothing. A small terrier in the restaurant failed to make noise enough to awaken any one. This is the second time Mr. Saunders has been favored with a visit from the Victoria

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Thomas Lewis, Edward Humphreys and John Lawson were this morning committed to stand trial by Magistrate Macrae. They were convicted on the double charge of stealing a quantity of household goods from the house of Mr. Carvo on the Burnside road, and from the house of John Goldridge. Most of the booty was produced in court. They are suspected of other robberies.

The steamer City of Topeka arrived at Seattle yesterday from Alaska. The weather in Juneau and Sitka has been rather cold, between two and three degrees below zero. The Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining company of Douglas Island, Alaska, paid a quarterly dividend of \$712 cents a share, or \$75,000 in October. There was an explosion at the mine a short time ago, but little damage was done.

The Victoria Choral Society, recently organized, has elected Mr. W. E. Beck conductor. A committee was appointed to select music and further the interests of the society generally. The committee consists of Mrs. Harris, Miss Heathfield, Messrs. Greg, Jay, White, Buck and Day. The membership will be limited to 100, every one of whom must possess musical ability. The "Erl King's Daughter" will be presented early in January by the society.

The booths at the bazaar held yesterday by the Willing Workers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church were presided over by the following ladies: Ladies' Aid fancy table, Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Whitlaw; girls' fancy table, Misses May Johns, Pringle and James Webster; flower table, Misses S. Spring, Agnes Russell, Wolley and McFarland; candy table, Misses Annie Murray and F. Watson; fancy table No. 3, Misses Wynne and O'Connell. A concert was held in the evening.

A large audience listened to the concert in the Metropolitan church last night. The concert was under the management of W. E. Buck. A contralto solo and chorus by the choir, "Hark, Hark My Soul," in good style, and Mr. Wolf received an encore for his rendition of "The Elegie."

Another lot of iron and rails arrived by the mail for the Esquimalt marine railway.

Bark Primero will be ready to sail for London on Saturday with a cargo of salmon. The Candida will sail next week.

An Excellent Suggestion. A lady of Victoria who is always foremost in charitable work, has suggested to Chairman Hayward, of the school board, that before the schools close for the Xmas holidays pupils might be invited to do their own work by contributing pieces of food and clothing. The plan, which has worked successfully in other places is for each pupil to bring to the school, for each year of the scholar's age, one article. For instance, a girl or boy of six years of age could contribute six potatoes, or six apples, or six loaves of bread, or any six articles however small, which would be of use in helping the poor. From the thousand or more of the city there would thus be collected a large quantity of food which would be assorted and either turned over to the charitable institutions or be given direct to those who require assistance. Each individual contribution would be so stated in a list not to be missed by the giver, while the novelty of the plan would entice the co-operation of every pupil and ensure its success.

Chairman Hayward has expressed approval of the plan, and the school board in carrying it out, and already the teachers and scholars of James Bay school are moving in the matter. It is probable that the day before closing day will be selected and the list of contributions to this praiseworthy scheme, which has only to be properly explained to the children to be completely successful.

Fought With His Teeth. Montreal, Dec. 14.—Joseph Chaput is a man of cannibalistic tendencies who intoxicated. He entered the Windsor C. P. R. station last night in a hilarious condition, wanting a train for Albany. He would not train and Joseph still hovered around the station in a suspicious manner and refused to depart when ordered away by Constable Payne. The constable endeavored to arrest him. They ensued a hard tussle. Chaput fought with his teeth. He bit a piece of the finger of the constable, and when another man came to the assistance of the constable Chaput tore three buttons off his coat with his teeth. After a long and severe struggle, Chaput was thrown into a sleigh and taken to the police station.

Buffalo's Big Blaze. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The Arcade and Yexxa blocks were burned this morning. They were on Main street extending back to Washington. A number of occupants were injured. Among the places of business in the blocks were Robinson's Music theatre, Shea's concert hall and a number of business firms. Firemen on the buildings are missing and it is believed they have perished. The fire was caused by the explosion of natural gas under the boilers in the Arcade building. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

Found Dead in Bed. Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 14.—Vicar-General Michael McCabe, of the Providence Roman Catholic diocese, pastor of St. Charles church, Woonsocket, was found dead in his bed this morning. He was in the street last evening apparently in good health. Heart disease was probably the cause. He was 67.

Overdue Atlantic Liners. Halifax, Dec. 14.—The Donaldson line steamer Tritonia from Glasgow, the Beaver liner Lake Winnipeg, from Liverpool, and the Franco-Canadian line steamer Atava from Quebec, are several days overdue at this port. The Allan line steamer Corean, and the Canadian-Newfoundland steamer Unud, bound for St. Johns, Nfld., and Halifax, are respectively twelve and fourteen days out from Liverpool, and are not yet reported at St. Johns.

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CONGRESS AND SENATE.

To-day's Business in Legislative Chambers of the United States.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 14.—It is understood the President's message to Hawaii will not be sent to congress to-day, but he held back until after the cabinet meeting to-morrow and the sailing of the Alameda from San Francisco.

A prominent member of the house committee on foreign affairs is authority for the statement that correspondence in the Hawaiian matter, called for by congress, will not be sent to the capitol to-day.

Without discussion the bill passed, which catches up with the bill setting aside the time after the second morning hour, beginning to-day, and continuing each day thereafter until concluded, for considering the bills admitting Arizona and New Mexico to statehood.

The house bill reporting the federal election law was reported back favorably and placed on the calendar. The senate joint resolution relieving the employees of the Record and pension division in the war department and the injured by the Ford theatre disaster from the operation of the law restricting the amount of sick leave with pay, passed. Also the house bill for two additional justices of the supreme court for the territory of Oklahoma (with amendments). The senate agreed to adjourn over from to-day until Monday.

The senate committee on judiciary discussed the Hornblower nomination to-day without action. It was adjourned until Monday.

Dockery and the joint committee will investigate the various executive departments in consequence of the bill to improve the methods of accounting in the post office department. This is the bill to change the money order system.

Senator Voorhies introduced a bill to-day for the coinage of silver dollars, the retirement of small denominations of gold and paper, and for other purposes. Referred to the committee on finance.

It directs the coinage into silver dollars of standard weight and fineness of the seignorage as directed under the act of February, 1878, and July, 1890. The silver dollars are to be full legal tender, and not less than 2,000,000 a month are to be coined and turned into the treasury. When all the seignorage or profit has been coined the secretary of the treasury shall purchase silver bullion in amounts of not less than \$2,000,000 a month. All paper circulating notes of the government and national banks of less denomination shall be substituted. The \$250 and \$5 gold pieces shall also be withdrawn from circulation, and a commission of five is to be appointed to hold an international conference with a view to secure an international fixed relative value between gold and silver.

Commissioner Lyman of the civil service has resigned as president of the commission but not as commissioner. He has been succeeded as president by Commissioner Proctor.

Comptroller Eckles to-day appointed Edgar M. Westcott of Lincoln, Neb., receiver of the Citizens' National Bank of Grand Island, Neb.

Bills were passed granting patents to settlers in Arkansas and for the relief of those having made settlement in Oregon and Washington under the Donation act of 1850.

RASCALITY UNMASKED.

Interesting Disclosures Made at the Opium Smuggling Trials.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 14.—The Chinese conspiracy cases were resumed at 10 a. m. with Blum in the stand. His testimony was to the effect that Chinese certificates furnished him by Bannan were in lots varying from one to 15 or 20, as he called for them, all bearing Bannan's signature and signed by him. There were three different forms, some printed and some typewritten. Blum would then affix photographs of the Chinese and signatures of witnesses.

Blum was withdrawn from the witness box to allow F. L. Hocking, assistant postmaster of Tacoma, who wished to return home, to give evidence. Mr. Hocking testified that C. J. Mulkey rented a postoffice box at Tacoma under an assumed name, box No. 1333. This is the box number that Blum testified yesterday was used by him in addressing, under an assumed name, letters to C. J. Mulkey.

Blum was again placed on the stand. He had several conversations with James Lotan concerning the Chinese question. The first conversation was held on the street, the second in Lotan's private office. At this interview Lotan said his financial condition was not very strong, but he expected soon to be appointed collector of customs, that he did not expect to hold office very long, and wanted to make all he could out of it. Blum explained to Lotan the modus operandi of his proposed plan for the landing of Chinese. Lotan wanted \$50 for each Chinaman landed, but said he could not afford to be mixed up directly in the matter, and at Blum's suggestion the plan was agreed upon whereby Cardine was to be appointed second deputy and transactions were to be carried on through him. When a lot of Chinamen were landed, W. L. Boise would be paid Lotan's share of the money collected. Boise was to be on hand at the arrival of each steamer and go over the lists.

'Erisco's Fair. San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Work is being rushed at the park in anticipation of more bad weather. But it is not likely that storms will delay the work much between this and the opening. The workmen on nearly all the buildings have been included so that work can be pushed. Even should it rain before the end of next week the work of putting the exhibits in place will be under way, and it will take a short time to place them.

The foremen are the first on the ground and many of their exhibits have arrived from Chicago and only await the completion of the buildings to be put in place.

The concessionaires of the Chinese building are already getting the material for the bazaars they will open. Most of it has already been imported and can be seen in the stores of Chinatown. The concessionaires are secretly about their plans for bringing talent in to the fair, but they will take advantage of all the points in their favor against the exclusion act. The collector is to have guarantee of the safe return of all the Chinese building is nearly complete, and will be ready by the first proximo. Arrangements for electric lighting in the Exposition buildings, and in and about the Exposition grounds are being pushed rapidly forward, and there is every reason to believe that this feature will be ready in time for the opening. Poles for the 12 arc lights which are to illuminate the grand central plaza have already been brought to the grounds and plans for the exterior illumination of the mechanical arts' building with incandescent lights has been completed, and the workmen are doing similar work on the horticultural and agricultural buildings. The wiring of the administration building has been completed and when this has been done to the manufacturers' and liberal arts' buildings the entire main group will have been finished in this particular. Mr. Dorr, who represents the general electric company at the exposition, and who is to have entire charge of the electric foundation, has arrived in the city and will proceed at once with the installation of the fountain and the preparations of its elaborate and intricate settings.

THE FRENCH ANARCHISTS.

Ploidy of Them Left to Carry Forward the Work.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The representative of the United Press called at the Sante prison to-day to inquire as to the condition of Auguste Vaillant, the anarchist who threw the bomb into the chamber of deputies on Saturday. The would-be assassin has lost much of his former air of bravado and his spirits are depressed. His actions and conversation are in marked contrast to his actions and bragadoes after his arrest.

A semi-official estimate of the danger of anarchists in Paris and its suburbs places the number at 600.

The police say Vaillant has made the following additional confession: "I waited for more than an hour before throwing the bomb in the hope that a favorable chance would present itself to cast it in the spot I had picked out. At length, thinking an opportune time had arrived, I arose from my seat in the gallery and hurled the bomb, aiming it at President Dupuy's table. As I did so a woman who was seated in front of me resented my leaning over and pushed me backward. I was thus prevented from throwing the bomb exactly as I intended. I did not intend to kill any one." Vaillant calmly replied, "but only to wound 150 or 200 deputies. I was especially anxious that Casimir-Perrier should be among those injured by the explosion." Madam Gerard, landlady of the Hotel de l'Union, says that when Vaillant arrived at her house he brought with him only a small travelling bag.

It transpired to-night that this morning the police found this placard on the wall: "There are comrades left who are quite strong enough to avenge you if the bourgeois dare to take your head."

London, Dec. 12.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News says that Vaillant concealed for some time a leg wound caused by a nail from the bomb. The wound is said to have become so inflamed that a capital operation must be performed in case Vaillant is to be kept alive for trial. The correspondent also says: "All statements that Vaillant was in the free gallery of the chamber of deputies are wrong. He was actually in the adjoining gallery, for which from the socialists, M. Pichon, who is a director of the Pas de Calais mines, asked: "Are you accusing me?" This was the signal for an uproar, and the noise continued until M. Dupuy, president of the chamber, interposed, saying: "There are no accused here; all are deputies."

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WM. DAIRY, Manager.

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London, Dec. 16.—British merchant ships are towed higher up in Rio in view of bombardment is abortive attempt made to capture Fort. The Chilean steamer reported a total of the province of Rio de Janeiro. The Gall, has gone to the name of whom were

Whitting's Chi

San Francisco, Dec. 14. Whitting, a British merchant ship, is no official record of any having been operated by British Pacific railway.

The Olympia

San Francisco, Dec. 14. The steamer Olympia, owned by Herbert C. S. Angus, Madame Taylor, Mrs. F. Dixon, Mrs. J. Stevens.

The Government

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—cabinet yesterday it open any more cons next session of White, M. P., Cardy was told he would be lecturer after next session. Opening Card and his minist to McCarthy. It leave Dr. Schultz li Manitoba, as at the als would be sure to eney of Lisgar if gign, and the govern decided to promise after next session. If their minds he will govern.

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