

BRIEF LOCALS

Blessings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily. The contractors for the construction of the Kaslo & Slokan railway began grading on Wednesday last. It is the intention to push the work as rapidly as possible and have the railway open for traffic by September 1st next.

A Chinaman was run over by an electric car on Douglas street on Saturday night while jumping from the platform. His feet were badly crushed. Dr. McKeechne attended him. The celestial will soon recover and the use of his limbs will be but little impaired.

Captain Hamilton, formerly connected with Dr. Barnardo's home, intends coming to Victoria to locate. He spent several months here a few years ago and at that time decided that he would come here to reside permanently as soon as he could make arrangements.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Terry took place yesterday at 2 p.m., from the late residence, 100 North Pembroke street. It. Rev. Bishop Criddle officiated at the Reformed Episcopal church and the cemetery. The pallbearers were: J. Malcolm, J. Jenkins, E. Griffin, B. Wills, C. Cripps and W. Heatherdale.

In Saturday's report of the proceedings of the Synod of Nanaimo in connection with the appeal of Dr. Garrow, it was stated that the decision was non-committal. It appears that the Synod censured both the Presbytery and the Session of the First Church of Victoria for mismanagement. Certain legal points were referred by the Synod to the General Assembly, in which action Dr. Garrow acquiesced.

Having lived in the west few men care to remain long in the east. Rev. Silcox, of Montreal, who lived many years in Winnipeg and other western cities, is about to remove to Chicago and in a farewell talk to his congregation, expressed the feeling in this way: "You can take a prairie chicken," he said, "and bring him up in a farm yard, but at the first opportunity you will see it making its way back to the wide, free, open prairie."

At 10 o'clock to-day, in the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. Dr. Campbell united in marriage Mr. R. Marwick, head miller of Brockman & Keo's mill, and Miss J. Johnston, daughter of J. and Johnston, of Musselburgh, Scotland, and sister-in-law to George Bishop, of this city. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Butler Wilson, and the bridesmaid was Miss Mary Collins. The bride and bridesmaid were beautifully dressed and looked their best as they walked up the aisle to the hymenal altar carrying magnificent bouquets of choice flowers. Friends extended congratulations at the conclusion of the ceremony. As the happy couple retired the organ pealed out the Wedding March, while a shower of rice greeted a happy life for the bride and bridegroom. Refreshments were served at the residence of Mr. Bishop, after which Mr. and Mrs. Marwick went to their own home on Niagara street.

From Tuesday's Daily. Chas. E. Bradford, who was convicted of this morning and sentenced to four months, will probably have another charge to answer when the Royal Arthur arrives in port. He was a bandsman on that ship, leaving before his discharge arrived from England, and taking with him a piccolo belonging to the band.

The Victoria & Sidney Railway Company will probably put the steamer Mary Hare on the route between Sidney and the islands on Saturday. She will leave Sidney upon the arrival of the morning train from Victoria and return in time to catch the evening train. This will be a great convenience to settlers on the islands, who heretofore have had to be away from home for several days when they wished to visit the city.

George, a Saanich Indian, was fined \$5 by Police Magistrate Macrae for being drunk. He paid the fine without a murmur. Ah Wing, who supplied the liquor to George, was fined \$100 or in default three months in jail with hard labor. He considered the matter from a business standpoint, and, deciding that he could not earn \$100 in three months, agreed to live at the expense of the people during that time.

Charles E. Bradford, arrested yesterday for stealing a gold watch, the property of a Broughton street woman, was found guilty this morning and was sentenced to four months. He pleaded that he found the watch, but the magistrate pointed out that even if that was true, he had no right to pawn it, knowing it to have been stolen. Bradford is a well-dressed and evidently well-educated

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man. He was formerly a bandmaster in England.

A very pleasant surprise party took possession of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bullen, Herald street, last evening, where about thirty of their old friends collected to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of their wedding day. The evening passed pleasantly in the review of early days, the party leaving with them, as a token of respect, a beautiful dinner set and hoping their useful lives might be spared to celebrate the golden anniversary of their wedding.

The Norwegian steamship Solveig is the largest merchantman that has ever been in Esquimaux dock. She is an immense vessel, standing high above the masts of the other ships. Yesterday a new sides of the dock. Yesterday the old one having been broken on the trip across the Pacific. She is now being painted and will probably leave the dock to-morrow, going to Port Blakely to load lumber for South Africa. She will take on coal at one of the Island colonies.

The Sitka Alaskan contains the following account of the wreck of the schooner Winnifred, formerly of Victoria, and the killing of her skipper, Captain Jensen: "Captain Jensen, one of our well-known townsmen, left this port late last fall with his schooner Winnifred on a prospecting tour to Lituya bay, accompanied by Mr. Hovson. They reached Lituya bay all right and went to work on the placers in that region. About Christmas a violent storm dashed their schooner Winnifred to pieces on the rocks near their camp. A few weeks after the wreck Mr. Jensen went up the mountain in search of game; he shot and severely wounded a mountain goat, and while hotly pursuing the wounded animal fell headlong over a steep precipice hundreds of feet, and was so severely bruised that he only survived a couple of days after the fall. He has a little property in our town, but whether he has any relatives in this country or not we have been unable to ascertain."

From Wednesday's Daily. The ship Hawaiian Islands cast anchor in Esquimaux harbor early this morning. She is seventeen days from Honolulu in ballast and is waiting orders here. Her skipper is Capt. Kuster.

John H. Plump and Mrs. Stevens were married last night by the Rev. Father Nicolayze at the Bishop's palace. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present.

William Wright, weighmaster at the Union mines, Comox, is at the Jubilee hospital, having been seriously injured a short time ago. He fell from a trestle twenty feet high, striking his back on one of the crossbeams. He is being cared for by members of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P., of which orders he is a member.

The Boscowitz tied up at her wharf at 11 last night. She experienced rough weather on the downward trip and delayed thirty-six hours. Her cargo was very light. The passenger list included: Rev. Mr. Oseichout and wife, of Naas; Rev. Mr. Beavis, wife and daughter, of Bella Bella; Rev. G. H. Raley, of Kelamat; Rev. J. C. Spencer, Upper Skeena; Miss Fitzgerald, J. Flewin, T. Dwyer, and the Calcutta. She is reported lying on the Skeena. The schooner Crystal, of Tacoma, was passed at Bella Bella.

George Brown, who arrived from Alberni yesterday, reports that the claim on Mineral creek continues to improve as the work progresses. Arrangements have already been made by three companies to work hydraulic claims on China creek this summer, and other companies may follow their example. The people of Alberni are very much interested in the proposed extension of the E. & N. railway and will endeavor to have the road run through their district. Mr. Brown returns to Alberni by the Thistle.

The Columbian of the 6th says J. C. Calbreath, the leading merchant of Cassiar district, was up country last week buying pack horses, and his newly purchased train of 26 animals came in last night in charge of John Seeley, of Kamloops. They will go north by the first steamer from Victoria. This is the second train purchased in the upper country within two weeks for Cassiar. Mr. Seeley says horses are plentiful and can be bought cheap.

The Sitka Alaskan of April 29th says: "The schooner Maud S. entered Yakutat April 15th with about 250 seal skins. Capt McKiel said that in Rose harbor, Queen Charlotte island, the Indians had a large sign bearing the name 'Monserrat', nailed on one of their houses, and in the house was found a smaller sign bearing the name 'Kenewa'. The captain further stated that while at Cross Sound he found some pieces of finished woodwork, evidently belonging to some wrecked vessel." (This is undoubtedly parts of the wrecks of the steamers Monserrat and Kenewa.)

From Thursday's Daily. A dispatch going the rounds of the American press says the treasury department has refused to sell the government and coast Geodetic survey steamer Hassler to Capt. John Irving, of this city, because he is not an American citizen. Capt. Irving put in a tender for \$5250 for the steamer.

The following are the marks of those pupils in the three upper classes of Cedar Hill school who made an average of 50 per cent. or upwards in their respective classes: Maggie Glendinning, 50.8; Archie MacRae, 74.7; Harry Garley, 59.8; Julia Glendinning, 59.5; Mabel Miller, 61.9; Leonard Newcomb, 53.4; Clara Merriman, 53.1; Archie Smith, 52.7; Ethel Irwin, 50.

Dr. A. A. Sutherland, Cloverdale, and Dr. C. J. Bowes, of Rossland, Kootenay, have successfully passed the medical examination before the provincial examiners and are now licensed to practice in

the province. One candidate failed. The provincial medical men last night elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Dr. J. M. Lefevre; Vice-President, Dr. John Duncan; Registrar, Dr. Milne; Treasurer, Dr. McGuigan.

The owner of several schooners expressed the opinion this morning that the sealing business for those schooners that remain on the coast and afterwards go to Behring Sea will be a failure. The coast catch has of long been a failure, and it is feared the Behring Sea catch will be as bad. Last year the schooners that entered the sea had everything in their favor. The seals had not been disturbed for several years, and the weather during September was exceptionally good. Besides, there will be twice as many schooners in the sea this year, a number of the schooners on the Asiatic coast being ordered to enter the sea when the season opens.

SMALL DEBTS COURT. To be Held Every Wednesday Morning by Magistrate Macrae.

Magistrate Macrae has made arrangements to hold a session of the small debts court every Wednesday morning at 11 at the provincial police court, Bastion street. This court was provided for by an act of the last session of the legislature, which gives the magistrate the same powers as a county court judge in all cases involving \$100 or less. The small debts act provides for a cheaper and more expeditious process of collecting debts. The scale of fees will be less than in the county court, and the process will not have to wait so long after the suits to have their cases decided. Although regular sessions of the court will be held once a week, the magistrate will sit whenever it can be shown that it is urgent that a case should be decided. This will prevent the delay of cases from leaving town without paying their debts, for as soon as a creditor hears that a man who owes him intends to leave town he can get a summons for the small debts court and prevent him from going.

Summons for the regular Wednesday sessions of the court will be issued up to Saturday at 1 o'clock by Police Clerk Page at the city hall, for the following Wednesday. This will give the defendants several days to prepare their cases. From the many inquiries made, there is no doubt but that the court will be a success.

GLAD TIDINGS OVERDUE.

Northern Missionary Steamer Several Days Late.

The little missionary steamer Glad Tidings is several days overdue from the north, and considerable uneasiness is being felt for her. She passed Bella Bella a week ago to-day, or three days ahead of her regular time. The passengers here on Tuesday evening, The Boowitiz had some rough weather between here and Bella Bella, but it is not thought that this is the cause of delay for the Glad Tidings. It is surmised that her crew members broke down before she reached Queen Charlotte Sound and that she put into one of the bays for repairs. Had she crossed the Sound word would have been sent to Victoria, or at least to Comox. She had not been heard from at the latter place up to this afternoon, development having been received by the Times at 3 o'clock.

Those aboard the little steamer are: Rev. Thomas Crosby, Rev. D. Jennings, Rev. W. H. Pierce and E. Nicholas and wife, who were coming down to attend the Methodist conference, and Captain Oliver and several Indians. It is expected that the Danube, due this evening from the north, will have some word of her and most likely bring her passengers down.

FROM THE MONTSERRAT.

Medicine Chest from the Missing Collier Found Far North.

News has just been received here of the finding on the beach of a small island off the Alaskan coast of the medicine chest of the wrecked collier Monserrat. This is the only portion of the collier that has been seen since she passed down the Straits of Fuca on the morning of December 7th, 1894, with a cargo of coal from Nanaimo for San Francisco. She was accompanied by the collier Keeweenaw, which also has never been heard of since. The day that the steamers left a terrible storm sprang up, which increased to a hurricane during the night. Residents on the west coast of the island said at the time that it would have been impossible for a vessel to live in such weather. They were certainly right, for there is now no doubt but that both colliers were headed for the open sea to prevent them from being dashed to pieces on the rocks, and met just as but if not a worse fate by being enveloped in the terrible sea that was running. The Monserrat was never seen after she dropped her pilot here, but the Keeweenaw was seen heading into the hurricane by Captain Miller of the bark Courtenay Ford.

The Monserrat's medicine chest was found on February 28th, nearly three months after the vessel left here, by a man who was going to Calbreath's cove on Etolin island. It was on the beach of a small island in latitude 56.2 north and longitude 132.27 west. The lid of the chest was gone but the drawer remained intact. On a brass plate on the chest was inscribed: "M. T. P., Gulf of California, S.S. Monserrat. Trehear and Co., London, Cardiff and Antwerp."

The SS. Warrimoo, from Victoria, B. C., arrived, all well, at Sydney this afternoon.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Largest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

NO CREDENCE IN THE STORY

That Another Schooner Shared the Fate of the Walter A. Earle Easter Sunday.

The Maude Reports More Canoes Missing—A Seaman Washed Overboard.

"I do not think that any other schooner has shared the fate of the Walter Earle." The speaker was Capt. Roberts, of the Maude, which arrived in port early this morning from the west coast. The captain has seen many of the sealers and has had long talks with them. "There are rumors in circulation up there. Somehow or other the report got around that the schooner Victoria was missing, but news was brought that the Victoria had been sighted and the rumor collapsed. The opinion of the second wreck, I believe, is based upon the fact that a quantity of wreckage was found a considerable distance from where the Earle was wrecked. The reports are from Indians, and as there are several schooners on the coast now and none have confirmed the report, it is not believed there is anything in it. But I am sorry to say there is no doubt of the fate of the Earle."

The Sapphire and the Triumph are at Clayquot, or rather the Sapphire is there, for the Triumph was towed out yesterday morning by the Maude, and is now making her way up the straits. The schooners Annie C. Moore, Walter L. Rich and Oscar and Hattie are at Abouset and the Maude S. at Friendly Cove. The latest particulars of the catch are: Maud S., 286; Ainoka, 200; Enterprise, 30; Otto, 250; Saucy Lass, 250; Annie C. Moore, 105; Walter L. Rich, 146; Oscar and Hattie, 147; Triumph, 350; Sapphire, 192. The Maud S. spoke the Ainoka on April 7 and the Enterprise, Otto and Saucy Lass on April 23 and 24.

The report is brought down that the Otto lost a boat and two canoes with Indian crews. They left the schooner a month ago, and have not been seen since. The Fawn lost two Indian canoes. One turned up at the mouth of the straits, and were brought down to Victoria by the City of Topeka.

In a south-easter last Monday the Maud S. lost her main boom and sustained other minor damages. The report of Capt. Lanley, of the Thistle, that the Sapphire had lost two white men and an Indian is confirmed. It is thought that they were drowned during rough weather. The names of the white men are not known, but the name of the Indian is Ahouset Peter. The Triumph has sustained damage to her iron work, and her jibboom was broken and a seaman washed overboard during a storm. Here, again, no name has been given. The schooner Favorite, which was alongside the Earle in the Easter Sunday storm when that sealer went down, has not yet reached the coast, but she is expected shortly, the Annie C. Moore having sighted her a few days before arrival at Abouset. It is not known which schooners will come on to Victoria. There are several beating up the straits and they may be expected here by sundown.

While the schooners have met with ill luck, having a small catch and losing several of the crew and the canoes, the Indians are reported doing first class in coast sealing. An enterprising aboriginal two days ago put out from Abouset and, in a few hours, returned with fourteen skins.

The Maude had a pleasant trip with the exception of the last few days, when she had heavy adverse winds. She had a cargo of oil, a few seal skins caught on board, and a small quantity of furs. Ten passengers were on board.

NEWS OF THE INTERIOR.

The Kaslo and Slokan Railway Under Way.

Nelson Tribune. There is a rumor that the Great Northern is cutting passenger rates from Seattle to points on Kootenay Lake. There will yet be a great struggle for the business of the Kootenay, and the greater the struggle the better it will be for the mine owners and business men.

It is said that the suit between Peter Larsen & Co. and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway company, which involved over \$300,000, has been amicably adjusted. The Manhattan Trust company of New York, which holds a mortgage on the road, has agreed to pay the claim of Larsen, payments to be made in installments covering a period of three years.

The Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway has been in operation going on two years, and during that time, probably, not more than a dozen trains have arrived at Nelson on time. About ten days ago the pay car came over the road for the first time, and since then every train has reached Nelson on time. The work of grading the Kaslo and Slokan railway was begun on Wednesday morning. It was done very quietly. There was no fuss, and ceremony was conspicuous by its absence. A few graders had come in and the contractors

were desirous that they should lose as little time as possible. Hence the work was got in readiness and the men put to do it. No opportunity was afforded for justification. It was stated that James A. McDonald has been awarded the subcontract for the first two miles out of the city. The contractors have taken the store on Front street formerly occupied by Green brothers, and will use it for their supply depot. Mr. T. Guthrie and his local manager, Mr. T. Froillett, went out on Wednesday, and will visit the coast cities and other business centres, where a full stock of everything necessary for the prosecution of the work will be purchased. Mr. O'Brien, lately of New Westminster, will be in charge of the store. The engineering staff has gone into camp on the banks of the river west of the city. Several large tents have been pitched, and activity marks the site of the "white" city.

ALIBI FOR DURRANT

It Will Clear Him of the Williams Tragedy.

San Francisco, May 8.—Theodore Durrant's attorneys have discovered evidence which will enable them to establish an alibi for their client as far as the Williams murder case is concerned. A market street hair dresser states Minnie Williams was a regular patron. She says Miss Williams entered her shop at 8 o'clock on the night of her disappearance. She had her hair dressed, leaving the shop at 8:25. It is estimated that by taking the car immediately she could not have reached Emmanuel church until 8:50. Durrant's counsel argued that Durrant could not, therefore, have escorted her into church, outraged and murdered her, and then walked to Dr. Vogel's, where he arrived at 9:15.

ANNEXING OUR RAILWAYS.

Vanderbilts After Canadian Traffic—Proposed Amalgamation.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 8.—The Evening News says to-day, with an assumption of authority for the statement that there is little or no doubt of the successful issue for the amalgamation of the interests of the Canada Southern road and the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo railway. The effect of the arrangement will be to identify the latter enterprise with the interests of the Vanderbilt combine. The objective point of the Vanderbilts is said to be Toronto, and an opening to the traffic of western Ontario. The consummation of the deal will complete a system which embraces all the leading eastern American and Canadian cities and give direct connection with the big cities of the west. The Adirondack road, connecting with the Central at Hooker, already runs through Ottawa and Montreal. The Canada Southern, though it has ceased to exist in the public mind, is still legally an enterprise separate and distinct from the Michigan Central, which operates it. It is leased by the Vanderbilts for 99 years. It is understood that an endeavor will be made through legislation to amalgamate the charters of the Canada Southern and the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo.

THE LOSS CONFIRMED

Of the Schooner C. D. White, Wrecked on Kodiak Island.

Port Townsend, Wash., May 8.—Advices from Kodiak, Alaska, by the steamer City of Topeka, confirms the report that the schooner C. D. White of San Francisco was wrecked in a gale and snow storm on Kodiak Island, Behring Sea, April 22. One letter says 11 lives were lost. Another places the loss at 17. Captain Isaacson, after the vessel struck the rocks, drifted ashore on a piece of wreckage, but died an hour afterwards from exposure.

PRISON OF A TRAITOR.

He du Diable, Where Captain Dreyfus Is Confined.

Information has reached Paris with regard to the arrival of Dreyfus, the ex-captain of the French army, who was convicted of treason, at the Ile du Diable, off French Guiana, says the New York Herald.

There was considerable difficulty in landing the prisoner, owing to the reefs which surround the island to a distance of some 200 yards from the shore. The boat by which Dreyfus and the governor of the penitentiary landed was nearly capsized by a wave about twenty yards from the beach. On being handed over to the governor of the ship, the Vide de St. Nazaire, Dreyfus again protested his innocence.

"I will submit," he said, "to all the exigencies of discipline, and you will have no prisoner more submissive than I. I will await with patience until the affair has been cleared up and my innocence recognized."

Dreyfus receives from the authorities a soldier's rations without wine. He can go out from 6 in the morning until 6 in the evening within a space of 150 metres, the limits of which are marked by posts. If he goes outside these limits the guardians have orders to use their guns. The surroundings of the cabin occupied by Dreyfus for a radius of 500 metres have been cleared of brushwood, so as to render impossible any attempt to escape or rescue. There is, besides, on the beach a perpetual surf, which renders all approach to the island extremely difficult.



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EXCITEMENT

Anti-Socialists Catholics

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Berlin, May 11.—The Reichstag today refused to further discuss its amendments to the entire bill, and was rejected.

Through the rejection of the Reichstag bill, which had followed yesterday, and although emasculated, the bill in the other sections along for a time, as not intend to withdraw a promised further amendment, therefore administered to the was a relief to all.

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