

BRIEF LOCALS.
Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily.
—A dispatch from Kaslo says: A snow slide at the Noble Five mine swept away seven horses and two men. One of the men was taken out alive, but James Willis, of Kaslo, was dead when taken out.

—Ald. Bragg and Williams visited Beaver lake dam to-day. They say they found the bottom of the filter bed, that was cemented last fall, defective and liable to break up at any time, the cement work being defective.

—A meeting of the Teachers' association was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this afternoon. A paper was read by Miss Agnes Deans Cameron. An interesting discussion followed. A quantity of routine business was gone through with.

—The revised list of dentists authorized to practice in the province was published in the Gazette yesterday. Of the total, which is 31, Victoria claims 14, Vancouver 8, New Westminster 3, Nanaimo 2, and Kamloops, Vernon, Kaslo and Barkerville one each.

—Miss Goward desires to return thanks to all who sent contributions of literature for the school. In response to the appeal 137 books, 642 periodicals and 710 magazines were contributed. Parcels were placed in all the outgoing schooners, and there are others awaiting the departure of the rest of the fleet. There will be a similar appeal next year.

—The dog fanciers of Victoria will probably form a dog club. A meeting with this object in view will be held next Monday. There is a large number of well bred dogs in Victoria, and now that the poultry and pet stock association has disbanded there is every reason for those interested in dogs to join themselves together in a club of this kind.

—Charles Tisdale was accidentally shot by George Digby, of Vancouver, on Wednesday afternoon, while out duck shooting at Lulu island. The men were trying to reach a flock of ducks by crawling through some brush, when Digby slipped and his gun went off, the whole charge of duck shot entering his companion's thigh, inflicting a wound which may prove fatal.

—One of the Assyrian peddler cases was up before Magistrate Macrae this morning for further evidence. The evidence was held by the court to be insufficient and the case was dismissed. An old Chinese peddler who paid his license was discharged. He had always been faithful in the payment of his license, but said when arrested that he was too poor to pay. The money was advanced by a friend.

—The ladies' committee of the P. O. home acknowledge the following donations in January: Daily Colonist, Colonist company; four dozen tins of salmon, Robert Ward & Co.; dripping, The Hall; sewing by the ladies of the Y. M. C. A.; clothing, Mrs. McCulloch; invitation to Reformed Episcopal Sunday school entertainment; milk (daily), Mr. Knowles; milk, Mrs. Ross; cakes, the King's Daughters and St. Andrew's Sunday school; two boxes apples, fruit growers' association; invitation to St. Andrew's Sunday school entertainment.

—W. K. Tulloch, proprietor of the Hotel Wilson, stood up in the police court this morning when the case in which he is charged with selling liquor in prohibited hours was called, and pleaded guilty. He explained, however, that he was only technically guilty, the liquor having been sold by the bartender against his express orders, but he was responsible as proprietor. Magistrate Macrae said in view of all the circumstances it would be only just to deal leniently with the defendant. He therefore imposed the minimum fine, \$20, with \$1 costs added.

—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital accede to the wish of the ladies and gentlemen who attended last evening's "at home" at the A. O. U. W. hall. There will be a number of similar affairs before the season closes. The hall was most comfortably filled and four very pleasant hours were spent dancing to excellent music provided by the Richardson orchestra. During the evening supper was served in the dining room which, like the hall, was very tastefully decorated. It was the unanimous opinion of all who attended, that the dance should be repeated and as there is no doubt of its success this will probably be done.

From Saturday's Daily.
—Several fine specimens of cereals have been donated by Mr. Adams, M. P. P., to the Board of Trade reading room. The specimens are from the Sunnyside farm, Cariboo.

—The rifle range at Goldstream is to be put in order. The riflemen will soon be at practice again. A committee of the rifle association consisting of Messrs. Williams, Gregory, McKill, Langley and Taylor was appointed to arrange the programme for the next prize meeting.

—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Liberal Association was held in the Philharmonic hall last evening. Hewitt Postock, William Templeman and Dr. G. L. Milne were elected representatives on the provincial executive committee, to be held in this city this evening. Final arrangements were made for the nominating convention to be held in Philharmonic hall on Friday the 15th instant.

—At a meeting of the school board held Friday afternoon a letter from Mr. Pope, superintendent of education, was read. The letter stated that the certificate of Neil Heath had been suspended for six months. E. H. Russell, B. A., of South Park school, was appointed to the vacancy at the salary of \$100 a month. Mr. Russell will at once enter upon his duties. The successor to Mr. Russell will

be appointed at the next regular meeting of the board Wednesday night.
—The Y. L. I. dance at Harmony Hall last night was well attended. In the prize distributions Miss Kate Bourke, a shamrock costume, and Miss Josephine Marboeuf, in a lamp-shade dress, were the lady prize winners, while Mr. F. Schell as a Black Hussar, and Mr. J. Dickenson, as a Phoenician cavalier, shared the honors. The judges were Ernest Wolff, A. Ward and J. Mellon. Very tasty refreshments were served by the ladies. The Bantley family furnished the music.

The regular meeting of the Teachers' Association was held yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. In the absence of President Paul, Miss E. G. Lawson occupied the chair. Miss A. D. Cameron read an interesting and instructive paper on "Literature in our Schools," and held that literature should be given more attention and thought than our present readers were entirely unsatisfied for the teaching of literature. J. N. Muir, B. A., gave a short talk on junior reading.

—The grippes, which is so dreaded not only for the seriousness of itself while running its course, but for its lasting effects in many cases, is again reported to be prevalent here. There are several persons in the city who are sure they have it, and as some of them had it before the evidence seems convincing. La grippes has appeared in New York, and the disease has claimed several victims, Ward McAllister, the great social lion being among the number. A wag who jests at death even says it will very likely be "good form" in New York to have it now.

—Triumph lodge, No. 16, I. O. G. T., held its weekly meeting in Blue ribbon hall, Esquimalt, on Thursday evening. Two candidates were initiated, after which the following officers for the ensuing quarter were installed: C. T. Mr. Moody; V. T. Miss Isabister; Secretary, Mr. Nobles; Financial Secretary, Mr. Kimming; Treasurer, Miss Whittier; Chaplain, Mr. Culpin; M. Mr. Staples; P. C. T. Mr. Phillips; G. Miss Atkins; Sentinel, Mr. Bound; Assistant Secretary, Miss Clark; D. M. Miss B. Muir. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the free concert in Pandora Street Temperance hall to-night.

—At the regular meeting of Victoria West lodge, No. 29, I. O. G. T., last Wednesday evening, the following officers were installed for the ensuing quarter by L. D. Semple: C. T. A. R. Baker; V. T. Mrs. A. R. Baker; Secretary, D. McDonald; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. R. Semple; Financial Secretary, J. Park; Treasurer, G. Okell; Marshall, N. Willard; Deputy Marshal, Miss G. Andrews; Chaplain, Mrs. W. Semple; Guard, D. Purman; Sentinel, Mr. Shor; P. C. T. A. W. Semple; Reporter, D. McDonald. This lodge meets every Wednesday evening at Semple's hall, on Craigflower road. The temperance drama entitled "The Social Glass," and "Victims of the Bottle," will shortly be presented by this lodge.

—The trim little sailing schooner Elsie, which was launched here recently under such auspicious circumstances, has almost before she got started on her search for the festive seal, met with an accident, says the Port Townsend Leader. Several days ago while on her way down the straits she encountered a heavy blow during which her mainsail fell to the deck bringing down her gaff with great force on the canvas and on the deck. On examination it was found that several had been damaged more or less seriously. The little schooner put into Port Angeles for repairs and then started for Neah Bay, where the crushed canvas will be either repaired or replaced by the Indians. The last report from her was that most of the crew had partially recovered from too much alcohol.

—The concert in the new Colquhoun hall on Carey road last evening was a splendid affair, and really great credit is due to those who took part in it. The singing and music were excellent, the wax works a first-class exhibition, and the farce of "The Mummies" was as well put on as could be done by professionals. The clown from a neighboring circus, the borrowed for the occasion, a regular assistant being sick, created great merriment. The only drawback to the affair was that the chime bells had only been finished a few minutes before opening, and there was no time left to put up the stoves. However, the concert will be long remembered. Many persons went from town, as the evening was so fine. It should be remembered that Colquhoun hall is not in Strawberry Vale, the Strawberry Vale folk having a nice new hall of their own. Nothing could better serve to illustrate how rapidly the outskirts of Victoria are building up than the number of new public halls being built.

—The case of James M. Morrison has developed a very peculiar phase. In his defence in the police court this morning it was absolutely proven that he could not have been at the place at the time the assault charged against him was committed, and the only conclusion to be reached was that it was a clear case of mistaken identity. The charge against him was therefore dismissed. No further evidence on the charge of exposure was forthcoming, and the case was adjourned until Tuesday. The police believe him to be guilty of the latter charges. The examination of Morrison as to his sanity is still in progress. Dr. Lang has completed his examination, but Dr. George Duncan is to have a further interview with the subject. In the police court this morning Mr. Lang swore that he believed the man was of unsound mind and at times not accountable for his actions, not possessing the power to tell right from wrong. His memory power was also described as being very feeble. The doctor said that he had applied the ordinary tests used

by physicians. It is quite probable that Morrison will be sent to the asylum, where with proper medical treatment his mental power can, it is believed, be restored.

—Moses Lenz has returned from Europe, where he went to make purchases for the well known dry goods firm of Lenz & Leiser. Mr. Lenz enjoyed his trip very much, and appears in good health. He says business in England is not so bad, but Germany is somewhat quiet.

—Commencing Sunday the Northern Pacific will start on a new schedule for passenger train service. The East bound train will leave Tacoma daily at 3 p.m. instead of at 11:45 p.m., and will shorten the time 16 hours to Chicago. This will be the quickest time of any line across the continent.

—H. C. Macaulay, who for five years has held a very important position with Wilson Bros., has resigned his post to engage in the commission business with Charles Spratt. The firm have the agency for the New Vancouver coal mined by the New Vancouver coal company, of Hartford, Conn., and also for a large local company. They have offices in the Adelphi building, and being popular young business men will undoubtedly do very well.

—H. Martin, of St. Paul, is the new general agent of the Great Northern of Victoria. Mr. Martin succeeds Mr. Weeks, and took charge to-day. J. H. Devlin, agent of the Northwestern Steamship company, and who has been acting as general traffic manager, and is well known in railway circles, will still be associated with the Great Northern as freight and passenger agent. Mr. Martin has lately been connected with the Alberta Railway and Coal company as general traffic manager, and is well known in railway circles. He is a genial gentleman, and will no doubt be popular in Victoria.

—Duncan Ross lectured on W. E. Gladstone before the Sir William Wallace Society last night. The public and the private life of this octogenarian statesman were fully gone into and many illustrations were given of his unflinching faith in the Deity, and his loftiness of purpose. Gladstone had always held dear by the mass of the English people, he was not regarded merely as a parliamentary head, but as one who had at heart the well-being of the British empire and of the British people. Rev. Mr. Macleod praised the manner in which Mr. Ross had dealt with the subject of the great commoner, and the were short speeches made by others present.

—It was rumored about the city this afternoon that a certain official, said to hold an interest in the contract from the government of which he is a servant, has been requested to either resign his post or give up the contract. It seems the logical thing, and therefore seems the imprint of truth. The throwing up of the contract will not add publicity to the muddle in which the contract in question is involved. Some official announcement on the point in question may be looked for in a few days either in the affirmative or in the nature of a disclaimer. Every day seems to bring fresh troubles to the government in question. In fact the very buildings which were part of the foundation of their continuance in power seem to have fallen upon them.

BOODLING AT VANCOUVER.

J. E. W. MacFarlane Charged With Attempting to Bribe an Alderman.

Vancouver, Feb. 8.—Citizens were astonished yesterday by the arrest of J. E. W. MacFarlane, manager of the British Columbia iron works of this city, on a charge of attempting to bribe Alderman McCraney. Tenders were recently called for by the city for the construction of an electric light plant, and the contract was awarded the British Columbia iron works company. Their tender was not the lowest, and at the time the council announced they had awarded it to them on account of their hold a home industry. Now it is charged that boudling took place, similar to a recent exposure in Toronto.

The information on which MacFarlane was arrested was sworn to by W. L. Leonard, agent for the Royal Electric company, Montreal. He alleges that MacFarlane attempted to bribe McCraney in the sum of \$1000 to secure the contract. MacFarlane was released on \$2000 bail, his case coming up on Saturday. Both McCraney and MacFarlane deny the charge emphatically. Leonard says that he is acting under instructions from his firm. He also hinted that the action never would have taken place if McCraney had done the right thing. It is thus thought that Leonard's company was interested in MacFarlane's tender and that disagreements have arisen between the firms.

Ald. McCraney has sent his resignation to the council.

The New York Girl—Lord Dunmyle, did you ever hear the joke about the museum keeper who had two skulls of St. Paul, one when he was a boy and the other when he was a man?

The Englishman—No; what is it?—Life.

Heart Disease Relieved in 30 Minutes—Dr. Agnew's cure for the Heart gives perfect relief in all cases of Organic or Sympathetic Heart Disease in 30 minutes, and speedily cures. It is a perfect remedy for Palpitation, Shortness of breath, Smothering Spells, Pain in Left Side and symptoms of a diseased heart. One dose convinces. Sold by Geo. Morrison.

For Horses and Cattle
Use Dick's Blood Purifier

AN ONLOOKER'S OPINION.
Japan's Aggression the Movement of a Name.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 11.—Rev. M. D. Porter, a missionary of the American board in Pang Chung, in the province of Shanghai, China, recently journeyed to Tientsin, 150 miles northwest. He has written to the board concerning the signs of war that he saw. He says: "Wherever we went we saw the signs of war and its preparations. The forts at Tientsin bristled with guns, the channels across the bar were lined with torpedoes and marine mines and the immense trains of cars which were to carry soldiers to new fields of destruction. On the river, both going and coming, we met an unceasing flotilla of soldiers, all going they scarcely knew where. Our friends at Tientsin were a little anxious for us, and the foreigners who have learnt to live with quiet delight on the Tientsin, 150 miles northwest. He has written to the board concerning the signs of war that he saw. He says: "Wherever we went we saw the signs of war and its preparations. 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