

BRIEF LOCALS

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily.

—St. Lazar's church, Soleskine road, is closed and will remain so until further notice.

—Chicken thieves are abroad at Spring Ridge, and several places have been robbed.

—The Victoria Golf club defeated the Vancouver club at the Oak bay links on Saturday, the score being twenty-three to eight.

—At an Association football match on Saturday between Victoria college and Barracks Athletics the latter team won. The score was six goals to two.

—The married men defeated the single men at a friendly game of chess at the Wilson on Saturday night. The score was nine to five, one game being drawn.

—Mr. L. G. Munn, of New Westminster, has returned to the royal burgh with his bride, who was formerly Miss C. McLaren, daughter of a prosperous merchant of P. E. Island.

—A deputations of mainland lumbermen is in the city for the purpose of interviewing the government re the sealing of logs. The Doyle system of sealing will come up for consideration.

—The latest addition to the business firms of Victoria is Piny E. Davis & Co., auctioneers. The company have opened up auction rooms on Yates street. Mr. Davis is well known on the coast. He was auctioneer for the San Francisco board of trade.

—Alfred Dugay, the tightrope walker, is out of the hospital, apparently none the worse for his fall on the steamer Islander. It is said that the professor will give another exhibition in Victoria before leaving for the antipodes.

—The steamship Portland is back at the outer wharf reloading the cargo of coal which she was forced to discharge in order to be repaired after being disabled at sea several weeks ago. When she finishes loading she will proceed to her destination.

—It is intended to have the engine of the new electric light plant running this week. Everything will be in readiness for starting up the middle of February except the belting, which through some mistake or manipulation is not to be delivered until on in March.

—A. A. Berrow, of Salt Spring Island, has sent to the Times office a box of rhubarb, grown in his garden in the open air. The stalks are large, full of sap and of fine flavor. As a testimony to the mildness of our winters, a fact of this kind is worth a column of statistics.

—Old Country Rugby footballers defeated the Colonists on Saturday afternoon at Beacon Hill. The score was 14 to 9. The Colonist team made better play in the second half than in the first. This defeat has divided honors, one game being won by each team. Another game will probably be played.

—A social concert was given by the Royal Templars at Temperance at the mission church, Herald street, on Saturday night. Postmaster Shakespeare gave interesting stereoscopic views and a musical programme was presented. There was a good attendance. A good programme is being prepared for a week from Saturday.

—There was a conviction secured in a revenue by-law case in the police court this morning. Ah Sam, the accused, having no license to peddle at all. He was caught selling fish, and the excuse he gave the court was that he thought he only had to get a license to sell vegetables. He was fined \$5 and the costs were placed at \$1.25.

—At the Y. M. C. A. concert on Saturday night Mr. Stark delivered a lecture on phrenology, Miss Merle Francis gave a vocal solo and a piano duet was executed by Mrs. Cochrane and Miss Murray. The comic dialogue "Matrimonial Advertisement" afforded much amusement to the large audience. The concert on the whole was a decided success.

—It is understood that at the recent caucus of members of the house of commons in this city it was decided to re-present to the government at Ottawa that the present time was not opportune for the elections, so far at least as this province was concerned. Private advices, however, from the seat of government state that the chances are in favor of an early dissolution.

—A San Francisco dispatch says: The timbers of the steamship California, that brought the early gold seekers to California, are strewn along the beach of Pacamayo, on the coast of Peru. The California was 225 feet long and registered 1100 tons. In 1874 she was changed into a sailing vessel, and has since been engaged in carrying lumber. All the crew were saved.

—The concert given at Temperance Hall on Saturday night by the Good Templar lodges of the city was a well attended and generally successful affair. The programme was as follows: Piano

solo, Mr. Burnett; song, Mr. Culpin; club swinging, Miss Murray; recitation, Mr. Semple; song, Mr. Moody; address, Rev. P. McP. Macleod; instrumental duet, Bros. Purman; recitation, Mr. Craig; song, Mr. Russell; song, Mr. Moody. Chief Sheppard has been asked by the authorities of Terre Haute, Indiana, to keep a lookout for an embezzler named F. Leighton. He left that town with considerable money, and it was believed that he came to this coast seeking his fortune. It is thought here that he arrived in time to catch the vessel, which sailed on Friday, and if he did he got away with ease, as there was no one on the lookout for him.

—The departure on her sealing cruise on Saturday of the schooner Sadie Turpel, Captain Anderson, was made the occasion of a farewell party by a large number of friends and relations of the owners and crew at the home of Mrs. Leighton. The fire department extinguished the flames with the chemical engine, but not before considerable damage was done. The furniture was insured for \$300. The house was rented by a man named Stranoch. In the house after the fire were found several bundles of sticks and shavings in each room. The floor and ceiling were charred and the walls were blackened. An investigation will probably be held.

—The Trade Dollar saloon has been closed and a prosecution promised by Chief Sheppard against a man named McDonald, who is alleged, was running the place in the interests of Mr. Ahearn, the former proprietor of the place, has been dropped. The extension of the permit was granted by the board of licensing commissioners who are other suspicious indications of incendiary were apparent. An investigation will probably be held.

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—The children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Sunday school enjoyed their annual treat evening. It was held in the lecture room of the church and was very largely attended. The children assembled at 6.30, and tea was served. That was followed by a musical programme, a magic lantern exhibition and the distribution of prizes to the fortunate ones in the Scripture examination. The music programme consisted of a song by Mary Tait, duet by Willie and Harry Fraser; recitation, Nannie McMeekin; instrumental duet, Francis and Willie Fraser; song, Francis Fraser.

—The Chilian ship Hindostan, Captain Welch, arrived at Vancouver on Monday, after a stormy passage of 81 days from Valparaiso. The vessel experienced bad weather all the way, but the climax was reached the week before Christmas, when the Hindostan was near San Francisco. The captain was obliged to keep bare poles, being carried nearly to Japan before he could put about. The captain has been sailing between Burrard inlet and Valparaiso for the past fifteen years, and says it was the worst storm he ever experienced on the Pacific.

—The select committee of the council in connection with amendments to the municipal act will very likely recommend that the council ask the legislature for necessary authority to remodel the wards of the city. The matter has received more or less attention in the last three campaigns, and as they are now divided the North ward regards itself as injured. The proposal as it will reach the council will be for a division of wards according to voters. As it now stands they are divided on a valuation of property, and even in that respect the proportion has in a measure grown unequal. The matter will be placed before the council on Monday night and will very likely cause considerable discussion.

—A suit of clothes and an overcoat were stolen from the Brunswick hotel yesterday afternoon. Peter Joe and Frank Bob, two Indians, were arrested by Constable Walker while in the act of pawing the clothes at Aaronson's on Johnson street. They were booked for having stolen property in their possession. They claimed to have bought the property from a white man last night, and the police are inclined to believe their story. An effort will be made to arrest the man. The case will be heard in the police court in the morning.

—Begen's Park, the home of D. W. Higgins, was last evening the scene of a very enjoyable entertainment under the auspices of the King's Daughters. The house was very attractively decorated and Mr. and Mrs. Higgins joined with the members of the society, in giving everyone a hearty welcome and in attending to their entertainment. During the evening a very attractive programme was rendered under the direction of Prof. W. Edgar Book. Supper was served late in the evening. There was a large attendance of the society and Mr. and Mrs. Higgins are to be thanked for a very pleasant evening.

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