

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily. —Mr and Mrs. J. Orr of Beaus street, Victoria West, mourn the loss of their eldest son Arthur who died last evening. He was about nine years of age.

—The B. C. conference of the Methodist church is to be held in Victoria during the second week of May. The programme committee have already completed their work.

—As a precautionary measure against the spread of diphtheria in the Westminster schools, the Easter holidays of the scholars have been extended and the school have been thoroughly fumigated.

—An Ottawa dispatch says: 'A resolution has been received from the British Columbia board of trade asking that the amount awarded Canadian sealers by the Paris tribunal against the United States be placed in the Dominion estimates.

—Engineer Cartmel has prepared five sets of plans of the electric light circuits. There will be five circuits and of each circuit there is a set of plans. Mr. Cartmel is being complimented upon the plans which are said by those competent to judge to be first class.

—There has been compiled a ready reference table by Superintendent Hussey of the provincial police. The table is a synopsis of the Game Act and is just what a sportsman needs, so that he may know when he can shoot and what he may shoot at. The table is printed on good strong paper in leaflet form.

—Elford & Smith, contractors, have commenced work on the Porter buildings on Government street. The site is being cleared, and within a few days a number of mechanics will be actively at work on construction. With good weather ahead it will not be long before the building will be put up and finished.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—The Law fund has reached a total of \$388.70, and within \$11.30 of \$400.

—Mr. McArdie, a student from Princeton college, has been selected to succeed Rev. Mr. Murison as minister of Cedar Hill, East Fernwood and Spring Ridge.

—John L. Secor two days ago shot a large female panther at Goldstream. He brought the head into the provincial police this morning and received the bounty of \$7.50.

—A five per cent dividend will be paid to the creditors of the Green, Warlock & Co. bank inside of the next thirty days. The news will be welcome to many depositors who have been kept out of their money for a year. The statement is from one of the assignees.

—The banquet to be tendered Chief Justice Theodore Davis by the Law Society of British Columbia in honor of his elevation to his present post will take place at the Grand on Saturday evening. The matter is in the hands of the banquet committee, of which Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., is chairman.

—At midnight last night Victoria had an unwelcome visitor in the form of an earthquake. The vibration was quite decided, sufficiently so to wake many people. An occurrence of this kind is so rare in this country that it excites general interest. The shock was not great enough to cause any alarm, although it had a rather disturbing effect on the nerves of many.

—A farewell social was tendered to Rev. Murison, pastor of Knox church, last evening, who leaves for Scotland to-night. A pleasant evening was spent. After the social Mr. Murison was presented with an address by the Ladies' Aid society and a substantial present, to which he made a suitable reply. The audience dispersed with "Auld Lang Syne."

—The schooner reported to be ashore last evening six miles east of Carnamah point proves to be the schooner Dart of Port Townsend. She has been taken charge of by Mr. Dayken, the lighthouse keeper. He has got her papers and is trying to save her sails and other articles. Nothing else, he telegraphs, is of any value. It is thought that the schooner must have broken away from Neah Bay, as her anchor is out.

—The funeral of the late John Stevenson took place this morning and was attended by a large number of friends of the deceased. The cortege left the Esplanade at 10:30 o'clock and proceeded to Christ church cathedral, where services were conducted by Canon Beauland. The interment was in Ross Bay cemetery. The pall bearers were Thomas R. Smith, A. W. Vowell, A. W. Jones, W. A. Ward, and Fred B. Pemberton.

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the city was visited by the police a few evenings since with a view of breaking up a gambling game supposed to exist therein. No games, nor even any gaming apparatus, were found and it is said to be weeks since that the last card was dealt in the place by gamblers. The police were armed with a search warrant and made a very careful search of the whole place. The proprietor is said to have aided them in every way.

—One hundred couples attended the Orange ball in A. O. U. W. hall last night. The decorations were of the prettiest and an enjoyable evening was spent to the strains of the Richardson orchestra. The ladies of True Blue lodge served supper at midnight. The reception committee and floor managers, to whose efforts the success of the ball is due were: Reception: George Grimason, G. Barker, A. Jackson, A. McIntosh, and T. Ash. Floor managers: William Furnival, J. Kirk, E. G. Young, J. T. Braden and William Duncan.

—The first of the American parties to go north on the survey of the Alaska boundary is aboard the survey steamer Patterson which called in port yesterday. Mr. Dickens is in charge of the party. The party will be landed at the Portland canal, and they will proceed with surveys of the southern boundary line. Astronomical observations and triangulations will be made. Capt. E. K. Moore will have charge of the hydrographic work. The survey schooner Earnest and the steam launch Fuca will also be sent north, the latter to be used in the Portland canal.

—The Sons and Daughters of St. George have a splendid programme in course of preparation for presentation at the Sir William Wallace Hall on the 23rd inst. The proceeds are to be sent to the aged father of the late William Bloor, who lost his life by the wrecking of the Yelos, and who was the only support of his father. It is to be hoped that everyone will help this good work along so that a substantial sum can be forwarded to his father. The price of tickets is only 25 cents and is within the reach of all.

—Martha Jane, wife of G. L. Simpson, died this morning at the family residence on Speed avenue, Saanich road. She had been dangerously ill for some time and during the last few weeks her death had been hourly expected. She was born in Montreal 46 years ago and came to Victoria in 1863 with her father, Thomas A. Bone. A husband and daughter 12 years of age survive her. Mrs. Simpson had for many years been an active worker in Methodist church circles and her death is mourned by a large number of friends. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon from the residence as above.

—After numerous complaints from citizens Chief Sheppard has decided to stop the women of the demi-monde appearing in bloomers on bicycles on the public streets. The order was issued in the interests of public decency, because the display was looked upon as a barefaced flaunt of vice, and not on account of any objection to the ridiculous and unwomanly bloomers. The order to desist was backed by a promise to prosecute under the harsh vagrancy act, and will no doubt have the desired effect. Constable Robert Walker notified the bloomer girls last night.

—The ship Warrimoo sailed for Sydney and way ports this afternoon. She had aboard 20 cabin and 15 intermediate passengers. About the only notable among the former was Frederick Villiers, artist and war correspondent, who was here a few months ago on his way from Port Arthur. He goes to Australia on a lecturing tour embracing the big cities, and the principal part of his subject matter will be taken from the Japanese-Chinese war. He will be away several months. The Warrimoo carried away about 800 tons of general freight, of that amount she received over 100 tons here.

From Wednesday's Daily. —Nanaimo and Wellington will hold a joint celebration on the Queen's Birthday. The celebration will be held at Nanaimo.

—Frederick Galley and Miss Kathleen Shrapnell were united in marriage yesterday. St. John's church was the scene of the ceremony and Canon Paddon officiated. The bride is a daughter of E. S. Shrapnell, A. R. C. A.

J. R. McKay, a well-known legal man in Tacoma, was married yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Campbell to Miss R. Bayne of Woodstock, Ont., who arrived from the East on Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. McKay registered at the New England. They left for the Sound last night.

—The Winnipeg Nor'-Wester says: "Sergeant E. H. Eberd arrived at White-wood on Wednesday, from Duck Lake, with a cargo of horses and a general outfit. He is going out with an expedition to Yukon, where he will take charge of a party of Northwest mounted police."

—No word of the recovery of the body of F. L. Perkins, drowned near Saturna Island, has been received. Deceased was the second son of General James Perkins, C. B. Perkins was a good swimmer, but was weighed down by having on rubber boots, and being heavily clothed.

—Joe, a Chinaman, arrested for stealing a big roller for laying asphalt from Hales & Bell, was convicted of the offense after trial in the police court this morning and sentenced by Magistrate Macrae to three months with hard labor. Joe stole the roller from Spring Ridge, and was caught by Sergeant Hawton while arranging for the sale of the stolen property.

—The Danne sailed for the North last night. She had a large cargo, including 7,500 cases of tin for the canneries. Her

passengers were: K. Drainey, W. Dempster, F. G. Iadner, R. H. Hall, John Pernes, D. M. Gillies, P. Hall, J. Johnson, D. Norris, J. M. Graham, P. Lane, J. Hir, D. Stewart, G. P. Doherty, Mr. Alexander, C. Barbe, John Edgecombe and S. A. Spencer.

—John Barry had a rather expensive lot of fun last evening. He got quite full and just to sort of "jolly" the bartender in the Tuxton saloon grabbed hold of him and tore his coat. Constable Palmer arrested him and in the police court this morning was fined \$5 or ten days for being drunk and \$10 or thirty days for assault. The costs were fixed at \$2. If he serves time instead of paying the fine the sentences will run concurrently, so he will only be confined a month.

—Three boys attending the Victoria West school have been summoned to appear in police court on Saturday morning charged with writing obscene words on the fences and portions of the building. A large number of pupils have been served to appear as witnesses. Matters similar to the above have occurred before and have been of the greatest annoyance to the teachers and trustees, and it was stated by one of the authorities at police headquarters this morning that the trustees had ordered the present prosecution.

—The one-story residence of Capt. G. W. Dillon, on Elford road, Fowl Bay, was completely destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock this morning. A telephone message to the fire department was sent in shortly after the fire started and Chief Deasy immediately went out. On account of the distance and lack of water it was not considered advisable to take the apparatus so far from the business portion of the city. The occupants of the building, C. W. Dillon and family, were awakened by the stifling smoke. The fire originated in the kitchen near a chimney built on wooden supports. A small quantity of furniture was saved. The building was insured in the Sun Insurance Company for \$500. The furniture was uninsured. A number of willing neighbors assisted in saving the personal effects of the occupants of the building.

—His Honor the Lieutenant-governor has received the following letter from the under secretary of state: Department of Secretary of State, Ottawa, April 8, 1895.

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 26th inst., transmitting a petition from certain members of the Young Women's Christian Association in Victoria, and Vancouver, the British Columbia Penitentiary, upon conviction of the charge of burglary, and to state, for the information of the Lieutenant-governor, that His Excellency the Governor-General was pleased to order on the 18th inst. that the said members of the Association, (that the additional three years' imprisonment imposed upon Simpson, for contempt of court be remitted, and that the sentence to that effect be accordingly sent to the warden of the penitentiary on the 19th following.)

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, (Sd.) J. G. McLELLER, Under Secretary of State. His Honor the Lieut. Governor of British Columbia, Victoria, British Columbia.

From Thursday's Daily. —There will be a mask ball at Semple's hall, Craigflower road, on April 25.

—The Easter vestry meeting of the Church of St. Saviour is to be held on next Monday evening.

—It is expected that the net proceeds of the concert given on Tuesday evening by the Ladies' Aid of St. Barnabas church will be about \$50.

—Tenders for the construction of the new bridge on the Gorge road have been called for by City Clerk Dowler. They will be received up till April 25th.

—Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock will be held an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trade. The report of the special committee on the powers of the council will be discussed.

—The funeral of Arthur Stanley Orr, eldest child of Mr. Orr, of Woodward & Orr, took place yesterday afternoon. Services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. D. Macrae.

A party of prominent Northern Pacific officials spent a few hours in the city on Tuesday evening. It included J. M. Hannaford, general traffic manager; J. W. Kendrick, general manager; E. H. McHenry, chief engineer, and S. G. Fulton, assistant general freight agent.

A Port Townsend dispatch says the schooner Behring Sea from Tacoma was found capsized off Cape Flattery. It is feared that the crew of ten were drowned. The Behring Sea was one of the Sound schooners that have been sealing off the Cape for the past week.

—Horace J. Kent and Miss Andrews were united in matrimony at the residence of R. B. Andrews, Yates street, last night. Rev. S. Cleaver performed the ceremony, and the couple were attended by Miss McGillivray and Wm. Neen. A number of friends were present for the ceremony.

—Adjutant Archibald, of the Salvation Army, told a Times reporter this morning that within a month the Army will have been established at Kamloops and Nelson on the Mainland and at Union and Wellington on the Island. Officers from the local corps and from Vancouver will be placed in charge of the new stations.

—Sergeant Hawton and Constable Palmer discovered a lot of lamps which had evidently been stolen, in a house in Chinatown while making a general search last evening. One of the lamps was taken to police headquarters, where it is held for identification. The lamps look as if they had been in use in a church or on a steamer.

—There has been considerable discussion among the aldermen and others on the matter of the election of the city

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librarian. The opinion has been expressed that assuming the result of the new election to be different Henry Goward can hold the office for a month. The matter will be threshed out at the special meeting to-morrow night, however.

—The Salvation Army Food and Shelter Home will be formally opened on Monday, May 6th. Major Bennett, of Winnipeg, secretary of the Manitoba provincial contingent of the Army, will open the new home. In the morning the doors will be thrown open for inspection by the public, and in the afternoon there will be a public reception and Mayor Teague will occupy the chair. A large number of district officers will be in attendance.

—The seventy-sixth anniversary of the I. O. O. F. takes place on the 26th of the present month, when a great treat is in store for the members and visitors, in the shape of a grand ball and supper. On the Sunday following there will be a grand church parade of all the Odd Fellows then in the city. A committee composed of representatives of all the different lodges in the city met last evening in the office of W. J. Hanna, Douglas street, and arranged everything in connection with the church parade.

—Engineer G. E. Jorgenson is at work surveying for the temporary supply pipe which is to be run up along the east shore of Beaver Lake to a point beyond where the coffee dam will be put in. There will very likely have to be a cut made in the rising ground, but that depends on where the line is to run. The pipe at the upper end will be extended some distance into the lake and its total length from the mains at the foot of Beaver lake will be about 700 feet. The work of constructing the line will begin in a few days.

—The British ship City of Florence, Capt. Least, arrived last evening, 143 days from Glasgow. She has a general cargo for Victoria and Vancouver, the consignees being Findlay, Durham & Brodie. She had fine weather until she reached 33 north in the Pacific, when her wheel was washed overboard and other damage done by heavy seas. For twelve days the vessel was within 180 miles of Victoria. Cates & McDowell, the stevedores, will commence discharging her cargo to-morrow.

—There was another large crowd at the Victoria theatre last night to see the second performance of "The Trovatore." The participants were all more confident and nearly all sang and acted much better. The honors of the evening were awarded by Mrs. Sheldon, Miss Agnew and Mr. Aspland. The latter, whose illness has virtually left him, was in much better voice than on the preceding evening and acted with more life and zest. The little girls who do the gypsy dance were very enthusiastically received. Mrs. Sheldon and Miss Agnew were the recipients of some very pretty bouquets. As on the previous evening the music of the orchestra was too loud and at times the singers could scarcely be heard. The opera will be given again on Saturday, when the performance should prove the best of all.

AMONG THE LOST.

The Man Who Tried to Cross the Ocean in a Canvas Boat.

The family of Captain Josiah W. Lawler the marine adventurer, still reside at 82 Grove street, Chelsea, but the Captain, where is he? The daring seaman left Lincoln wharf June 5, 1892, in a 12-foot canvas boat for a trip across the Atlantic. News was received from him from points along the northern coast, but that was all, and what his fate has been no one knows. The last information from him was a letter received by his wife, dated Sydney, Cape Breton, July 23, 1892. He said then that he had been obliged to put up for repairs, but was to sail again immediately. It is known that he did sail, but that is as far as he was ever traced.

Mrs. Lawler is not in good health, and the uncertainty of her husband's destiny has had a severe effect upon her. It is said, however, that she has not given up yet, and still looks for his return. She has two daughters and two sons, all of whom live with her. The youngest is a boy, now 14 years old. The captain had quite a remarkable record as a small-boat sailor. In 1880 he sailed from New York to Havre in the Neversink in twenty-eight days. Then in 1891 he went over again in the 14-foot boat Sea Serpent. This was the smallest boat ever sailed across the ocean. He started at Crescent Beach and went to England in forty-two days. He was then at the Paris Exposition four weeks.

His last embarkation was not very successful at the start. Before he had gone forty rods from Lincoln wharf his craft was in collision with a rowing boat and the bowsprit was broken, but having material aboard for making any small repairs that might be needed he did not put back. He had a quantity of food in a condensed form and carried about fifteen gallons of water. Many old sailors were present when he made the start and they shook their heads very doubtfully when they saw the actions of the little boat. Many were ready to wager that she would never cross the ocean. The captain had not even made a trial trip in her, as he

FOR THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Sham Battle, Naval Review and Regatta Will be the Principal Events.

The Standing Committees Are Appointed and Field Sports Agreed Upon.

There will be a sham fight between the Lt. M. A. and the garrison artillery, a naval review and a regatta. This is part of the programme mapped out by the general committee of the Queen's Birthday celebration. It is not known for certain that the naval review will take place, but it is very probable that it will. Admiral Stephenson will be communicated with and it is likely that he will consent. The sham fight and the regatta will take place anyway. The committee met in the city hall last night and this was part of the business done.

A letter was read from the Y. M. C. A. athletes proposing to give an athletic entertainment in the evening. The days of celebration were fixed for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 23, 24 and 25.

The following committees were chosen: Finance—Charles Hayward, W. H. Ellis, J. Holland, A. C. Plummer, B. Williams, D. R. Harris, J. Keith Wilson, A. H. Scalfie, D. H. Ker, John Braden, M. P. F., Gus Leiser, William Jensen, H. Berryman and W. K. Tull-och. Printing—Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, J. G. Elliott, H. Cuthbert, H. McDowell and A. H. Hall.

Regatta—The officers of H. M. Navy and Lt. M. A., Captain Gaudin, Mr. Dobbin of H. M. Dockyard, Captain Warren, J. H. Seeley, T. S. Gore, D. Cartmel, J. H. McGregor, J. S. Yates, H. D. Heincken, A. J. Dallain, F. G. White, H. C. Macaulay, J. Holmes, A. Watson, E. R. Billinghurst, G. F. Askew, Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Hayden and Capt. Langley.

Sports—R. L. Drury, H. N. Short, Dr. Blanchard, F. Hinds, B. H. Johns, J. H. Seeley, F. B. Gregory, A. Henderson, A. J. Dallain, J. C. Macdure, J. S. Yates, William Croft, William Franklin, D. McBrady, W. Lorimer, W. Snider, H. M. Grahame and Captain Langley. J. L. Rayner was chosen treasurer, Mr. Kent being unable to act. The following were added to the general committee: Messrs. George Sheddian, W. A. Hanna, F. C. Holden, F. Higgins, S. D. Schultz, Captain Langley, H. McDowell, K. Finlayson, A. Henderson, W. Chal-loner and R. L. Drury.

A discussion took place on holding field sports. An opinion was expressed that the sham fight and regatta should have precedence. It was decided to embody field sports in the programme.

On the hand committee will be a member of each of the other committees. The meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

There will be a classical concert at Institute hall on Tuesday evening next tendered to Algernon S. Aspland. Among those who will assist are Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Clement Rowlands, Prof. W. Edgar Buck, Clement Rowlands and Mr. Booth. A feature will be some selections from "Robin Hood." Mr. Aspland will sing some of his favorite pieces. The affair promises to be a musical treat.



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