

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily.

The schooner Florence M. Smith sailed to-day for the West Coast where she will get her Indian crew. Captain Kelly, owner of the Florence M. Smith, will make the trip as far as the coast.

The bark Routenbeck arrived in the Royal Roads this afternoon in ballast from Honolulu. She brings no Hawaiian news that was not received by the Arabian steamers. Mrs. Bradley and children were passengers. They will join Professor Bradley here.

Billy, an Indian, found with liquor in his possession, and Peter Veoh, who supplied it to him, were before Magistrate Macrae this morning. They were both convicted, and Billy was fined \$25 and Peter \$50 and given the option of two months in jail. The latter paid his fine at once and the former will very likely pay his too.

The ladies of the committee of the Maternity Home desire to express their thanks to Drs. Fraser and Lang for their attendance and to the following for donations: Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Jenius, Miss Hall, a friend, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Wilson, R. Harvey, Mrs. Tilton, a friend, King's Daughters, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Dumbleton, Mrs. Pemberton.

Triumph lodge No. 16, I. O. G. T. had a very interesting meeting in Blue Ribbon hall last evening. There was one candidate re-admitted and one initiated. This lodge has every reason to feel proud of its standing in the order, seeing that its members number 74. The remainder of the evening was spent in rehearsing for the Saturday night concert in Pandora street temperance hall, which has every prospect of being a grand success.

At the King's Road mission last night there was a well attended concert. The programme was as follows: Remarks from the chairman; piano solo, Mrs. G. C. King; song, Mrs. Haggart; recitation, Maggie Campbell; song, Miss Faussett; club swinging, Miss L. Griffith and Miss M. Haughton; reading, Rev. G. C. King; song, Miss Dolly; song, Mr. Brocklehurst; song, Mrs. G. C. King; recitation, Miss Strachan; piano solo, Miss Griffith; recitation, Miss Emma Prescott; "God Save the Queen."

Two unfortunate girls, very sick and without much food or proper clothing, were found in their room in a town lodging house a day or so ago. They were badly in need of medical treatment and proper care. The matter was taken in hand by a kindly disposed woman of their own class, admission to St. Joseph's Hospital was secured for them, and a physician secured to treat them. A subscription will very likely be taken up. It is said that people who should have acted neglected to do so, and a party familiar with the facts said it was simply outrageous as the women were almost without food for two days.

It was reported this morning on excellent authority that a settlement of at least a plan of action, had been decided on in connection with the government buildings muddle. The Times' informant stated that the work would be taken from the present contractors and given to a well known local firm to carry forward to completion. It was stated that the arrangements suggested were satisfactory to the bank. There were conferences on the matter last night and it was predicted that an early settlement would be reached. The matter has been the most serious with which the government has had to deal for some time, and the outcome of the present negotiations will be awaited with the greatest interest on every hand.

Owing to the fact that there was somewhat of a misunderstanding among the shippers and transportation men as to just what shipments destined to points in the United States required United States consular certificates, E. B. Blackwood, agent for the Puget Sound and Alaska steamship company, wrote to Collector of Customs J. C. Saunders at Port Townsend regarding the matter, and received the following instructions: United States consular certificates are required for all shipments of dutiable merchandise valued at over \$50 and household goods valued at over \$500; fall goods, such as raw furs, valued at over \$100, and on all shipments of returned American goods valued at over \$25. Dutiable merchandise valued at \$50 or less requires a certified invoice in lieu of United States consular certificate, as do fall goods (raw furs, etc.) valued at \$100 or less.

A crowded ball room and a thronged spectators' gallery filled the A. O. U. W. hall last night. It was the masquerade ball of the Sons and Daughters of St. George, and, as it happened, very appropriately, it was on the evening of St. Valentine's day. The decorations were attractive and the music by the Richardson orchestra good. There were tableaux during the evening. They were pretty and received applause. The tableaux were: "Cupid" by the "Cupid" by little Mabel Lyons and Emma Cassard; "The Valentine," by Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Newman, and Messrs. Wilkes and Sehl, with little Mabel Lyons as Cupid; "The Dirty Boy," by Mrs. Wilkes and Tom Furnival; "The National Group," by Mrs. Wilkes, Miss Sinclair and Emma Cassard; and "After the Ball," a musical tableau with Mr. Filling and Mabel Lyons as the singers and Mr. Sehl, Mrs. Newman and Mr. Wilkes in the characters. Supper was served at midnight and dancing was continued until three. Prizes were awarded as follows: Best dressed lady, (Robe girl) Miss D. Webb; best sustained character, lady, (flower girl), Miss Ure; best dressed gentleman (King of Frost) Mr. J. Penketh; best sustained gentleman character (white Rooster), Mr. M. Churton.

The Ladies' Aid of the First Presbyterian church held their annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. McGregor, Macleure street. The attendance was large and the meeting was a most pleasant one. It was decided to take up the talent scheme for

another year, the results last year having proved very gratifying. The ladies by their own efforts reduced the debt of the church \$600. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Cochrane, of Kingston, for introducing the talent plan. The officers elected by the Aid were: Mrs. McGregor, president, re-elected; Mrs. Flett, vice-president; Mrs. Gould, secretary, re-elected; Mrs. Wilson, treasurer.

The steamer Hope arrived from Vancouver this morning with a big boom of logs for the Sayward Mill company.

The electric light committee have appointed their men to examine the new electric light plant. Electrician Mc-Micking will examine the wires and Dr. Cartmel will report upon the work in the electric light station. The committee will report at the next meeting of the council. The two experts will go on with the work at once.

The departure of Miss E. G. Lawson from the Victoria West school to the South park school was marked the occasion of two presentations, which will be long remembered with pleasure both by the donors and the recipients. The teachers in taking leave of their colleague presented her with a very pretty watch chain, while the pupils of the school gave her a very handsome case. The presents were a surprise and Miss Lawson was quite overcome. It more than made up for all the daily trials of the teacher and was accepted as a reward for the good done which was alone remembered.

From Saturday's Daily.

E. E. Wootton, revising barrister, has forwarded the revised voters' lists to Ottawa. There are 6870 names on the list.

C. E. Edwards of Honolulu and Adele Steine of Seattle were united in marriage here yesterday. Rev. W. L. Clay performing the ceremony. A few friends were present to congratulate the couple. They leave to-night on the Warrimoo for Honolulu, where Mr. Edwards is engaged in business.

A dispatch from San Francisco says the steamer Umatilla on her way from Victoria to that port sighted a capsized schooner, the name of which could not be made out. There was no sign of life aboard and it is feared that the crew has been drowned. All that could be made out was the register of the port, which was San Francisco.

The select committee appointed to investigate the parliament buildings muddle met this morning, but it is said did not accomplish anything, although there might have been an interesting discussion to present to the public this evening were it not for the star chamber system pursued. Hon. Mr. Davies and Mr. Helmeke were both present, but the particulars of what took place could not of course be learned. The committee meets again on Monday morning.

John Yorke, aged 65, fell overnight at the C. P. N. wharf this afternoon. He was rescued by his 16-year-old son, Mr. Yorke and his son was a punter and was pushing off from the wharf when the father lost his balance and fell into the water. He could not swim and cried out to his son. The boy pulled off his coat and dove, got one hand on a scow lying near by, put out the other hand to his father and pulled him to the scow. Helping hands had arrived by this time, and the old gentleman was soon pulled into the scow none the worse for his little ducking.

Friends of Miss Lavinia B. Whitaker, formerly of this city, are very anxious to learn of her whereabouts. She has fallen heir to \$16,000 by the death of her uncle, John G. Miller, of Keokuk, Iowa. The news that she was a beneficiary to that extent in her uncle's will was received in a letter a few weeks ago. She is about 24 years of age and is described as being about 5 feet 6 inches in height, and having light brown hair.

VICTORIEN SARDOU

The Great Dramatist.



The mobile features of this great man are seen above. Sardou is the great wizard of the stage, clothing his characters in flesh and blood, and making them live. He makes, not mummies, but men and women, as witness the realistic portrayals of Bernhardt, chiefly the master's thought. When body and brain are weary with work, anything that will drive away the blues must possess a great value. If the verdict of Sardou that "Vin Mariani," the great tonic-stimulant, possesses this subtle power. This is what the great man says: "Vin Mariani" is perfect, gives health, drives away the blues, and is of such excellent quality that whoever takes it might almost desire to be forever debilitated and depressed, thus to have a pretext to drink it. Celebrated men and women, the world over, have spoken similarly of the stimulating, nourishing effects of "Vin Mariani" upon body and brain. A preparation from pure grapes and carefully selected tonic leaves, "Vin Mariani" is more tonic than quinine, and yet it never constipates. For the convalescent it is invaluable; for all feeble people, it has a magic restorative property. Send your name to Lawrence A. Wilson & Co., Montreal, the Canadian Agents, and you will receive an album containing the portraits of a large number of celebrated people, who have used "Vin Mariani" with wonderful results, and who speak highly of it.

THE CASE DECLARED TRIVIAL

Magistrate Macrae Dismissed the Charge of Assault Against E. Crow Baker.

The Hearing This Morning Was an Extremely Humorous One.

The charge of assault preferred against E. Crow Baker by Jas. Angus was dismissed in police court this morning after a highly amusing hearing. Magistrate Macrae declared that it was too trivial for a conviction, and said that it should never have been brought into court. The hearing of the case attracted a large crowd, including many prominent business men, and they were more than repaid in amusement. Neither side was represented by legal men, but both gentlemen conducted their cases with skill. Mr. Angus was the first to appear. He swore that he approached Mr. Baker, who was standing on the steps at the entrance to the Bank of British Columbia building, on a matter of business. Mr. Baker had first addressed him and refused to listen to him or talk at all. Words were passed and Mr. Baker grabbed him by the throat and tightened his grip for a moment. He did nothing to invite the assault. Mr. Baker afterwards threatened to strike him.

Mr. Baker in his evidence said that he had warned Mr. Angus not to irritate him by enforcing his presence and asking, but that he persisted, called him a blackguard, and shoved his face right up close to him. He had said repeatedly that he was walking at a certain time and the reply which he received was "No, you were crawling like all reptiles of your class." The crowd laughed most heartily, but the court warned Mr. Baker to be careful.

A. C. Flumerfelt swore that he was standing in the street talking to Mr. Baker when Mr. Angus came in sight. Mr. Baker said: "Keep me in conversation, as Angus is coming and I don't want to talk to him." The witness suggested that they walk down the street and Mr. Baker readily assented. The accused had tried to avoid the meeting. He did not know Mr. Angus was following them until he turned around the corner. Mr. Angus was mistaken when he was in the office and could see them outside through the window. They were both talking excitedly and Mr. Angus had shoved his face almost up to that of Mr. Baker.

Here the prisoner started to leave the box to illustrate their attitudes and Mr. Angus thundered: "Stand in your box, sir!" The crowd simply roared. The witness continuing, said he went out and Mr. Baker said Mr. Angus had grossly insulted him and called him a blackguard.

Mr. Angus took the stand again and said if Mr. Baker said he called him a blackguard before he was choked he swore to a deliberate lie.

"Oh," said the magistrate, "you do not mean that. You mean he was mistaken. You were mistaken about the gentleman being on the stairs, and I do not assume you deliberately lied."

The witness also said he was sure Messrs. Baker and Flumerfelt were on the stairs when he saw them. That closed the case and the magistrate gave his decision at once. He declared that the case should never have been brought into court. Although perhaps he would not have done what Mr. Baker did he would say that no man had a right to force his company on anyone else. There were two grounds upon which cases could be dismissed. One was justification and the other triviality. He would choose the latter.

WANTS TWO MEETINGS.

Ald. Williams Believes the City Council Should Meet Twice Every Week.

Ald. R. T. Williams this morning gave notice at the city hall of his intention to move the following resolution at the next meeting of the council:

"That whereas the regular Monday night sitting of the council does not afford sufficient time to advance quickly certain most urgent public works;

"Therefore be it resolved that during the months of February, March, April May and June, the city council meet at least one additional night per week (Thursday preferred), and devote the said evening to advance with all possible speed the following highly necessary public works: Improvements in connection with the water supply, electric lighting, street paving, sewerage, and the consideration of any railway question that may be laid before the council."

The resolution will be offered and discussed on Monday night.

NANAIMO NEWS.

An Old Time Resident of Gabriola Island Drowned—Liberal Convention.

Nanaimo, Feb. 18.—Yesterday afternoon an Indian friend, Marshall Bray, who had seen a man apparently in a lifeless condition clinging to a boat on the beach at Gabriola Island. Chief Constable Stewart im-

mediately dispatched a boat to the scene. It was dark when the boat reached the vicinity and the officer in charge took the canoe in tow and brought it to the city. In the meantime friends and relatives of the Allen brothers and Thos. Milburn had come to the conclusion from the description the Indian gave, that it was the body of Thos. McGuffie, an old timer of Gabriola Island. Deceased had been to the city for a supply of provisions and was returning to the island. A coroner's inquest will be held to-day.

Ex-Alderman Thomas Wilks expired yesterday after being ill only three days. Deceased was much respected in the city and was known as one of the most upright aldermen that has ever sat in the council. A meeting of Liberals will take place in this city on Friday next for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the approaching elections.

NAVAL NEWS.

H. M. S. Racer will Take the Place of H. M. S. Nympha on This Station.

H. M. S. Racer, sloop, which recently returned to Devonport from the south east coast of America, is to be brought forward to relieve H. M. S. Nympha on the Pacific station. H. M. S. Nympha's commission expires in October of this year, this being her second commission at this station.

H. M. S. Pheasant is expected to return from her cruise around the Island to-day.

H. M. S. Royal Arthur arrived at Comby on January 18.

H. M. S. Hyacinth in due to arrive at Valparaiso on March 11th. She is now on passage from Honolulu by way of the islands to Valparaiso.

The Florence, naval water tender, went around to Esquimalt this afternoon to resume her duties, after having been thoroughly overhauled and repainted.

IN EASTERN PROVINCES.

Students of Toronto University Rebel—The Winnipeg Bonspiel.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The students of the University of Toronto met yesterday to the number of seven hundred in Wardell hall and considered the situation in reference to the trouble at the institution culminating in the discharge by the government of Professor Dale. The sympathy of the students was with Professor Dale, and resolutions were passed pledging the students one and all to abstain from attending any lectures until the government consents to appoint a commission of inquiry into the troubles at the university. The classical association at a separate meeting pledged its members to attend no meeting until Professor Dale is reinstated. Halm, a fellow in Latin of the department over which Dale presided, has sent in his resignation.

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—The interest in the bonspiel increases as the final approaches. The grand challenge has narrowed down to four rinks. Dunbar, of the Thistles, and Shaw, Fortune and Verner, of the Grantees. Eight rinks remain in the Waverley. The Tuckett prize will go to the Thistles, of Winnipeg, Brandon or Regina. Play for the Galt trophy has been commenced. Smith of Regina defeated Courtney of Rat Portage, Lyon of Kewatin defeat by Cleverly of Mooseomin. Grant of Calgary plays Rochon of Fort William and Cleverly plays Smith. The winners will play off for the trophy.

The championship checker match is now half over. It stands: Hood 4, Norman 3, drawn 3.

Lebanon, N. W. T., Feb. 16.—The coroner's jury has decided that the Gills shooting was a case of suicide.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

The Great Curling Bonspiel nearing Completion.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Professor Dale of Toronto university has been dismissed.

Chatham, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Walter Savage took arsenic yesterday and died.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Play in the checker championship contest stands: Hood, Calgary, 3; Norman, Kildonan, 2; two drawn. Play in the various competitions at the bonspiel is nearing a final, and it is expected the visitors will get away on Saturday night or by Monday at the latest. The chief interest yesterday centered in the international match, four American rinks meeting four Canadian. The result was a great victory for the Canadians, the score being 64 to 47 in their favor. The visiting curlers were entertained at a banquet by Winnipeggers last evening.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Detectives to-day made a search of the warehouse occupied by Hyams Bros. at the time William Willis was killed, but they decline to say whether or not they found anything, but high officials said this afternoon that the department has in its possession a hammer and chisel on which there are still marks of blood. Henry Hyams has given the police a theory as to the tragedy by expressing the belief that a weight struck at the top of the building and Willis had peered up to see what was the trouble. At that moment the weight fell and hit him. Two witnesses against Hyams will be John Seagram and Joseph Taylor, the latter of whom keeps a hotel across the road from the warehouse. They went into the cellar a few minutes after the accident and when they arrived the body was in the middle of the floor, ten feet from the hoist.

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ANXIOUS FOR A SETTLEMENT

Great Britain and Russia Offer to Mediate Between China and Japan.

Chinese Officials Connected With Fight at Weihaiwei to be Beheaded.

London, Feb. 16.—A Shanghai dispatch says England and Russia have offered to mediate between China and Japan. It is reported at Shanghai that the foreign ministers at Peking have ordered the guards assigned to the various legations to report at once. It is reported at Chefoo that the Japanese have granted freedom to all foreigners captured at Weihaiwei except the American Howie, who was arrested at Kobe some time ago in connection with the Chinese plot to blow up the Japanese fleet. After his release on parole he went to Weihaiwei, where he was engaged in a plot preparing an explosive to destroy the Japanese fleet.

A Shanghai dispatch says ex-Governor Wang has been appointed to relieve Li Hung Chang as viceroy of Pichili in the absence of the latter as peace commissioner in Japan. The emperor has ordered the beheading of all officials, civil, military and naval, connected with the defence of Weihaiwei.

A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette says Chinese Commodore Liou and General Chang committed suicide at the same time that Admiral Ting killed himself.

A Shanghai dispatch says the magazine of the Sarsen fort at Takao was exploded, destroying the fort, killing 50 and injuring many. The explosion also damaged a number of houses and injured many inmates.

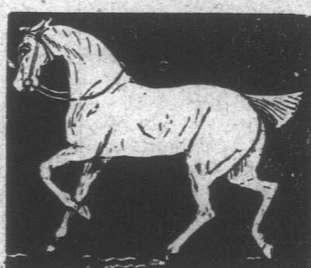
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AN DISPATCHES.

From all Parts of the at Republic.

Feb. 15.—During the charged with lynching yesterday, Prince Michael, man, swore he was assist in the crime and that when after they had hanged him to procure his beat the man as he his death agonies, writhing from the tree.

Feb. 15.—One hundred vest side, of the W. C. tour of the saloons yesterday, the provisions of the being observed. On the morning the leader read the proprietor that evance could save him. Then after singing, started to the next place, hurried crowd.

Feb. 14.—Snow is falling and the ground is covered. Feb. 15.—Frank T. Merrill, steam yacht Vamoose, challenge of W. J. Ar-fast steam yacht Judge moose for \$100 a side. \$1000 to Chauncey takholder to bind, the arkell stipulates in his of the winnings is to Saug Harbor home on. The race will be 100 hand round. The date announced.

Feb. 15.—Mrs. Frank us injured in the Eleing last evening. She elevator to run it herd so some one on the up. She fell to the struck on the back her over the door. Her over the floor and the forced timber, and the forced out, leaving a all out. She fell to the eight feet. One collar and one was dislocated, she has suffered internal

14.—The wife of Col. T. condemned death of treason in contempt insurance there and government, has rege No. 304, E. and A. M. toward having her husband, Mrs. Seward side at Guilford, Conn. known in Suffolk Co. Feb. 14.—In the miners' dark gold, a district or R. U., charged McBride a Workers, with having keep his mouth shut in settled and also with Heeking McBride said was a 60 from a mine owner, used a sensation. Mc charge. He said it was the matter in connection. n. He refused to give owner in open conven could give the name to a as appointed.

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