

## SAW THE SEA SERPENT.

Two Gentlemen of Established Credibility Interview the Famous Monster.

The Natural History Society Will Carefully Investigate their Narration.

At the meeting of the Natural History Society last evening, no paper was read, but a number of subjects of interest to the society were discussed. The most interesting topic under consideration was the well-known one of the sea serpent.

In this instance the evidence was of an authentic character, and impressed the members as worthy at all events of being carefully weighed and of further investigation.

Mr. Ferguson, at present in the city, who, with Mr. Walker, was on the prospecting trip in Queen Charlotte islands, saw the animal with his own eyes. In June of 1895 these two were in a boat in waters adjacent when it was seen at a distance of 200 yards, coming toward them. It presented a rather peculiar appearance, which naturally attracted their attention and aroused their curiosity. A portion of the body in an oval shape appeared above the water, but within a few feet of the boat the body was straightened and the head, which was small and serpent-like, and neck, were raised about five feet out of the water and in that position passed by. Immediately after the former position was assumed, and in that way the creature passed out of sight.

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## THE CITY.

SIXTEEN candidates from the upper country are applying for registration as medical practitioners. Their examination opened yesterday in this city.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis, of Sonoma, was interred yesterday at Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. Canon Beaulieu officiating at Christ Church cathedral and at the graveside.

An application was made yesterday by Mr. A. H. McNeill, before Mr. Justice Walker, to admit to bail Manson, accused of murder at Rossland. Mr. A. G. Smith appeared for the crown. The application was refused.

A special general meeting of the Palo Alto Gold Mining Co. on the 11th instant, it was decided to put in a plant, consisting of boiler, steam pump and winch, and to push development on the property of the company.

A short morning session was held by the Behring Sea Claims Commission yesterday but the work is now going ahead rapidly. The Triumph case was finished, and so was most of that of the Oscar and Hattie claim. The commission sits this morning.

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## CRIPPLED IN MID-OCEAN.

The Northern Pacific Liner Tacoma Delayed by a Break in the Engine-room.

Chief McLellan and His Staff Effect Repairs Under Exceptional Difficulties.

Lovers of the picturesque had much to interest them at the outer wharf yesterday afternoon, the kaleidoscopic pictures of sky, sea and floating craft. The Northern Pacific steamship Tacoma, over which considerable anxiety had been entertained in consequence of her delayed arrival, lay at the old wharf discharging freight since about 11 in the morning; the old Yosemite was berthed in the channel between docks; the tug Tyee, just in from the Sound, had her lines made fast, awaiting orders to tow the British ship Sierra Blanca, which has just finished discharging coal in Esquimaux; and at about 3 o'clock the R.M.S. Empress of Japan from the Orient and the Walla Walla from the Sound came in almost abreast of one another. Of this important scene the brief interest of course centered in the beleaguered vessel that it was feared had encountered more than the passing dangers of the deep.

It was not until the evening of disaster that her crew had to relate, however, and the casual inquirer visiting the vessel learned but little of what happened. The ship, nearly 23 days on her voyage, had broken her after engine, and for 68 hours lay helpless in mid-ocean, sea and sky, and the crew, in the meantime, had been pitching in heavy seas and gales, while her worthy engineering staff, in charge of Chief Engineer McLellan, toiled almost the entire time without rest or sleep, the chief never closing his eyes until the difficult task he had to perform had been accomplished. Pursing McDonald, in his report to the affair, says:

"On January 2 in lat. 50.18 N., long. 135.30 W., during a heavy northeast gale and very heavy head sea, which caused the engines to race considerably, one of the principal levers of the after valve gear broke, and the engine could not be repaired at sea, so it was found expedient to disconnect the forward engine and transfer the necessary working parts to the existing one. This work was accomplished under great difficulties as the ship rolled heavily during the entire time. After a delay of six hours all obstacles were, however, overcome and the vessel started on her voyage January 5 at 6 a.m. with the after engine in her stowage, and the vessel went smoothly and Victoria was reached without a hitch, the ship averaging over eight knots an hour from the breakdown. The entire mishap, however, was a most creditable and pleasant and prosperous voyage."

The Tacoma's passengers, who are eagerly talking over with praise for the engineering staff, were H. B. Haskill and H. Montague. She carried besides three sailors and a crew of 24, 24 passengers, 37 sacks of mail, and a very large cargo of which Victoria received a good portion.

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## THE OLD, OLD STORY.

Because of Unrequited Love, Edith Dwellly Ends Her Life With Poison.

Saved From Drowning in This City, She Commits Suicide at Her English Home.

There is a sad sequel to an unfortunate story the first chapters of which developed in this city during October last, the scene of the final act in the little tragedy of love and grief being laid in England. It chiefly concerns a young lady well known to many in this city, particularly residents of Victoria West—Miss Edith Gertrude Dwellly, an English girl, who until a few months ago resided with her grandmother on Russell street.

It will be remembered that early on the morning of October 11 Mr. Knott, while enjoying a before-breakfast walk, found a young girl drowning in the waters of the Arm, off Warner's Landing. She was making no apparent struggle to escape, and it was with considerable difficulty that he accomplished her rescue, taking her from the water unconscious and carrying her to the residence of Mr. Beaumont Boggs, where a medical man was soon in attendance upon her.

This was Miss Dwellly, and as she was clad only in her night clothes at the time it was charitably supposed that the poor girl had walked from the house in her sleep and fallen into the water. Those who knew the facts of the case, however, felt certain that Miss Dwellly had made a deliberate attempt at suicide.

She was in love with a young man who did not return her affection, and the foolish girl had frequently threatened to end her life—not that she had suffered wrong, for no breath of suspicion of that kind rests on her. It was simply a case of unrequited love.

For a time it seemed as though her brain was affected, but gradually she came to her senses, and at last it was decided to send her to her parents in Chelsea, England. She arrived home about the middle of December, and seemed depressed but said nothing of her love trouble.

On December 19 her mother found the girl lying unconscious in bed and beside her an empty bottle that had contained carbolic acid. A letter on the dressing table showed plainly that it had been sent to that effect was brought in by the coroner's jury at the inquest.

THEIR FAREWELL SESSION.

The public school board of 1896 last evening held their final meeting at Secretary Williams' office, disposing of the business of the board and retiring in business-like fashion, and afterwards indulging in a little excusable speech-making appropriate to the occasion. Chairman Hayward, who this year retires, with Trustees Saunders and Lovell, in bidding adieu to his associates, spoke of the many difficulties which he had encountered during his term of office, and of the many ways in which he had endeavored to overcome them. He spoke of the many ways in which he had endeavored to overcome them. He spoke of the many ways in which he had endeavored to overcome them.

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