

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 25th to 31st July, 1900. From the 25th to the 30th of this month the barometer remained high over Vancouver Island and the North Pacific states...

Local News.

On Saturday night the police took in charge Peter Ballant at Albert Head, who was found to be of unsound mind. He is confined in jail.

Work has commenced on the White river fish hatchery, the first of eight, it is said, the State of Washington complete establishing this year at a big cost.

His Honor Sir Henri Joly has been pleased to donate two prizes of \$15 and \$10 for those securing the largest number of prizes in Class "A" of the forthcoming Horticultural Society in Vancouver.

News comes from Eslington of the death by drowning of Wm. Davison, a Scotchman. He was sitting on the gunwale of a boat and attempting to remove his shoes when he fell overboard.

At the forthcoming conference of the Boards of Trades of the province it is expected that in addition to questions relating to northern transportation, amendments to the Insolvency Act will be taken into consideration.

Among the big consignments from Victoria houses which will go forward to Dawson on the Tees and Danube will be a shipment of over thirty tons of merchandise from the Mammoth store here for Mr. Marks's branch in Dawson.

The ravages of the cut worm are by no means confined to the rural districts. Even in the city gardens, cabbages, potatoes, beets, etc., are being swept away by their ravages, while they even attack the flowers in the garden.

The North and South Saanich Agricultural Society will hold their twenty-third annual exhibition on Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th. The officers of this society, elected at the annual meeting on Saturday night, are: G. Bradley Dyne, president; W. Le Poer French, vice-president; Fred. Turgoose, secretary; George Sangster, treasurer; W. Thompson, J. T. Harrison, A. G. Wrigley, W. Dean, G. Simpson, J. Erskine, J. Shopland, J. R. Carmichael and W. Young, directors.

wherein Alexander King, an old man of 65 years of age, killed Herbert Davenport, has been confirmed. Davenport was a river pilot and was on his way to Dawson on a scow together with King and two others. The trip was tedious from the frequent delays, which seemed to greatly annoy the old man.

On Wednesday's Daily. Mrs. Wm. H. Reed died last evening at her home on Quebec Street. Mrs. Reed was the wife of the United States immigration agent of this city, and was 58 years of age, and a native of Illinois.

The paving of Broad Street from Yates to Fort streets will be commenced on Monday morning next, and the operations on Yates from Government to Douglas will be instituted later.

The death occurred yesterday of the family residence, St. Charles Street, of Mrs. Margaret Pitts, wife of Sidney Pitts. Mrs. Pitts has long been a resident of this city, and had a large circle of acquaintances, who will regret to learn of her death.

The police statistics for the month of July are as follows: Drunks 24, infraction street by-law 1, carrying concealed weapons 1, infraction of the health by-law 1, fighting 1, vagrancy 2, assault 5, stealing 2, riding bicycles on sidewalk 4, insulting language 1, breaking and entering 1, malicious damage 1, lodgings 1, possession of stolen property 1, safe-keeping 1, obstructing streets 1, supplying liquor during prohibited hours 1, committed to the asylum 2.

The North Dairy farm pumping station has been practically completed with the exception of the painting, which will be finished probably this week. The operations on the new Victoria West fire hall are progressing apace, and the structure will be ready for occupation by September 1st.

Ex-Speaker Forster, Delta; W. H. Ladner, Ladner; R. Balfour, Langley; Major Mutter, Somenos; W. P. Jaynes, Duncan; C. R. King, Victoria; W. J. Brandt, Vancouver, and Messrs. Hayward and Neill, M. P. Es., are the members present at the session of the Dairy-men's Association. A deputation of members of the association waited on the government to discuss several matters of importance.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sidney J. Pitts, who died on Tuesday evening, will take place to-morrow from the family residence, St. Charles Street, to Christ Church Cathedral, and later to the Ross Bay cemetery.

Brackman & Ker have received a letter from Edmonton stating that the crop conditions in that section of the country are very promising. Considerable rain has fallen lately, which has done a great deal of good.

The Victoria Building Society held their semi-annual meeting yesterday evening, for the purpose of receiving the financial statement for the past half year and also to hold the eighty-first drawing for an appropriation. The treasurer's report showed the society to be in a most flourishing condition.

about 25 years ago, when as Fanny Morgan Phelps she delighted local drama patrons by her superior histrionic powers in the old Victoria Theatre on Government Street. During the patriotic entertainments in the Drill Hall some time ago, Mrs. Tompkinson, under the name of "The Absent-Minded Begonia," her electrical appeal meeting with splendid tangible response from the large audience, which augmented to a considerable extent the fund in aid of the widows and orphans of those who fell in South Africa.

BOYS ESCAPE.

Four Occupants of the Reformatory Secure Their Liberty. The coming of the dog days and the irrepressible instinct of the race for liberty are together responsible for a loss which Supt. Hanson, of the Juvenile Reformatory, has experienced.

The boys in question, Bullock, Jarvis, Weymouth and Ferguson, have had vivid mental pictures during the last month or wide stretches of pebbly beaches, of the woods, of berries and cherries. Yesterday morning they decided to risk all on a desperate break for liberty and without bidding farewell to their guardian they removed a bar from one of the windows, dropped through the space left by its removal, to the ground, and took to the woods.

MONTHLY CUSTOMS RETURNS.

Large Increase in Collections Over Those of a Year Ago. Last month's customs returns show a big improvement over those for July a year ago. There is a difference of nearly \$14,000 in the amount of duty collected, while on other revenues, principally that of the Chinese, last month has an advantage of nearly \$14,000 over the figures for 1899.

The absence of Captain Brecht, of the little steamer Mable, which has been tied up at the wharf of the Victoria machinery depot for the past month or more, is causing his friends considerable uneasiness. The captain is a middle aged man, of Swedish birth and came here on the Mable to have repairs made to his vessel.

CAPTAIN BRECHT MISSING.

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The Horse Market. Demands Sound. Lame horses sell at less than half their actual value and are neither desirable for use or sale. They remedy this. A few bottles of KENDALL'S SPAIN CURE.

The Retail Markets.

Slight Decline on Flour-Potatoes Likely to Be Scarce This Fall.

Fish Being Imported From Seattle to Supply the Local Demand.

Owing perhaps to the fact that the first grain has been cut, flour has shown a decline this week and a cut has been made of 25 cents on the barrel. New hay has long been obtainable, but in bulk form, and therefore little, if any of it, has been handled by retailers.

Fruit continues to come in plentifully, but there are few bananas in stock. Peaches have dropped to a dollar a box. They are expected, however, to advance in price again very shortly, as the reduction made is consequent to a shipment of 90,000 cases being received last week.

GOODWOOD RACES.

London, July 31.—At the first day's racing at the Goodwood meeting to-day the Steward's cup, value 300 sovereigns, was won by Mr. J. A. Drake's aged chestnut horse Royal Flush, by Favor out of Flash, ridden by J. Reiff.

Table listing various goods and their prices: Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Potatoes, etc.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY. Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills. Must Bear Signature of Brewster. Cure Sick Headache.

ALLISON TOWNSITE.

LOTS NOW IN THE MARKET. Situated on the beautiful valley of the Similkameen River. Agents Wanted. THE FONTHILL NURSERIES. Steady Employment to Workers.

Agents Wanted.

To sell high grade fruit trees and fruit bushes, ornamental trees, flowering shrubs, roses, hedges, vines, etc., all of which is sent out under government certificate for cleanliness and freedom from disease.

Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

AN INDIAN'S CRIME. Alleged to Have Drowned His Wife and Child. Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Further details of an alleged murder which occurred three months ago, 100 miles north of Manitoba, brief mention of which was made a few days ago, have reached here.

NOTICE OF SALE. BY PUBLIC AUCTION. At the Mining Recorder's Office, Clarendon, B.C., on the 10th day of September, 1900.

EVERY WEAK MAN. SHOULD read a Descriptive Treatise on the Modern Weakness in Men, including Premature Emission, Neurasthenia, etc.

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