

Local News.

CLEANING OF CITY AND SUBURBAN STREETS.

Geo. Goudie, a fourteen-year-old boy, appeared in the provincial police court on Saturday charged with stealing two con skins and one mink skin from an Indian. He pleaded guilty, but was allowed out on suspended sentence.

The case of Jackson vs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken was concluded Friday afternoon before Mr. Justice Martin. The action was dismissed with costs. The plaintiff claimed about \$16,000 was due him from the firm, extending over about ten years' time.

The warship water tender, the steamer Water Lily, capsized at her moorings, Rose Bank, Esquimalt Friday afternoon. The watchman had left the vessel, but a short time previously, and luckily no one was aboard. The boat was owned and operated by Rowland Stewart, of Hatley Park.

Rehearsals of the "Messiah" will be held on Wednesday evenings during the winter in the First Presbyterian church schoolroom, which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the Musical Festival chorus by the board of management of the church. Members of the chorus are requested to attend promptly at 8 o'clock next Wednesday evening, and bring their copies of the "Messiah."

Chief Crossan and Constables G. Thompson and J. Neen, composing the Nanaimo police force, have resigned their positions. The police commissioners have accepted the resignations, and the new commissioners will deal with the question of successors. It is understood that the resignations have followed as a result of the crusade conducted by Rev. R. Hughes in connection with gambling in the city.

The junior examinations of the Tolmie school took place on Friday, and were very successful and creditable to themselves and their teacher, Miss G. A. Godson, who has been attached to this institution for over eleven years. Recitations and singing were branches in which the children acquitted themselves, with especial credit. The attendance of parents of the children and their friends were very large, and it was impossible to provide sitting accommodation for all.

Some exceptionally high scores were made by members of the High school cadet corps at the gallery shooting practice held on Sunday at the drill hall. Cadet Kent secured 24 points out of a possible 25, while Cadets Robson and Bamford made 23 and 21 points respectively. Appended are 12 of the best scores by the cadets: Kent, 24; Robson, 23; Bamford, 21; Elford, 20; Walters, 20; Sears, 19; Raymer, 17; Macrae, 17; Taylor, 16; Clarke, 15; Thomas, 15; Beckwith, 15.

Court Northern Light, A. O. F., will hold a very interesting meeting next Wednesday evening, when the Foresters will gather to welcome the District Chief Ranger, Bro. McIntosh, of New Westminster, on his annual visit. The chief ranger has been invited to attend, and will be royally entertained by the committee who have charge of the entertainment. The Christmas tree committee desire that members having tickets will kindly return them to the secretary, Bro. W. F. Fullerton, at a meeting of the committee this evening in K. of P. hall, so that a final report can be presented to the local courts.

The deputy minister of agriculture has been advised that the twelfth annual meeting of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association will take place at Boise, Idaho, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 16th, 17th and 18th of January, when many addresses on subjects in connection with fruit growing will be made. All members in attendance are invited to take part in the discussion and contribute to the question box. If the questions are sent to the secretary before the meeting, competent persons can be selected to discuss them. Boise can be reached over the O. S. L. railroad, which has granted a one and one-half fare for round trip over its lines. The Oregon H. & N. railroad have made a rate of one and one-third round trip fare over its roads. Accommodations for all attending this meeting will be provided either in private family or hotel.

Owing to the falling away of the bank on the Dallas road, it has been found necessary to remove the Brockie Ledge cable station to a point farther east. The heavy seas which have been breaking in on the shore have been making serious encroachments on the road. Six feet of the embankment has been carried away, and there is evidence that still more will disappear very shortly. For this reason visitors to the beach are reminded that any weight on the upper stratum remaining is likely to cause all to give away. The protection of the Dallas road forebore from just what is now happening is a matter which requires serious consideration, a great deal more than has been given to by the city council. Until the change in the cable station has been made, it may be necessary to discontinue the light on the ledge for a few nights while the work is under way.

The new Vancouver High school at Fairview was opened on Thursday afternoon in the presence of a large number. The ceremonies were conducted in the spacious auditorium on the top floor. The chair was occupied by Thos. Duke, chairman of the school board, and when he sat Principal Shaw of the High school and Secretary Murray of the school board. Among the school trustees on the platform were noticed Dr. W. B. McKinnon, and Messrs. Wm. Clineb, D. Donaldson, and J. J. Douglas. The other gentlemen on the platform were Superintendent of Education Alex. Robinson of Victoria, G. Jay, chairman of the school board of the same city, City Superintendent Arno, Principal Burns of the Normal school, Inspector Wilson of Nelson, A. H. B. Macgowan, M. P., P. Rev. R. N. Powell, Rev. W. B.

Pescott, O. C. Eldridge and William Hunt.

Ex-Governor Joseph Condon, A. Noel, A. B. Palmer, Robt. Lowe and several other politicians from Dawson, arrived at Seattle the other day on the steamer Dolphin. They are en route to Ottawa.

One of the quaint little hunting rendezvous along the E. & N. railway, the comfortable log cabin of L. Camassa at the Seranton-Mills Post, was destroyed by fire last week. The origin of the fire has not been learned. All the furniture and a quantity of ammunition were lost.

The Laborers' Union met on Friday and elected officers as follows: President, A. Johnson; vice-president, C. Pointer; corresponding secretary, Wm. McKay; secretary-treasurer, J. Goldstraw; trustee, J. White; delegates to trades and labor council, A. Johnson and A. R. Sherk; alternates, Wm. McKay and S. Riley.

At the meeting of the Bar Association held on Friday afternoon a resolution was passed urging upon the Dominion government the appointment of a judge for Victoria county. It was urged that the business coming before the court required this being done. Copies of the resolution were forwarded to the proper authorities.

J. Taylor, a resident of Alaska, claims to have found 1,000 pounds of ambergris in northern waters recently," says the Seattle Times. "He arrived in Seattle on the steamship Dolphin, bringing 20 pounds as a sample. Taylor told officers of the vessel that he expected to realize not less than \$1,000 a pound for the substance."

Members of the navy will give a concert in aid of the Johnson street mission on Thursday evening next. The concert will be given in the Y. M. C. A. hall, and it is expected that the attendance will be large. The naval men have the reputation for providing a first class entertainment, and the cause in which this concert is given is one which appeals to all.

On Thursday Mr. Francis Fiorini and Miss Mabel Anna Divine, of Washington, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. H. J. Woods, pastor of the Reformed Episcopal church. The ceremony was performed in the parlors of the Dominion hotel. After spending a brief honeymoon here Mr. and Mrs. Fiorini will return to the Sound.

The Provincial Fruit Growers' Association have completed their meeting, and most of the members in attendance came to Victoria Friday. Before closing a resolution was passed complimenting J. H. Turner, agent-general for British Columbia at London, for his services in the advertisement which the province had received through the fruit exhibit in that city.

In the Supreme court Friday the trial of Jackson vs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken is in progress before Mr. Justice Martin. This is an action brought by the plaintiff to recover about \$16,000, which the contents is due him from the firm since his withdrawal from it about 1893. The case is one of technicalities as to agreements and the book-keeping of the firm. The defendants had made offer of settlement according to what was considered fair. This was refused, and the case taken into court. C. J. Prior and W. J. Taylor, K. C., appear for the plaintiff, and F. Peters, K. C., for the defendants.

A large crowd gathered in the school room of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, Thursday when an entertainment, which took the form of a Christmas treat to the Sunday school children, was given. The room was appropriately decorated with flowers and evergreen. A handsome tree had been provided and loaded with costly and pleasing gifts. After excellent musical programs, Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed the presents. Features of the entertainment were a charming flag drill and an interesting production known as "The Fairy Queen." The treat was voted a splendid success by all who attended.

On looking over the books showing the extent of their business, many of the leading merchants of the city have found that the trade done during the holiday season just over greatly exceeded that of preceding years. A number of the largest establishments in the city on making comparisons discovered that they had done as much three days before Christmas as during the whole of the holiday season of a year ago. Early in December complaints had been made of the lack of business, but this, according to those who have studied trade conditions, was really a prelude to the holiday season. One merchant on referring to his books said that he found that up to the 7th his firm had greatly exceeded the previous year's trade, while after that date the improvement was still more noticeable.

Two foreign warships now on the coast bring home to Victorians what might happen in event of trouble with not a single cruiser in these parts to offer protection. One of the foreigners is the French cruiser Protet, which has been visiting Honolulu, and will be due in San Francisco shortly. The other vessel is the German cruiser Emden. The news of her being ordered to San Francisco was brought by the Kosmos line steamer Anamis. She spoke the Falckia in the Straits of Magellan, and was told that the cruiser had been ordered to San Francisco.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.

Ladies' Favorite.
Is the only safe, reliable, and pleasant remedy for all cases of constipation, whether chronic or temporary. It is prepared in two degrees of strength, No. 1 and No. 2. For ordinary cases No. 1 is the best. For severe cases No. 2 is the best. It is sold in all drug stores. Take no other. Prepared in two degrees of strength. No. 1 and No. 2 are sold in all Victoria drug stores.

Francisco. The Falckia will stop at some of the ports along the coast, and if contrary orders are not received, the warship should make the Bay City within the next two weeks. The Falckia is a cruiser of the third class type. For some time she has been cruising in the South Seas.

N. F. Mackay, private secretary to Premier McBride, is to act as secretary to the assessment commission, which begins its sittings early next week.

In washing wootens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

Tenders are being invited by A. T. Coward, of the C. O. Electric Railway Company, for the immediate supply of two hundred and fifty poles to be utilized in connection with proposed extensions of the local system.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the executive of the C. O. F., which was held Thursday: Chief companion, Mrs. Nelson; sub-chief, Mrs. Macdonald; treasurer, Mrs. Churton; secretary, Miss Anderson; right guard, Miss Sharpe; left guard, Mrs. Lambeth.

Active steps are being taken by prominent members of the Young Men's Christian Association to organize a literary and debating society. This, it is understood, will take the form, ultimately, of a mock parliament. Those who wish to become members are requested to submit their names to Secretary Northcott as soon as possible.

Miss Ethel Green, accompanied by her father and mother, arrived in Seattle on Wednesday morning and left the same day for Spokane, reaching there at 9:30 on Thursday morning. Miss Green took part in the performance of "A Chinese Honeymoon" at the Spokane theatre on Thursday night. The arrangement with the manager of the company was that Miss Green should join them in Spokane, which she did.

Mr. Bailey, the manager of the Seamen's Institute, having taken over the responsibility of carrying it on himself, in future, has secured the building on Langley street, which was suggested by him in his letter to the board of trade the other day. He hopes to occupy the premises as soon as all the necessary arrangements have been completed, which will probably be in the course of a week or ten days.

The total salmon pack of British Columbia during the season of 1904 was 455,804 cases, according to returns which have just been compiled. The packs of recent previous years are as follows: 1903, 473,674 cases; 1902, 625,982 cases; 1901, 726,157 cases; 1900, 585,413 cases. The entire pack of the season of 1904 has been marketed with the exception of 68,276 cases stock on hand. Eastern Canada took 160,258 cases; Australia and New Zealand, 37,060 cases; United Kingdom, 151,114 cases; locally, there were 15,919 cases.

The poultry show at Nanaimo, which is now in progress, has been a pronounced success. J. E. Bennett, the judge, says that he considers that the bit of Barred Plymouth Rocks better than those at the Industrial Fair, Toronto. In the Silver Laced Grey Dorking class he says that nothing at the poultry show of Quebec, Canada, could touch those at Nanaimo, although the birds at the Gulf Fair was held at \$100.

The annual installation of officers in connection with the Major's Council, No. 1,513, Royal Arcanum, took place Thursday. The following are the names of those placed in office: Regent, Jos. Sears; vice-regent, J. L. Beckwith; orator, E. E. Burns; secretary, J. W. Bolden; treasurer, R. H. Watson; collector, W. H. Jones; chaplain, S. Mallery; guide, R. F. Ely; warden, T. N. Ralph; sentry, W. J. Hanna; trustees, R. Jenkinson, W. B. Bennett, G. Mitchell. A smoker will be arranged by the council. It will be held at an early date, the preparations having been placed in the hands of an energetic committee.

Thursday evening the regular weekly meeting of the Victoria Tourist Association was held at the rooms, Fort Street. Mayor Barnard presided, and there were present Aids, Beckwith and others. The following were present: Mayor Barnard, J. L. Beckwith, orator, E. E. Burns, J. W. Bolden, treasurer, R. H. Watson, collector, W. H. Jones, chaplain, S. Mallery, guide, R. F. Ely, warden, T. N. Ralph, sentry, W. J. Hanna, trustees, R. Jenkinson, W. B. Bennett, G. Mitchell. A smoker will be arranged by the council. It will be held at an early date, the preparations having been placed in the hands of an energetic committee.

The following are the officers of the Victoria Capital Division, No. 109, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, who were recently installed: President, A. W. Clayton; vice-president, David Millar; financial secretary, R. C. Wilson; recording secretary, C. W. Thomson; treasurer, D. Dewar; conductor, R. Dewar; warden, W. Peddie; sentinel, T. Roberts; executive committee, A. W. Clayton, R. A. Ritchie, M. Brinkman, H. H. Allen, and R. C. Wilson; auditing committee, A. G. Wilson, A. Allott and J. L. Hornbrook; grievance committee, M. Brinkman, H. Allen, and R. C. Wilson; sick committee, J. Phillips, W. Doyle, H. Higgins and J. A. Thomson. The following are the members of the committee: M. Brinkman and C. W. Thomson.

Rev. H. H. Goven will give the first of his course of evening lectures this Thursday at 8:30 o'clock at the Alexandra club (over Chalmers & Mitchell's), Government street. The lecture is open to the public, and all interested are cordially invited to take advantage of the opportunity offered. The subject to-morrow night will be "The England of Shakespeare," to be followed

on alternate Tuesdays with "King Lear" and "Julius Caesar." The programme for the course has already been published through the press, and is also issued separately, and may be obtained from Messrs. Hibben. Those attending are asked to be punctual.

A cordial invitation is extended to citizens to attend the evangelistic services in the Metropolitan Methodist church each evening of the week (Saturday excepted) at 8 o'clock.

It is announced that the holder of ticket No. 80 was the fortunate one in the recent doll drawing at the Elite, Fort Street.

An exceedingly interesting illustrated lecture will be delivered by Bishop Perrin on Wednesday evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Broad street. He will take for his subject "The English Catholics." The history of all the notable buildings of this character will be entered into thoroughly and those who have studied some of these grand old piles will realize the discourse cannot fail to be full of instruction and interest. Assisted by splendid views, Bishop Perrin, who has made a special study of all Old Country Cathedrals, may be depended upon to provide an hour's profitable entertainment for all attending. There will be no nominal admission fee, but ten cents, members of the Y. M. C. A. being admitted free of charge.

Steamer Leetnew has arrived at Juneau with a cargo of coal from Vancouver Island mines.

No. 2 company, Fifth Regiment, C. A., will commence drill to-morrow evening. All members of the above company are requested to be present.

A drawing for two large dolls held at the People's store, 88 1/2 Douglas street, resulted in ticket No. 155 and ticket No. 109 winning the dolls dressed in pink and blue respectively.

A meeting of Queen Alexandra Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees, will be held on Wednesday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, at the K. of P. hall. Important business will come up for consideration and a full attendance is desired.

Another effort is being made to recover the large anchor and chain belonging to the Minnesota, and lost in the straits a fortnight ago. This time the Maude has grappling irons that sink over two feet into the bottom of the straits.

The annual dinner of the Ministerial Association was held at noon Monday at the People's Dog restaurant. All members attended, and after the good things provided were done full justice, a number of interesting addresses were delivered.

Some time ago it was decided that the tenders for the new C.P.R. hotel would not be opened until the 16th of this month. This, it is believed, was necessary in consequence of some delay in receiving some of the Eastern tenders, and also on account of the absence of some of the O.P.R. officials concerned.

The present spell of frosty weather is raising the hopes of devotees of that popular pastime, skating. According to reports the marshes in the neighborhood of Colwood are frozen solid, while a few more cold nights are expected to cover the lake with ice sufficiently thick to allow skaters to indulge in the sport without danger.

On Thursday evening the annual meeting of the Tourist Association will be held at the city hall. A report is to be read by Secretary Chubb from the executive. It will be illustrated by a large collection of lantern views in order to give the audience a better idea of the work undertaken by the society. Officers will be elected and other business of importance transacted. Subscribers are particularly requested to be present, as a copious invitation is extended to ladies and friends. The chair will be occupied by Mayor Barnard.

Capt. Oullen, the American inventor of the Culver ball-bearing gun, who is still in the city, has presented E. J. Burns, the Victoria agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, on whose ship, the Kanagawa Maru, he travelled across the Pacific, with an interesting souvenir of the voyage. The gift is a silver cigarette case, which is a relic taken from a Russian soldier at the battle of the Yalu river. It is an odd-looking weapon with bayonet attached and bears evidence of active service. For its size the rifle is remarkably light. It is shaped somewhat like a Lee-Enfield. The cartridges are in the shoulder strap and attached, and in every respect the rifle looks as if it had been suddenly arrested from one in the pitch of battle.

The final match of the James Bay Athletic Association football tournament was played between J. Hart and B. Pettigall and S. Joet and J. Pinalis on Saturday afternoon at the club's gymnasium. It was won by the former after a close struggle, the score being 21-15 and 21-20. As can be seen by this, both sets were interesting. The first was won by six points and in the second the victors had a hard fight with their opponents at one time having a lead of 8 points. But by means of determined play they managed to even matters and finally won out amid considerable excitement, by one point. This gives the tournament to Messrs. Pettigall and Hart. It is expected that the New Year's tournament, which decides the local championship, will be started in about a week.

In the old high school building on Friday evening the 13 successful pupils from the Girls' Central school passing into the High school were presented with diplomas in connection with the event. An interesting feature was the presentation of a large number of diplomas. Miss Evelyn Holmes and Miss Jan Nor-ton were among those who contributed to the programme, both their voices being greatly admired. Bishop Perrin, who was present, in the course of a few appropriate remarks drew attention to the following facts: One of fifteen candidates sent up from the school, thirteen were successful, making a percentage of 86.7. The head of the school, Miss Jean Robinson, a little less of eleven, who had succeeded in making the highest total (842) on the examination in the whole province of British Columbia, and next to her came Miss Isabel Bolton, with a

total of 700, standing third in the province. The diplomas were formally presented by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins. By the oversight, the principal's prize for best lesson recitations during the term, awarded to Miss Gladys Royds, was not publicly presented to her.

Old William Keeler, who was injured by a Douglas street car some days ago, died at the Jubilee hospital Monday, never having recovered from the effects of the accident. He was a native of the County of Sligo and was sixty-two years of age. Accompanied by his wife, Mary Ann Keeler, he came to Victoria about fifteen years ago, and the odd pair acquired considerable notoriety owing to their mendicant propensities. On several occasions they were given free passage to neighboring cities, but each time they were returned. Several years ago Mary Ann Keeler and child were burned to death in their house near Ross bay. Keeler has been much of a problem to the civic authorities, who, after locating him in houses in various parts of the city, at last found it necessary to place him in the Old Men's Home, where he frequently caused trouble.

WILL MANUFACTURE INK, POLISH AND BLUE

Company Has Been Organized to Start a New Industry on This Island.

A company has been formed under the title of Morris, Baird & Co. to engage in the manufacture of meal polish, writing ink of all descriptions and washing blue. The company owns a deposit of Tripoli, called in England rotten stone, situated at Port Renfrew, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. This deposit is of excellent quality and large dimensions. The material forms the basis of all the best meal polishes on the market. It is being marketed by the new firm of Morris, Baird & Co., of Victoria, B. C., and Port Renfrew, in the form of a powder, sold in quarter-pound cans by retailers for ten cents per can, called "Shino." This can has a sifter top, so that the material may be dusted on to a cloth or the article to be cleaned economically and with facility. The material will find its way into general household use for the cleaning and polishing of brass, household utensils of all descriptions, windows, glassware, etc. It is contended that a trial will convince any thrifty and house proud wife that it fills a long felt want. The company is also putting on the market a polishing paste, under the title of "Shino Paste," specially prepared for polishing and cleaning all varieties of brass, copper and steel work. The facility with which this paste will remove rust and tarnish and produce a brilliant lustre will surprise anyone who tries it. This paste has been very favorably reported on by all who have tried it.

The inks which the company are manufacturing are equal to the very best on the market. They consist of a blue black for commercial purposes, which writes a strong blue, and acquires a black color by keeping. This ink is absolutely guaranteed to be indelible, the only change which can take place in it by keeping being that the writing will become darker. This ink will never sink in the bottles nor corrode steel pens. It is absolutely unaffected by ordinary heat and cold or atmospheric conditions of any kind, and all other varieties of inks of very superior quality at much reduced prices when compared with other makes.

The washing blue which the company is manufacturing will be put up in bottles and blocks and doily blue, and will be equal to the best on the market. In addition to the above articles, the company proposes immediately to start the manufacture of a preparation for the cleaning and polishing of all kinds of the silverware, plate and all varieties of fine jewelry, which will be guaranteed not to injure the most delicate surface. This material will be sold under the title of "Shino Plate Polish."

The company proposes to install a water power plant immediately to generate the power necessary for manufacturing on a large scale, as they have confidence that their products will acquire a large sale, as their quality is equal to the best and the price at which they will be marketed will be within the reach of all.

THE POULTRY SHOW.
Preparations for This Week's Exhibition—Large Number of Entries Received.
The annual show under the auspices of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association, which will be held from Wednesday, the 11th, until Saturday evening, the 14th, promises to be the most successful in the annals of the local society. Already preparations are in progress at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, where the exhibition is to be held, as the place, being installed to accommodate over 700 entries, about 100 in excess of the number received last year. Arrangements have been made by Secretary Johnson for a number of specialties.

In order to facilitate judging and to promote the success of the exhibition, it has been decided to award all prizes before the admission of the general public. Judge C. G. Hinde will arrive this evening, and commence his task first thing Wednesday morning. He is expected to finish that day, and the exhibition will be opened to the public on Thursday. The doors will be thrown open, and in the afternoon His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere will deliver a brief address, formally dedicating the exhibition to progress.

As mentioned, there are about seven hundred entries, and these include some of the finest birds in America. Fanciers of Victoria, Gallano and Salt Spring Islands, Duncan, Chemainus and Nanaimo have taken place from the family residence, Niagara street, at 2 o'clock, and have an hour later at Christ Church cathedral. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. Canon Beaulieu, and a number of appropriate hymns were sung by the surplice choir, which was in attendance. Native sons, members of the James Bay Athletic Association, government officials and employees were present, paying a last tribute to one who, during his many years' residence here, has been prominently identified with the two former organizations and the latter service. There were many beautiful floral emblems, theasket being covered with fragrant flowers. The following acted as pall-bearers: E. M. Fort, S. Flippie,

BLANKETS, UMBRELLAS, UNDERWEAR, GLOVES, ETC. are SEASONABLE GOODS

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J. PIERCY & CO.,
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Crosse & Blackwell's Orange Marmalade

1 pound tin	15c
2 pound tin	25c
4 pound tin	50c
7 pound tin	75c

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The Independent Cash Grocers.

Saturday's Bargains

Pure Lard, 3-lb. tin - 35c
Armstrong's Pure Island Honey, 1-lb. Glass Jars, each - 20c
Manitoba Creamery Butter, lb. - 25c
Government " " 14-lb. box, \$3.50

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PHONE, 28. 39 AND 41 JOHNSON STREET.
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PHONE, 88. 42 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Judging by the number of entries and the quality of the birds to compete, as well as the thoroughness of the preparations, the programme should be carried off as arranged most successfully. But in order to insure a financial success large attendances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be necessary. The excellence of the show and the novelty of the specialties referred to should attract all interested in poultry.

COWICHAN NOTES.
(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
A number of entertainments have been given in the hall at Cowichan recently. The Hall company are giving a series of five concerts. The second took place about two weeks ago in the shape of an amateur minstrel show. It was quite a success. The bachelors of the district have also given one or two successful dates.
The school children had a fine Christmas tree on the evening of December 23rd, at which some of them acted and sang in a very pleasing and creditable manner. The entertainment, however, nearly proved disastrous to Santa Claus, whose cap caught fire at one of the candles on the tree, and if some of the audience had not had the presence of mind to throw a cloak over his head, something worse than a slight singeing of hair and eyebrows might have happened to him.
The King Solomon mine near here is attracting considerable attention. Three miners are engaged on development work, and those who have claims adjacent to it are watching results. It would be a fine thing for this district if there was a large mining camp so near.
Two meetings have been held lately to consider the advisability of forming this district into a municipality. John Evans, M. P., addressed both meetings, and explained the working of the act, etc. No vote has yet been taken, but a third meeting will be held in the near future to ascertain the views of the taxpayers on the subject.

LAI TO REST.
Funeral of Late James S. Byrn on Saturday Afternoon Was Largely Attended.
The high respect in which Victorians held the memory of the late James S. Byrn was testified by the large number who attended the funeral on Saturday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, Niagara street, at 2 o'clock, and was attended by a large number of friends. The service was held at Christ Church cathedral. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. Canon Beaulieu, and a number of appropriate hymns were sung by the surplice choir, which was in attendance. Native sons, members of the James Bay Athletic Association, government officials and employees were present, paying a last tribute to one who, during his many years' residence here, has been prominently identified with the two former organizations and the latter service. There were many beautiful floral emblems, theasket being covered with fragrant flowers. The following acted as pall-bearers: E. M. Fort, S. Flippie,

THE NORWEGIAN LIFEBOAT URDAD completed her passage across the North Atlantic on Saturday, but in entering Gloucester, Mass., harbor was met by a light and grounded on Pavilion beach. The Urdrad is bound from Aalesund, Norway, to New York, and carries a crew of four men. A few days ago she lost her rudder and Thursday was sighted ten miles off Cape Cod.

BORN.
BURNS—At Vancouver, on Jan. 5th, the wife of W. E. Burns, of a daughter.
COX—At Grand Forks, on Jan. 2nd, the wife of Bert Cox, of a daughter.

MARRIED.
FERGUSON-POLSON—At Vancouver, on Jan. 2nd, by Rev. J. Simpson, F. W. Ferguson and Miss Elizabeth Pound.

CHATER-OWEN—At Kamloops, on Jan. 4th, by Rev. W. A. Willie, Thomas Chater and Miss Lillian Owen.

DIED.
SAUL—At Vancouver, on Jan. 6th, David Keer Saul, aged 69 years.

MACDONALD—At Kamloops, on Jan. 6th, Mrs. J. R. Macdonald, aged 80 years.

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THE NORWEGIAN LIFEBOAT URDAD completed her passage across the North Atlantic on Saturday, but in entering Gloucester, Mass., harbor was met by a light and grounded on Pavilion beach. The Urdrad is bound from Aalesund, Norway, to New York, and carries a crew of four men. A few days ago she lost her rudder and Thursday was sighted ten miles off Cape Cod.

BORN.
BURNS—At Vancouver, on Jan. 5th, the wife of W. E. Burns, of a daughter.
COX—At Grand Forks, on Jan. 2nd, the wife of Bert Cox, of a daughter.

MARRIED.
FERGUSON-POLSON—At Vancouver, on Jan. 2nd, by Rev. J. Simpson, F. W. Ferguson and Miss Elizabeth Pound.

CHATER-OWEN—At Kamloops, on Jan. 4th, by Rev. W. A. Willie, Thomas Chater and Miss Lillian Owen.

DIED.
SAUL—At Vancouver, on Jan. 6th, David Keer Saul, aged 69 years.

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