

of this council. He asked all electors to vote not only for mayor and aldermen, but upon the referendum which was before them.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

**A Movement in this Direction is Now
on Foot—Would Produce
Good Results.**

It is "not unlikely" that the association of chiefs of police from the Northwest will be organized in the near future. A movement is on foot in this direction in the Sound cities, and although the heads of the Victoria and Vancouver police departments have not yet been approached, they express themselves heartily in sympathy with the idea. The principal promoter of the scheme is Chief of Police John Sullivan, of Seattle, and an inaugural convention will probably be held in the near future. The proposed association on the initiative of Thomas Deasy, and their meetings every year have been productive of great good. Much of the information on the most improved methods of subduing fire, fire fighting is acquired at these conventions, and doubtless an association of police chiefs would be equally beneficial in the

One particular matter booked for consideration is a system of interchange of detectives between the principal cities of Montana and Washington states, Portland, Vancouver and Victoria. The benefits to be derived from such interchange are admitted generally in police circles, but the advantage lies particularly in the larger centres. In the big cities of the East it has already been satisfactorily experimented with. This interchange would result in the detectives becoming thoroughly acquainted with the crooks of the different cities concerned, and would enable the men

to pick up valuable pointers as regards the handling of police business in the different municipalities. Under the arrangement one of our men, for instance, might be sent to Butte, and one of their men might come here to relieve him, and the same thing would apply in the interchange with Portland, Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma and Helena. By the interchange the pay-roll of none of these cities would be increased, and the number of men on the force would remain the same. Railroad expenses would have to be borne by the cities.

Chief Langley, on being asked by a Times reporter in this regard:

had heard of the movement, said: "No not yet, but I will certainly join the association if it is organized."

THE Y. M. C. A.

Organization Meeting Held in Harmony Hall—Plans to Raise Funds.

In Harmony hall, View street, Friday evening a well attended meeting of those interested in the project of organizing a Y. M. C. A. in Victoria was held. The hall had kindly been placed at the dis-

The objects of the meeting were first discussed, and it was finally decided to appoint a provisional committee whose duty it would be to canvass among the merchants, soliciting the support of a hundred or more prominent business men to the extent of \$1 a month each for twelve months, and report progress to a meeting to be held next Friday evening. The provisional committee consisted of

lows: President, R. W. Clarke; Secretary, Mr. Martindale, and Messrs. Whittington, Staneland, Knott, Dee, Lawton, Thomas, Siddall and Dr. Bolton.

This committee was given power to elect a constitutional and finance committee, which they did as follows: Messrs. Clarke, Gleeson, McMicking, Noot and Dr. Bolton; finance committee, Messrs. Staneland, Martindale.

Before the close of the meeting the advisability of holding an entertainment for the purpose of aiding in the raising of necessary funds was discussed. It was considered a good idea, and action

In that direction will be taken immediately. Messrs. Siddall and Clarke promised to do what they could towards obtaining the use of the old Y. M. C. A. hall on Broad street. The meeting then adjourned.

STOLE WATCH AND CHAINS.

Jap Paid the Penalty For Dishonesty—
Got Six Months' Imprisonment.

A Japanese named Takahashi was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor on Saturday for stealing.

ing a gold watch and two chains belonging to Mrs. George Russell. The accused was employed as domestic in Mr. Russell's house for some months past, and was consequently familiar with the place, where the articles had been concealed. On Friday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, the watch and chains were missing, and the occupants of the house discovered that Takahashi also had disappeared. They learned that he had been seen running through the back yard and jumping the fence a couple of hours before, and concluded that he was the thief.

Police were alerted and Constable Jackson found that the Japanese had attempted to sell one of the chains to Mr. Goss, the Douglas-street dealer. The latter, however, became suspicious and went to see if he could have the chain identified. When he returned the Japanese had flown. The constable subsequently arrested him while he was trying to dispose of the stolen property at Aaronson's. The watch and chains were valued at \$100.

A couple of West Coast Indians were fined \$5 and \$1 each for drunkenness. They paid their fines. This morning after court Constable Northcott arrested

An Sing, who was identified by the Indians as the man who supplied them with the liquor. He will face the magistrate on Monday.