

PASTIMES.

Cycling Assoc.—Lacrosse Teams—to Calgary.

Teams Entered for the matches of the Can-Am League.

Committee of the Wap. held a special meeting to consider the proposition to form a cycling club.

Turner's letter, which will be something of a trial wheelman, as it sets meeting at "Saturday," unfortunately no such date the calendar.

However, the Mainland cyclists are not to be deterred by the scheme is good to inform Mr. Turner.

will send representative whenever and wherever the uniforms were being made; the jackets are being made dark blue, of a new

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SEALERS OVER THE SEA.

The Latest News From the Victoria Fleet in Japanese Waters—Guarding the Rookies.

Differences With the Imperial Police—The Japanese Press Defends the Sealers.

Heroic Rescue of a Shipwrecked Crew by the Schooner Carlotta G. Cox.

The Japan Advertiser of recent date publishes, "for the information of whom it may concern," a number of communications which have been sent by Mr. James Troup, H.B.M.'s consul at Yokohama, to the masters of sealing schooners sailing under the British flag.

The first two communications are similar in tenor to those made public by Collector Miles early in March, the one referring to the proposal for the establishment of a protective zone around the seal islands and coast of Russia, and advising sealers to wait for particulars; the other, warning sealers against venturing in Russian territorial waters without special permits, and explaining that the Copper and Koblen islands are recognized by the Japanese Government.

Commenting editorially on the communications, notices and sealing information generally, the Advertiser writes: "It is a pity that it appears from information which has come to our knowledge that the Japanese authorities are taking action in reference to the sealing of the coast of the National Club, which is now in port, among other ships on the other side a number of Japanese who were engaged in the usual manner for the coast, and who are being made in common with the other members of the ships' companies. Attempts, it is alleged, have been and are being made by the police to detain those men from completing their contracts. Officers have proceeded to the ships in dispute, and have endeavored to frighten the sealers and to detain them from proceeding on the coast. Two sealers have thus been deprived of the services of members of their crews, who are consequently entering in the logs as absentees. In a third case two Japanese sealers came on shore, but were apprised of what was going on, and on board their ship and remained there, afraid to venture on shore again."

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THE CITY.

Y. M. C. A. Reception.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. have been invited to a reception to be given in the association parlors on Broad street, on the evening of the 19th instant. The ladies have charge of the arrangements.

Washing the Sewers.

The sewers on several of the principal streets of the city were yesterday washed, but were not found to be in a bad condition. Several thousand gallons of water was poured into them by means of hose from the nearest hydrants.

They Were Married.

Arnold Woodin, of California, and Miss Lizzie L. Weber, of Portland, composed a party of two who drove up to the Rev. Cornelius Watson's residence on Tuesday evening, their mission being to get married. This done, the party drove off, and it is supposed took the Sound steamer.

Girls' Friendly Society.

As will be seen by advertisement elsewhere in this issue, an entertainment will be given by the members of the Girls' Friendly Society at the Philharmonic hall on Tuesday, the 18th inst., in aid of the funds of St. Barnabas church. The affair, which will be under the patronage of the Mayor and Mrs. Dewdney, promises well.

In Chambers.

Mr. Justice Drake sat in Chambers yesterday morning, and adjourned until Saturday the application in the case of Keefe vs. Lumsden, for leave to sign final judgment. A sum of \$325 in connection with the case was paid to His Lordship by Mr. N. E. L. & T. Co. His Lordship was asked to stay execution until the writ in the Divisional Court be heard. He granted the application, the defendants undertaking to speed the appeal.

Whitlock-Firth.

At the Balmoral hotel last evening, in the presence of a few friends, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Mr. Whitlock, of Tacoma, Wash., and Miss Maggie S. Firth, youngest daughter of the late Captain Wm. Firth, of St. John, N.B., and sister of Mrs. E. R. Orley, were married. Mrs. Whitlock left by the North Pacific soon after the ceremony for their home across Puget Sound.

The Quandra Looked For.

The Dominion steamer Quandra, which left here for the Skeena two weeks ago today, is expected to be back within ten days, and was only provisioned for twelve. Capt. Gaudin, who is in command, says that she must have found something to do. She is now needed to carry provisions to the Carmanah Point lighthouse, where the coal supply is running short.

Bazaar and Concert.

The ladies of the Cedar Hill Presbyterian church gave a sale of work and concert on Tuesday, which, though interfered with by the rival attractions, will add between \$30 and \$40 to the building fund. The concert programme was contributed by Misses Hutchison and Leighton, Mrs. Macleod, Mrs. Robertson, Lambert, Landells, and Fraser, and Messrs MacRae and Grieve, while Rev. D. MacRae presided. A large portion of the audience was made up of friends from the city.

A Preliminary Association.

No. 2 Battery, B.C.A.A. have completed the organization of their Battery Association, having adopted the constitution and by-laws recommended by the committee appointed to consider the same, and all other preliminaries. The association will have a bank account of more than two hundred dollars, remaining from the drill pay of the year 1897, and the drill money for the future go into this fund. It will be devoted to various useful purposes, including the purchase of arms, and also for securing medical aid in case of sickness.

Some of Items.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sons of Erin was held last evening, when the question of organizing a society to be named the Daughters of Erin was discussed. It will be considered at the next meeting. A motion was passed to hold a picnic on Dominion Day for the benefit of the B. C. Benevolent Society, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. T. Denby, D. M. Carley, T. Frouse, T. M. Jones, T. J. Burns and A. S. George Flint, was appointed to make necessary arrangements. A vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the concert on St. Patrick's Day. A vote of thanks was also tendered the committee in charge of the entertainment. The society have decided to hold a smoking concert on Wednesday evening, May 3. A committee, consisting of Messrs. D. M. Carley, T. J. Burns and A. S. George Flint, was appointed to arrange for it.

Concert and Dance.

The concert and dance given in aid of the benevolent fund of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1610 in Philharmonic hall last evening was well attended. The evening's entertainment was most successful, with a good concert programme, prefaced with a few remarks from the acting chairman, Thomas Ashe. Following this were the appended numbers: singing of Messrs. T. Denby, D. M. Carley, T. Frouse, T. M. Jones, T. J. Burns and A. S. George Flint; musical selection, Brown and Richardson orchestra; recitation, T. Jones; musical selection, Messrs. Macleod, Robertson, Lambert, Landells, and Fraser; song, J. Gifford; piano solo, T. Jones; club singing, Corp. Hamilton; song, B. Wills; recitation, B. Slack; musical selection, Fife and Drum band. When the programme was concluded refreshments were served, after which a social dance was indulged in, the Brown and Richardson orchestra furnishing the music.

An Anti-Chinese Outbreak.

Chinese papers received by the Express of Japan and the Mugal report an anti-Chinese outbreak to have taken place in the prefecture of Chingchow, some seventy miles northwest of Amoy. For thirty years past, Chinese papers have been published in the district by the London Missionary Society; thirteen churches and six or seven preaching stations have been established, and seven or eight hundred. The trouble arose in consequence of the refusal of the Christians to pay a levy for theatrical performances in honor of the local deity. Two or three times the Christians were attacked, and one was killed; her husband had his queue torn out by the Christians, and her two sons were maltreated, and that official's opinion was that the offering of such a reward would hamper him personally.

The resolution was voted down, its only supporters being Aldermen Miller, Styles and Mann.

The Police committee recommended the adoption of Mr. Teague's plan for extra

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Contractor McBean Asks for a Settlement, and Sewerage Matters Are Again Discussed.

Working of the Local Improvement By-Law—Fire Protection—The Water Supply.

At the weekly meeting of the City Council, last night, there was a full attendance of aldermen, and the Mayor presided.

A communication was read from Joseph Gallagher, complaining that a letter had been addressed by him to the Council and although four meetings had since been held, it had not been dealt with.

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