

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily.
The funeral of the late Alfred Blake took place Saturday afternoon at 2:30, from the Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas street.

The Danube docked at 8 on Sunday night from the north. She had a pleasant trip. Frederick Allen, a Kincolith Indian, was aboard in the charge of Constable Strubling. Allen was sentenced to two months' hard labor for assaulting Indian Agent Todd at the Naas river.

A dastardly attempt to burn down a dwelling house was made on Friday night. At 10:30 o'clock Chief Deary received word that a building on Lansdowne road, Oakland estate, had been on fire and men were watching the buildings until the authorities arrived.

The body of Charles Norlin, a sealer, lies at the city morgue. Norlin is supposed to have been drowned by falling from Grant's wharf, and Coroner Hasell being absent from the city nothing can be done until his return on Tuesday.

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Mrs. Mary Millington, aged 59, died yesterday morning of cancer. She had been sick for a long while. Deceased was a native of Gloucester, Eng.

On Thursday next three small survey parties, under the direction of Messrs. Bell, Fry and Devereux, leave for Bute Inlet, from which point they commence work on the survey of lands along the supposed route of the British Pacific railroad.

Messrs. A. Cunningham and Frank Combs, of Great Falls, Montana, who have been in the city for several days, left this morning for Comox, accompanied by Mr. James Dunsmuir.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Twelve hundred sealskins were shipped by Boscowitz & Son to London this morning. The skins were mostly small coast catches.

In the case of Charles Norlin, drowned near Point Ellice bridge, the coroner's jury returned a verdict accordingly. A rider followed the verdict asking that a substitute be appointed to act in the stead of Coroner Hasell in case of absence from the city.

The London, Eng., Standard states that the Holt-Oceanic line of ships which have been running from Liverpool to Yokohama, will continue their journey to British Columbia ports and to San Francisco.

The funeral took place this afternoon of Clarence Helmcken, the youngest son of Pandora avenue. The little fellow, who died on Sunday, was very popular among his playmates and the neighbors, and although his death had been expected for some time, it was a shock to his friends.

Bowker Park is no more. It is now Stanley Park, and the lessee, R. Starling, seems to be the right man in the right place. He has prepared a select programme of races to be held on Saturday, June 8th next, consisting of steeplechasing and running races, steeplechase for polo ponies, open steeplechase, Indian pony race and a grand steeplechase open to all gentlemen hunters.

A dispatch from Port Townsend says: "The British tug Mogul, which was run ashore recently, is still near Cape Flattery on the beach and in a fair condition, although too far gone for the company to get any good out of the hull. The company was awaiting a favorable opportunity for getting at the vessel at extreme low tide in order to get the machinery and boiler out. These valuable parts are still in good condition, the only damage sustained being that occasioned by contact with the sea water. So far the tides have not allowed any operations with the aforementioned object in view, but those who are interested say they will be able to accomplish this at the first full moon in the month of June, as tides at that time will get very low."

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Zoe Gayton, the female pedestrian, who has made a reputation as a distance walker by several times crossing the continent, is in the city with her manager, Mr. Marshall. She came here for the celebration, and on Monday took a run out to Sooke lake, returning last evening. On June 15th she starts from Portland on a trip around the world for a wager made with members of the Olympic club of San Francisco. She goes across the continent from Portland, takes a boat to Liverpool, from there to Manchester and then to London and Dover, and from there to Calais. Her trip will end at Victoria, it being her intention to return from Hongkong on one of the Empresses. She is given eighteen months in which to cover the land portion of the trip, and will be accompanied by three men. Miss Gayton was the first woman to walk from San Francisco to New York, and was given a big reception along the route.

The charge of malicious injury to property laid by E. M. Johnson against F. S. Findley was dismissed by the police magistrate yesterday. He was ordered to pay the costs in the assault case.

It is a great mistake to suppose that a simple tonic gives strength; it only stimulates the stomach to renewed action. To impart real strength, the blood must be purified and enriched, and this can only be done by such a standard alterative as Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

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The local sealers are much elated over the good news, and although they fared ill themselves, they are glad to learn that the others are prospering. The arrival of the next Oriental steamer is looked forward to with great expectations, for the 2000 mark may be reached by several of the Canadian sealers.

From Thursday's Daily.
The Astoria is the name of the companion ship to the Chattagong of the Orient line. The Astoria will sail for the Orient for America in June. She is of 2828 tons gross register, and is 309 feet long, 41.1 feet wide, and 18.6 feet deep. She has a registered tonnage of 2000 and is registered at Lloyd's as 100 A1.

The shingle mills in Westminster and Vancouver, says the Columbian, have more orders on hand than they can attend to for the time being, and the great pity is that the price cannot be raised to give a respectable margin of profit. The time seems to have come, a prominent manufacturer says, when the demand warrants an increase in price, but, unfortunately, the mills on the Sound are so numerous that, although they also are over-loaded with orders, the competition of their agents keeps the figures below living prices.

The case of Regina v. Matson is being tried at the assizes to-day. This action is brought against the prisoner Matson on a charge of arson in setting fire to the residence of one Fred Smith, who lived at Spring Ridge, last New Year's. Matson had been an unsuccessful rival for Mrs. Hunter's hand, but Smith (the prosecutor in the present case) is married to her. The theory of the crown is that Matson, prompted by an attack of jealousy, set fire to the house, as he told Mrs. Smith that she would never live with Smith, and if she did he would burn her house down. Mr. P. S. Lampan appears on behalf of the prisoner, the deputy attorney-general for the crown. The case is before Mr. Justice Drake.

SEALERS HAVE GREAT LUCK

Vessels on the Japanese Side Are Reported Doing Very Well This Season.

Canadian Catch Over Six Thousand and American Nearly Seven Thousand.

While the small seal catch on this shore of the Pacific has disheartened the sealers, the news received from the Orient this morning has had an exhilarating effect. The schooners in Japanese waters are doing well, very well indeed. The catch will more than double the catch on this side if the good news that has been received by the ten Canadian schooners is repeated in regard to the remaining twelve sealers not yet heard from. The figures will be more than the local houses of R. P. Rithet & Co. and E. B. Marvin & Co., and are the latest returns—up to May 9. The Canadian schooner Mermaid has the excellent catches reported, and their catch is the latest returns—up to May 9. The Canadian schooner Mermaid has the excellent catches reported, and their catch is the latest returns—up to May 9.

CANADIAN CATCH.
Mermald 1113
Pioneer (Gold Pathfinder) 600
Annie C. Paine 500
Arlette 890
City of San Diego 520
Idaetta (American but owned in Victoria) 380
Brenda 320
Mary Ellen 320
Yera 360
Borealis 361
Total 6700

AMERICAN CATCH.
Emma Louise 350
Louis Olsen 413
Mascot 200
Wesley Algate 320
Anacanda 200
Alton 250
Edward E. Webster 337
Herman 300
J. Eppinger 700
M. Morrill 400
Rattler 400
Winchester 450
Theresa Fleese 200
Theresa 224
Mattie T. Dyer 138
Theresa 138
W. Ainsworth 445
Total 4743

DEATH OF CAPTAIN ST. CLAIR

Dies in London after a Useful Career—Other Naval News.
Captain Adolphus St. Clair, who for three years commanded H. M. S. Champlain on the Pacific station, died in London on May 6. He was only recently appointed to H. M. S. Edinburgh, guardship at Queensterry. At the time of his death Captain St. Clair was 45 years of age. He had seen considerable service both at home and abroad. During the Chilean revolution, while in command of the H. M. S. Champlain, he rendered conspicuous service to the British community at Valparaiso. It was unanimously acknowledged by the Chilean press and the European inhabitants of Valparaiso that after the capture of that city, Captain St. Clair exposed his life in the public interest, and behaved with great gallantry and good judgment, and in recognition of his services the merchants of the city presented him with a magnificent vase. Captain St. Clair was very popular in Victoria and his friends will be pained to hear of his death.

Probly. Assistant Engineer Richard C. Cleave has been appointed to H. M. S. Royal Arthur. Mr. W. C. Burnett, of the coast guard ship, recently promoted to be chief engineer, leaves in a few days for England.

The flagship, accompanied by one of the other ships, will go to Vancouver for the celebration on July 1st.

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WILSON'S HORROR NOVELS

ANOTHER DEATH

Frisco on the Sea Horror Novel Church

Miss Harrington Ordered—Attempt the E

San Francisco, Jun bolical crime, bearing to the horrible traged church, was unearthe the discovery that Me ton, aged 35, who occ at 1017 Ellis street, and murdered in her being locked and the apartment and her c fire. All the drawers room were open and several articles of jew having been stolen, a copy rooms in the st strangers about or h sounds. Attention w by smoke issuing fr ton's rooms. Whe broken open the bed centre of the room w fire, and beneath clothes was the bloo Miss Harrington. T her body was badly h had escaped the flame

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Mr. Bostock left on Tuesday to visit Lillooet and Cariboo. There were several ridiculous silly reports in circulation, started by some weak-minded opponent, which Mr. Bostock's appearance soon caused to fall flat and which it is useless to mention, such as he is "a guide," or has committed the unpardonable offence of being born "an Englishman." The first report is too stupidly silly to require an answer. The second offence (?) his birth, is true, but being of English birth does not prevent him being a Canadian; and I defy anyone to point out a truer or more loyal Canadian than Hewitt Bostock. It is his love for Canada and his belief in British Columbia's mines and agricultural pursuits that have caused him to invest so heavily in our province's various industries. But there was a more serious charge set in circulation by some more cunning schemer who sees that the Liberal candidate will be elected by an overwhelming majority, unless, by circulating some contemptible lie, his friends can be turned against him. Some one fit only for falsehoods and Tory corruption accused Mr. Bostock of favoring separate schools. That accusation is false. The question was asked, and he said, no, he did not favor separate schools. Many in this district would work against their financial interests rather than favor separate schools, so it is gratifying to be able to say that Mr. Bostock does not favor them. So all may vote with clear consciences for free trade, with tariff for revenue only, and thus get rid of the ring of monopolists in the east that is sucking the circulating wealth—the life-blood of Canadian property—into the coffers of a few money-grabbers. What with Chinamen in the west and the protection of money-grabbing monopolists in the east, it is no wonder that the circulating wealth of Canada is disappearing.

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