

Local News.

GLEANNING OF CITY AND... CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

At the residence of the bride's father, Wallace street, on Saturday evening, Right Rev. Bishop Cridge united in marriage, Miss Lizzie Deakin and Harry Stokes, of Manitoba.

The death occurred yesterday of a gentleman well known in the city, Mr. William Thistle, who formerly conducted a saloon in Victoria and subsequently commenced as a farmer on the Cadboro Bay road, whence he removed but a few weeks ago to Saanich.

A quiet wedding took place this morning at the R. G. church in Esquimalt, when Mrs. Mary Hall and Mr. W. Devereaux were united in marriage by Rev. Father Nicolay.

Mr. E. Landelle, who is spending a few days in town, was nearly relieved of a water on Government street on Christmas night. He met a peculiarly bright Chinaman and engaged in a brief conversation with him, only to find that the fellow had taken advantage of the opportunity to pick his pocket and remove therefrom a fine watch and chain.

To-night applications close for the position of chief of police for this city, and between the present time and the New Year the commissioners will meet to decide upon the appointment.

A number of applications were received to-day which materially increases the list. Chief Sheppard was in court this morning and undertook the duties of prosecutor. He is still very weak from his illness, but it otherwise improving nicely.

There was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends at the funeral of the late W. J. Craigie, which took place on Sunday afternoon from the residence of his mother, Yates street, to Ross Bay cemetery, Rev. Dr. Campbell conducting the services of the church, and sub-Chief Ranger of the Foresters reading the ritual of that order.

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To show the "boys" they are not forgotten by their friends at home, Premier Semlin on Sunday wired on behalf of the provincial government as follows: "To Captain Blanchard, A. Company, Canadian Contingent, Belmont, South Africa."

While no intimation has as yet been received from Ottawa in regard to the composition of the second Canadian contingent for South Africa, the greatest enthusiasm is being displayed not only in the city of Victoria but throughout the island by young men anxious to unite with the detachment.

An entertainment will be given in the Metchoin public hall Friday evening, Dec. 29th, in aid of the sheds being erected for the stabling of horses and carriages.

An Indian constable named Lewis came down on the Boscowitz at noon today, having in charge a demented native from Bella Coola named Jackson.

There has long been need of a shelter for the horses and carriages of those who attend churches and meetings at Metchoin and on Friday evening an entertainment is to be given in Metchoin public hall for the purpose of raising the necessary funds to erect such a shed as is needed.

On Sunday, December 17th, there was a fire at Juneau, a cabin being burned with a loss of \$500. At this fire the nozzles of the hose clogged continually with chunks of ice which, should the firemen be fighting a serious fire, where the use of a constant stream was in demand, would render them almost useless.

Three candidates for aldermanic honors have announced themselves to-day. John Jardine will stand for election in the South Ward; Jos. Phillips in the Centre; and Ed. Bragg probably in the North, although he has not yet selected the district. In response to a request from a large number of ratepayers, R. L. Drury to-day consented to stand for the

position of school trustee. In addition to other qualifications, Mr. Drury had a Normal school training in Toronto.

The closing exercises at Goldstream public school on Friday last were marked by an excellent entertainment given by the pupils in the presence of a large attendance of parents and friends.

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In reference to an item in last night's Times in which it was stated that the members of the Methodist mission suspected the members of the Kang Yu Tiel sect of being responsible for the outrage, Rev. Chas. Stewart, who is the friend of the mission throughout the city state that such is not their suspicion.

The legislature of British Columbia opened its session one week from to-day. It is not anticipated that the members of the government that it will be a long session, the public business being disposed of in all probability in the course of two months.

A very successful concert was given last evening in the Temperance hall, South Saanich, in aid of the Methodist church in the district.

Right Rev. Bishop Cridge last evening performed the ceremony which united in marriage Miss Fannie Leech, daughter of the late Peter Leech, and Mr. William Felker, of Oriboo, in holy matrimony.

The entertainment given in A.O.U. W. Hall in aid of the funds of the school being conducted by Miss Helen Willard Merritt for the education of the deaf and dumb children in the city, resulted in sufficient being realized to defray the cost of the hall and of printing the petitions to the Legislative Council.

Marvel Conn Meets Her Death in the Duck Block.

An inquest was held this afternoon in the council chamber at the City Hall, the usually used court room being otherwise occupied.

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William John Dickie, of the city of Revelstoke, to be a judge of the court of revision and appeal under the Assessment Act for the Revelstoke division of West Kootenay.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING. William H. M. May, of Wellington, and Miss Maria J. Couves become Husband and Wife.

One of the prettiest weddings of the year was that which was celebrated last evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. C. Couves, 169 Johnson street, by Right Rev. Bishop Oriboo, of the Reformed Episcopal church.

The contracting parties were Mr. William H. M. May, of Wellington, and Miss Maria J. Couves, daughter of the late A. C. Couves, and a niece of Mr. Stephen Jones, of the Dominion Hotel. The prettiness of the bride's residence was the scene of the happy ceremony, and the festive season and to the special event of the evening, Christmas holly and evergreens being relieved by a touch of the white flowers inseparable from the attire of bridal ceremonies.

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