

BRIEF LOCALS.

Stonings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily. —The Y. P. S. of C. E. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will give a social this evening in the lecture room of the church.

—E. M. Palmer, provincial inspector of fruit pests, has within the last few days seized 300 boxes of Oregon apples and pears affected with codlin moth.

—At St. James church yesterday Miss Alice Wagg, second daughter of Edwin Wagg, of Toronto, strong and Hills Coaker, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Archdeacon Seriven in the presence of a few friends.

—The old wooden water main used 25 years ago to supply the residents of Government street with the pure water of Spring Ridge, was unearthed this morning by the sewer contractors. The pipes are just as solid as they were when put down.

—Capt. J. I. Lang, R. E., who in 1857-58 was in charge of a survey party here, has been appointed an instructor at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham. Captain Lang joined the Royal Engineers from the Royal Military College, Kingston, in 1858.

It is said that Rev. Mr. Binney, who has declined to be bishop of the diocese of New Westminster, has, within a recent period, declined two other bishoprics. He is spoken of as an exceptionally able man, and one who would do high honor to the high office in any diocese of the Anglican church.

—The sailing schooner Mascotte, Captain Seward, arrived home yesterday afternoon with a catch of 1100 skins, about half of which were taken in the Behring sea with spears. She had a crew of Hydah Indians, who while they were very good with shot guns could do very little with spears. The voyage was an uneventful one. The schooner will dock immediately and discharge her cargo of skins.

—The Fur Trade Review says: "Some of the Victoria, B. C., and eastern people have published reports to the effect that sealers of the former place were willing to accept from the United States a lump sum of \$425,000 in settlement of their claims on account of sealings in the past year. The sealers may obtain that amount; they may obtain less, but one thing is certain, that they have not as yet been offered any definite amount."

—An accident very similar to the one that occurred on the Royal Arthur several weeks ago occurred recently on board the U. S. S. Mohican in Behring sea, although in the latter case the accident did not prove fatal. Lieut. J. B. Collins and Lucas were examining a pistol which the latter was holding, when it was discharged. The ball entered Lieut. Collins' arm and could not be located by the doctor.

—Residents of Victoria West will have an opportunity to register as Dominion voters tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at a meeting where a notary public will be in attendance from 7:30 o'clock. Esquimaux voters will have a similar opportunity on Thursday evening, the place being the Esquimaux Hotel and the hour of commencement being 8 o'clock. All should remember that no names can be added to the list after Monday next. There is no fee or cost of any kind.

—George R. Carter, to-day assumes the secretarship of the Y. M. C. A. and marks a new era in its history. He was for eight years secretary of the Seattle association, and by good hard, and intelligent work raised it to prosperity and independence. The different branches of work embraced by the Y. M. C. A. will all be taken up, and Mr. Carter's energy is almost certain of bringing success. New features will be introduced at once.

—Sewer construction has been commenced on the main business streets in the lower part of the city. When this and the work which has been under way for some time, is completed, all the main streets will be sewer'd. Very little more tearing up will be necessary on account of sewers, as the connections have been constructed up to the edge of the pavements, so property owners will have very little difficulty in connecting. There are several places where the contractors are leaving the surplus pieces of earth blocking up the streets very much longer than is necessary.

—Charles J. Burnes, third son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Burnes, died this morning at his parents' home. He was a sufferer from Bright's disease, attended by dropsy, and while he was ailing for a long time he did not take to his bed until a fortnight ago. The news of his death was a painful surprise to a large circle of friends. He was a native of Victoria and reached his estate but three months ago. The funeral will take place on Thursday morning at 9:45 o'clock from the Burnes home, Easton square, and at 10 o'clock from St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral.

—A dispatch from Port Townsend says: "Much speculation is being indulged in by shipping men relative to the identity of the wreck of the vessel reported off Cape Flattery last week. All of the coasting vessels that have been out of length of time have been accounted for, and the absence of floating lumber causes an impression to prevail that a coal laden vessel has gone down. Some ship captains believe, however, that the late southern winds have driven the wreckage of some old wreck up from down coast. It is not an uncommon occurrence at this season of the year for vessels to report floating wreckage off the cape. Many shipping

men believe, also, that subsequent developments will prove that no vessel has met with disaster. The Victoria West Vigilantes who tore the obstruction down are going to charge the city \$10 for the work, and have prepared the following letter to accompany the bill: "To the Mayor and Aldermen: 'Gentlemen—We, the ratepayers of Victoria West, having applied to your honorable body for the removal of an obstruction or barricade erected across one of our main thoroughfares, known as the Craigflower road, having after several days' patient waiting discovered that none of the corporation laborers could be found with time enough to remove the said obstruction to public traffic, therefore secured the services of a number of able bodied men, and after considerable labor the obstruction was removed. We now, therefore, enclose the account for the said work to your honorable body, trusting the same will be paid to some charitable institution. When all is done we do not expect the letter it will be presented to the council."

—Captain Charles H. Sawyer, who commanded the bark Orpheus at the time she ran into and sank the steamer Ingham, Cape Flattery, died at Port Townsend on Saturday evening. The accident occurred on the night of November 4th, 1875. Captain Sawyer was severely criticized at the time for the action he took after the collision, as his crew begged him to do, he kept on his cruise and beached his vessel on Vancouver Island, where she remains still a wreck. There were 1000 persons on board the Pacific at the time, and only two were saved. For a long time after the catastrophe Sawyer was afraid to be seen on the streets of any of the Northwest cities, as relatives and friends of the victims were ready to do almost anything to him. For several weeks he was sequestered in the residence of the collector of customs at Port Townsend. During late years he had worried much over the event, and often after sitting in a long illness. He was a native of England, aged 53 years, and came to British Columbia in 1858. He afterwards went to the old territory in business in New York, Boston and elsewhere, and came to Victoria again ten years ago. He has been in business here ever since. He leaves a widow and a daughter in Victoria, a daughter in Chicago and relations in different parts of the United States.

—The United States steamer Albatross arrived at the outer wharf to-day, and will make a short stay. She is on her way to San Francisco from the Sound, where she arrived a few days ago from Alaska. The Albatross is at the disposal and in the service of the United States fish commission, and with a corps of men is engaged in investigations in making fishery investigations. She is equipped with all manner of curious devices for submarine research. However, this year she was pressed into service as a patrol vessel and has been there since.

—Hon. Mr. Justice Cressa, local judge in admiralty, this afternoon gave judgment in the case of the Yosemite tug Vancouver. This was an action arising out of a collision between the two vessels. The Yosemite was trying to make her landing while the tug was making only a small headway. The judge ordered the tug to pay the damages done to the Yosemite to be ascertained and borne equally between the two vessels. Mr. P. A. Irving (Bodwell & Irving) for the Yosemite and Boyd & Gregory for the Vancouver.

—The sealers returning from Behring Sea say that the American Sea Otter schooners entering the sea this year were might not have killed any seals, but they certainly had the opportunity to do so and could have easily avoided the patrol by catching their skins at different points. It is regarded as unjust to make one rule for sealing and another flag, and another for the American schooners. The sealers say that any British schooner going into the sea for any purpose or for any other reason should be allowed to hunt for seals as they were under the impression that it was a fine and did not now believe that they had to appear with a permit. He disclaimed any connection with the statement of any case in that way and expressed his opinion that a bail bond was the correct one to draw to insure the appearance of the Indians when wanted. Chief Sheppard said that the Indians were told through an interpreter that they must be in the supreme court on November 20.

—From Thursday's Daily. —H. M. S. Pheasant returned from the trial trip in the straits yesterday afternoon. —D. M. Pheasant's phaeton and a tramcar collided on Government street last night and the phaeton lost a wheel. —George Danby's English setter bitch took first prize at the Westminster fair, winning the Pagan cup and the Perrin Cup Special. —The steamer Agnes arrived last night from Vancouver with a scow load of shingles for Ewen Morrison, of the Rock Bay lumber yard. —Yesterday, which was the Hebrews' Day of Atonement, was generally observed by the people of that faith. There were services in the synagogue Tuesday evening and also yesterday morning. —William McNeill, formerly of the Victoria police, purchased the Colwood Hotel at Goddard's. Mr. McNeill has many friends and will no doubt do a very successful business. He will assume charge at once. —The adjourned quarterly meeting of the British Columbia board of trade will be held at the office at 3 p.m. on Friday next, October 12th. After routine matters have been disposed of a scheme for advertising the city of Victoria will be considered. —There was a very good attendance last night at the concert given at the Y. M. C. A. by the Epworth league of the

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