

THE CITY.

The long vacation in the law courts came to an end yesterday.

Fred G. Turner, of Westminster, has passed the crisis of his illness and no complications are in view.

At St. Andrew's cathedral yesterday morning Rev. Father Nicolay, united in marriage Mr. Robert Purrer and Miss V. Basso, both of this city.

The "Victoria Home Journal March," a new and pretty piece of music by Fred Hall, was played for the first time in public by the Victoria theatre orchestra at last evening's performance of The Fast Mail.

The ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church are arranging for a bazaar and concert, which they will hold in Philharmonia hall on the 1st of November. From present indications the affair is likely to be a most successful one.

Harvest festival services were held last evening in St. Paul's. Rev. Father Nicolay, being very prettily decorated, and the rector, Rev. C. E. Sharp, preaching an appropriate sermon. The service will be repeated this evening.

Mr. Samuel Reid yesterday received a telegram from Mr. Thornton Fell, who is in California, advising him of the death of his brother-in-law, Harry H. Webb, the well known evangelist. The deceased was about 30 years of age and a native of England. By his death a young wife, only recently a bride, is most immediately bereaved.

A SET of instructions as to the best means of resuscitating the drowning has been printed by direction of Superintendent Huxley and will be distributed among the various police officers and hung up in prominent places along the waterfront. The directions are very simple and in case of emergency the fullest information as to what to do until a physician can be secured.

CONSTABLE GILCHRIST and MONAGH yesterday found an old man named John Kennedy lying sick and almost starving in the open air in a secluded part on the Indian reserve. He could not say how long he had been there or how he came there. The officers took him to the city lock-up, where for the present he will find a home and better treatment than has been his lot for some time past.

The Hawaiian Gazette of September 25 contains the proposed franchise for an electric railway in Honolulu under the name of the "Honolulu Electric Railway and Power Company, limited, with a capital of \$625,000. The promoters are James Dunsmuir, John H. Turner, Thos. B. Hall, Frank W. McCordy, Bobb, Menzies, Olin Graham Ballentyne, of Victoria, B. C., and W. N. Armstrong and J. B. Castle, of Honolulu.

The latest modern convenience for those desirous of inspecting desirable real estate (with a view to purchase) is an observatory from which they can comfortably and pleasantly view the prospect over. One of these structures has been erected near the junction of Yates and Park streets; it looks very much like an overgrown gallows, but those who experience no tremors on mounting its steps are rewarded with a magnificent view of the city and straits.

An enthusiastic meeting for the organization of a Yoke Fellows' band in connection with the Y.M.C.A. was held in the society's rooms last evening, when preliminary resolutions were adopted. Another meeting, however, will be held next Saturday evening. On Friday next the association's gymnastic work will be commenced, and thereafter practices will be held every Tuesday and Friday under Mr. Herbert Roper and ex-secretary F. W. Teague's instruction.

THE Seattle P.I. has the following special from its Tacoma correspondent: "Many citizens at Edmonds are indignant at the action of Aeronaut Sopar in allowing Charles Marble, an Edison boy, to make the balloon ascension which resulted in his drowning in the Fraser river. There is talk of arranging Sopar for a reward when he returns. The step father of the boy, A. A. Cook, has been unable to secure the remains in default of the payment of \$65 charges at New Westminster. The boy, he claims, was to be given \$75 for the ascension, but Sopar will allow only \$10."

THE Legislative Library has just had added to its important list of books relating to the early history of the Province, including the original edition of Macdonald's Voyages, in four volumes, and Vancouver's Voyages. Among the latter are works on British Columbia by Pemberton, Hallitt, Leonard, Mayne, Poole, Maclellan, Paul Kane, and a number of others long out of print and somewhat rare. One of the most interesting of the collection, though not relating to British Columbia, is a very old edition of a work of Peter Kalm, a celebrated naturalist, who travelled in and wrote extensively on Canada in the early period of its history.

GEORGE MORRIS of this city has recently received a highly interesting letter from his cousin, John McRae, who wrote from Fremantle, Western Australia. He describes that country as the richest in the world for gold, and an idea of the local opinion has been gathered from his statement that "within the last three weeks the reefs have been discovered and the quartz contains more gold than it does stone. Each claim has a million worth in sight. The writer was about leaving for the Gold Coast. He encloses a two column newspaper extract giving particulars of the most sensational discovery then made, which was from fifty to seventy-five miles from the now famous Coolidge ridge."

YESTERDAY was another busy one in the city police court with a net result in fines of considerably more than \$200. The record was as follows: George Thompson, supplying liquor to an Indian, fined \$50 and costs; Low See, ditto, ditto; Dan (a Cape Mudge beaver), Charlie (chief of the Nitinats with a pint bottle of rye and half chicken in his pockets), George and William, each charged with possession, and each fined \$25 and costs; Alice and Jacques, drunk, \$5 each; Ah Sing, supplying, \$50 and costs; Robert Davis, breach of the tramway by-law, \$5 and costs. In the latter case the defendant in the blue jacket who created a small disturbance in an Equitable bar some days ago; a sentence of 14 days is recorded in the event of the fine not being paid.

PREPARATIONS are being made for a grand Mendelssohn concert to be given on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, in the Metropolitan Methodist church. The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental music, furnished by a choir of fifty voices and a large orchestra. Among the assisting instrumentalists are Mr. Wilkinson of the B.C.G.A. (solo clarinetist), Prof. Stool, B.C.G.A. band (solo pianist), and Mr. W. North, B.C.G.A. band (solo cornetist). The "Meeting of the Nations" costume concert is fixed for Wednesday, Nov. 7, in the new hall of the A.O.U.W. on Esplanade street. The manager, Mr. W. Edgar Buck, has the various details well advanced in

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Vanover Will Witness the Final Struggle for the Provincial Lacrosse Championship.

The Golf Tournament Proves a Great Success—On the Football Field.

President W. H. Ellis of the B. C. Amateur Lacrosse Association yesterday evening received word from Mr. E. A. Galtley, the association secretary-treasurer, that the Westminsters have finally agreed to play the tie match for the championship on the Brookton Point grounds, Vancouver, next Saturday afternoon. The Victoria team having shown all along a disposition to close with any reasonable offer, their acceptance of time and place was forwarded at once. The Brookton Point Association have made a very reasonable offer to the rival teams, which they have agreed to, viz. to take 25 per cent. of the net gate, leaving 75 per cent. for division between Victoria and Westminster. The champions are now putting in persistent practice and will do their level best to retain their laurels and establish their right to final possession of the banner.

Yesterday a number of juniors took the field against the champions and made the practice very interesting to those who went out to the Caledonia grounds as spectators. In connection with the great final match, a meeting for the same day is also talked of on the mainland between the James Bays, the champions of Victoria and Westminster. The champions are now putting in persistent practice and will do their level best to retain their laurels and establish their right to final possession of the banner.

THE Darcey Island lazaretto now looks in the distance like a small village. The six new dwellings erected there last week by contractor Calphane and his gang of carpenters are now ready for occupation, and accommodation for even more lepers can be at present on the little island if therefore provided. When the tug Sadie yesterday went out to the island for the purpose of bringing home the carpenters, Mayor Teague, Aldermen Dryer and Humphrey, building inspector Northcutt, Dr. Lang and others availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the place. Dr. Lang's trip was made in the interests of some Chinese friends of a leper recently taken to the lazaretto. As will be remembered, the city officials had considerable trouble in separating this leper from his friends. Believing the disease not to be leprosy, Dr. Lang made a second examination yesterday only to endorse the city health officer's opinion. The city officials who went out to the island are well satisfied with the buildings erected and enjoyed the trip there and back very much. They left here shortly after noon and returned about 6 o'clock.

OBJECT TO THE TAX.

Chinese Fan Tan Players Think That Protection Means Too High.

There was still another row last evening among the Chinese gamblers, who recently have been carrying things with a high hand in their own particular locality. Desperate threats were made in loud and angry tones, but the trouble went no further and the games did not stop, except for a half hour at the place where the quarrel developed. The trouble did not arise out of a raid on the bank, as it did last Wednesday when Ah Hong was so badly used up. The tax collector appears to have been at the root of the difficulty, for a Celestial devotee of "fan tan" when asked as to the cause of the rumpus smiled a childlike smile and explained:

"No more trouble now—bimely he ootahem money, then he pay."

"What does he have to pay?" was the next natural question. "Did he lose and run short of funds to pay?"

"You no sabee at all," the explanation was in a tone of disgust. "He pay him license, that all—he no likes to."

Then when still more information was sought, the Chinese Billy Hunt vouchsafed the information that the society—the Benevolent Society, for the merchants have nothing to do with the games—collects \$2 per table per night for all the games, now running. They are located at 176 Corner street; 37, 40, 42, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 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