

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 set in will recover.

At St. Andrew's cathedral yesterday morning Rev. Father Nicolay united in marriage Mr. Robert Furrer 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.

HANOVER festival services were held last evening in St. Paul's. The church being very prettily decorated, and the Rev. R. C. Enser 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 Hussey and will be distributed among the various police offices and hung up in prominent places along the waterfront. The directions are very simple and form the fullest information as to what to do until a physician can be secured.

CONSTABLES Glibbins and Monast yesterday found an old man named John Emery 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. McCready, Bobb, Menzies, Clinton Graham, Billemeier, of Victoria, B. C., and W. N. Armstrong and J. B. Castele, 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 Ferry streets; it looks very much like an overgrown gallows, but those who experience no tremors on looking into 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 arrangements were completed. 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 Soper and ex-secretary E. W. Teague's instruction.

THE Seattle P.I. has the following special from its Tacoma correspondent: "Many citizens at Edmonds attended the session of Aeronaut Soper 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 Soper for another when he returns. The step father of the boy, A. A. Cooke, 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 Soper 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 Vancouver's Voyages, in four volumes and Vancouver's Voyages. Among the list are works on British Columbia by Pemberton, Hallitt, Lenard, Mayne, Poole, Macfie, 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.

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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.G.B.G.A. (solo clarinetist), Prof. Stone, B.C.B.G.A. band (solo pianist), and Mr. W. North, B.C.B.G.A. band (solo cornetist). "The Meeting of the Nations" overture concert is fixed for Wednesday, Nov. 7, in the new hall of the A.O.U.W. on Yates street. The manager, Mr. W. Edgar Brock, has the various details well advanced in

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A specimen pile of Australian turpentine wood is being taken to Vancouver as an experiment. It is said to withstand the attacks of the insect-eater, the pest which the forestry department of N.S.W. has been unable to get rid of. The trouble between the pastoralists and sheep shepherds in Queensland was still going on with no immediate prospect of settlement, when the Arawa sailed. In the legislative assembly on Sept. 12, during the debate on the peace preservation bill introduced by the government to put down the lawless outbreaks occasioned by the strike, a great scene of confusion, ending in the suspension of seven labor members, ensued. In committee, at midnight, Mr. Glassey appealed to the government to appoint a conciliation committee to go to the West with the object of endeavoring to settle the strike. Mr. Tozer, the chief secretary, replied that the government was prepared to accept several amendments from the opposition if the committee allowed the first six clauses to go. While Mr. Brown was speaking the through Mr. Glassey would not accept a line of the bill and absolute disorder ensued. The chairman ordered him to sit down. Several members asked to be allowed to make an explanation. Mr. Stephens threatened to name all. Nearly all the labor members rose to their feet, and the disorder lasted for five minutes, which they entered the chair you'd name us." Eventually the Speaker was called, and Mr. Stephens named Mr. Brown. The Premier moved to suspend him for a week, and on Mr. Brown refused to accept the suspension he was removed amid cheers and groans and cries of "Coercion." Mr. Hardacre was made to withdraw the word "Coercion." The Speaker in the first instance declared the motion lost on voices, but the labor members called "Divide," and the suspension was confirmed on division by 30 to 21. Mr. Reid was also suspended and removed amid cheers. Mr. Donald cried, "The gag of the brutal government," and was named and suspended. Mr. McDonald then entered the protest, and refusing to sit down was named and suspended. Mr. Dawson was also suspended. The Premier then moved that the chairman leave the chair and report no proceedings before the chairman could put the motion that he leave the chair Mr. Turley made an interjection and was named and removed. Mr. Dunsford immediately became contemptuous and he was removed. Mr. Glassey was also removed.

Eventually the house at 2:30 adjourned till next day. The proceedings were most uproarious.

The New South Wales legislature, by an overwhelming majority, has passed a motion in favor of extending the franchise to women.

On August 31 H. M. S. Ringarooma, a third-class cruiser of the Australian Auxiliary squadron, struck on a reef off the southern end of Mallicolles Island, in the Mallicolles Islands. The fore part of the vessel up to the first funnel, about half the entire length, went on the reef. H. M. S. Dart and other vessels went to her assistance, and finally the French man-of-war Duchauffault offered her assistance. The Duchauffault succeeded with the help of another steamer, and after great difficulty brought the Ringarooma off two weeks later. The Sydney papers speak very highly of the courtesy of the French man-of-war, as had rough weather come on before the rescue the Ringarooma would have been a total loss.

The New Zealand government propose what is called the cheap money scheme, which briefly means that the government shall borrow £1,500,000 in London every year for advances to farmers at the rate of five per cent. The scheme limits advances on freeholds to two-thirds of their value and on leases to half the lessee's interest.

The Sydney Herald of September 18 says: By the steamer Wedgwood, which arrived last evening from the north, have arrived eight cages of tree-climbing kangaroos. The animals were captured after considerable

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