

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Hon. Justice Crease is back from the Mainland.

Dr. Morris and A. Andrews, of Pembroke, are at the Driard.

Mr. O. T. Page arrived, Thursday evening, from England, on a visit to his brother, Mr. C. M. Page.

Col. and Mrs. A. J. Kane went over to Olympia Thursday evening, the former on business in connection with the National Guard.

The banquet to the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M., of British Columbia, at Mount Baker Hotel, last evening, was a most delightful event.

Rev. Solomon Cleaver, B. A., the new pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, arrived from the East, Thursday evening, with Mrs. Cleaver and family.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Mr. David Phillips and Miss Sarah Levy, which will take place at the Hebrew Ladies' Association Hall, next Wednesday.

A pleasant social dance was given by Mrs. Davis at the Victoria Gardens, Thursday evening. This was the first of a series of dances to be given during the summer, and they are sure to become popular.

The annual summer field sports of the James Bay Athletic Association will attract a large number to the Driving Park this afternoon. The band of H.M.S. Royal Arthur will make its first appearance in this city, and will be a great attraction.

The corner stone of the new Protestant Orphans' Home will be laid this afternoon by the officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia A. F. and A. M. His Lordship Bishop Perrin, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. S. Cleaver will take part in the introductory services. "C" Battery band will also be in attendance.

Mr. Edwin Arrowsmith is expected to arrive from the east on Tuesday, and, while in the city, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pemberton at Gonzales. Mr. Arrowsmith will conduct a series of evangelical meetings in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. He is a retired English gentleman, and comes here highly recommended. During his stay in Toronto, he was the guest of the Hon. S. H. Blake.

Mr. Thomas Corsan was united in marriage to Miss Maude Higgins by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge at the Reformed Episcopal Church, last Wednesday afternoon. The young couple are well known in this city, and were the recipients of many valuable presents in testimony of their popularity. Mr. and Mrs. Corsan will spend their honeymoon at Banff, after which they will take a suite of rooms at the Mount Baker Hotel.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Mark Murphy, in O'Dowd's Neighbors, will be seen here for the first time on the evening of July 26.

Maud Granger, the great emotional actress has been booked for the evening of July 4, at The Victoria.

Two Old Crónicas, which comes to Victoria on

the evening of June 28, is said to be an irrepressibly funny comedy.

Mr. French's company will return in two weeks to The Victoria. The play will probably be the Banker's Daughter.

The Black Flag, by Mr. French's company at The Victoria, last Thursday night was a triumph of dramatic art. The company is well balanced and capable of producing the best plays in the most artistic manner. Mr. French, as Harry Glyndon, displayed real dramatic talent as did Lorimer Johnstone in the role of Jack Glyndon. Sam Morris was a source of amusement as Lazarus, the Jew. Of the women the honors were equally divided between Miss Lieb and Miss Marshall. The latter is a favorite in Victoria and is always well received. The other members of the company were well up in their parts.

Mrs. Zippora Monteith-Fischel, who is to sing for Mr. Jamieson at his sacred concert on Sunday evening, won golden opinions during her sojourn in England, and the press was loud in its praise of her beautiful rendering of the familiar solos, "Hear Ye, Israel," "Rejoice Greatly," "Come Unto Me," "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," "We Now Are Sorrowful," and many others that they had the pleasure of hearing her sing. She will be ably seconded here by the well-known piano soloist; Miss Agnes Dawson; Mr. F. Victor Austin, violinist, and an efficient orchestra under Prof. Pferdner. The Sunday evening sacred concerts should be well patronized.

A story of Louis James was told on the Rialto recently that seemed to afford unlimited delight to those who heard it. The well-known actor has the reputation of being one of the most audacious "guys" on the stage. He once disconcerted Fanny Davenport so seriously by his sotto voice remarks that she refused to play with him. His latest exploit in this direction ruined a performance of "Othello." It was in one of Ohio's towns recently. James was the Othello, and Frederick Warde the Iago. In the death scene, after Mr. James had conscientiously smothered poor, trusting Desdemona, he carefully removed some walnut colored paint from his face with his right forefinger, and, stooping over Desdemona's body, he painted a lovely moustache and imperial upon the face of the helpless actress. The audience was, of course ignorant of what he had done, but when Emilia made her entrance, and glanced at the startling corpse, she was so convulsed with laughter that she broke down. So did Montano, Ludovico and Gratiano. In turn. When Frederick Warde beheld the decorations he nearly choked with suppressed mirth. The scene was completely spoiled. The moustache and imperial cost Mr. James exactly \$50, the fine exacted by the stage manager.

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