

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. C. E. Jones returned home last week, from a pleasant visit to Eastern cities.

Mr. Walter Morrow will probably spend part of the winter at either Kamloops or Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cochrane will be at home after the 1st October at 28 Rithet street, James Bay.

Mr. A. B. Fraser, of this city, is at present in Liverpool and expects to be home next month.

It is said that a young lady will shortly arrive from Germany to wed Mr. F. Lansburg, of this city.

Miss Cohen, of Napa, California, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. Lenz, of Yates street.

A large number of guests enjoyed the At Home given by Mrs. Nelson at Carey Castle, Friday evening.

Mr. A. C. Martin will shortly leave on a visit to his home in Scotland, and it is said that he will not return alone.

It is reported that Mr. Jacob Lukoff will shortly join the ranks of the benedicts. A Jewess of Victoria will be his bride.

H. H. Browning, of Chicago, general manager N. P. Express Co., and M. G. Hall, of Portland, Supt., were in the city, Friday.

Mrs. J. E. Fenton, of Spokane, Wash., who has been visiting her sister Mrs. T. E. Olling at No. 80 Fourth street, returned home last Sunday.

Miss Susie Oliver, of 65 Menzies street, who has been visiting friends at Kingston, Ont., for the past year, returned to the city last week. She says there is no place like Victoria.

A party of thirty persons gotten up by Misses Matthews and Rae drove up to the Gorge Hotel, Thursday evening, and enjoyed a social dance, after which supper was served in the hotel.

It is said that a young gentleman, until recently identified with the wholesale interests of this city, will be married at San Francisco next Tuesday to a young lady well known in Victoria.

In spite of the bad weather, the bazaar in the Market Hall, by the ladies of Christ Church Cathedral, was a grand success. The presence of the Warspite band on Wednesday and the Dubordieu band on Thursday was a great attraction.

Mr. I. Pitblado, one of the most popular young lawyers of the prairie capital, arrived in the city Thursday evening by the Kingston with his bride, one of the fair daughters of California. Mr. and Mrs. Pitblado are guests at the Hotel Victoria for a couple of days, when they will leave for their future home, Winnipeg.

The excursion to Tacoma last Sunday was a most enjoyable event. The excursionists arrived in time to attend the sacred concert given in the Exposition building by Cappa's famous band, and remained long enough to give any who so desired an opportunity of attending worship in the Tacoma churches. The management were unremitting in their attentions to secure the comfort of their patrons.

Miss Sayyee, well known in this city, gave a very interesting talk on Physical Culture, Wednesday afternoon, in the schoolroom of the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church. The speaker very forcibly explained the objects of physical culture, which is now interesting the leading ladies of the country. The right and wrong way of walking was demonstrated, and ladies were informed how to secure a graceful carriage. The evil effects of not sitting properly in a chair as well as the proper way to ascend and descend a flight of stairs was thoroughly explained. Some very simple yet effective exercises for strengthening the waist, raising the chest and other important developments were illustrated. The Jenness Miller system of dress reform was also explained, the lecturer informing the audience that she only wore four articles of clothing, viz, combination suit of underwear, a waist, which had two bones behind and four in front, a divided skirt or leglets, and head-dress which was in one piece. The lecture was closed by an exhibition of artistic and graceful movements to music, which were splendidly executed by Miss Sayyee, who certainly is as graceful in her movements as any person could well be. The ladies who witnessed the exhibition were delighted, and all of those desiring to add to their personal charms as well as strengthen their system by graceful exercises will be sure to study physical culture.

WILLIAM J. McDOWELL.

A gap, a great gaping gap, in the ranks of Victoria journalism stares me in the face this week, and I peer in vain through that vacant space in the endeavor to see the cheery face of Billy McDowell. He fell asleep last Saturday evening, and found permanent relief from a life that had for him but few joys, so far as health and strength went. Billy's was the first hand I grasped in Victoria, and his were the first lips that bade me welcome. I sought the *Colonist* office on my arrival here to pay my respects to the "boys," and he was in the office. From that moment we were fast friends, and our friendship has never been marred by even a friendly difference. Not making any great pretensions; not assuming to himself any high standard of personal goodness; honest to all; and almost painfully conscientious in his duty to his employers, governed in everything by the strictest sense of right, Billy was what truthfully may be called a "natural gentleman" of the press, a very difficult thing to be in a profession beset with such temptations as are in the way of the newspaper man. As a newspaper man his *forte* was his perfect reliability. He had an intuitive knowledge of what was or was not "fit for publication," and rejected

at a glance anything of which there was a doubt, his apparent instinct never failing him, and afterwards proving the wisdom of his action. The proprietors of the *Colonist* knew this and appreciated him accordingly. Personally I don't think W. J. McDowell had an ill wisher in all Victoria, where his face was as familiar as the time of day. Notwithstanding almost incessant suffering from bodily ailments that racked his already much weakened frame, Billy always had a cheerful "hello" for his friends, and a smiling, courteous manner for any one who had business to transact with him. Then he had the natural wit of his race. An Irishman is never without a joke, and if you cracked one at Billy's expense his return was quick as a flash. This made him excellent company in the dull hours of the night, when the weary reporter was trying to finish up his day's work, and was waiting for the paper to come out. Many an hour that would have seemed as long as two has been made short by some droll story picked out of the storehouse of Billy's anecdote, and he was never at a loss for one. Suffering so keenly and uncomplainingly himself, he had the readiest and heartiest sympathy for any one else in pain or trouble; indeed, I have seen the plucky fellow take work on himself that he really was not able for in order to help out another fellow worker who was not perhaps feeling "just the thing." There was one particularly bright spot in Billy's life—it was his great love for his mother and sisters. It was his sincere devotion to them that won me chiefly, and I don't know now whether my respect or friendship for him was greater on that account. They, I know, did their utmost to repay him by smoothing as far as they could his hours of pain. The silver cord has been snapped temporarily by death, but a fond hope bears up mother and sisters that in the hereafter, the eternity to come, they will be reunited, and there will be a life of joy unbroken, but made doubly sweet by the time of trouble and purification undergone on the earth below.

A WORKER IN THE VINEYARD.

The management of the Turkish Bath and Electric Institute, 76 Yates street, state that the attendance is steadily increasing as the baths are becoming better known. Quite a number of well known persons testify to the benefit they have received from a course of baths at the Institute.

Finding their present premises too small for their rapidly increasing business, Messrs. Jackson & Mylius, the jewellers, will remove from their present location in the *Colonist* building to the store lately occupied by Shears & Page. The firm expect to be in their new place of business by Oct. 1st.

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