

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Salmon were agreeably surprised the other evening at their residence, on Yates street. About 30 couple assembled at the residence of Mr. A. Aaronson, from whence they proceeded in a body to Mr. Salmon's home. The evening was passed in various pleasant ways—singing, dancing, and different games were indulged in, and the merry gathering after spending a most enjoyable evening, departed for their homes, long after midnight.

Last Sunday afternoon, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Marymont, a large number of invited guests assembled, the event being the naming of their infant daughter. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Philo, at the conclusion of which the guests were treated to a sumptuous repast, and a most pleasant afternoon was spent.

Good work is being done by those who are taking part in Monte Cristo. Mr. Philo states that when the play is produced it will prove a surprise to the lovers of the drama. It is Mr. Philo's intention to present his play on Easter Monday, thus making it a holiday attraction.

The finance committee of the city Council have consented to receive all monies subscribed towards the purchase of a suitable uniform for the members of the Victoria city band. This is an organization which should receive liberal encouragement.

Herbert Stanton, assistant Government agent at Nanaimo, has been appointed deputy clerk of the peace for the Nanaimo county court district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brownlee, will sojourn for a couple of months in San Francisco.

A. E. Macnaughton and wife were passengers by the Islander Thursday.

During thirty days ending December 30, the U. S. Treasury Department paid out \$1,223,580 on account of sugar bounty. Of this amount, \$927,855 was paid on cane sugar, \$276,705 on beet sugar, \$10,774 on sorghum sugar, \$18,246 on maple sugar. The payment on maple sugar was on stock from the crop last spring.

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