

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Rev. Father Heyman, of Clayoquot, is in the city.

Geo. B. Martin, M. P. P., of Yale, is in the city.

Joshua Davies left Wednesday evening for Spokane.

Father Van Nevel is spending a few days at Vancouver.

E. H. Cox and wife, London, England, are at the Dallas.

A. L. Belyea returned from Seattle, Thursday evening.

Mrs. G. Bridges is very sick, and in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. John Cochrane returned Thursday evening from a trip to Seattle.

Rev. D. McRae and Mrs. McRae have returned from a trip to the Mainland.

Judge Tuck, of New Brunswick, went over the Sound by Thursday evening's steamer.

Reginald Nuttall, formerly of Victoria, arrived from the south on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. D. H. Blackman, of Seattle, is over visiting her mother, Mrs. L. Bowles, 172 Yates street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Monro, formerly of this city, now reside at No. 7 Hollis street, Halifax, N.S.

T. M. Henderson and wife and Thomas Shotbolt came home from the Mainland, Thursday night.

H. C. Connon, agent for Dodwell, Carilli & Co., returned home from Vancouver, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Higgins have returned to the city from an extended trip to the Old Country.

Major C. T. Dupont, Mrs. Dupont and Miss Dupont returned from the Sound on Wednesday evening.

Post Office Inspector Fletcher and Collector of Customs Bowell came over from Mainland on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Wm. Dee, of 16 Rupert street, will remove to Vancouver this evening with his family and will reside there in future.

A. H. B. MacGowan, secretary of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, arrived over from the Mainland, Thursday night.

Sheriff McMillan returned from Westminster on Thursday, where he had been on business in connection with the libelling of the Bushmills.

Mr. Geo. A. Cavin, of Burnside road, is entertaining his cousins, Miss Kate Leonard and Miss Annie McCurdy, also Mr. and Mrs. Tumber, all of Port Townsend.

Mr. Robt. J. Kerr, secretary and treas-

urer of the R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., returned last Saturday from an enjoyable trip to Alaska by the steamship Islander.

A number of the members of Christ Christ Cathedral choir will go to Metcho-sin on Sunday to assist in the singing at the harvest festival in the Anglican Church there.

The Society of Spiritualists and their friends are going on an excursion Sunday on the steamer Constance. They will land on one of the islands in the Gulf and have a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Steers, of 43 Vancouver street, were given a surprise party on Monday evening last. Thirty young people enjoyed themselves at dancing, games and music until a late hour.

There was a large attendance at the entertainment given in St. John's Sunday school on Wednesday evening by the Busy Bees. The programme was rendered, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Chautauqua Scientific and Literary Circle will be reorganized shortly, and the weekly sessions will continue after the first of October. The first meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in October.

The garden party held Wednesday evening at Mr. T. Trounce's residence in aid of the James Bay Methodist Church, was very largely attended, and proved a grand success. Those present had a very enjoyable time.

John Lomaster, a well-known cattle dealer of Tacoma, has been out with a party of friends hunting in the Saanich mountains for a couple of days. He secured 20 brace of grouse, and is highly elated at his success, for he shot more than twice the number secured by any of his companions. Mr. Lomaster returns to his home shortly, and will be sure to remember his friends.

A boating party of about 20 went up the Arm on Thursday evening and had a pleasant time dancing at the Gorge. The party was got up by Miss May Mesher and Miss Sherborne in honor of Mr. Fred Sherborne and Miss Lilly Mesher, neice of Geo. Mesher, Sr., who will be married on Thursday, the 15th inst. Among the other members of the company were: The Misses Alice and Lizzie Mesher, Miss Becker, and Messrs. Frank Sherborne, Harold Flemming, Geo. Booth, Jos. Grice and P. D. Johnson.

The excursion to Port Angeles to-morrow (Sunday) promises to be a most successful affair. The new and elegant steamship Joan will leave Janion's Wharf at 9.30 a.m. for the above city, via Port Townsend, and returning will leave Port Angeles about 5 p.m. The fare for the round trip has been placed at the small sum of \$1. Excursions of this character are encouraged by the medical profession as affording rest and recreation for overworked humanity. No doubt the promoters of this excursion will be so well encouraged by the patronage they receive to-morrow that they will repeat it at an early day.

MRS. CORBETT.

Mrs. James J. Corbett, wife of the champion pugilist, is an interesting young woman, and as pretty as she is interesting. She is a pronounced blonde, and looks not a day older than the twenty-three years she confesses to. She has a wealth of yellow golden hair piled artistically on a queenly little head, large gray-blue eyes, shaded by long, dark lashes, a fair complexion and a figure whose contour is perfection, and it seems pretty hard to imagine her a prize-fighter's wife.

Corbett's marriage was rather romantic, in fact included what might be called an elopement. When the now famous fighter was one of San Francisco's amateur athletes, he met his wife, a Miss Ollie Lake. Mr. Lake, Ollie's father, was a widower, who had come to California from Amsterdam, N. Y., in 1869, when the girl was still a baby in her mother's arms. Miss Lake was studying for a school teacher's position in the State Normal School where young Jim met her. An affection sprang up between the young folks, but Corbett's parents would not sanction an engagement, the Lakes being Congregationalists while the Corbets were staunch Roman Catholics.

The sweethearts were perforce obliged to wait. In 1886, Jim travelled to Salt Lake City to fight Duncan McDonald. There Miss Lake joined him and a Justice of the Peace made them one. A second ceremony was performed when the happy pair returned to San Francisco, Mrs. Corbett embracing the Roman Catholic faith to conciliate her parents-in-law. A school teacher's certificate to the State Normal School awaited Miss Ollie Lake in San Francisco while she was being married in Salt Lake City.

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