

**PERSONAL GOSSIP.**

Vancouverites gave the Pirates of Penzance a hearty reception, last Saturday evening. The C. P. R. Opera House was packed by an enthusiastic audience, and the principals are said to have excelled themselves on this occasion, winning much applause from a select and appreciative audience. The proceeds of the opera went to the Vancouver hospital. A large number of friends assembled on the dock, Sunday afternoon, to bid good-bye to the visiting singers who assembled in company on the hurricane deck of the Islander and rendered a couple of choruses and the national anthem, as the boat left the pier.

One of the pleasantest events of the season took place at Assembly Hall last evening, when Mrs. E. Dickenson's juvenile dancing class gave their closing dance. There were a large number of ladies and gentlemen present, and for two hours the children entertained them by dancing minuets and the other ordinary dances. The little ones all wore fancy dresses, and looked very pretty while going through the different dances on the programme. After the children were tired and ready to go home, the older dancers took charge of the hall and danced until long after midnight.

The Cathedral schoolrooms on Quadra street were well filled last Wednesday evening at the concert given by the ladies of St. Barnabas'. The Indian club swinging by a company of little girls and the "Policemen's Chorus" from the "Pirates of Penzance," led by Mr. Kent, were the features of the entertainment. Miss Janion gave a solo, which was heartily encored. The others who took part were Miss Arrowsmith, Mr. Percy Wollaston, Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Temple, Mr. Nash and Mr. Silk. Ven. Archdeacon Scriven occupied the chair.

A large number of friends assembled at the residence of Mrs. Kinsman, 94 Pembroke street, on Thursday evening, the occasion being a surprise party to Miss Kinsman. An enjoyable entertainment was afforded the happy young people present, and the party did not break up until the early hours.

Mr. H. C. Beeton, with Mrs. Beeton and family, left, Thursday night, for England, via the Northern Pacific railway and New York, on the City of Kingston. A large number of friends assembled at the wharf to wish them good-bye.

Mr. Robert Ward and Mrs. Ward left, last evening, via the Canadian Pacific, for London England, where Mr. Ward will represent the British Columbia Board of Trade at the Imperial Congress of Chambers of Commerce.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Kate Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Davis, to Maurice Salmon. The ceremony will be performed at Omineca hall, 5 Oriental avenue, on June 8 at 5 p. m.

The conspicuous feature of the week, socially speaking of course, was the "At Home" given by Mrs. Nelson at Carey Castle, last Wednesday evening. Nearly three hundred were present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kerr, of North Pandora street, gave a very pleasant "at home" to a number of friends on Thursday evening.

Preparations are being made for a grand naval ball to be given in the Dockyard Sail loft at Esquimalt on the 31st inst.

The concert given by the Y. L. L. last Wednesday evening, was quite as successful as the previous one.

Jacob Sehl, wife and daughter left for Europe, last Thursday evening, on an extended trip.

The Victoria Amateur Dramatic Society will produce "The Unknown" at an early date.

Mrs. J. C. McLagan, of Vancouver, is visiting friends and relatives in Victoria.

Mr. Henry Croft and wife arrived home, last Monday.

Jones J. Bell, Brockville, Ont., is visiting the city.

L. L. and Mrs. Chadsey, of Sumas, are in the city.

A young gentleman well known in social circles was given a half dozen tickets to sell for the Ladies' Drill and Toy Symphony given in the Victoria Theatre about two months ago for the benefit of the Jubilee Hospital. He has evaded payment of the \$6 so far by keeping out of the way.

The identity of the caller who, some time ago, extracted two photos of young ladies from the family album at a James Bay residence, has been discovered, and it will, probably, be made warm for him if he does not return the stolen photos.

The Ontario Canoe Co's works at Peterboro were completely destroyed by fire last Monday, together with the stock of canoes on hand and all the models.

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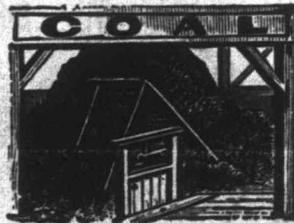
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