

**PERSONAL GOSSIP.**

Mrs. M. H. Cowan left for California Wednesday evening.

G. Leiser and wife will leave for a two months' visit to California to-morrow.

Lieut. Col. Andrew Haggard and Mrs. Haggard returned from Okanagan Wednesday night.

The Grand Annual Ball of the Knights of Pythias, will be held on Friday evening, 27th inst., in the Assembly Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. King, of 30 Caledonia Avenue, gave an enjoyable reception to a number of friends, Tuesday evening last.

Miss Lizzie Watkins gave a pleasant party Monday evening, at the home of her uncle Sheriff McMillian, 138 Comorant street.

Mr. J. G. Brown, the popular Scotch vocalist, has been invited to sing at the Burns' Anniversary concert on the 25th inst., at Vancouver.

The Sunday school teachers, and choir of the First Presbyterian church, Pandora Avenue, held a very enjoyable conversation in the school room, Wednesday evening. The evening was a musical success, and refreshments were served.

The Y. M. C. A. will give a reception to the Christian Endeavor Societies, Epworth Leagues, and all Y. P. Societies of Protestant churches of the city, on Wednesday evening, 25th inst. All of the Societies have been invited and a large attendance is expected.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, Hillside Avenue, was surprised by about forty young people last evening. The evening was spent in a pleasant manner. The company were entertained by music, games and dancing, which continued until a late hour.

Mr. Wm. A. Murray, who has been for some time past been acting manager of the Victoria branch of the Bank of British Columbia, went to Vancouver, Monday evening, to take the management of the branch in that city. During his stay in Victoria, Mr. Murray has made many friends with whom he had to transact business.

An effort is being made to organize a canoe club in this city. A meeting with this object in view was held last evening, and everything points to an early realization of the desire to form such a club. In this connection, it might be mentioned that the favorite Peterboro canoe can now be purchased on the instalment plan from Messrs. Page & Winnett, 18 Trounce Avenue. The superiority of the Peterboro canoe has long been acknowledged, and the easy terms on which they are now offered will no doubt result in the certain organization of a canoe club. It might further

be mentioned that several sailing canoes have already been ordered from this firm.

The Burns Anniversary concert, on Tuesday evening, 24th inst., in the school-room of the First Presbyterian Church, promises to be a rich treat to all lovers of Scotch music. Mr. J. G. Brown has charge of the programme, which contains the names of most Scottish singers in the city. Messrs. Grant, Kinnaid and Brown will contribute in character and costume representing a scene common in Scotland a century ago the trio, "Willie Brew'd a Peck o' Malt." Miss O'Neill and Mr. Brown will sing the duett "Come Under My Plaidie." The following well known soloists will contribute: Madame Laird, Miss O'Neill and Messrs. Brown, Kinnaid, Watson and Grant. Mrs. John Cochrane and Mr. E. H. Russell will favor with instrumental selections. The concerts given by the First Church choir are always popular, and on the evening of the 24th the hall is sure to be crowded by those eager for a treat of the good old Scotch songs.

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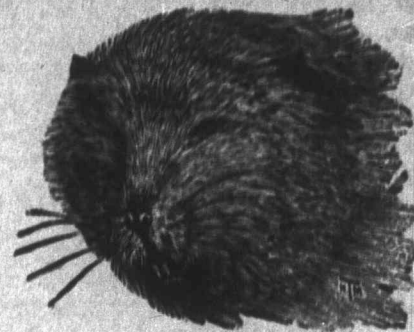
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