

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

J. L. White spent Christmas with friends at Westminster.

G. A. Morphy returned home by the City of Kingston Thursday.

F. P. Blackman was among the passengers from the Sound, Thursday.

Invitations are out for a social dance at the Rocabella, Monday evening, Jan. 2nd.

Mr. D. J. Munn, one of the leading Fraser River salmon canners, is in the city.

Bob Gallagher, a popular commercial traveller from Montreal, is stopping at the Driard.

E. J. Dwyer, and Miss Dwyer and Miss Birdie Dwyer, of Kingston, are at the Driard.

Mr. W. J. Taylor, barrister, went over to the Sound cities, last Tuesday evening, on a short trip.

Mr. Harry Sherwood and Miss Fillery, late of London, Eng., were married, last Tuesday evening, in St. John's church.

Thos. Brengan, formerly of this city and now a resident of Seattle, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Cochrane of, Rithet street.

The next practice of the Musical Society will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd, at Gyppeswyk, the home of F. H. and Mrs. Worlock.

The programme will shortly be announced for the grand classical concert to be given by the St. Andrew's Choral Society on the 20th January.

W. Maurice Cochrane, a prominent barrister of Kamloops, arrived in the city, Wednesday evening, and is the guest of Mr. R. H. Jamieson, 60 Superior street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coltart gave a very pleasant evening party, last Thursday evening, to the choir boys of Christ Church Cathedral and Mr. Coltart's Sunday school class.

Thomas R. Simpson, of Winnipeg, the western representative of the Accident Insurance Co., arrived in the city, Wednesday, on the way to visit his family now resident in Southern California.

Mr. John Teague, and Miss E. Lazenby, both of this city, were married by the Rev. Coverdale Watson, at the Pandora Avenue Methodist church, Thursday morning. The wedding was private.

The Ladies Aid of the Pandora Avenue Methodist church made a great success of the International dinner, Thursday evening. The attendance was large, and everything passed off smoothly, reflecting much credit on the management.

Considerable preparations have been made for the New Year's reception in the

Y. M. C. A. rooms by the ladies of the Auxillary and W. C. T. U. A good lunch is provided and a hearty invitation extended to all young men to call.

The Christmas assembly of the Iolantha club, Wednesday evening, was a very successful affair. The decorations were tasteful and the music by the Brown-Richardson orchestra excellent. There were about sixty couples present, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

On Friday evening, the 23rd inst., about eighty guests were most hospitably entertained and enjoyed themselves at a dance given by S. E. Erb, Esq., Douglas street. Dancing was indulged in until shortly after 2 a.m. Messrs. Brown and Richardson furnished the music for the occasion.

A. S. Aspland gave a very creditable rendition of the tenor solo "Caut que de Noll" by Adams, last Sunday evening, in Christ Church Cathedral. For a young man, Mr. Aspland has rather a fine voice, and with due care and careful training there is no doubt that he will develop, in a few years, into a first class tenor and a credit to his teacher Mr. A. Werner.

The *News Advertiser* in its report of Ye Olde Folkes' entertainment, in Vancouver, says: "Miss Lawson, of Victoria, scored one of the greatest successes of the evening in her rendition of "Johnny get out," which was indeed a masterpiece of elocutionary art. This being her first appearance before a Vancouver audience, she completely carried the house by storm and was repeatedly recalled."

The members of the Sir William Wallace Society hold their annual concert in the Philharmonic Hall, this evening, "Hogmanay," and they are certainly well within the mark when they promise "A Gude Nicht tae a' Comers." A Scotch concert is not complete without the national music of which Scotchmen are so proud. Mr. Wm. Taylor, piper to the society, who will contribute during the evening, deserves special attention. He is an old regimental piper, and in his execution on this instrument revives memories of more than one battlefield in which the pibroch has played so prominent a part. Madame Laird will make her first concert appearance in this city and will sing "Wha'll be King but Charlie?" and "Mary of Argyll." Mr. J. G. Brown, the most popular Scotch singer in the province, will be sure to again delight the audience with his interpretation of popular Scotch songs. Master J. R. and Miss McKenzie will dance the Highland fling and sword dance in Scottish Highland costume. Miss B. Jamieson will sing that beautiful Scotch song "Caller Herrin," and Miss O'Neill "Coming thro' the Rye;" Mr. Kinnaid, "Afton Water;" Miss A. Wolff, "My Sailor Love;" Mr. P. Gordon, "Star of Bethlehem." Miss E. G. Lawson and Mr. Wallace will render Scotch recitations, and Mr. Ernest Wolf a violin solo.

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It is announced that the Victoria and Sidney Railway are progressing fairly well with their construction work. The first five miles of clearing of the right of way have been completed, and it is expected the contract for the balance will be let in a short time. It was, however, expected that from all that was said on the subject much more than this would by this time have been accomplished. It was hoped that the enterprise would have provided work for a number of men this winter, but Christmas is over with but a small amount of work done, and the contract for the clearing of the rest has not yet been let. Many hopes for this winter have it would appear been disappointed. Indeed, it is hardly likely that let for the expectations of immediate and energetic work the by-law would have been so readily passed by the citizens of Victoria.

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