

## PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The marriage of J. Sterling Floyd to Esther Mary Johnston took place on the 10th December, at Christ Church Cathedral, and was pronounced to be not only the prettiest but the best ordered of the season, the large congregation who assembled to witness it behaving in a manner which that solemn ceremony demands. The service was fully choral; 36 members of the choir preceding the bridal party up the aisle singing "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Canon Beanlands, M. A., at the chancel steps, the father giving the bride away. The choir then sang the wedding anthem by Barnaby, "Oh, Perfect Love," in a manner which must have touched the hearts of all who heard it, so beautifully was it rendered. The bridal party then moved to the altar railings where the ceremony was continued to its conclusion by the Rev. Canon Paddon, M. A. The bride was attired in a white brocaded Japanese silk crepe trimmed with chiffon, and was veiled with hand some old lace and wore orange blossoms in her hair. She carried a white velvet bag hand painted with heartsease and morning glory, and a large shower bouquet of white hyacinths, chrysanthemums and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids were the Misses Eveline Nesbitt, Kate Johnston, Isabel Christie and Rose Johnston. They wore empire costumes of cream silk trimmed with emerald green, and carried large shower bouquets of cream chrysanthemums and smilax, and bags of emerald green velvet. The groomsmen, who ably supported the bridegroom, were Messrs. H. Fuller, F. Moore, P. D. Johnston and R. H. Johnston. The singing was under the good conducting of Mr. H. Kent, the cathedral choirmaster, whose little five-year-old son led the long procession. Mr. G. Pauline presided at the organ, and the pretty marches wherever he could introduce them were charming, and the grand finale, Mendelssohn's Wedding March, crashing. No small contribution was that of Messrs. Aspland and Bridgeman—the firing and pealing of bells—which commenced from the conclusion of the service and continued till the carriages which bore the happy bridal party away were lost sight of amid a shower of rice. After a wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents, a reception was held, which was attended by most of the old and valued friends of Mr. and Mrs. Philip T. Johnston. The presents to the bride were numerous, elegant and all useful. One in particular was as great a surprise as it was gratifying, viz., the presentation of a most handsome clock in a black and inlaid marble casing with silver plate inserted and inscribed "From the Wardens and Choir of St. Johns," of which church Mr. Floyd has been lately appointed choirmaster. He was therefore very greatly impressed by their kindness and generosity.

The committee of the W. C. T. U. Home return thanks to the following friends for their many donations during September, October and November: Mrs. Burkholder, Mrs. Munroe, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. J. McGregor, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Fell, Mrs. H. C. McDermid, Mrs. Waller, Mrs.

## How Santa Claus Restocked.

- I.  
Twas Christmas Eve and Santa Claus  
Was filling up a stocking,  
When suddenly he had to pause  
For something very shocking.
- II.  
That year he failed to take along  
The latest census listing  
Of all the stockings to be hung,  
And now his books were missing.
- III.  
But Santa Claus, with sturdy legs,  
And swiftly flying feet,  
Popped in the store of KERR & BEGG,  
45 Government Street.
- IV.  
Here found he stock that brought him joy—  
Books, things instrumental—  
Gifts alike for girl or boy,  
Or elders sentimental.
- V.  
Next morn no little one in town  
But had a well filled stocking,  
And jolly Santa wrote it down—  
"KERR & BEGG's—next year's restocking."

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Mould, Mrs. Humber, Mrs. G. Grant, Ladies of the Baptist Church, Miss Leach, Mrs. Capt. Grant, Friends at Assembly Hall, Ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Siddall and Mrs. Pearson.

Rev. P. H. McEwen, of Emmanuel Baptist church, was called upon on Wednesday evening to perform the ceremony which made Miss Kate J. Brewster, daughter of Mr. Charles Brewster, of 106 North Chatham street, the bride of Mr. Samuel Berge. The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, her sister, Miss Mary Brewster, supporting her, while Mr. W. J. Berge acted as best man.

At 297 Johnson street, on Wednesday evening, Mr. Fred S. Plows and Miss Mary Roberts were joined in marriage by Rev. Dr. Campbell, of the First Presbyterian church. The ceremony was witnessed by a few invited friends.

A Christmas tree for the Sunday school children of the Reformed Episcopal Church will be provided on the evening of January 7, when there will be a well-filled tree, a good musical programme and refreshments in abundance.

The regular meeting of the Sons of Erin was held at Pioneer Hall, last Monday night. After the regular order of business, a programme consisting of songs, instrumental music and recitations, was gone through with, much to the delight of those present.

W. F. Topping, of the Union steamship company, Vancouver, will leave for England at the beginning of the year on a

business trip. He will be absent about two months.

G. W. Dickinson and wife, F. W. Hatfield, Miss T. J. Murray and Walter Oakes, of Tacoma, formed a party who were visiting Victoria for a few days this week.

The Bar of New Westminster and Vancouver propose to dine Mr. Justice McCreight previous to his departure on a six months' leave of absence.

Crown Solicitor Hunter has returned from Nanaimo, where he attended the assizes in his official capacity.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church are preparing for a Christmas tree entertainment.

The Brown-Richardson orchestra is prepared to supply first class music for social and dancing parties, etc.

The members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian society held a social concert in their hall, last evening.

Mrs., the Misses and Master Higgins were among the Islander's passengers, Wednesday night.

Mr. H. A. Simpson, barrister, of Nanaimo, was married on Saturday to Miss May Van Houten.

R. H. Hall, M.P.P., returned home by the Islander, Wednesday night.

J. Hepburn, of Quesnelle Forks, is at the Victoria.