

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

C. E. Stevenson and wife, Kamloops, are in town.

R. P., Mrs. and Miss McLellan have returned from Vancouver.

John Roper and daughter, England, are registered at the Balmoral.

Capt. John and Mrs. Irving returned by the Islander, Thursday night.

Mrs. Gus. Leiser gave an At Home, last Friday evening, in honor of her guest, Miss Myers.

Rod. Begg, of Kerr & Begg, returned home, Wednesday, from an extended business trip East.

A party was given at the residence of F. and Mrs. Oliver, 65 Menzies street, Thursday evening.

Mr. Arthur A. Philo, son of Rev. Dr. Philo, is expected to arrive here, next week, from New York.

Last Monday evening there was a surprise party at the residence of Simon and Mrs. Leiser, Pandora Avenue.

The young ladies and gentlemen connected with the Synagogue are taking steps to organize a dancing club for the winter months.

Mrs. Robt. Kidner arrived, Monday, from London, Ont., on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. W. Winnett, of Sea View Villa, Montrose street.

It is rumored that a well known drug-gist and prominent member of the James Bay Athletic Association will wed a popular young lady of Victoria, next week.

Miss Bertha Frank entertained a number of her friends at her parents' residence, on Frederick street, Tuesday, November 2nd, the event being the young lady's birthday.

The Rev. H. Kingham, Archdeacon of Montana, resident at Great Falls, and formerly of Christ Church Cathedral, contemplates a visit to England in January next.

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Canon Beaulands and Rev. Messrs. Hewetson and Arden returned, Thursday night, after escorting Bishop Hills as far as the Mainland.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lenz held a gathering at their residence, corner Cook and Yates streets, last Wednesday, in honor of Mrs. Lenz's birthday. The evening was spent in music and dancing.

T. G. and Mrs. Moody, of 86 Pandora Avenue, gave a pleasant birthday party, Wednesday evening, in honor of their son, T. G. Moody, jr. There were about forty-five young people present.

A special general meeting of the Victoria Chess Club will be held at the club rooms, Wilson block, on Thursday evening, Oct. 10, to consider the advisability of introducing whist into the club.

The Iolanthe Club will give their initiatory dance of the season at Harmony Hall, on the evening of Thursday next, Thanksgiving day. Every attention is being made for a large attendance and a pleasant evening.

Wednesday evening, 9th inst., St. John's Church will be the scene of a brilliant gathering, the occasion being the marriage of a well known young lady of the congregation to a popular commercial traveller of this city.

Mr. W. C. Pope, of R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., has left for Montreal, where he will meet a young English lady, who is to become his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Pope will settle down to housekeeping upon their arrival here.

Mr. Fred B. Pemberton left for Toronto, Friday evening. The happy event is fixed for the 16th inst., at the home of the bride's parents. An extended wedding tour will be made through the East, returning home via San Francisco.

The Cathedral Quartette, composed of Messrs. Floyd, Kingham, Kent and Wollaston, held a practice at the residence of H. and Mrs. Kent, Yates street, on Thursday evening. A number of friends were also present and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The Ladies Aid, of the Centennial Methodist Church, will hold a "Corn" social, on Wednesday evening 9th inst. On Monday the 14th inst., Mr. Shakespeare will give a lecture illustrated by stereoscopic views, entitled "Around the World in 100 minutes."

Mr. F. Landsberg has issued about 50 invitations to his friends for his "House Warming," to be held on Sunday, Nov. 6, at his new residence 54 Pandora street. An interesting feature of the event is that Mr. Landsberg is the first Hebrew bachelor of this city to entertain his friends.

Samuel Matson and John Hyland, both well known in the city, have entered into partnership, to do a general brokerage business, conveyancing, etc. Samuel Matson will attend to insurance, being manager for the Province of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Co. John Hyland will be the real estate man and R. L. Drury, conveyancer, will be attached to the firm. The new offices are at 43½ Government street, over Kerr & Begg's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Levy issued over one hundred invitations for their tin wedding, last Sunday evening. The responses were liberal, for the rooms were crowded. There were a great many presents. It is wonderful, with a little taste and thought, how many things that are far from being ornamental, may be transformed. Supper was served at 11 o'clock, after which the young folks danced away until the early hours of morning. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

The first regular monthly concert of the Musical Society was given on Tuesday evening, at Gyppeswyk, the home of F. H. and Mrs. Worlock. There were about 100

persons present of whom 35 were members of the society. The concert was a very sociable affair and will long be remembered as one of the most enjoyable events of the season. The programme was of a high order; all of the numbers were ably rendered and much appreciated by the listeners. Mrs. Helmcken, solo; Mrs. Walkem and Miss Rhodes, duet; Miss Mouat, Mrs. Helmcken and Mr. Bushby, trio; instrumental trio by Miss Fielding, Prof. Yandley and Mr. Scroggs—piano, violin and violincello. A few glees were well rendered by the society's chorus of 30 voices—"Sleep, Gentle Lady," "Hush Thee, My Baby" and "Gypsy Chorus." The managers of the society—Mrs. Dennis Harris, Miss Dupont and Mrs. Worlock, secretary—deserve every praise for the wonderful success of the evening.

On Thanksgiving evening, (Thursday next), the beautiful cantata, "The Angel of the Harvest," will be rendered by a choir selected from the members of Pandora Avenue Methodist Church. "The Angel of the Harvest" is a little more difficult than the cantata given by this choir last year, or any previous year for that matter, but it is pleasing to record that the choruses will be thoroughly mastered, if the rehearsals which have already taken place are accepted as a criterion. The solos, though somewhat difficult, are very pretty. Besides the soloists of previous years, there will be Miss Wolff, soprano; Miss Baker, contralto; and Mr. Mitchell, tenor. The choruses contain over 40 voices, assisted by a juvenile choir. The recitation parts, though short, are said to be quite effective, and Mr. Parfitt has secured the services of Miss Penwill and Miss R. Burkholder for this part of the work. The decoration committee intimate that their part of the programme will be faithfully attended to. This being the first concert for the benefit of the new church building fund, it will no doubt meet with success. Tickets are now being sold, and programmes of the entertainment will be circulated in the church pews next Sunday evening.

The fact that the relations now existing between the young Emperor of Germany and his widowed mother are not only pleasant but affectionate has been emphasized by the presentation to the latter by the Emperor of a deed to the ruined castle of Kronberg. The Emperor's new castle stands on an eminence near this picturesque ruin, which, as all Continental travelers know, is opposite Friedrichshof. Its position and form of construction are such that from its windows and porches a magnificent view of the ruin is obtained. About a year ago the Empress expressed a desire to purchase this ruined castle and the land which goes with it. On the following Christmas the Empress found upon her table a communication from the Emperor saying that it would afford him the greatest pleasure to present to the Empress the Schloss Kronberg as his Christmas gift. Recently, while in Hamburg, the formal tender of the deeds was made by the Emperor in person, and his mother no longer need worry lest her view in any direction shall be cut off or lest any undesired neighbors shall encroach themselves on that estate.