

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

T. J. Burnes, jr., left for California, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. and Miss Flett, Winnipeg, are staying at the Oriard.

Mrs. McNeil and daughter, Shoal Bay, are visiting in this city.

Mrs. S. W. Valle, of Springfield, Mass., is paying Victoria a visit.

Mrs. Parr was a passenger from the Sound, Thursday evening.

Baroness Macdonald and daughter arrived in the city, Thursday evening.

J. A. Thomas and Dr. Verrinder returned from the Sound, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Maclure are visiting with Rev. P. McF. and Mrs. Macleod.

Samuel M. Robins, manager of the New Vancouver Coal Co., Nanaimo, is in the city.

Miss Martin, of Seattle, who has been visiting here for some time, returned home Thursday evening.

The Iolantha Club has been reorganized, and will hold its usual number of social events the coming winter season.

Mrs. Jones, wife of Commander Jones of H.M.S. Warspite, left for Liverpool via the Canadian Pacific, Wednesday night.

Mr. Berkam Davey, nephew of Sir Horace Davey, the celebrated lawyer, is in the city. Mr. Davey is on a tour round the world.

Mr. Arthur Thursby left by the Barbara Boscowitz, Tuesday evening, for Metlakatla, in company with the Rev. Stevenson and wife, to spend the winter there.

On the 19th inst., at St. Barnabas church, by the Rev. G. W. Taylor, Halcrow P., eldest son of Capt. T. H. Johnson, of St. Aubyn's Place, Brighton, England, was married to Annie E., only daughter of Robert Law, Esq., of Silverdale, Fraser River, B. C.

There will be a grand masquerade ball in the Philharmonic Hall next Tuesday evening. Good music will be furnished and a prize offered for the best lady waltzer in costume. All maskers will be identified at the doors, and every effort made to keep the whole affair very select.

Victoria society is in a state of prospective pleasure and interest over what is expected to prove the event of the season—the Charity Ball. Several elaborate costumes are being prepared for the event, which, it is believed, will far surpass anything of the kind ever held in Victoria.

At the Reformed Episcopal Church, on the 18th inst., Bishop Cridge united in bonds of matrimony Mr. John Tumilty, of Liverpool, England, marine engineer, and Miss Emily Jane Fuggle, daughter of the

late Richard Fuggle, of St. Thomas, Ont. A number of friends witnessed the interesting ceremony.

The music loving public of Victoria were given a most enjoyable treat in the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening. The choir of the church, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown, rendered the beautiful cantata of "Rebecca," in a most artistic manner. The various numbers were well delivered, and received rounds of applause from the delighted audience.

W. H. Mawdsley, wife and child have been in the city for the past few days. Mr. Mawdsley is here in connection with floating the Point Comfort Hotel Co., Ltd., for a large summer hotel to be erected at Plumper's Pass. It is understood the scheme has already been approved of by some of the leading minded men of the Province. Mr. Mawdsley has considerable experience, and would make an ideal host.

The musical society, formed this season, already has a membership of thirty-five persons belonging to the best families. Prof. Yarnley, formerly of Honolulu, and a very clever musician, is conductor of the society, which will study both vocal and instrumental music. The society meets each week at the home of one of its members. At present they are studying Rossini's "Stabat Mater." During the season private concerts will be given on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society, of Temple Emanu-El, gave a grand Simchas Torah ball at Philharmonic Hall, Thursday evening, at which many Hebrews of this city attended. Dancing was kept up until an early hour Friday morning. The evening was most enjoyably spent, and the ladies must be congratulated on the success of their efforts. Among the guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Gus. Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. Lenz, Mr. and Mrs. Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Levy, Dr. Philo and family, the Misses Sylvesters, Mrs. A. A. Aaronson, J. P. Davies, and many others.

The basket social of the Young Ladies' Institute in Philharmonic Hall, last Wednesday night, was well attended. The baskets were made by the young ladies, filled with fruits and sweetmeats and here and there a cigar. The purchasers had the pleasure of eating with the ladies whose baskets they bought. Mrs. J. Leonard was awarded first prize; Miss E. Wilson, second prize, and Miss Ollie Deasy, third prize for the prettiest baskets. Miss G. Goddyn sang a sweet French air. Miss Kate Dolan executed a good instrumental selection. An instrumental duet by Misses Dougherty and Martin was loudly applauded. Miss Beatrice Martin's recitation was deservedly encored. Dancing was indulged in till an early hour.

Mr. E. W. Matthews, manager of Dun, Wiman & Co's mercantile agency and one of the most popular young business men in Winnipeg, and formerly of Victoria, was married, one day last week, to Miss Annie Logan, daughter of ex-Mayor Logan, of the former city. The ceremony which made the young couple one was performed

by Dean Grisdale at the residence of the bride's parents. The wedding was somewhat of a private nature, only the relatives of the contracting parties being present. The groom was assisted by Alex. Logan, brother of the bride, and Mr. W. Bannatyne. The bride was charmingly attired in a costume of fawn and green silk, trimmed with passmenterie, and the bridesmaids, Miss Turin Logan and Miss Annie Bannatyne, were dressed in light grey tweed and brown shot tweed costumes. After the ceremony, the party repaired to the diningroom where a recherche wedding breakfast was spread. The happy couple took the N. P. express to St. Paul, amid copious showers of rice, and will be absent about a month on their wedding tour.

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