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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Capt. J. M. Maurice has returned from England.

D. R. Ker came home from the Fraser, Monday night.

Mrs. Gallagher came over from Portland, Wednesday night.

Mrs. Frank Barnard went ever to Vancouver, Tuesday morning.

J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., has returned to Kootenay after a short visit to the Coast.

C. E. Blackwood, agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, was in Tacoma this week.

Dr. G. L. Milne, M.P.P., left with Mrs. Milne, Wendesday morning, on a visit to Eastern friends.

Mrs. M. Cahill and Miss Tyson were passengers to Vancouver by the Yosemite Tuesday morning.

Gen. J. N. Reece, wife and daughter, and E. A. Reece and wife, Springfield, Ill., are guests at the Driard.

E. C. Hughes, of Seattle, the barrister retained in the Coquitlam case, with Mrs. Hughes, is at the Driard.

Principal Church of Corrig College returned on the Kingston, Thursday evening, from a business trip to the Sound.

Mrs. Metherell has arrived from the East and joined her husband, Dr. Metherell. They are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Miss L. Sayyea, formesly of this city, but now a resident of San Francisco, is visiting at the residence of Mr. W. H. Bone, Topaze avenue.

Rev. W. W. Percival, of Richmond Hill, Onte, formerly a resident of this city, is visiting friends and renewing old acquaintances.

Rev. M. L. Rugg returned to Seattle on Monday evening, after having spent a fortnight very pleasantly with old friends and former parishioners.

J. A. Thomson, inspector of steamboate for British Columbia, left Friday morning for Kootenay, to make an official examination of the lake fleet of the province.

Miss Jessie Alexander will give one of her enjoyable entertainments of readings in the Vancouver Opera House on Sept. 30th, in aid of the Alexandra Hospital.

F. B. Gregory, of Belyea & Gregory, left on Friday on a visit to his former home in New Brunswick. There is no truth in the rumor that Mr. Gregory was to be married while east.

E. G. Anderson returned, Wednesday evening, after a six weeks' visit to his old home in the East. He will leave Monday on the City of Puebla for a two mouths' business trip through California. H. Behnsen came over from Vancouver, Thursday night.

W. C. Ward returned from the Mainland Thursday evening.

F. S. Barnard, M.P., has gone up to the Okanagan country.

Mrs. R. Erskine was a passenger to Vancouver, Tuesday morning.

Dr. Wade and W. H. Bainbridge were passengers by the Yosemite, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Percival Jenns left Friday morning for New York, there to join Rev. Mr. Jenns on his way to England.

Chief of Police Sheppard is taking a holiday at San Juan Island. J. W. Walker will be in charge at superintendent during his absence.

The Y. M. I. social at Philharmonic Hall, Friday evening, was well attended. Everybody was pleased at the entertainment provided by the young men.

Mr. C. E. Jones, the popular pharmacist, who is now in the East on a business trip, will leave Toronto on the 7th inst., and expects to arrive home on the 15th.

Miss Dodd, of Whatcom, who has been visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. Bradford, U. S. Customs officer on the City of Kingston, returns to her home early next week.

The opening of New Castle Hall by Sunset Lodge, K. of P., last Wednesday evening, was a most successful affair. The entertainment was particularly worthy of mention.

W. H. Finlayson, of this city, left on Thursday for Sydney, Australia. He will go from Vancouver by the American schooner Robert Searle to Port Pirie, and thence to Australia by steamer.

J. T. Lake, assistant freight agent in the C. P. N. Company's office, went East, Thursday evening, over the Northern Pacific Railroad to visit his relations in Eastern Canada. He will return over the C. P. R.

The ladies of the James Bay Methodist Church are going to give a garden party at Tregew House, 63 Menzies street, during the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Refreshments will be served by the ladies, who promise a good time.

An impromptu party of eight couples went up the Gorge, Thursday evening, and had a pleasant hop in the Pavilion at the Gardens. The party was gotten up by Miss Neva Ray and Miss Matthews. Dr. A. R. Baker and Messre. Frost, Blaine and Ferguson were in the party.

A new and elegant steamer will run on a moonlight excursion on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Centennial Methodist Church. The steamer will sail from Janion's wharf at 7.30. A band will accompany the excursion, which under the auspices of the Gorge Church is bound to be a success.

W. J. Gerald, Assistant Commissioner of Inland Revenue, Ottawa, is in the city on a tour of inspection.

Invitations are out for an "At Home" by Admiral Hotham and officers of H.M.S. Warspite on Tuesday, September 13th, at Esquimalt.

The ladies of St. James Church will give one of their enjoyable socials on Thursday evening next, 8th inst., in the schoolroom adjoining the church.

Col. Peel, late of Gray's Harbor, intends to make Victoria his home, and has engaged quarters at The Wilson. Miss Peel accompanies her father, and they will be joined by the rest of the family shortly.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Club the following committee of management was elected:—J. S. Yates, A. L. Belyea, Dr. W. J. Quinlan, J. F. Jenck, C. A. Godson, J. Fannen and J. E. Wilson. The committee elected the following officers:—President, Dr. Quinlan; vice-president, A. L. Belyea; secy.-treasurer, B. Williams.

Mr. Samuel Matson, the genial manager of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York, has gone East on a business and pleasure trip, and expects to be away three months. Mr. C. G. Ballentyne, who has been appointed agent of the society for the Mainland, will take charge of the Victoria office during the absence of Mr. Matson.

Mr. W. T. Williams, Miss Williams, Mr. O. C. Fawcett and Miss Fawcett, together with a few others, drove out to Metchosin, Thursday afternoon, and are the guests of the Rev. Mr. Ellison for a couple of days. The party assisted at the concert, Thursday evening, in aid of the church there, and Friday the gentlemen spent shooting.

A party, composed of Mr. W. Geary and family, the Misses Mary, Sophie and Maggie McNiff; Misses Alta and Elsie Way, Messrs. Thos. Hick, Geo. Martin, and Mr. Dean, of Manchester, England, who have been camping at Gordon Head, next to Capt. Vandright's farm, have just returned to their home after an enjoyable six weeks' sojourn in camp.

