

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The Spiritualists society will hold a dance on Thursday evening, 30th inst.

The Iolantha club will hold their closing assembly for the season in the Philharmonic Hall, on Friday, April 7th.

A pleasant surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Aaronson, at their home on Blanchard street, last Sunday evening.

The Pride of the Island lodge Sons of England, will hold a white rose degree meeting in St. George's Hall, on Thursday, 21st inst.

Hon. D. W. Higgins, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, will give a dinner Monday evening at his residence, Cadboro Bay Road.

Capt. J. M. Maurice will leave for England in three weeks, to go into summer camping with his regiment the 4th battalion K. O. R., Lancaster regiment.

Arrangements are being made for the Samaritan ball, to be given in the Philharmonic Hall, on Wednesday, April 4th, for the benefit of the Maternity Hospital.

Mr. J. H. Brownlee, will remove his office on the 1st April, from 42 to 44 Fort street. The new office is being elegantly fitted up and will when completed be one of the handsomest offices of the city.

The Wanderers' Cycle Club are arranging for a road race on Good Friday, for which prizes will be offered. The roads being in good condition Goldstream and return will in all probability be the ride, the distance being nearly 25 miles.

Rev. J. E. Coombes delivered an interesting temperance lecture Wednesday evening, in the Methodist church James Bay, under the auspices of the Royal Templars. The lecture was illustrated with numerous dissolving views which were very successful.

The annual concert by the pupils and teachers of the Conservatory of Music will be given about the middle of April. Mr. Allan the violinist will make his first public appearance in this city, and a treat is promised. Mr. Allan is spoken of in the highest terms, and his credentials from worthy persons testify to his ability.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Andrews Presbyterian church will give a concert in aid of East Fernwood Hall, on Wednesday evening, April 5th, in the school-room of the church. Among those who will take part are Madame Laird, Mrs. Belyea, Miss Adams, Miss Edith Wilson, Mr. J. G. Brown, Prof. Geddes; guitar, Wm. Allan and others.

At the New England Hotel, last Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Campbell performed the ceremony which united in

marriage Mr. Harry J. Burns and Mrs. Ida Miller. The bride is well known in Victoria and is exceedingly popular with her acquaintances, all of whom will heartily unite with THE HOME JOURNAL in wishing her and Mr. Burns a long, pleasant and prosperous journey through life. Mr. and Mrs. Burns left on Wednesday evening for San Francisco, where they will reside in future.

The concert by the Musical Society at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Day, Rockwood Avenue, last Tuesday evening, was a great success. The Messiah was repeated. Miss Moutat's voice was in lovely form, and she fairly excelled herself in the leading soprano solos. Mrs. Dr. Helmcken was also much appreciated in "O Thou that tellest." The orchestra was much better than before. Mr. Wolfe, the first violinist, deserves credit for his skilful playing. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who was present, requested the society to again repeat The Messiah, at Carey Castle next Tuesday evening.

The concert under the auspices of the Sons of Erin in the Victoria theatre, last evening, was successful even beyond the expectations of the most devoted son of Erin's Isle. It is not often that such a large audience turns out to a concert in this city, and that all enjoyed themselves was demonstrated by the repeated outbursts of applause with which each number was greeted. It would not be fair to criticize those who took part, in fact every selection was faithfully and beautifully rendered. Among those who participated in the evening's entertainment were: Messrs. F. H. Lang, L. F. Perrin, Brownlee, J. G. Brown, C. Booth, W. R. Higgins, E. Dunderdale, I. Philo, W. B. Agnew and H. B. McDowell, and Misses Goddyn, O'Neil, Burnes and Stewart. Mrs. O'Leary sang a solo and Mrs. E. J. O'Sullivan played a piano solo. Altogether the concert was highly successful.

THOUGHT SHE WAS ILL.

An extremely ludicrous incident occurred in a Lancashire church on a recent Sunday. A young lady, evidently a stranger, of a naturally pale complexion, accidentally let her handkerchief fall on the floor. By repeatedly stooping to reach it furtively she attracted the notice of a gentleman in the pew behind, who thought she was about to faint. With the best of motives, therefore, he took her gently under the arms and raised her up, greatly to her surprise. As she tried to release herself, another gentleman went to her assistance; and before the young lady knew what was the matter they were moving her out into the aisle.

Naturally, she was too much astonished to find words for protest and they had managed to half-carry, half-lead her some distance, when she directed an appealing look to another gentleman in a pew, as if asking him to help also. He, too, promptly rose from his seat and helped to lift her up and carry her into the vestry-room. There she recovered her powers of speech and mutual explanations soon exposed the ludicrousness of the situation.

ANCIENT JEWS.

When I visited Jerusalem I was told that three-fourths of the people were Jews, and I found Jews about the walls of the temple of Solomon from every part of the world. The most curious among them were the Gaddites, a tribe which has lately come from the Southern part of Arabia, and which has been shut off from the rest of the Jews of the world until now. These Jews had a number of rare manuscripts of the Holy Scriptures. They knew nothing of the New Testament and had left Jerusalem before Christ was born. They claimed to have received a prophecy which warned them to come back to the land of their fathers, and they are now there tilling the soil.—Frank G. Carpenter.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending March 4:—

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
28.	Montserrat, str., San Francisco..	1,449
28.	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend..	47
1.	Wilna, bark, San Pedro.....	2,353
1.	Pioneer, str., Port Townsend....	25
4.	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend..	34
Total.....		3,908

The following are the shipments for the week ending March 11:—

5.	Haytian Republic, str., Portland	120
6.	Mogul, str., Port Townsend.....	44
7.	Romulus, str., San Diego.....	4,107
7.	Holyoke, str., Port Townsend....	26
7.	Coryphene, bark, San Francisco..	1,119
9.	Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend....	22
9.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend....	23
10.	Kennebec, ship, San Pedro.....	3,295
10.	Tyee, str., Port Townsend.....	103
Total.....		8,864

To avoid the odor of onions while peeling them, they should be peeled while they are held under water.

A wealthy Chinaman is rarely seen in the street with his wife, and never rides in the same carriage with her.

Real estate is high near the Bank of England, London. Several lots in Cornhill were recently sold for £50 a square foot. This is equal to \$625,000 for a lot 25x100 feet, or \$10,000,000 an acre.

The test of excellence applied to Japanese swords years ago was very rigid. It was to suspend the blade horizontally, edge upward, under a tree, and a good weapon was expected to cut in twain any leaf that fell upon it.

The agents representing the

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are selling tickets for 50 cents each, which entitles the holder for 60 days to one doz. Cabinet Photos and a handsome enlargement for \$6.00. The regular price of the enlargement is \$10.

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