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TALES OF THE TOWN.

“WELL, if the Legislature succeeds in bringing the Kennedy brothers before the Bar of the House, it will be about the only thing they will have accomplished worthy of note this session.” So said a corner grocery politician the other night, and his remarks reminded me of a story I heard some years ago, while travelling through New Hampshire. This state has one institution which she has never had any reason to be proud of, and that institution is her Legislature. For every one thousand persons in the state there is a member of the Legislature at Concord. Within the memory of old men, the New Hampshire Legislature passed but one important bill, and that was an act providing for a bounty of ten cents each on woodchucks' tails, providing that said tails were not taken from woodchucks killed on Sunday. This act, thus uniting Church and State by means of the tail of a woodchuck, existed but a year, and then the Concord statesmen, in their capacity as representatives of a sovereign people, rose up and repealed it. In supporting the motion for repeal, one member set forth with eloquence that not only had the tails of woodchucks killed on the Sabbath been palmed off upon officers as secular tails, but the boys along the Connecticut River had entered into a wicked conspiracy to import tails from Vermont, and to get a bounty of ten cents each on them in New Hampshire. Therefore the bill had to go, and there is nothing left in the record of the Legislature to which the members (I speak of six years ago) can since point with pride. But the application of the story is this: What will the Legislature have to show for the work of the session, if the brothers Kennedy refuse to be brought before the Bar of the House. There are people who say that so far the time of the legislators has been employed in doctoring up previous legislation, and

a glance over the amendments, etc., appears to justify the statement. However, it remains with the publishers of the Columbian to come forward and redeem the Legislature.

The somewhat strained relations now existing between Great Britain and the United States, and the “hot words” that are now passing between the officers and men of the Daphne and the Chief of Police of Vancouver have led me to make a few inquiries about what position the British navy would be in to repel an attack of the combined forces of Chief of Police McLaren and the United States. A friend of mine, who is thoroughly posted on naval matters, tells me that England has anticipated trouble of this kind for some time past, and has made preparations for it. He further states that the British Government has decided to lay down three new battleships of a new and improved design, and the building of seventy new ships at a cost of £21,000,000 is nearing completion. These 70 are made up of 10 battleships, 42 cruisers and 18 torpedo or gunboats. Should the new programme be carried out on the same scale, these three new battleships will have built with them 12 cruisers and 7 torpedo or gunboats. However, exclusive of these, the present Government will have completed 161 warships, this number being made up of 31 battleships, 63 cruisers and 67 other vessels. The battleships built since 1885 average 2,500 tons heavier and nearly double the horse power of those built in the preceding ten years, while the protected cruisers for the same period average double tonnage and quadruple horse power of those of the preceding 10 years. With such facts as these before us, and the knowledge that the building of other ships are contemplated, we may still look upon our navy as second to none in the world. At least we have nothing to fear from a country the ships of which are likely to receive as great damage from the discharge of their

own guns as they can inflict upon the ships of an enemy.

A visit to Chinatown is an event inseparable from a visit to Victoria, and the tourist who neglects making a trip through the labyrinth of dark, narrow, little alleys, shadowed by tall, decayed wooden buildings, which constitute that portion of the city known as the Chinese quarters, has overlooked a very important point of interest to the traveller. Perhaps the most conspicuous building in Chinatown is the Joss House. A long flight of stairs leads up through a building to the third story, to the shrine of the Joss. Until quite recently the wall on either side of the stairway was decorated with the names of visitors from all over the continent. These names have quite recently been obliterated by a coat of whitewash. Passing into the room the altars, upon which are huge bronze vases and a metal representation of Chinese trades, are the first objects which attract the eyes of the visitor. The last altar is occupied by old Joss himself, a sinister looking monster.

It is at these altars the Chinese worship. It is before these gaudy altars they find their fate and ascertain their luck. The Chinaman doesn't pray; he shakes dice taken from the altars, or crosses his palm with curious sticks or coins, but that is all he does do. Moreover, he “worships” alone, he goes to the Joss house at any time he chooses, alone, and wants to do his “worshipping” as quickly and as quietly as he can, alone. There is no chant arising from sweet-faced choristers or uplifted songs from worshipful throats in this sanctuary. All the incantations said to Joss are dreary and gruesome, and are positively mournful. Christians regard it as a pathetic scene to see the superstitious people shake dice and bow down before a cast-iron idol; but it is with reluctance that a Chinaman gives up his heathenish religion, and I am told that it is the one

case in a thousand when he does, which is not encouraging information for the many good people who devote so much of their time in directing the heathen towards the true light.

The Chinese code of morality differs in many respects from that taught by Christianity. For instance, what may constitute a crime in the eyes of a Christian may be regarded by the Chinaman as a virtue. But it is wonderful the influence the Chinese in our midst have exerted over us. What used to be looked upon as an outrage to morality is now accepted as a pardonable vice, if it is a vice at all. I am told that opium smoking has become prevalent in Chinatown, and that those who once invaded the precincts of the "joint" to scoff, now remain to smoke, which goes to show that our people are gradually accommodating themselves to the ways of John Chinaman and his spouse.

This reminds me of a story I heard the other day of an English lady of high rank, who is, as is well known, a victim to the morphine habit. So entirely is she a slave to this pernicious influence that she never dines out without taking with her in her pocket a tiny syringe ready filled with the drug. Then, when she begins during the repast to feel the need of an extra dose, she will draw out her handkerchief with the little syringe concealed in it, will let fall the handkerchief and then stooping as if to pick it up, she will insert the point of the syringe in her ankle, and will so continue to take her extra "pique," as she fondly hopes, unnoticed. But one evening she was dining out after having indulged largely in the narcotic during the day. In the attempt to administer to herself the extra subcutaneous injection during dinner she was so dazed and confused by what she had already taken that she inserted the point of the syringe, not into her own ankle, but into that of the gentleman who sat next to her. Consequently the unlucky man, being wholly unused to such practices, was suddenly overcome with sleep in the middle of dinner, and was removed from the room in a state of total insensibility.

In view of the present stringency of the money market and general depression of business, I am forcibly re-

minded of California, as she was several years ago, after a mining stock boom. There and then, everything in the shape of mining shares "went," and buyers all pictured themselves millionaires in the future. Some who bought shares in bona fide mines prospered, but the majority had invested in wild cat, and the finale resulted in weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. We, here, are in the same boat, with only real estate at issue, in place of stocks. They who have invested in city realty are almost on velvet, whilst speculators in outside lands call for nothing but more mud.

That the matter of wild-cat real estate schemes will be thoroughly sifted seems now beyond doubt. I am told that at the next meeting of the Victoria Trades Assembly the practices of the projectors of townsites will be thoroughly investigated, and that the delegates from the different unions will carry back to their organizations reports from the central body that will have the result of protecting the members of trades unions and labor societies from further imposition. The working man is the one who suffers most, and it is within the province of the Trades Assembly to warn him of the ruin which must follow any attempt at chasing the mirage of fortune, so beautifully pictured to him by the real estate boomer.

However, there is a danger that the union men who are interesting themselves in this matter may go a little too far. The one great desire of every honest workingman is to secure for himself a home. In this he should be encouraged. To accomplish this object Victoria offers inducements that cannot be surpassed, and in placing the matter before the Assembly care should be taken to thoroughly instruct the delegates that a healthy movement in real estate in this city is not speculation. Further, it should be explained that money invested in city property remains in circulation amongst us, and in no way injures business.

The rumor that certain members of the Board of Trade will draw the attention of that body, at its next meeting, to the wild cat real estate schemes, is, I believe, a step in the right direction.

It is the duty of the Board of Trade to protect the business interests of the city, which it should *ex officio* perform.

That there is a depression in business circles in Victoria at the present time, is beyond question; but I do not believe that it can in any way be attributed to the sickly attempt of one or two curbstome real estate brokers to palm off their property on the public. The origin of the depression can be traced back a couple of years, when men who should have known better invested their surplus capital in property on which they will never be able to realize anything more than a fraction of their investment. They invested their last dollar, no matter from what source it came, in paltry patches of worthless wild cat townsites. Now they are borne down with a burden of a mortgage, and forced to resort to business retrenchments, which may ultimately result in ruin. No matter by whom the question of foreign speculation is taken up, it is entitled to the consideration which hope for the future of our city demands. Let the good work proceed.

I admire a slick advertiser who has sense enough to take advantage of every point, but have no use for the kind who use their friends simply because it costs them nothing. The medical fraternity, especially those of the old school doctrine, hold up their hands in righteous indignation whenever they hear of a physician who asserts his manliness, as well as good business points, in advertising. With the æsthetic set this is the one unpardonable sin which can never be forgotten or overlooked. But the self-same men have many little ways that are cunning and cute to get their names before the public. A reporter is seen (by accident) and a surgical case is reported in which a certain physician miraculously brought his patient to life. This, however, has been overdone, and the popular and latest fad is for the doctor to attend a theatrical performance, and after the first act have a summons on an urgent case. One of the actors, of course, steps in front of the curtain and inquires if Dr. So-and-so is in the house; if so, he is requested to call at a certain place on urgent business. This occurs generally when there is a crowded house, and the scheming doctor gets

his name before several hundred people for a mere trifle.

The anger of the gods seems to have alighted with redoubled force upon the head of that notorious individual, Samuel Greer. Nothing daunted by his failure to convince the dispensers of justice by the righteousness of his claims in the civil courts, he undertook to use the American argument upon the sheriff when the latter came with the usual blue paper invitation to Samuel to vacate. The result under the British flag was not doubtful, viz., trial, conviction and a sentence not, I think, out of proportion to the offence. Samuel has once more assailed the courts through the medium of a writ of error, but to his disgust the court hath found no error, except that Sam should have been serving his sentence, and which error was ordered to be rectified by the immediate restoration of Sam to the hospitalities of the New Westminster public workshop.

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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

The following inquiry has reached this office:

Would you please state the circulation of THE HOME JOURNAL, and oblige, Yours, etc.,
ANXIOUS ADVERTISER.

It is with pleasure we answer the inquiry of "Anxious Advertiser." The latest report received at this office from the urbane and gentlemanly prevai- cator who looks after our subscription list places the circulation of THE HOME JOURNAL at 31,528, more, we opine than the combined circulation of all the other newspapers in this province. However, by way of qualification, it might be remarked that the number given above includes a considerable number of papers spoiled going through the press, and also a large number that are never printed at all. The circulation liar is a most indispensable person in the office of a newspaper that wants to get ahead.

Now that Col. John Michael O'Brien, litterateur, poet, journalist, statesman and patriot, has explained how the report got out that Hon John Robson sympathized with the downtrodden Irish of British Columbia, we hope the matter will be allowed to drop. With Col. O'Brien, the uncrowned king, as leader, the Irish in this province will in time secure freedom, whether the Premier sympathizes with them or not. Erin Go Bragh!

A PRIVATE letter received by a gentleman in this city from John L. Sullivan says that all the talk in New York sporting circles is the coming fight between Bob Foster and George Reed. The American Press Association are making arrangements to have the progress of the mill reported by rounds, so that the outside world will learn the result of this great international sport-

ing event without the slightest delay. At present the betting is in favor of Reed, with a decided tendency to hedge.

ALL doubts as to the success of the World's Fair at Chicago seem dispelled, since the announcement has been made that a company has been formed to place the remains of the Beaver in a carpet bag and shipping same to Chicago. We take it for granted that the Imperial and Canadian authorities are fully prepared for the untoward consequences of the possible addition of this formidable and awe-inspiring craft to Uncle Sam's fleet in the event of the Behring Sea embroglio coming to a head.

A correspondent writes THE HOME JOURNAL as follows:

"It is a disgrace the way in which the tramway people treat their patrons. I would write a letter to the newspapers criticizing the management, if I were not mixed up in business with some of the stockholders, and besides they might take it into their heads to prosecute me for libel. Is a free and untrammelled press a myth?"

Our correspondent does not say if in the event of a suit being instituted against THE HOME JOURNAL for libel he would be willing to pay the damages and costs of same. He simply wants this great moulder and interpreter of public opinion to undertake what he himself is too cowardly to do. THE HOME JOURNAL is not desirous of precipitating a fight with the tramway company; everything considered, it can say but very little to the disadvantage of the management, and yet we have been requested on more than one occasion to interfere in matters which do not concern us in any way. If our correspondent has a grievance, why not complain to the proper quarter, and not ask other people to do what he himself is too great a sneak and a coward to undertake.

A teacher in a Sunday school wished to impress on his school the necessity of faith.

"Why did Moses lift up the serpent in the wilderness?"

None of the boys knew except one. He said:

"Moses lifted up the snake because he knew it could not bite."

This was the same youth who said the Jews made a golden calf because

they did not have gold enough to make a whole cow.

THERE are said to be some five proposed sites for cities in Alberni Valley and two on Barclay Sound, and there is land enough left to give every man, woman and child in the city of Victoria a townsite.

THE rumor that Deputy-Sheriff Siddall would vacate his pew in the Methodist Church and take charge of certain Victoria amusement house, lacks confirmation.

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ENGLISH SOCIETY GOSSIP.

It is stated that the Queen is anxious for a marriage between Prince George of Wales and Princess Alix of Hesse to take place.

Captain Osbert Lumley, whose engagement to Miss Wilson Patten is announced, is the younger brother and presumptive heir of Lord Scarbrough and is brother to Lady Zetland and Lady Grosvenor. He holds commission in the 11th Hussars, but for the last eighteen months has been on Lord Zetland's staff. Miss Wilson Patten is Lady Headfort's daughter and is supposed will inherit the large Cheshire and Lancashire estates of her grandfather Lord Winman.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

The newest coat bodice is cut away on the hips and sets in rather long, narrow and flat swallowtails at the back. The front hangs straight from the collar-band or turns back with revers, like the dress-coat of a man. No material is too elaborate for these affairs. White buckskin and embroidered velvets are used for the vests.

There is a dainty new underwaist called the "Boelero." It is tight-fitting in the back, but in front the two ends lie loosely. There are no front seams at all. It comes in all the delicate shades of India silk, trimmed with fine thread lace.

The latest fad which the stocking may boast is a choice collection of embroidered bowknots half way up the leg. When worn with a pink gown the stocking will have pink bowknots upon it. Ecrú silk stockings are embroidered in brown, and, in fact, every combination of color, is used.

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Beef, corned, tin	35
Bloaters	12½
Blacklead, best	3 for 25
French Polish	25
Bricks, bath	12½
Butter, creamery	.35c or 3 for 1 00
dairy	25
fresh Island	50
Catsup, tomato	.25 to 40
mushroom, pt.	40
walnut, pt.	40
Capers	25
Candles, Belmont	25
Ozokerit	50
Caviar	50
Celery, salt	25
Chocolate, Eagle	50
Cocoa, Fry	50
Epps	50
Van Houton's	1 50
Chutney	.25 to 1 50
Cheese, Canadian	20
Roquefort	1 00
Swiss	50
English Stilton	50
Limburg	50
Brick Cream	50
Mellors Cream, pots	1 25
Parmasam	1 00
Pineapple	50
Edom	50
Clams	3 for 50
Cocanut	50
Coffee, Costa Rica, green	25
Java	40
Mocha	50
ground	40
Cream Tartar	50
Currants, Patras	12½
Vostizi	16
Corn, Ontario	3 for 50
Devilled meat	40
Eggs, fresh	50
packed	25
Extracts, flavoring, 2 oz.	.25 to 35
Farina	10 lb. sack 1 25
Figs	per lb 25
10 lbs	2 00
Fish, cod, Pacific	12½
Eastern	16
black	12½
mackerel bloater	35
tins	1 00
Flour, Hungarian	6 75
Snowflake	6 50
Enderby	6 25
Fruits, assorted table, 3-lb. tins	40
2-lb. tins	25
pie, gallon	75
in Brandy	1 50
crystalized	.25 to 75
Gelatine, Nelson's	25
Hams	20
Hops	40
Honey, gallon	1 75
1 lbs, comb, in jars	1 00
2 lbs,	75
Jams, assorted C & B	3 for 1 00
Knife Polish	25
Lard, pure, 10 lbs	1 75
5 lbs	1 00
Lentils	16
Lemons, Sicily	50
California	35
Lobster, Clover Leaf	35
Marmalade, pots	35
Maccaroni	25
Milk, Reindeer, tins	25
Eagle, tins	35
Highland Cream	25

Mince meat, jars	1 50
condensed	25
Mustard, Colman's, ½ lb.	35
1 lb.	65
Mushrooms	35
Nuts, assorted	25
Oil, Coal, tin	1 85
" case	3 50
Olives, qt bottle	75
pt bottle	50
½ pt bottle	25
Oysters, fresh, tin	75
Blue Point, 2-lb. tins	35
1-lb. tins	25
Onions	4
Pate de foie gras	1 25 to 1 75
Peel, mixed	40
Pearline	25
Pepper, ground	50
whole	35
Pickles, C & B, qt	65
pt.	35
Potatoes	1 25
Prunes	12½
Plum pudding	75
Raisins, Dehess	50
layers	25
Valencias off stalk	12½
layers	16
Sultanas	20
Rice, Japan	8
Sandwich Island	10
China	5
Sauce, Lea & Perrins, large	65
small	35
Yorkshire Relish	25
Spices, tins	25
Sugar, granulated, Vancouver, 14lbs	1 00
San Francisco, 13	1 00
Hong Kong, 15	1 00
cube, San Francisco, 10 lbs	1 00
Vancouver, 12 lbs	1 00
Extra C	15 lbs 1 00
Syrup, 1-gal. tin	1 00
2-lb tin	25
Maple, gal	1 50
Tapioca	10
Tongue, Lunch, 2	75
1	50
Ox	8 1 00
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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

"LADY Audley's Secret" was the attraction at the Imperial for the first three nights of the week, and considering the wet weather was fairly well patronized. It is doubtful if Miss Belle Inman has appeared in any piece here this season to greater advantage than this play. She portrayed the woman who would do anything to gratify her ambition, even murder, with intense realism. Mr. George Berry, as Luke Marks, was exactly what the author intended the character should be, while Mr. Bronsen gave a clear and well-defined interpretation of the husband whose confidence had been betrayed. Mr. Morton was as clever as usual, and Fred Summerfield played Sir Michael Audley in a thoroughly artistic manner. Miss Berry and Miss Annie Inman made the most of their parts, and added considerably to the success of the play.

The Private Secretary holds the boards for the last part of this week. The Thursday and Friday night productions were excellent, and drew good houses. Mr. Berry, in the leading role, covered himself with glory, as did also Miss Inman. There was not a weak point in the cast.

The Imperial, next week, will have two grand bills. For the first three nights, Lester Wallack's beautiful drama, Rose-
dale, will hold the boards, and the following nights, with Saturday matinee, Dion Boucicault's great Irish comedy drama, The

Shaughraun. Manager Berry will have a detachment of regularly drilled soldiers for the gypsy scene, and for the chorus his own company will be augmented by several amateur singers. This production promises to be one of the finest ever seen in this city. The Shaughraun is a play one never tires witnessing. The humor is of the character that provokes laughter, while the pathos produces exactly the opposite effect. No doubt the Imperial will be crowded every night next week.

Patti Rosa, at The Victoria, Thursday night, drew a crowded house. The company supporting this clever lady are well up in specialties, in fact equal to any seen there this season. It is scarcely necessary to speak of Patti Rosa, as she is so well known, but it might be remarked that she has lost none of the attractions upon which she built her reputation.

Several changes are spoken of in connection with the management of a Victoria house of amusement.

The Belmour-Gray Company opened at the Princess in Winnipeg last Monday night in "Queen's Evidence."

The New York Opera Company have been booked at the Vancouver Opera House for the first week in May, playing Chimes of Normandy, Erminie and Pinafore.

Professor Baldwin's Butterfly Company, who are now on their way to England after two years in Oriental countries, will appear at the Vancouver Opera House next Tuesday evening.

Professor Tyndall, the well-known mind-reader, contemplates a trip to Australia this month.

Maude Granger possesses a phenomenal voice, and is one of the handsomest ladies on the stage to-day.

Darrell Vinton has been engaged for leading business at the new Grove street Theatre, San Francisco, which opened on the 21st inst. as a popular-priced theatre.

Mr. Arthur Forrest will produce "Capt. Swift" at Cordray's Seattle house.

Manager Berry has secured several new people to take part in the production of The Shaughraun, next week.

Charles Craig, opened at Cordray's Theatre, Portland, on the 19th, in Shadows of a Great City.

Frederick Warde is billed for Seattle April 11-13.

Vernona Jarbeau, the star of the "Starlight" company, accused her maid of stealing \$1,500 at Troy, N. Y. The police were sent for, the maid tearfully denied the charge, and the officers found the lost money in Miss Jarbeau's room.

Mr. W. M. Wilkinson, manager for Alex. Salvini, the brilliant, romantic actor, has written to Mr. A. H. P. Goldsmid asking for dates at which he may play in

the Vancouver Opera House in November. Salvini would play either The Guardsman, Don Caesar or Child of Naples.

Nellie McHenry's "One night in a Circus" has been booked for July 5th, at The Victoria, and Sam Jack's "Creoles" for June 15th and 16th.

A MURDER EXPLAINED.

"Jule," remarked Brutus, as he strolled into the great Caesar's tent, "did I ever tell you of the fight I once had among the Allobroges?" (Gets off a long, windy tale, involving the single-handed slaughter of 11 ferocious barbarians.)

"Brute, my boy," remarked Caesar, solemnly, when he had finished, "I admire Gaul, especially Trans-alpine Gaul, but still I must say that you remind me of a harp shattered by the lightning of great Jove.

"How so?" inquired Brutus, unwarily. "Because you're a blasted lyre," answered Caesar, taking a long pull at a flask of Chian of the 754 vintage.

And from that day forth Brutus began to meditate on the Ides of March.

The Spiritual Society anniversary, social and dance will be held in Harmony Hall on Wednesday, March 30.

There is said to be a split in the Victoria Club, several members having resigned. Another club may be started.

The official return with respect to the important industry of mining has been presented to the Provincial Legislature. In 1874 the total output of coal in British Columbia was 81,000 tons, in 1884 it was 394,070 tons, and in 1887 489,000 tons, but, last year, it grew to the handsome quantity of 1,029,097 tons, of which 806,479 were exported, principally to San Francisco. New fields are continually being discovered, some of which are in prospect of early development.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Matthews are expecting to leave for England about the 1st of April.

Mrs. Kains is making preparations for a summer back east.

Mrs. McBean is expected home from San Francisco shortly.

Miss Wyld leaves by the C. P. R., next Saturday evening for Southsea, England. Her visit will extend over two years.

A pleasant reception at Harmony Hall, last Tuesday evening, brought the first season of the Iolantha Social club to a close. Over thirty couples participated.

A "Mum" social will be an attraction at the Y. M. C. A. rooms next Wednesday evening.

Rev. Dr. Parker, it is understood, will spend the summer in Victoria.

The band of the Victoria Athletic Club gave an open-air concert on the corner of Yates and Government last Wednesday evening.

The members of the Young Ladies' Institute are arranging for an attractive concert and repetition of the Young Ladies' Drill, after Easter, in aid of the Cathedral building fund.

The anniversary of the Gorge Road Methodist Church Sunday School will be celebrated to-morrow, when Rev. Coverdale Watson will preach in the morning and Rev. J. H. White in the evening. In the afternoon will be held a children's service, the little ones contributing choruses, sacred songs, recitations, dialogues, etc.

Mr. John Earsman, who was injured while playing football at Beacon Hill three weeks ago, is expected to be round again in the course of a day or so.

Rev. A. Grant, a brilliant and powerful preacher, of Winnipeg, has returned east after a short visit to the coast.

Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, is in Toronto, as the representative of British Columbia at the meeting of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church.

Harry E. Field has gone to England on a visit, and will be away until August.

The Canoe Club will endeavor to induce women to join the organization.

Mr. B. Burns and wife, of San Francisco, are in the city.

Mrs. Harlock, of New Westminster, is visiting in Victoria.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chapman, Menzies street, was the scene of a pleasant dancing party last Tuesday evening. There was quite a large company present, among whom were noticed Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs.

Wm. Brodrick, Miss Beaven, Misses Luta and Bertha Jamieson, Miss Powell and Miss Pittock, and Messrs. W. Allan, J. White, H. G. McConnon, W. G. Simpson, H. Cooley, Fraser and Patrick.

Mrs. A. A. Green and family will leave by the C. P. R. on the 27th April for a twelve months' visit to friends in England. They sail from New York on the Umbria.

Mrs. C. J. Reed and family, of Portland, Oregon, will arrive shortly, to spend the summer in Victoria and will make her home at the Brown Cottage, Beacon Hill Park.

Miss Hastings and cousin are over from Port Townsend visiting Mr. O. C. Hastings of 9 St. Charles street.

Rev. John A. Logan, who has been visiting friends in Vancouver and Victoria, leaves for his home in Halifax on the 1st April by the N. P. R'y.

Mr. R. H. Benedict has left for Montreal by the Northern Pacific Railway. He will return by San Francisco and Shasta route.

The engagement is announced of Mr. W. G. Simpson and Miss Luta Jamieson.

Mrs. S. Maclure and child, of New Westminster, are visiting at the home of Rev. P. McF. and Mrs. McLeod.

Mr. Dixie H. Ross has been confined to his home for the past week, on account of illness.

Mr. M. J. Appleby will shortly leave on a flying visit to Toronto.

A very enjoyable social was given by the Y. P. A. of the Spring Ridge Baptist Church, last Tuesday evening.

An interesting lecture was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Maybie, last Monday evening, at the Baptist Church, on mission work in China and India. The Reverends Grant, Cumming and Reed also addressed the audience. The church was well filled by an appreciative audience.

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VICTORIA WEST—A new 5-roomed house on Front street, fine, airy situation, \$1,200.

FAIRFIELD ESTATE—Dwelling house, seven rooms, rented at \$14 per month, \$1,300.

LAKE DISTRICT—6 acres partly cleared, situated near tram line, \$2,100.

CONSTANCE COVE—About one acre of land fronting on salt water, \$2,500. \$500 cash.

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PINE ST., Victoria West—Very good lot cleared, \$525.

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