

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Gaudaur Establishes a New Record—
The Queen's Birthday Cycling
Events.

THE WHEEL.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RACES.

Arrangements for the bicycle races to be held at Beacon Hill on the afternoon of the 25th inst. having been left in the hands of the local wheelmen, a programme of four races has been adopted, and all cyclists interested are invited to participate. As very many strangers will participate, and handicaps could not be intelligently advised with unknown men among the competitors, all races will be "scratch," and all entries at the post—rather before 2 o'clock of the day of the races. Precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of the riders and the convenience of the public. The fast men of Vancouver, Westminster, Northfield, Watlington, Everett, Tacoma, Portland, and Port Townsend, have all been heard from, and have announced their intention of taking part. The following letter, addressed last evening to the non-resident wheelmen interested, gives all necessary information:

DEAR SIR:—An interesting feature of the carnival in celebration of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, by the loyal residents of Victoria and their guests, will be the bicycle tournament on the afternoon of Friday, the 25th inst. The course on which the races will be held is the one-mile dirt track at Beacon Hill, well known to all wheelmen of the North-west, and which was never in better condition than at present. It is eminently suitable for light road-racers, though not for special path-racers, which should not be brought for use on it unless the owners and riders are prepared to exercise special care and discretion. All races will be under the rules of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, the following being the officers of the day, subject to their acceptance of the various positions assigned them:—Referee, Fred G. Turner, consul of the C. W. A. at Westminster; starter, C. H. Gibbons, chief consul of the association in British Columbia; judges, H. Hunt, W. Christie and A. Umba; clerk of the course, M. G. Heywood; and clerk of the race, M. G. Heywood. Preceding the races, the first of which will be started at 2 o'clock sharp, there will be a "Butterfly parade" of decorated wheels, to proceed from the city market at 2 o'clock and proceed via the chief business streets to Beacon Hill, where the scene of the afternoon's sport. Suitable prizes will be awarded for the most artistically and ingeniously decorated wheels, and it is expected that this parade will be one of the prettiest features of the celebration, as a similar one was voted to have been by all who witnessed it in 1893.

The following programme of races has been decided upon, all for amateur wheelmen, entries to be made at the starter at the market hall prior to 2 o'clock on the day of the meet, and all starts to be from scratch:—
One mile open—First and second prizes, value \$25.
Two miles for full roadsters (35 lbs.)—First and second prizes, value \$30.
Five miles open—Three prizes, value \$35.
Any further information desired will be cheerfully furnished on application to either of the following:—
C. H. Gibbons, chief consul C. W. A., B. Rogers, general secretary celebration committee, or E. W. Bradley, secretary Victoria bicycle club.

CRICKET.

THE ALBIONS' CARD.

The Albion cricket club have arranged the following match card for the season now opening, the dates left open being May 28, June 30, July 11 and 18, and August 1, 15, 22 and 29. All matches commence at 2:30 sharp except those marked 8, which are to start at 10 in the morning: May 28 at Westminster C.C. at Beacon Hill; June 2, F.M.A. at Macaulay Point; June 9, Victoria C.C. at Caledonia park; June 16, Victoria college, Beacon Hill; June 23, Victoria C.C. at Beacon Hill; July 2, R.M.A. at Beacon Hill; July 7, United Banks, at Beacon Hill; July 14, R.N. Dockyard, at Beacon Hill; July 28, Westminster C.C. at Westminster; July 28, Victoria C.C. at Beacon Hill; August 4 and 25, United Banks, at Beacon Hill; September 8, Victoria C.C. at Caledonia park.

ATHLETICS.

A MILE RUN MISSING.

"Sport," who certainly has more than one sympathizer in Victoria, writes as follows in regard to the programme of field events decided upon by the Sports and Games committee for the 25th inst.: "I was very disappointed when I read over the programme of events for the Queen's Birthday athletic sports, given in to-day's Colonist, to see that no mile run was provided for, the longest run being a quarter-mile. We have in Victoria several crack distance runners, such as Blight and Dalby, and I am sure a mile run would prove an interesting and well contested feature. Hoping to see a mile race added to the celebration programme, I am, etc."

LACROSSE.

WILL KEEP THE TEAM.

VANCOUVER, May 18.—(Special)—The lacrosse executive have decided to go through the season with the present team. Many of them are rising young players, but it is claimed that they are as strong as any combination yet put in the field, and after a couple of matches just as reliable as the old aggregations, possibly more so. Of course they were badly beaten in Westminster, but they had an off day. Westminster was in good luck and they were in bad luck all through; besides history is only repeating itself. Vancouver always starts the season with apparently the worst team in the series, but always, or nearly always, comes out with the best.

HARD AT WORK.

The advent of summer weather has had the desired and anticipated result of taking out to the grounds every player of the team that is to defend the honor of the blue and white on the 25th. There was a first-class practice last night at the Caledonia grounds, and the Victorians will take the field in their first match with no odds against them.

A ROOM AT VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 17.—(Special)—Mr. T. H. Allie spoke in such glowing terms of the starting committee of the Victoria lacrosse club when he was here recently that the Vancouver management were "enthused" to a proper sense of their own duty in stirring up the apathetic members of the association. It has been suggested that a mass meeting be held and the prize of the sport-loving community be appealed to. A canvassing committee will be organized and 300 tickets sold at \$2 each, entitling the holder to membership and entrance to all lacrosse games. Lack of funds is what is the matter with the Vancouver lacrosse club just now.

FOOTBALL.

TO PLAY AT VICTORIA.

The Association football players of Seattle are practicing hard to get in shape for their match with the Wanderers at Victoria on May 25. The candidates were at work all last week, having the assistance of some of the sailors of the ship Astracana, now in port. The team to meet Victoria has not yet been selected, and will not be until all of the candidates are given a snap, but eleven in practice is playing with snap, but shows lack of team work. There seems a scarcity of material for forwards. There will be practice games at the Howell street grounds every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights until the match comes off.

Capt. Hugh Wark met with an accident during a scrimmage in Friday's game, which will keep him off the field for a few days, but he will be all right in time for the Victoria game.—Seattle P. I.

THE ROD.

VANCOUVER ANGLERS ORGANIZE.

An angling club has been organized in Vancouver with C. O. Wickenden president pro tem. and H. B. Walker secretary. Messrs. Boulton, Keen, Robson, Hill, Cooper and Garden were appointed to draw up rules. It is to be considered whether it will not be better to make the club a rod and gun club, and make it an obligation on the members to look to the protection of game.

THE GUN.

"UNIONS" TO PRACTICE.

A special practice shoot of the Union gun club is called for this afternoon, at the Oak Bay traps. As the club will have some of the best shots of the Sound country pitted against them at the Queen's Birthday tournament, every member should make it a point to get in all the practice possible.

THE TURF.

RACING AT MANCHESTER.

MANCHESTER, May 18.—The race for the Manchester cup, two thousand sovereigns, was won by Red Ensign; Shanksroth and Progression ran a dead heat for second place. The city plate, three hundred sovereigns, was won by Fabia; Kilcock second, Uncle Tom third.

THE OAR.

AUSTIN'S GREAT REGATTA.

AUSTIN, Tex., May 18.—To-morrow will witness the close of the great regatta and the chief event on the important programme—the challenge four-oared race for \$1,000 a side between crews picked by Gaudaur and Peterson, Gaudaur being the challenger. The three mile race for professionals for a purse of \$2,100, of which \$1,000 was first money, brought out J. G. Gaudaur, of Orlinda; H. Peterson, of San Francisco; Eddie Durman, of Toronto; John Twemer, of St. Louis; George Hoerner, of Boston, and Ed. Rogers, of Saratoga. The race was a terrific one, and was won by Gaudaur from Peterson, with Eddie Durman well up, in the fastest time on record—19:04. The senior, four-oared race, 1½ miles with a turn, was taken by the Western rowing club of St. Louis, from the Louisiana rowing club of New Orleans. Ed. Rogers won the professional half mile dash.

BIGOTRY EXEMPLIFIED.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 17.—There is a strong feeling here among the members of the American Protective Association against Mayor Denny on account of the appointment of Dr. Geiss, a Catholic, as superintendent of the city dispensary, and meetings of the A. P. A. lodges of the city have been called to consider the matter. The mayor is a member of the new order and owes his election to its influence. It is said he will be expelled unless Geiss is discharged. The mayor said yesterday that he did not know that Geiss was to be appointed by the board of health and his friends say that he will demand the resignations of the entire board and appoint a new one unless they discharge Geiss.

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The Cattle are well bred; a much larger herd could be farmed with the place. The bunch grass on the hills in the vicinity covers many thousands of acres, and is available to the few land owners in the valleys. All buildings and fences about the farm are a good order, and farming operations can be gone on with at once; about 180 acres of ploughing have been, so far, provided for this year's work.

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The Susquehanna Valley
Bursting of the Great
at Williamsport

Thousands of People Ho
Homeless—Great Ala
Distress.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 21.—boom here broke early this morning. Sixty million logs were swept Susquehanna river has risen to there is a six foot flood through streets. The Pennsylvania river over the river is standing. Four spans of the Market street been washed away, and three spans of the Maynard street gone. No lives have been lost. LEWISBURG, Pa., May 21.—Susquehanna valley is inundated destruction and desolation is the water works, gas works, light plant of this city and the town suffers serious sequence. Hundreds of thousands of provisions, and the night is entered upon with horror. Millions of feet of lumber, and buildings of every kind have been swept past here in the river today. Business has been suspended.

HOLIDAYSBURG, May 21.—The bursting of the river broke the country people homeless last night. At midnight a vania railroad locomotive by warning to Gainespoint that the police, the source of the cities' water supply, had given the country would soon be cut off. A graph operator later received the from Kittinging: "The dam is for God's sake tell the Gays to fly." The result of these was that the entire population of Duncansville and West Killbuck deserted their homes and spent the hills. This morning the announced to be over, and the turned to their homes. BELLWOOD, May 21.—The city a break in the embankment above their town cut the embankment opposite and safe direction last night.

ADVENTURES OF SE

Casualties on the Japan Co
rible Privations of Sev
Wrecked Crews.

Captain Miner Describes
Vessel Was Lost—Sailor
Trial for Mutiny.

Captain H. J. Snow, of the San sealer Retriever, who was separated from his schooner on April 2, and lost in the gale of the following day, arrived safely at Yokohama, after hardships and privations such as hair gray. Three days after his loss from the schooner, he was picked up by the Japanese steamer, the Bowhead, on which he remained until presented for landing at a point he could make his way in safety. On board the Bowhead the Retriever's boat was picked up. Another lost boat belonging to the Bowhead was also picked up. The Bowhead was a good-sized vessel and has a flush deck. There was plenty of room for the crew. The Winchester was fallen in with the same day the Nambu coast was reached. Her boat's crew went aboard. He is a brother of the captain, who had him up as dead, thinking he had died, and never expecting to see him. On April 20 the Bowhead spoke the Bella, which ran down to her. She had picked up or seen any boat ing to her. She had lost three boats the previous day, in one of which her captain. The evening of the she was spoken again, but had seen of her boat. The breeze was fresh from the north, with rain, and the night was cold, and unless the boats had been aboard some other of the fleet those were having a very hard time of it. off shore sealing ground there were these, but in approaching the Bowhead fell in with several, from the following information was given: The San Francisco schooner Maaco with all hands, had been captured, whaling bark C. D. Morgan had alongside trying to right her. He was lashed on deck and she had to be in her forecastle. It was supposed to be overturned in the heavy gale of B. Another schooner (name unknown) green, was reported by the Mattie, captured and with her bow stove in. Charlotte G. Cox had lost three boats been forced to port for repairs. In Ishinomaki, two Japanese officers had to a Japanese warship, which had been in search of lost boats or vessels at coast, informed Captain Snow that 250 miles or thereabouts off shore vessel had been alongside the G. C., on April 20, the had captured in the gale, and the four of her crew were saved. It was in all probability that of the the boat of the Agnes Macdonald was full of water, with gun lashed; this no further room for doubt that the further south, Sam Lewis and the Charles Williams, Sam Lewis and Charles Williams, had been lost. Many steers to boats, etc., are also reported to be untraced with loss of life. The casualties among the sealing of the Japanese coast during the past seasons alone far outnumber the American losses on the American side. whole of the time sailing operation been carried on. The weather is treacherous on the other side, the on strong and variable, the tide-rips, geyons, and the hunting ground tend much further off shore than on the In addition to the Maacotte and the owned in Japan, is also known to have down, as well as the Rosie Sparks and the Turner of San Francisco, wrecked which has drifted ashore fully confirmed the reports of their misfortunes in the Captain Miner, skipper of the Henry, who returned by the Empress, the arrival of the last of the well known vessels catch of 861 skins and the pe