Willapa Leaves for the Coast-The Princess Louise to Sail To-Night.

Current Talk of Ships and Freights The Warrimoo Due on Wednesday.

The storms of last month have had the effect of further cutting down the moderate estimate for the grain harvest, and poor prospects for grain tonnage are reported. Lumber rates remain firm. For Sydney rates are nominal at 41s. 6d. to 42s. 6. For other Australian ports tonnage is scarce and rates nominal and without change. A poor inquiry exists for West Coast ,and the same may be said of other markets.

British ship Carnarvon Bay, now discharging cargo at the outer whart, has been chartered to load wheat at Portland for the United Kingdom, Havre or Dunkirk on account of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. Another charter reported is the ship Glory of the Seas, chartered by Dunsmuir & Sons to load coal at Departure Bay for San Francisco.

The Northern Pacific S.S. Co. have placed the steamer Mogul on the Yoko-hama-Victoria route to fill up the gap in their schedule made in consequence of the massing of their fleet to rush tea across in the endeavor to escape the war tax. The Mogul is due about Sun-

Arrangements have been made by the Pacific Coast Steamship company in the event of the steamer Umatilla being as it is believed she will be, impressed as a transport, to place the company's fine, large, two-stack steamer Santa Rosa on the Victoria-San Francisco

Steamer Princess Louise will sail for Nass and other British Columbia ports, with the exception of Skidegate, this evening. She will have a large freight, the greater portion being for the north-

Steamer Willapa sailed for Ahousett and way ports last evening. She had a full complement of passengers, made up for the most part of residents of the coast and mining men.

Freighter Oscar has gone to Thetis Island with provisions for the ships Melrose and Louisiana now loading there for Mexico.

Tug Lorne returned from Departure Bay this morning after towing the bark Richard III. to that port, where she is loading coal for Wrangel.

H.M. torpedo destroyer Sparrowhawk returned this afternoon from Vancouver. The flagship is expected this evening. Steamer Brixham is now due from St.

The steamer Garonne looked for about Saturday next Tug Katie arrived this afternoon with

a big boom of logs from Gettysburg for the Taylor Milling Company. Bark Fresno has been chartered by Rosenfelds Sons to load coal at Na naimo for Honolulu

R.M.S. Warimoo is due from Hono-lulu, Suva, Welington and Sydney on

The German ship Hebe, Capt. Rowen sail shortly for this port from Iqui R.M.S. Empress of China will sail for

Chinese and Japanese points this Tug Constance leaves to-night to en gage in cannery work on the Fraser.

Steamer Lapwing is due from Nanaimo to night with coal.

B. C. RIFLE ASSOCIATION. The Annual Prize Meeting at Van-

couver.

The twenty-fifth annual prize meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association will be held at the Central Park range, Vancouver, on Thursday, the 21st of July, and following days. The time table and programme, which has just been issued, provides for the following events: Nursery match, total value, \$39; Westminster match, \$80; Nanaimo, \$94; Westminster match, \$80; Nanaimo, \$94; Victoria, \$88; Helmcken, \$115; Electric Railway, cup and cash, \$15; Walker, trophy and \$50; Walker, individual, \$110; Vancouver Corporation, \$91; Grand Aggregate, nine cash prizes, \$25; Junior series, twelve prizes, \$35; militia aggre-gate, six prizes, \$15; Nursery aggregate, tive prizes, \$16. The president, Licent-Governor Metunes, offers special prizes Governor McInnes, offers special prizes for the highest aggregate in the four corporation matches, the entrance being free; and Lieutenant-General Laurie gives a bugle and \$10 in a match open to a team of ten efficient members from each battalion. There is as well the Ontario team match, restricted to the twenty competitors eligible for the Ottawa team. The medal of the R.M.A. for 1898 will be awarded to the com-petitor standing highest, in the last named combined aggregate, who first goes to a prize meeting at Bisley. Arrangements will be made if possible for extra series firing on the morning of the extra series firing on the morning of the day before the commencement of Johnson. The evidence given in each the regular matches and for pool shooting as occasion offers throughout the first and the general meeting on the second day of the match.

meeting of local riflemen was held on Friday evening, when a large number intimated their intention of attend-ton and William Trowsdale, employees ing the shoot at Vancouver. A report of the street railway company. current that D.O.C. Colonel Peters, has refused to allow the matches to be fence, Mr. Mesher took the last car for Central Park range unless changes are effected In case Vancouver range being forbidden the Nanaimo one will in all prehability be employed. Disappointment is felt that in reverting to the Martini-Henry, and without giving a handicap with the Lee-Enfield, the navy and regular forces have practically been excluded from competition. Had Victoria's full representation of delegates been present at the council meeting, it would have been otherwise, as the decision arrived at practically represented the views of only a minority of the council.

ROCHESTER MAN DROWNED

Rochester, N. Y., July 11 .- On May 27th an unknown man was found drowned in the Thames, London Engdrowned in the Inames, London, Eng-land. In his pockets was a match safe bearing the address of W. C. Aumiller, 37 Prior street, Rochester, N. Y. Cor-oner Hicks, of London, wrote Chief Cleary to learn if the safe belonged to Aumiller, and if he was missing. A de-Aumiller, and if he was missing. A description of the unknown man accompanied the letter. Mr. Aumiller was man. He had a match safe such as the

one described in the letter, but he recalled losing it at Lincoln Park, near Rochester, last fall. Rochester papers printed an account of the matter and to-day Herry Orgon, who lives near Lincoln Park, told the police that he found a limited safe such as the one described. match safe such as the one described, and gave it to his father ,who shortly after went to England to visit his brother He has not heard from him since and the description of the unknown man tallies with that of his father.

THAT PRIVATEER. Reported That British Warships Have

Gone to Look For Her. It is reported from Vancouver

Admiral Palliser has dispatched the Amphion, a second-class cruiser, and the sloop Icarus, which carries 8 guns to search for the privateer alleged to be lysearch for the privateer alleged to be lying in wait for quarries in Dixon entrance. As the flagship is not looked for until this evening it is impossible to verify the report. The Vancouver World in reference to the departure of H. M. ships, says:

"On Friday, the Amphion, which was in port in connection with the Dominion Day colebration have up her smaler and

in port in connection with the Dominion Day celebration, hove up her anchor and slipped hurriedly out of the harbor, and at 7 o'clock this morning the Icarus, which was lying nearest the Hastings mill, followed her, thus leaving only the Imperieuse and the Pheasant in port. This leaves another open question, but it looks as if the Admiral had decided. on the information received, to take steps to prevent any holding up of ships for the purpose of looting, as, though probably only American boats would be stopped, the injury would not in any case be confined to them, as many of the reported owners of Klondike gold are British subjects. Some men in Van-couver, who have interests at stake, really believe that there is a vessel of this description in the neighborhood of the Gulf, while others doubt the story." Naval men here are of the opinion that the two British warships are sent, as is customary at this period of the year, to the Behring sea on patrol They think, however, that the admiral has hurried their departure so that search can be made en route for the alleged privateer

Pilot Olaf Westerlund, of Vancouver, who is credited with supplying the in-formation as to the hidden pirate, now denies any knowledge of the story, but there are some shipping men who state that they heard the story from his own lips. The story is generally disbelieved

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY. First Concert Under the Auspices of Victoria's New Musical Organization.

Victorians will be interested to hear that the Philharmonic Society will give an orchestral concert in the Institute hall on Thursday evening, when a very attractive programme is to be presented. On the occasion of the last appearance of the orchestra, when they assisted at successful production of Giorza's Mass, the instrumentalists created ; a splendid impression, and one competent ritic ventured to say that should they lecide to give a purely orchestral concert n the near future they could be trusted or give a good account of themselves. At the present time this is the only permannt amateur orchestra north of San rancisco, and as its permanency will

depend altogether on the support it receives at the hands of the public, it is to be hoped that Victorians will not be backward in according their substantial approval of an organization which will not only be a credit to the city but to the province generally approval of an organization which will not only be a credit to the city but to the province generally.

Turning to the programme, while it is always difficult to anticipate what items will prove most alluring, with such well known favourites as Mrs. Janion and Mr. Henry Moxon singing, and the prospect of a debutante in the city and the prospect of a debutante in the city files of the association where, in company with Mr. W. A. Reid, of Kalamazoo, Mich., he will establish a branch of the association which well as the company with Mr. W. A. Reid, of Kalamazoo, Mich., he will establish a branch of the association which well as the control of the association where the city files of the city Mr. Henry Moxon singing, and the prospect of a debutante in the person of Mrs.
Green, of Nanaimo, it augurs well for a
success. By special request Mrs. Janion
will sing "The Toilers" by Piccolomini,
speaks very highly of the treatment he embraces the best qualities of that well others in Victoria. Messes, itobusen and Reid resigned salaried residents in will render that very impressive recitative and aria from the Elijah, entitled "Lord God of Abraham." Mrs. Green, expect to leave for the north about two of Nanaimo, a capable soprano who has not been heard before in Victoria, will

sing a ballad of Frederick Clay's, Mr. E. A. Powell will play a violin solo, the well known "Andante" from the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, "All these solos will be rendered with full orchestral accompaniment. No. doubt considerable interest will be taken in the pros-No. doubt considerpeet of hearing the orchestra in such well known overtures as the Marionetten, Esmeralda and Stradella. In addition to these selections they will play the Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana and an Entra'cte in the shape of Schubert's ballet music from Rosamonde. The concert, in view of the present warm weath er, will be a very short one, and will commence punctually at 8:30 p.m.

CITY POLICE COURT. Two Assault Cases-Some Very Con-

flicting Evidence. After disposing of three drunks the time of the police magistrate was occupied all morning with two cases of alleged assault. The first, of Emily Johnson, charged with aggravated assault upon Joseph Rule. A counter charge was entered against Rule by Mrs. Johnson for using insulting lan-guage. Several choice samples of Bilingsgate, said to have been used by Rule in apostrophizing his opponent side was very contradictory and only established the fact that there is very The council will meet on the bad blood between the parties concernthe general meeting on the sec- ed. The court dismissed both charges. Another hour was consumed in inquir ing into a charge of assault preferre ago Sunday, the date of the alleged ofthe outer wharf, and while standing on

the rear platform got into an altercation, with the conductor regarding the failure of the latter to give some infor mation regarding the Beacon car. Middleton stated that Beacon er used insulting language to him, whereupon, with the assistance of the motorneer, he put Mesher off the car. Middleton and Trowsdale were dismissed Mesher paying the costs of the

Papa—Well, did the photographer succeed making the baby look pleasant? Mamma—No: the baby succeeded in mak-ing the photographer look unpleasant.—

MET HIS MATCH

WITHOUT REASON. Amateur Scientist-Can you explain to ne the reason why so many people become Guyer—The answer ought to suggest it-

They have no reason .- Philadelphia N. Peck—My wife hasn't spoken a cross and A. C. Mouat. Death resulted from word to me for two weeks.

Betterhaws—When is she coming back?—

a complication of troubles. The funeral will be held on Monday morning at

LOCAL NEWS.

Glerrings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Friday's Daily.) A telegram received from Norton station, N.B., says that Mrs. McLellan, who has been lying dangerously ili there, is well on her way to recovery.

-The First Presbyterian Church undergoing a thorough renovating, kal-somining, painting, etc. The congrega-tion will worship in the large hall of the church next Sabbath at the usual hours.

-To-morrow morning a memorial service will be held at the R. C. cathedral for the late Mrs. Pichon, who was drowned in La Bourgogne disaster. Mr. Tasker and Mrs. Lombard will render

The members of the Natural History Society went out to Pedder Bay on the ting Sadie yesterday, and spent a profit-able day examining the mounds and cairns of that locality.

-The Grand Council of the Y.M.I. will meet in this city on July 25th. Chief Deasy has been chosen to represent laoten's council, and a meeting will be held on Monday to choose a delegate to represent Segher's council.

-The British Columbia Electric Company calls a special meeting of share-rolders to be held at the office of Messrs. Howay & Reid, New Westminster, B, C., on Monday, August 1st, to consider an offer for the disposal of a portion of the company's assets. -The current issue of the British

Columbia Guzette contains the certificate of incorporation of the Lone Star and Blue Grouse Consolidated Mining Company, Limited. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 in \$1 shares, with head of fices at Rossland, B. C.

Whitewater Deep Mining Corporation, Limited, is published in this week's week's Gazette. The capital stock of the com-pany is \$100,000 in \$1 shares and the head offices at Victoria, B. C.

-The New York-Kootenay Mining Company, Limited, with head office in New York and provincial office at Rossland, capital stock \$1,000,000 shares, has been incorporated as an extra provincial company. Joseph W. Boyd, of Rossland, is the manager and attorney of the company.

-The Consolidated Mining and Trading Company, head office, Baltimore, Maryland, and provincial head office at Ashcroft, has been registered as an extra provincial company. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000 in \$1 shares. Mr. Harrison W. Moore, of Ashcroft, is the attorney of the company.

-The Y.M.C.A. is taking a new parture in putting on a course of Sunday lectures to replace the customary men's meetings of Sunday afternoons. Already several lectures of much interest have been given, and among those who are yet to speak are to be found some 6f the best platform speakers of the city. Good music is provided by selections from the city church choirs. Next Sunday Rev. G. F. Swinnerton, B.A., will lecture on "The Ethics of Politics." The lectures are open to ladies as well as

-Julius Brethour, of Sidney, who has

been in the Boundary country, arrived in Victoria yesterday, and left later for his home. He was accimpanied by W. H. Morrison, who will spend a few weeks at the Dominion before returning to the interior. They have been employed in completing assessment work on a claim at Camp McKinney and brought down samples of ore for assay. Mr. Morrison says the country is suffering for lack of railway facilities. work is being prosecute don a large number of claims. A representative of a German syndicate has taken up placer rights for twenty-five miles on Creek, in the operations upon which edrock has never yet been reached, and intends to initiate systematic mining along that stream. A syndicate of Canadians and Americans are steadily working on a free milling property about fif teen miles from Okanagan lake, which promises to be one of the richest in the province. The vein is sixty feet in width and runs \$5 to the ton. A flourishing village named Kathleen has sprung up on the shores of the lake as a result of the work on this claim, that supplies may be brought in from that

(From Saturday's Daily.) The excursion party of the Minnesota Press Association is expected in Vancouver on Tuesday and will probabarrive here on Wednesday's boat.

The annual meeting of the Order of the King's Daughters in British Columbia will be held in the Alexandra Club on Tuesday next, July 12th, at 11 a.m. All members of the order are cordially invited to be present.

-Mary Moore, who was brought up yesterday on a charge of wilfully set-ting fire to Charles Marsden's house at James Bay, was committed for trial by Police Magistrate Macrae this morning. She will, in all probability, come up for a speedy trial in a few days. Three drunks were convicted and discharged. -The funeral of the late Matthew C.

Russell, who died on June 28th at Denver, Colorado, and whose remains were brought here by the Kingston yesterday, took place this afternoon from Hayward's undertaking pariors, Rev. A. B. Winchester officiating. The deceased was 42 years of age, of Scottish parentage, and unmarried. Death was due to sarcoma. The funeral arrangements were made by friends living at Nanai-

-The death occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning of Alexander John Gilling Mouat, eldest son of the Mouat and brother of Mrs. R. Jones and Mrs. J. D. Helmcken of this city. Deceased was born in the old Hudson's. Bay fort, Fort street, and was well known in Victoria. He was 44 years of age and has two brothers living, W. A. and A. C. Mouat. Death resulted from al will be held on Monday morning at

half past ten from Superior street and at eleven o'clock from the R. E. church.

—Miss Flora Shaw, perhaps the best known lady journalist in Great Britain, spent a few hours in this city yesterday, leaving by the Tartar for the north in the afternoon. Miss Shaw is going to Dawson City as representative of the London Times to ascertain the output of gold from the Klondike this year, the Thunderer, as usual, refusing to accept as correct any estimate but that of their own accredited representative. Her correspondence will be awaited with interest, as it will have a great influence with British miners and investors, and materially affect the movement of large bodies of men from the old country to-wards the Pacific coast.

-Constables Anderson and Walker last night arrested James Ross and Thomas Shaw for the theft of \$60 from one James Law. The men were handed over to the provincial police, and this morning Constable Ireland went down to Esquimalt and investigated. It appears that the three men, with two other boiler makers, had been drinking together last night. It is alleged Law that the prisoners demanded the amount of their fares, to Vancouver, which he had promised them, and that upon his refusing to hand it over, they gagged him and relieved him of \$60. His recollection of the matter was very hazy, and as there was no evidence to convict and Ross and Shaw denied the charge, Superintendent Hussey ordered

(From Monday's Daily.) -Col. Gregory went over to Tacoma this morning to be present at the ding of W. Cliffton, formerly of

Bank of B. C. in this city. -The execution of Joseph C. Claus, who was convicted of murder at a special assize at Nanaimo, has been postponed until the 17th of August.

-A party of Brandon people, compris ing in all about a dozen ladies and gentlemen, are visiting Victoria. They are making their headquarters

-The annual meeting of the British Columbia Board of Grade, which will be held on Friday next, will be one of the most important in the history of that body. Keen interest is being taken in the election of officers and members of the council. -Belle Adams came up this morning

for trial, and on application of her counsel, Mr. G. E. Powell, was remanded for two weeks. The evidence of a man beieved to be on the Danube is required y the defence, and the court fixed the 25th inst. as the date of trial.

-W. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, of 151 Quadra street, are mourning the loss of their only daughter, Gracie, who died this morning. The little girl was only 8 years of age, and was a great favorite with all who knew her. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

-Captain Mears, of the Amur, has pre ented to the provincial museum a couple of native weapons of Borneo, which were that island. They consist of a curious shaped sword and a poisoned dagger, the handles and scabbards of both weapons showing great skill in carving.

-Considerable interest centres in the first concert under the auspices of the Philharmonic Society, which takes place on Thursday evening next. The soloists include Mrs. W. E. Green, of Nanalmor whose charming soprano voice will be heard for the first time by a Victoria audience; Mrs. Janion and Mr. Henry Moyron Moxon.

-Notwithstanding the severe penalty attached to the offence of dispensing liquor on election day, the temptation seems too strong for some of the sa-loon keepers of the city to resist. Two of them will be proc fraction of paragraph 161 of the provin-The extreme penalty cial elections act. is a fine of \$100 and costs.

-The death occurred at St. Joseph's ospital on Saturday night of Mrs. Harry Bush. The deceased lady had been bride for only two months, and her husband, who reached home the morning of her death, had been absent on a mining expedition. She was a native of Brockville, Ont. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 9:30 a.m. from the hospital.

-The shooting fraternity of the Fifth Regiment were delighted with a sample of one of Raiston's patent Glasgow targets, which was received last week, and which is now on exhibition at the drill hall. The target, which is now used on the Toronto ranges, is a marked improvement on any of those now in use, and is so simple in operation that in To ronto boys of 12 or 14 years of age act as marksmen at the O.R.A. matches The target is raised and lowered by pressing an automatic spring and mark ing can be done so promptly that the me ches are materially expedited. The one referred to has been bought for the Clover Point range, expected ten will be erected.

No further arrests have been made in connection with the attempt to murder Philip Gotan at Savonas some time ago. Gotan is rapidly recovering, but will ose his right eye in consequence of the bullet wound. He has offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest of the would-be He has offered a reward murderers and this sum has been augmented by a similar amount offered by the provincial government. The old man's assailant was tracked some distance down the railroad, but beyond that no clue was obtained, and several parties who were arrested further down the track were released on giving a satisfactory account of their whereabouts at the time the affair took place.

-Sergeant Langley, of the provincial olice, while at his hotel in Vancouver on Friday evening was approached by married woman hailing from this city, who told him that A. Hogan, who it is said is also from this city, was following her and insisting on forcing his atten-tions upon her. In the middle of the night the officer was attracted to woman's room by hearing cries of alarm. and found it necessary to arrest Hogan and place him in safe keeping in the City Lock-up for the night. When searched, Lock-up for the night. When searched, Hogan was found to have on his person the sum of \$1.60, a gold watch, gold pin ilver chain and other trifles. The whole matter was cleared up on Saturday morning, and Hogan released from cus-tody. He at once left for Victoria, while the lady went over to New West-

DEATH OF A VETERAN.

Washington, July 11. Rear Admiral war, died at the naval hospital here this morning, aged 78 years. At the reduction of Port Royal in 1861, he held the forts until the army took possession. ANOTHER THING.

He—I'd give up my life for you, dear She—Would you really give up the you are living?—Boston Courier.

SPORTING NEWS.

THE TURF. Death of "Iron Arm."

By the death of Mr. J. C. Cole ("Bras de fer"), the sporting world loses a genial spirit, and several of my contemporaries one of their oldest and most valued contributors. A man who can write on turf matters, freely and without favor, for something like half a century without making enemies must possess extraordin ary tact, as well as accurate knowledge of his fellow creatures; and indeed Mr. Cole was as good a judge of men as of horses. He will be greatly missed.—London Critic.

CRICKET.

R.M.A. vs. Fifth Regiment. The match between the R.M.A. the Fifth Regiment teams on Saturday afternoon resulted in a drawn game. The regiment were all retired for 120 and the R.M.A. had 105 at the call of

> ATHLETICS. The Evil of Records.

We need not pore over the work of Archbishop Trench to find out how much history may be extracted from isolated words. The last few years have been particularly busy both in increasing the vocabulary of the language and in a less creditable accomplishment—in perverting the significance of old terms. As typical of this latter development, no better instance can be selected than "record." It is impossible to escape from the word in conversation; it has dignified the multir it falls elibly from the words. the pulpit; it falls glibly from the mouths of golf-players and politicians, and sim-peringly from feminine athletes; young men from the 'varsities have taken it to their special use, and it is as frequent as the commoner expletives on the lips of professionals. In its perverted sense, as the commoner expletives on the Mps of professionals. In its perverted sense, a "record" means neither a chronicling, but a even a deed worth chronicling, but a performance reckoned (on some arbitrary borough. That it only requires lifting ine) as the best up to date. The largest number of runs ever made in an innings, the fewest strokes round the links the fastest time for a race on land or water, are all "records," such as it is the ambi-

Perhaps in no class of sports is any benefit conferred by a desire for "re-cords." We get no good by competing with the dead and gone; the zest of games lies in personal contact, and the fun in making a good match, whereas the purely personal interest involved in record-hunting is destructive of the spirit of emulation. Bicycling, as a sport, has been ruined beyond recovery by the innovation; cricket has been much damaged by excessive care for personal averages; and at golf, again, match play is beyond exception superior to medal play; but it is, perhaps, in athletics proper that a movement to discountenance the ardor for records would do the greatest good.

tion of a certain class of athletes to low-

To begin with, time tests are of much s value as a me.

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I. Persons who run well against are not always able to run well against men, as numerous instances from the inter-university sports bear witness. For instance, Cambridge have seldom had a finer mile-runner than was La Touche at 1884; but, unfortunately, he was a last through and forced to run all through at which he was set at which he was set at which he was set at the prospects of our warships being supplied with smole less powder elicited the information the there is no probability of this being do generally for a considerable time come.

Commodore O'Neill, chief of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and the probability of the order and that the bureau had probability of the order and the probability of the order an Commodore O'Neill, chief of the ordnance bureau, said that the bureau had placed, very large orders with private maunfacturers for shortless powder for the use of the fleet, and that large consignments of it were being received and forwarded to the ships off santigo.

It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and in view of the quantity of amuunition. It would take a long time, however, the commodore said, to supply all the ships and the provider in this country to keep the powder in this country to keep the powder in this cou ond to an infinitely inferior runner, who, in spite of complete exhaustion, man-used to sprint the last twenty yards. But, besides being negatively of little value, fights with time do positive harm, physicially and morally, to muscle and to spirit; nor, as a standard of comparative ability, are they fair. In spite of regulations, not a few of the records that are supposed to be established owe their position to some favoring external agent, some wind or slope, or even the forefinger of a time-keeper. the same

siasm for records is not without reasonable excuse. Comparisons of various able excuse. rates of speed make more amusing study than most other statistics, and it is a natural object of ambition to be found on the right side in the table. Those in-terested in such subjects have lately been presented with the most thorough work of its kind ever published. As a book of reference for the thousand and one occasions when discussion is aroused over the ultimate achievements of men, animals and machines Mr. Morgan Browne's compilation of records beyond question supplies a felt need. He tells s everything there is to know in all athletic references, and though the number of numerical mis-statements is in the first edition considerable, they are such as can easily be corrected, and cast little reflection on the thoroughness of the author's research. To quote one instance, he has solved by a rather acute calculation the much-discussed question of the absolutely fastest piece of run-ning ever recorded; and, in spite of contradictory theories, it is impossible not to feel gratified that Hutchings is notwith-standing his defeat in America, the prime performer. The book is, indeed, full of interest, particularly for specialists in the several departments. A golf player likes to know exactly the length of Tait's big drive and an athelete to be made certain of the details of "Hammer Hales'" great throws.

It must be granted that, as an appendage to athletics, the question of times and records is not to be rejected, but the harm begins when the record, and not the winning of an event, is made the essential object. For hence, among the evils, come all the professional absurdates of "pacing," which, in respect of bicycling, have reached such a pitch of artificiality that the present record-breaker rides under cover of enormous screens erected on the accompanying "quintets" and "sextets," There is some thing also infinitely ridiculous about the respect for the stop-watch. A reputation is made to depend on a fifth of a second, or even less. There is, for instance, a timekeeper at Cambridge, who famous (or infamous) through the 'Varsity for the regularity with which he proclaimed every 100 yards as run in a yard under 10.2! The craze for "clocking" has descended even to the schools and to the youngest athletes therein; and there can be nothing more diverting to the student of manners than the watch some midgest of middets this to watch some midget of midgets training round a school field, while a fellow midget solemnly times the performance by a minuteless timepiece of the school

Athletics, like most other things, have reached a point of elaboration that is altogether ridiculous: but things must be taken as they are. The stop-watch must be accepted along with the cinder track and swinging hurdle and the painful stress of training, but it will be a grand pity if the professional spirit should so far pervade the sport that the desire to run'a good race for self or team ceases to regarded as the essential object.-Critic. London.

NOT A STAYER.

New York, July 9.—The principal event at the Pelican Athletic Club to-night was the go between Charles Goff of Califor-nia. Billy Madden's aspirant for middle

evberyone. In the first two rounds neither went at it very hard.
In the third Goff landed frequently his opponent. He planted three left jabs on Hennessey's face, and when the gong sounded, the latter was not anxious to

When time was called for the ound, he refused to go on. on the part of Hennessey increased the admiration for his opponent, who never lost his temper during the bout, and showed himself to be a born fighter.

GIGANTIC BOG OAK

An extraordinary discovery, and one

which is just now exciting considerable interest in antiquarian circles in Lancashire and Cheshire, has been made at Stockport. During the excavations the construction of sewage works the town, some workmen came across what has since proved to be a massing oak tree with two immense bra Professor Boyd Dawkins, the known antiquary, is of opinion tha tree is one of the giants of prehitimes, and he says that the tree tainly 10,000 years old. The tion of Stockport are at a loss do with this gigantic fossil, which supposed to weigh about 40 tons as it is necessary that it should moved a proposition has been m blow it up with dynamite. This aroused the indignation of a large tion of the public, who recentle sented the following petition to the poration: "That there is a valuable of old oak at present lying apon and exposed in the gravel on and within their property. That the quality of color, grain and solidity is better than that can be bought in the open mar That as for artistic work alone greatly to be treasured, for nothing this country is at present grown which can come up to its dimensions. it contains within it sufficient material from its bed, which, in the opinion competent geologists, may be rough estimated at 15,000 years of occupation That private effort has failed to achieve its removal. That its destruction would be a public loss and an artistic calamity That your representatives in council and are hereby requested to conserve for the borough this grant of nature to her sons and daughters whose signatures are hereby affixed"

NEED BETTER POWDER. U. S. Navy at Great Disadvantage for Want

of Explosives Washington, July 9.-Late stories about he engagement of the fleets of Sampson and Cervera dwell with particular stress on the inconvenience caused the American gunners by the use of the old fashioned

gunners by the use of the old-fashioned smoking powder.

It is not doubted by ordnance experts that the winging of the flying Spanish ships would have been accomplished even more promptly than it was had our guns been fired with smokeless powder.

As it was, in the mad race and swift succession of shots fired at the Spanish ships, our vessels were so enveloped in the smoke of our own guns many a shot went wild that otherwise would have struck home.

The cruisers New Orleans and Marble head are supplied with the improved low-der, but the other vessels of the fleet are still stocked, to a large extent, with black

powder.

It appears the chief reason the navy was not supplied with smokeless powder at the beginning of the war was that ordnance experts are not satisfied with the powder used by other nations, and they were experimenting with a powder of their own, which had not been perfected at the time the war began.

A powder of American invention has been made by the navy on an experimental

been made by the navy on an experiment scale, which is believed to be superior that article abroad.

Representative Hall, chairman of the house military affairs committee, has this to say in regard to the use of smokeless rowder. "The trouble is we could not get smok

less powder at the outbreak of the though it was an American invention. There are in the country no facilities to produce it in sufficient amount.

"It costs a little more than other powder and too many of our people in congress thought we never would have a war, and therefore would not prepare for the possibility We tried to buy it abroad when the war came, but Spain had bought it all there. I think the fault lies with our congressional system.

"There is nothing in contemplation in congress. I wish the department would take the matter in hand and make con-

congress. I wish the department was take the matter in hand and make tracts."

Representative Loudenslager, of Representative Loudenslager, of New Jersey, a member of the committee on naval affairs, said:

"I think everyone will admit the destrability of providing sufficient quantities of smokeless powder for the army and navy. As long ago as the time when the Dingley tariff bill was considered. I urged a protective tariff upon smokeless powder to stimulate the manufacturing of that article in this country. The house adopted my suggestion as to the tariff on smokeless powder, but the senate modified the rate. It would have been very fortunate if we could have obtained as much smokeless powder as we wanted for this war, and if our own people were engaged in its manuous models.

our own people were engaged in its manifacture.

"The house committee on naval affairs, said Mr. Loudenslager, "did all it was as ed to do in connection with furn'shing powder.

for \$1,00,000 for smokeless powder. The was subsequently reduced to \$250,000, because the department could draw upon the \$50,000,000 emergency appropriation for the purpose. We also gave \$30,000 to increase the government's plant at Newport for the manufacture of these explosives. It is evident the government ought to make smokeless powder and keep large stocks of it is evident to the government ought to make smokeless powder and keep large stocks of it is evident the government ought to make smokeless powder for the navy is to be dealt with within the department. We have give to the department every dollar they have give to the department every dollar they have asked for, and I have no doubt the are doing the best they can in that respect."

Representative Hilborn, if California, member of the naval committee, said:
"The trouble is that there are but two places in the United States prepared make smokeless powder. We had just world a formula for smokeless powder.

make smokeless powder. We had just ed out a formula for smokeless powde ed out a formula for smokeless powder, best in the world, and had started to it when the war broke out. We under to prepare a formula which would elimit the extreme danger of the ordinary sn less powder. The Dupont Powder Mil Deleware and the California Powder have started to manufacture it, but withe war broke out they were not prepto furnish a sufficient quantity for the of our army and navy. I had the at the Pelican Athletic Club to-night was the go between Charles Goff of California. Billy Madden's aspirant for middle weight honors, and Billy Hennessey of Boston.

It resulted in a walk-over for Goff. It was the Westerner's first appearance in the Sast and he won the admiration of Provincia

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When the ballots we
found that all three
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GREEN The two lots on the and Greenwood street perial Hotel, have Rendell & Co. from Grand Forks, for \$2 amongst the best but in the city. They waster, but Mr. McEuntil the other day. some two years ago ROSSI Mr. Arthur Mowa

of Sir Oliver Mowar this city. Mr. Mov for some months at ary country.
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the 24th June, parents and friend icnic, and a more not have been foun ed by the teacher board. Hon. D. G. Bushby graced presence. It was and successful ever in Sooke for man swing and football There were twenty gamme, and after were distributed. the prize for punc Hadys Robins White for profic of fireworks, includentles, wheels, etc. ing with a large lighted all. Singin prought a very ha tertainment to E. Milne, Mrs. Charters, also t

and other friends

Vancouver, July

combine interests with a view to re season is meeting to the fact that so are reluctant to o Indications show of salmon is com the river will be fishermen and car and day. Scout bo ing results: Three wick cannery broathem 18 each, and boat fishing from secured 30, and qu word comes that has been sighted an Indian who might reports have salmon forty mile for the river. Sunday night season, when the fully started. Co salmon have been north to the Fr where the fish, in tubs on the stea ed. General indi pack of 1898 will one. Meanwhile report the prices Building operat tive throughout V pected that by residential and l be fully supplied steady growth of The committee ster exhibition

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