NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Spinks and McKay Released—New Steamer Service Between Vancouver and Nanaimo.

Attempted Suicide at New Westminster—"Okanagan City" Laid Out—Tried for Cruelty.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 3.—Magistrates M. A. MacLean and Fred Schofield, with Captain Mellon, Nautical Assessor, are engaged in hearing charges made by the sailors of the British bark Zabena Gowdy, now loading lumber at the Hastings Mill, against Capt. Manning, the master. There are in all ten cases, and in each case there are 10 witnesses, making a hundred witnesses in all. The charges are that the captain ill-treated the men, used abusive language, and gave them bad food, and one man swore that he was in danger of his life. The crew wish to be paid off here for these reasons.

Yesterday afternoon a general meeting of the shareholders of the Mainland and Nanaimo Steam Navigation Company was held in New Westminster. The company decided to borrow money to purchase the steamer Robert Dunsmuir, and the question of the establishment of a daily service between Vancouver and Nanaimo and Westminster and Vancouver, was discussed at length. The matter was finally left in the hands of the directors, and most probably the steamship City of Nanaimo will commence shortly to make daily trips between Vancouver and Nanaimo, connecting here with the steamer Robert Dunsmuir, which will make daily trips between Westminster and Fraser river points and Vancouver.

It was stateed, yesterday, that Hon. Theo. Davie had telegraphed for full particulars of the case of assault against Dr. Stoker, who was sentenced to pay a fine of $5, with the option of 30 days in jail.

The important cases of Spinks and McKay, the former for controversion of Provincial regulations, the latter for aiding and abetting the same, have fallen through, Magistrates McLean and Jordan acquitting the prisoners. The indictment made out by the city solicitors did not accuse the defendants of an infraction of the city by-laws, or the case might have been different. Justice of the Peace M. A. McLean delivered judgment. "It was not a question whether Victoria was infected or not although it had been held by Justice Walkem afterwards that it was not. Under the regulations the only one to whom power could be delegated to stop Spinks was a duly qualified physician."

"None such had been appointed till nine hours after the boat arrived. No one else could act during the epidemic. Clause 41, adopting the by-laws containing the proviso that the health inspector could act in place of a qualified physician might apply in ordinary times, but not in times of epidemic." Jordan assented and said Spinks had a clean bill of health. If a medical officer had gone on board he could not properly have detained him. Though lawyer McGee took all the afternoon to put a single point on which the case balanced, before the magistrate, which could have been delivered in five minutes, he deserves credit for securing an honorable acquittal for his clients, the case being one of great importance and universal interest.

Evans, Coleman & Evans' new dock is completed. It has a frontage of 218 feet and cost $12,000. More wharf room is still needed, particularly at the C. P. R. docks. On Sunday last the Empress, Cutch, Yosemite, Islander and Wilmington attempted to tie up at the C. P. R. wharf. The last named boat had to make way for the others, each boat being welded in, bow on.

The Haytian Republic is loading China freight for Portland.

Four hundred people bathed at English bay on Tuesday. There were six bath houses among the party, on a beach, a quarter of a mile long. The city fathers say they will attend to it next year and make extensions.

During July seventeen cases were discharged from the city hospital; two died, and sixteen are under treatment.

Mr. C. B. Macneill, of Prince Edward Island, and family, arrived yesterday. He will take up his residence and profession in the city.

The first reading of the Northern Pacific railroad by-law takes place on Monday. It was to have been introduced at the last regular meeting of council, but was delayed through a legal technicality. Real estate men are watching the movement of the new road with great interest.

Messrs. Stickles, Curtis and the late Messrs. McDonald and Pease were each removed from a different hotel in the city, suffering with smallpox. Only one of these establishments, the Hotel Europe, was quarantined.

Mrs. Birt addressed a meeting in the First Presbyterian church, this evening, for the purpose of inducing Vancouverites to engage servant girls from Miss McPherson's Knowlton Home.

A million and a half feet of lumber was all that was shipped from this port during July.

Owing to the dull times arising from the smallpox scare and quarantine, the city authorities are showing leniency to taxpayers.

The Park commissioners and Jockey club are busy laying out the race track.

John Rea has been returned to the South Vancouver Council Board, in place of Councillor Wilson, deceased.

Capt. Marshall, R.N.R., will open the Sailor's Home on Thursday.

The C.P.R. pays $500 of the expenses incurred by the Chinese quarantine. The total cost so far to the city in keeping the smallpox under check is $8,500. It will reach $10,000.

Geo. Riley, secretary of the Shuswap and Okanagan R.R., went East to his home in St. Catherines, to-day, accompanied by his wife.

The Islander sailed from here for Alaska at noon, to-day.

J. Cook, lumberman, who was injured by the falling of a tree at McDougall's camp, Johnstone's Straits, died from the effects, not gaining consciousness after the accident.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 3.—A Christian Chinese woman named Mrs. Chee tried to drown herself last night, but was caught by constable Box before she could jump. A medical examination to-day, showed that she was insane. She is now in the asylum.

At the annual meeting of the Mainland and Nanaimo Steam Navigation Company yesterday, the following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. O. Campbell; secretary-treasurer, A. McLean; directors, H. Elliott and Capt. Rogers, Westminster; John Kirkland and W. H. Ladner, Ladners' Landing; and Mr. Evans, Vancouver.

The first carload of canned salmon of this season was shipped to-day to St. John, N. B., from the A. B. C. Co.

The steamers are doing an increasing business, the movement of produce having fairly commenced.

The splendid harvest weather of the past week has been made good use of by the farmers, who have been able to cut and house the larger portion of their hay crop in good condition. The yield is large in most parts of the district, and in some sections over the average. Grain, generally, is headed out, and the earliest crops will be ready for the reaper within two weeks if warm weather continues. Potatoes and other roots never looked better than at present.

Notwithstanding expectations to the contrary earlier in the season, the supply of small fruits has not equalled the demand. Strawberries, raspberries and cherries all suffered from the long-continued rainy spell, and the yield was considerably below the average. Plums, peaches, apricots, pears and apples promise exceedingly well, and there is likely to be an abundant supply. Reports from all parts of the district say the plum crop, especially, this season, will be one of the heaviest on record, though it will be a few weeks later. In some orchards it has been found necessary to strip nearly half the fruit from the trees to prevent the branches being broken by the weight.

OKANAGAN CITY.

(From the Vernon News.)

Following close on the announcement that the C.P.R. would lay off a townsite at Penticton, comes the information that influential Victoria capitalists were about to divide their property at the foot of Dog lake into town lots and place them on the market under the name of "Okanagan City." The location is certainly the most central in the lower country, and it has every show for being the distributing point for the several mining camps in the district. Its advantages are: beauty of scenery, water-power, foot of navigation (when the canal between the lakes is constructed), proximity to coal beds and to the mines, and picturesque natural location. It is also the objective point of Corbin's Spokane railroad, to connect with the C.P.R. steamers on the lake. The townsite has been likened to that of Great Falls, Montana, which a few years ago had not a resident and now has upwards of 8,000, the resources of the surrounding country being also similar. Prof. Davidson, F.G.S., who was recently visiting the mines in this section, gives his opinion that the mines here are even more promising than those of Kootenay, and certainly more actual work is being done on the claims, which can be worked all the year. Okanagan City is likely to be one of the few townsites to develop into a populous centre without being boomed.

ILLECILLEWAET.

(From the Golden Era.)

The latest addition to the population here is Senator Poirier, of Shediac, N. B., who has visited us with the intention of recruiting his health among our mountains, and at the same time to examine our mining properties with a view to investments. He is a competent mineralogist and geologist, and has come here on the recommendation of Mr., or, rather, Dr. Ami.

Things around town are remarkably quiet.

Mr. S. S. Ryckman, M.P., is still at Fish Creek, and jubilant over the remarkably good prospects of his properties. Work at the other claims of Messrs. Fishbarn and Fowler are steadily progressing.

Mr. Rosler, of Revelstoke, paid a visit to Fish Creek lately, and was much impressed by the excellent showing on the various properties.

The new bridge over Fish creek is finished, and now men and horses can cross in safety. It stands high above the water, and is not liable to be swept away like the last one.

Much dissatisfaction was expressed at a public meeting, held in the Town Hall last Saturday, over the reduction of the sum appropriated for trails for this district being reduced from the sum of $9,000 to $6,000.

Messrs. Kellie & Boyd have returned from their prospecting expedition in Fish Creek district, not having succeeded in finding sufficient inducement to locate. They are now prospecting in the North Fork of the Illecillewaet.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Sentinel.)

L. V. Bennett has sent out a pack train with an outfit for his mica mines on the Canoe and Fraser Rivers.

Contractor Hyatt has begun excavating for the foundation of the new court house at Vernon.

The Nicola and Granite Creek wagon road is being pushed by the road master, and a splendid job is being made of it. The next thing to follow should be an increas in the mail service to Granite Creek.

The directors of the Golden Mining & Smelting Works, Messrs. P. McCarthy, Q.C., George Alexander, H. B. Alexander and the Hon. J. A. Lougheed, Q.C., M.P., paid Golden a visit last week.

The Salmon river and Canoe creek farmers are petitioning for a road to Enderby. The distance is only thirteen miles and seven miles are already finished. At present the residents have to make a round trip of 90 miles to get in their supplies.

Mr. Coryell, C.E., is in the Lower Okanagan country and will survey lands and mineral claims at Dog Lake, Fairview, Keremeos, Boundary Creek, and Grand Prairie sections.

A mining company, said to be one of the largest and strongest, financially, in the world, dealing in placer mines, has purchased a large interest in the Tulameen Hydraulic Company's ground on the Tulameen River. A very large sum of money is the consideration, the experts sent out from England being well satisfied as to its value. The particular district in which they have made the investment, has long been known to produce large quantities of platinum and gold, and has played an important part in the world's supply of platinum and iridium.

Mr. Robert Stevenson has recently returned from a trip into the Granite Creek country, in company with Major Burnett and Dr. Cameron. He reports mining in the Similkameen more active this year than for many years in the past. Mr. R. D. Brown, a Seattle man, has been very active, and has taken up seven locations on Wolf Creek, about ten miles from Princeton. These claims are chiefly valuable for the copper, which assays from 50 to 70 per cent. The rock also carries from 3 to 7 per cent. in silver. Mr. Brown is backed by Tacoma capitalists, and considerable development work is being done. Six or seven gravel claims have been taken up this year near Princeton, and the people of that village expect the railway to be built through Nicola Valley as far as that place this summer. Work is going on in copper mining on Friday Creek, the ore yielding 65 per cent. in copper. It is a peacock ore, and very pretty. The platinum mines are being worked with good results, and a wagon road is now being constructed from Nicola to Granite Creek. Mr. Stevenson predicts that the Similkameen will be the next mining district to come to the front.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Mackerel Striking in Along St. Mary's Bay—A Hundred and Six Years Old.

Death of a Great Canadian Athlete—A Missing Minister Discovered.

(Special to the COLONIST).

Steamboat Collision.

DESERONTO, Aug. 3.—Last night, while the tug Rescue was towing down the bay, the steamer Princess Louise ran into her. The hull of the passenger steamer was stove in, and she barely succeeded in reaching shore before she sank. About fourteen passengers on the Louise were taken back to Deseronto by the Rescue.

Heavy Mackerel Run.

HALIFAX, Aug. 3.—Mackerel are being taken in large quantities along the shore of St. Mary's Bay. A number of United States fishermen are hovering suspiciously near the three-mile limit, and a Dominion cruiser has been despatched to the scene.

Cork Manufacturer Dead.

CAMPBELLFORD, Aug. 3.—J. E. Doyle, of Doyle & Frezing, wholesale cork manufacturers, of Montreal and Toronto, died here suddenly from hemorrhage of the stomach.

Big Fire at Strathroy.

STRATHROY, Aug. 2.—The knitting mill and Roman Catholic church were burned here this evening. Loss, $100,000; insurance, $60,000. Seven young girls, employes of the knitting mill, were compelled to jump from the sixth story. Miss Esther Davidson and Miss Maggie Head and her sister were fatally hurt. The others escaped with broken limbs and bruises, but will recover.

Spool Factory Burned.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Aug. 3.—The Restigouche Spool company's factory, Jacquet river, was burned, yesterday; loss, $30,000.

Hon. Mr. Foster's Election.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Aug. 3.—The petition against the election of Hon. Mr. Foster has been dismissal.

Killed by a Bull.

TILSONBURG, Aug. 3.—Henry Cotton, aged 72, was attacked by two bulls and so badly injured that death resulted.

A Runaway Parson Turns Up.

WINDSOR, Aug. 3.—Rev. N. H. Martin, who mysteriously disappeared from Chatham, on the eve of his marriage, is preaching in Marquette, Mich.

Killed by a Railway Train.

SARNIA, Aug. 3.—Murdoch Buchanan, a sailor, was beheaded by a railway train here, yesterday.

The Oldest in the Dominion.

HAMILTON, Aug. 3.—The oldest woman in the Dominion is believed to be living here. She is Mrs. Mary Warren, and there appears little doubt. She is 106 years of age.

Well-Known Athlete Dead.

QUEBEC, Aug. 3.—Fred. Scott, aged 22, the all-round athlete, of Providence, R.I., died suddenly here of inflammation of the bowels, at the residence of his father, Charles Scott, manager of the Lower Laurentine Railway. The deceased was a member of the Metropole Athletic Club of Providence, and at the time of his death he held the New England amateur championships for boxing, shot putting and hammer throwing. In boxing he beat Henry Woodmanz, E. B. Jackson, O. F. Whetmore, John D. Ryan and Ben Holiday; in wrestling he defeated Alex. McDowell and G. L. Baker; in shot putting he had a record of 42 feet, and in hammer throwing of 103 feet 7½ inches.

Diamond Cut Diamond.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 2.—In preaching his farewell sermon at Carleton, N. B., recently, Rev. R. S. Crisp complained that certain members of his congregation had made the life of his wife "a hell on earth." Mr. Crisp added that the church would get the best of the bargain if it exchanged some of its ministers for convicts from the penitentiary. Now, the Shelbourne Budget declares that Mr. Crisp has been notoriously immoral, that he has confessed to being the father of a child, the paternity of which the girl was induced to swear upon a brother minister, and that Crisp himself ought to be exchanged for a convict.

THE LATE MR. ROBSON.

"Not a Pinch-Beck Politician with a Vision Confined to His Own Province."

(Canadian Gazette, July 14.)

As one whose privilege it was to see much of the late lamented Premier of British Columbia, you will perhaps allow me to add one or two words to the kindly and appreciative references of yourself and Mr. Beeton, the Agent-General. You both say, rightly enough, that Mr. Robson's hopes were, during the last few weeks of his life, wrapped up in the efforts to promote the material development of his adopted province. Thirty-three years of British Columbia life had revealed to him the immense undeveloped resources of the Pacific Province. He had seen some progress made in agriculture; efforts more or less successful had with his active co-operation been made to grapple with mining in its different branches; he had seen mills erected to deal with the lumber industry, and canneries established to turn to account the extraordinary run of salmon in the mainland rivers. He had also seen with pride the establishment of a transcontinental line of railway with steamship connections on the Pacific. But with it all he recognized that the great need of British Columbia was population, and especially a population able to draw from the ocean the vast stores of food which swarmed around the islands of the Province. Men and means were requisite—men to the manner born; and in the overcrowded fishing communities of the Mother Country he recognized the best source of supply. Means adequate to the task of handling these products would be forthcoming on sufficient inducement—hence the formulation of the scheme which by Acts of Parliament in British Columbia and in England has now been placed on the road to realization, and for the perfection of which Mr. Robson spent his last energies. Those who knew him best were aware of the high-souled motives which guided him in working out the scheme which may be said to have cost him his life. In it he recognized, as he told a representative of the Canadian Gazette only a few days before his death, the means of binding more closely together the Mother Country and Canada, by drawing from one part of the Empire surplus labor to apply to surplus resources in another, and planting a stock that would develop into a system of colonization within the Empire capable of indefinite extension in the various avenues of Colonial industry.

For Mr. Robson was no pinchbeck politician with a vision confined to his own little province. A lover of his province, of the Dominion, and of the Empire, his ideas centred in the Imperial greatness of Britain, he felt that his duty lay in making British Columbia, by her own development, contribute her quota—recognizing that in her resources and in her geographical situation his province commanded a position second to no other portion of the British heritage. No better illustration of this large-mindedness of the deceased Premier could be found than the hitherto unpublished letter he added to Sir John Macdonald in October, 1890, when Canada was smarting under the first blows of the McKinley tariff. In the letter he pointed out that though the "National Policy" had borne heavily upon the people of the province, in the interest of the whole Dominion they had loyally submitted without complaint. But now came the "crowning act of unneighborly and unnatural restriction" in the form of the McKinley tariff, by which the tide in Canada's history might be brought to the flood—

Will Canada (he proceeded) seize her opportunity? How shall it be done? I respectfully submit that the early establishment of just such facilities for inter-communication between the Mother Country and her great dependencies, and countries with which it may reasonably be hoped to form extensive commercial relations and interchange of commodities, such as Canada and Australasia, and China and Japan, must become a powerful factor in accomplishing that object. The time and circumstances would, in every respect, seem most opportune for launching out upon a bold self-reliant policy—a policy in which, if I do not misread the temper of the Mother Land, Canada may confidently count upon having the United Kingdom at her back, both in sympathy and substantial assistance. Nothing could more tend to the political strengthening and consolidation of the Empire; and I would earnestly, but respectfully, urge you to seize upon the present opportunity to place Canada in a position that shall make her less dependent for trade upon her capricious and unfriendly neighbor, and more becoming her own importance and possibilities.

MEMPHIS IN DANGER.

Her Position as a Seaport Threatened by Sand Bars and Other Obstructions.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 2.—The railroads and the river men are greatly stirred up over the treachery of the Mississippi river. It has been discovered that Memphis is in danger of being made an inland city. During the late high water the river cut a canal through the bend and unless prompt steps are taken to stop the threatened cut-off before another flood occurs, the city will be left miles from the river and the three million dollar cantilever bridge will be of no value whatever, except for the scrap iron. The Mississippi river commission will be asked to take prompt steps toward building a dyke that will resist the current; but if relief is not obtained from that source, the railroads will be compelled to take action themselves. As the high water recedes it has been discovered that the city is menaced with another danger. A large sandbar has been formed in front of elevators of the oil works and cotton compresses and steamboats will have difficulty in landing at the wharves during the low water season. Dredges will be put to work and it is thought that the bar can be removed before another flood comes.

NORTHWEST LEGISLATURE.

Some of the Contents of the Speech from the Throne at the Opening of the House.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 2.—Lieut.-Governor Royal said in his speech that the reason for calling the session at such an early date was for the purpose of enabling the Government to make provision for carrying on the public service, and, especially, such public works as may be undertaken before the season closes. The great influx of immigration into the Territories renders it imperative that the roads be kept in a state of good repair, and bridges built wherever necessary. The Governor said: "I am happy to know that the liquor license ordinance, which you adopted last session, has, upon the whole, given general satisfaction, and that any apprehensions as to the evil effects likely to arise from a change in the law have not been realized. I have no doubt that, after some months' experience of the working of the ordinance, amendments may now suggest themselves for your consideration, which would tend to make its provisions more effective. Your co-operation will be solicited by agricultural and other societies interested in the collection of exhibits for the World's Columbian Exhibition to be held in Chicago in 1893."

DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

Exchange of Greetings Between the Alcalde of Palos and the President.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The following exchange of courtesies between the United States and Spain, occurred, to-day:

"LA RABIDA, Spain.

To the President:—To-day, 400 years ago, Columbus sailed from Palos, discovering America. The United States flag is being hoisted this moment in front of the convent of Larabida, along with the banners of all the American States. Batteries and ships are saluting, accompanied by enthusiastic acclamations of the people, army and navy. God bless America.

(Signed), PRIETO, Alcalde of Palos."

"WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—To Senor Prielo Alcalde Palos. The President of the United States desires me cordially to accept the message of greeting upon this memorable day, thus fittingly celebrated. The people of this new western world, in grateful reverance to the name and fame of Columbus, join hands with the sons of the brave sailors of Palos and Huelva."

A Tornado in Hungary.

TRIESTE, Aug. 3.—A tornado swept over this place at 5 o'clock, this afternoon. Pedestrians were prostrated, carriages and omnibuses thrown over and shattered, and forty persons were seriously injured, and many more were bruised and cut. The only person killed was the keeper of a fruit stand, who was blown into the harbor and drowned.

A Close Call.

After suffering for three weeks from cholera infantum, so that I was not expected to live, and, at the time, would even have been glad had death called me, so great was my suffering, a friend recommended Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, which acted like magic on my system. But for this medicine I would not be alive now.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE OAR.

The programme for the James Bay Athletic Association regatta, on August 20, is now complete, and the great majority of entries are in. The course will be from the club house to Point Ellice bridge and return, and the oarsmen who seek racing honors are now training hard. A number of "extras" are expected to be added to the list, for which special prizes will be gladly received, and the present fixtures are as below:

Senior singles, 1½ miles with turn; Dr. Helmcken cup.
Junior singles, 1½ miles with turn, E. Mallandaine cup.
Senior fours, ¾ mile, straightaway.
Junior fours, ¾ mile, straightaway.
Peterboro canoe race, ½ mile.
Swimming race, 150 yards.

For the 4 oar races the following crews are already entered:

(1) D. Sullivan (stroke), J. W. Hutchison, F. A. Gowen, F. A. Widdowson (bow).
(2) G. A. Askew, (stroke), W. Scott, A. C. Campbell, T. Ellison (bow).
(3) W. H. Pegram (stroke), W. H. Graham, W. P. Perkins, T. L. Graham (bow).
(4) Allan Cameron (stroke), H. C. Macaulay, M. Heap, E. Finlaison (bow).
(5) W. A. Ward (stroke), W. Beaven, W. H. Langley, Ross Munro (bow).
(6) D. B. McConnan (stroke), G. E. Jorgenson, R. M. Clarke, H. J. Austin (bow).
(7) F. Mallandaine (stroke), H. F. Hewitt, E. Mallandaine, J. Aden (bow).
(8) T. D. Jones (stroke), C. E. Bailey, F. O. Fawcett, J. M. Patterson (bow).

Senior singles—Sullivan, Scott and Askew.

There is a good possibility that a single canoe race will be added to the programme, as well as an "upset race," and one or two other novelties of the gymkhana order.

Members are requested to turn out for practice every day, and to be prompt.

ON THEIR OWN GROUND.

The members of the James Bay Athletic Association are preparing to meet the Siwashes of the province on their own ground, or rather water, at the next 24th of May regatta. A fine war canoe for 15 paddles has been ordered from Peterboro, and will soon be on its westward way, and with this the boys will be quite prepared to give the natives a brush.

M'LEAN NOT DISHEARTENED.

"Our Alec" is not quenched by his recent defeats at the hands of Dignan, and will try and get consolation out of Martin and Hindmarsh before leaving Nanaimo. He rows the former two miles, straight away, for $200, next Saturday, and the latter two and a half miles, for $100, on August 20. Hindmarsh is to have the advantage of a sliding seat and 30 yards handicap.

THE VICTOR'S REWARD.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 3—(Special).—The silver challenge cup, presented by the Hotel Vancouver for competition in the coming regatta, is very handsome. It is two feet high, topped by an oarsman in costume standing erect holding an oar, and supported on either side by four oars stacked. At the face of the cup are two beavers. On the ebony pedestal are shields to bear the names of the successive winners.

THE TURF.

HIS HIGHNESS LAID UP.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—It has been rumored for some days at Monmouth Park, that His Highness, the Futurity winner of 1891 and the most sensational two-year-old ever bred in America, has gone wrong. It is known he is laid up again in the near fore leg. Up to Friday he was going along well in his work, but the lameness will necessitate a long rest. Things look dark for the meeting between Tammany and His Highness this season.

THE RING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—Billy Maher, the Australian lightweight, arrived from Los Angeles, this morning, en route to Portland, Or., where he is to fight Billy Smith, of Boston, on Sept. 14.

YACHTING.

It is understood arrangements will be made to-day, among the members of the Victoria Yacht Club, for fixing a date on which to meet for the purpose of forming committees to look after the regatta. Unless this meeting is called immediately, some of the members say that the grand meeting of the Anacortes, New Whatcom and Puget Sound yachtsmen, at this port, will be postponed until next year, and this they do not want. The enthusiasm manifested among American sportsmen, in regard to the great international races to be held this year, is such that already, it is understood, the plans for the construction of a yacht to carry away the prizes have been prepared in Port Townsend.

The Wetmore.

SEATTLE, Aug. 1.—The whaleback Chas. W. Wetmore arrived in the harbor yesterday from San Francisco. She docked alongside the steamship Umatilla at the Oregon Improvement Co.'s bunkers. The vessel has on board 350 tons of Cumberland coal, which the Oregon Improvement Co. will use in its blacksmith shops. The Wetmore will load coal in a few days for California. She has changed somewhat in appearance since her last visit to Seattle five months ago. Besides having been repainted she has been provided with five big masts. The masts, which are run up from the hatches and are held firmly in place by cone-like plates of iron, are provided with derricks for hoisting cargo and yards for spreading sails. The masts not only serve to steady and strengthen the vessel, but may enable her to make faster time between ports. Captain O'Brien, who has been on the Wetmore for five months, reports a pleasant trip up from San Francisco.

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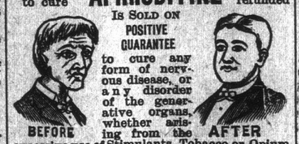

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