

Puget Sound, and is a port of entry to the United States. It was named by Vancouver in 1792, for his friend, the Marquis of Townsend. The people think they have the choice position, and that the next generation will find this the "chief city" of the extreme north-west. They already scorn comparison with the towns at the head of the Sound. On the opposite side of the bay is Fort Townsend, where a few U. S. troops still keep up the semblance of a military post.

Earlier in the afternoon we had an exhibition of the quick and savage way in which a rough Westerner settles a matter. Among the many loungers on the dock, who sat hour after hour on the edge of the pier and swung their feet over the tide, or propped their weariness against the warehouse wall and watched us, we noticed two who arose and walked slowly and quietly across the wharf, when suddenly one turned and hitting his companion, the smaller man, a blow directly in the mouth, knocked him down ;