

## SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

## Schooner "Teresa's" Coast Sealing Expedition Over—Is an Unsuccessful Venture.

Captain Irving the Highest Bidder for U. S. Steamship Hassler's Purchase.

The sealing schooner Teresa, Capt. Meyer, is back from her coast hunting cruise with but 102 skins aboard, representing her total season's catch. She dropped anchor in James bay at 6 o'clock last evening, and intends remaining in port until the middle of June, to be ready for a Bering sea expedition when the season sets in. Unlike the majority of the Victoria Coast sealing fleet the Teresa did not cruise North, although it was Capt. Meyer's desire to do so. He was, however, prevented by the determined objections of his Indian crew, who seemed to have fully made up their minds not to go there before engaging with the schooner. They appeared frightened at a Northern cruise, though for what reasons they would not explain. Capt. Meyer for several weeks has longed for a route to carry him north for a year but this not having been he was obliged to head for Victoria and take the Indians home under what he considers an inveterate excuse—sickness among the tribe and one man aboard illing. Capt. Meyer brings no later sealing news. He says the weather has been extremely rough to the south but seals have been plentiful. About the 20th of this month a few days fine weather was experienced and one day during this spell he captured 54 seals.

Only two bids were presented for the purchase of the United States coast and geodetic survey steamer Hassler at Tacoma on Thursday. The bids were opened about the vessel at noon. The bidders were Capt. John Irving, of Victoria, manager of the C. P. N. Co., who bid \$5,250, and Johnson & Thomas, of Seattle. The last named bid was promptly withdrawn, and the amount not made public. The head of the firm is ex-Superintendent J. H. Johnson, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. Capt. Irving's bid will be sent on to Washington City to be accepted or rejected. It is generally thought it will be rejected, as the cost is said to be well worth \$15,000 or \$20,000. Capt. Irving intends, so it is understood, says a Tacoma special, to place the steamer, in case he gets her, on the run from Victoria to Fort Simpson, 600 miles north and at the mouth of the Stikine river.

A SKIFF FOUND ADRIFT. Going up to the Fraser on Wednesday last the steamer R. P. Rutter picked up a small skiff drifting below Dacey Island. The skiff, which was half full of water, had rowlocks and oars shipped, and contained a box with some oranges and a sack of chicken feed in it. It was feared that some one had been drowned from the boat, but inquiries elicited the information that the boat had been left on the beach by an Indian and was carried off by the tide.

On Boreas Island the entrance to the harbor a new light is being placed. The new light, which will shine after May 1, will be visible at about ten miles distance. It will be of conical shape, a change from that of the fixed blue light which has been stationary. The new lighting apparatus, which will be tested to day, will be in the shape of a 6th order, will be brilliant for fifteen seconds, and will then be eclipsed for five seconds. The officers of the steamer Umattila, in Vancouver yesterday, gave it as their opinion that through the rival steamer on the route between Seattle and Tacoma. Sound had stopped running, and the route was at an end, rats would not advance for the present at least. The Umattila will shortly lay up in the harbor.

The government steamer Quadra will remain in port until after the arrival from Ottawa next week of the Canadian contingent of the Alaska boundary survey commission. She is under orders to take the party through to Alaska from here.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES. The Burrard Rowing Club, of Vancouver, have twenty oarsmen practicing for the coming regatta. McLean, formerly trainer for the ex-world's champion, Stanbury, has been engaged as caretaker and trainer by the club.

The Vancouver Gun Club are anxious to arrange a shoot between teams picked from their club and the Victoria Gun Club. L. Tait went over to Vancouver this morning to represent the Capital lacrosse club at the intermediate association meeting to be held there this afternoon. The main business of the meeting will be the arrangement of a schedule of games for the coming season.

The annual bench show of the Toronto Kennel Club opened on Thursday with four hundred dogs on exhibition.

The racing board of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association has appointed the following racing board for British Columbia with full power for granting sanctions and championship and for suspension of riders: W. S. Key, West Westminster (chairman); C. H. Gibbons, Victoria; D. G. Whitaker, Kamloops.

The K. of P. whilst tournament ended last night with Messrs. F. LeRoy and H. Pettiford winners of the Pythian emblems presented by Far West lodge. The winners out of nine games played only lost one. Messrs. G. Gilbert and M. H. McCabe take second place.

COWICHAN-ALBERNI. The official reports from the deputy returning officers for the recent Cowichan-Alberni election arrived yesterday, and indicate that there has been some mistake, which no doubt will be discovered when the recount asked for takes place. It will be remembered that the returning officer computed that an equal number of votes had been cast for each of the candidates, and giving the casting vote in Mr. Wood's favor declared that gentleman elected. At received 71 votes in the Alberni division, but it is stated that the deputy returning officer gave 72 votes for him there, the complete list for the constituency being given as follows:

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The returning officer's casting vote is not included in the above. There were 3 spoiled ballots: at Cobb's Hill 2; McPherson 2; and Huff 1. Mr. Huff has through his

colleague formally claimed the seat on the returns of the deputy. Whatever the result of this application may be, further progress is probable, as no account has been made of the returns of the polling at Claycoot (in the Alberni division), where a ballot box was sent, and from which no return had been received when the returning officer gave his decision, nor has any yet come to hand.

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THE SCHOOL trustees are to have a special meeting this evening with Mr. Frederick H. Killik, the object being to make arrangements for a course of lectures and practical instruction to the pupils of the public schools in life saving in case of drowning accidents. For years Mr. Killik has made a special study of the subject, especially in France, Belgium and England, where the resuscitation of the drowned has had great attention given to it. Since then he has lectured and taught very successfully thousands of pupils, including members of the Y.M.C.A. associations in Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston and Detroit. It is wonderful how very little will often save a human being from drowning, Mr. Killik says. For instance, there is actually enough air in one's clothes to keep a person who cannot swim afloat for three and a half minutes, if he remains cool and does not lose his head. By practical life saving he shows how to approach and save a drowning person and the simplest and best means of resuscitation. For the last year Mr. Killik has been lecturing, but has been doing mission work among the Indians of the North, where he has been as companion to the Bishop of Athabasca on a journey through that immense diocese. He was in 1894 appointed representative for Canadian life-saving societies to the Belgium international exhibition, but was unable to attend. He goes from here as far south as Los Angeles, and should he make arrangements with the school trustees to-morrow night will return in July.

THE CONTRACT for the new Gorge bridge was yesterday awarded by the streets committee to Wilson & N. B. at \$720.

THE APPOINTMENT of Mr. Barham as official liquidator of the B. C. Terra Cotta Co. was confirmed yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake.

THE FUNERAL of Archie McIntosh, who died on Wednesday evening, will take place to day at 3 o'clock from Hayward's undertaking rooms.

THE SPRING ASSIZES will open before Chief Justice on May 23. On Monday the sheriff will strike the panels of grand and petit jurors.

WHILE PULLING up the Arm in an outrigger yesterday morning Louis Young, an exciting appearance. His craft capsized and was rescued by Mr. Garrett Smith, Mr. Young was pretty thoroughly chilled.

REV. G. C. KING gave an interesting lecture on British Columbia and Alaska at the Sir Wm. Wallace hall last evening. An entirely new series of lantern views were shown and much enjoyed by those present.

THE VANCOUVER ISLAND BUILDING SOCIETY held its eighteenth drawing for an appropriation last evening, the result being that Mr. R. Aaronsen drew the lucky number, 248, A and B Messrs. Erskine, Meldrum and Galloway were the committee.

THERE WAS a very good audience at the James B. May Methodist church last evening to hear the Rev. Solomon Cleaver lecture. He spoke for his subject "An Hour with the Poets," and in a short time placed a large amount of very interesting information before his hearers.

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