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The Spring Race Meet.

Amateur and Professional Bicyclists at the Oak Bay Track.

Victoria Boys Make a Good Showing Against American Rivals.

which calls for a good conception of him morous situations. Much of his stage work is done in connection with Tom Price (Mr. E. Scholefield), who has charge of the cham-Victòria's riders swept the amateur card in the bicycle races at Oak Bay track yesterday, which is a record to be proud of, when such men as Cooper Har rold, Norton and Selby Henderson are numbered among the contestants. In the professional class. Frank J. Cotter, the New Westminster champion, proved the star, with Hall of Omaha his most danstar, with Hall of Omaha his most dan-gerous opponent. The weather was bright, and the track in perfect order; a well-filled grand-stand watched the sport; the band was agreeably in evidence, and the races were disposed of with prompt ness and precision—but the wind blew a gale and it was harder to ride a mile in 2:25 than without the wind it would have been to put up a 2-minute mile.

and Mr. Sidney Roberts as "Dr. Finnicum"

been to put up a 2-minute mile. In the amateur class it was a great day for the Perfect and the town. Joe Hancock rode to victory on it in the nor Hancock rode to victory on it in the nov-ice race; Penwill on it took the twothirds open; Ford Thompson, still anoth- amateurs is worthy of pronounced recognition.

er Perfect rider, won the open mile; and Thompson and Parr on a 104-geared Per-fect tandem defeated Henderson and

THE EIGHT HOUR LAW.

Harrold on the two-seater. We are informed on the authority of The novice race brought forth a string of four, Morrisey (who was thought to have a mortgage on the prize) making Government has decided to obtain an the pace when the bell lap was start-ed. He was given battle in the fight with the wind on the last turn and up the stretch by Hancock and Jenkins, and ment of the eight-hour working day law the final struggle was between these two for metalliferous mines, and providing boys. Hancock won out by inches in the men approve of the change the Gova driving finish.

a driving finish. In the start of the two-thirds open oc-curred the only spill of the day, Thomp-son and Henderson coming down through accidental wild riding by the latter. Thompson remounted and finished the race, but of course without chance of winning a place. It was Penwill who started the jump, about half way down the back-stretch, and although the spurt was a long one he managed to hold it under full steam to the wire, Cooper Har-rold and A. Norton making a gallant fight and finishing second and third, re-spectively. In the open mile the pace-making was

In the open mile the pace-making was very evenly distributed, and the finish thrilling. In the play for position in the last lap Penwill got in a hopeless corner and Harrold and Norton were about concluding that they had the bat tle for honors between them. They had down the back-stretch like a cyclone made it three abreast in the rounding of the last turn, and a fierce drive home. The Victorian was too fast for the visit-ors, however, and again secondary hom ors were their share. The tandem race was looked upon as In the open mile the pace-making was vantage of this lucky chance to escape

The tandem race was looked upon as favor of an eight-hour law, compacting practically sure for Harrold and Henderson, the Perfect on which Thompson and Parr met them being over-geared for the wind conditions. Again there was a fine fight for honors, the Victoria team starting the sprint when they had the wind behind them, and their rivals hug-ring them close into and up the starting.

C. P. R. OVERLAND FLYER. LETTERS TU THE EDITOR Four Days From Montreal to Vancouver How Mistake in Bill of Lading Affected Montreal, May 26 .- The new fast

VIOTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST MONDAY MAY 29, 1899

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GRAIN INSURANCE CASE.

Thirty Thousand Dollars.

and Mr. Sidney Roberts as "Dr. Finnicum" took their parts. "The Barrister," which followed, is a very amusing farce in three acts. It turns upon a nocturnal adventure of Mr. Maxwell (Mr. Finch-Smiles), a lawyer, who has befriended Miss Foster (Miss Keefer) by loaning her cabfare. He carries away her travelling bag and she his. His contains valuable papers that are needed in a lawsuit. He is temporarily occupying the chambers of Capt. Arthur Walker (Mr. Foulkes), and this leads to complications with Miss Ellen Fayre (Miss Hickey), to whom Capt. this leads to complications with Miss Ellen Fayre (Miss Hickey), to whom Capt. Walk-er is engaged, and also with Mrs. Maxwell (Miss Aspland), whose father, Major Dray-ton (Mr. Bryan Drake) is engaged to Miss

Foster. The working out of the little plot leads to some very interesting and amusing situations. It was very well put on. Mr. Finch-Smiles made very much of his part,

sources of the portions of this periods nection. affected by the proposed con-pation. Now, sit, while I have no idea whatever in the citizens of Victoria which of the schemes already submitted is the best for them to adopt as calculated best to serve the interests of the city, with your per-et of assuming the reagons of the opportunity T of pointing out to them another, and, as I believe, a better scheme than any flux far suggested. It will not only benefit the city is to fold the terminus of three transcontinen-tically the terminus of three transcontinen-stal railways, thus advancing the interests of the city through the (certain) enormous increase in both local and tourist travel, ways; but it also possesses the additional semimental or patricic recommendation is as well as with the C.P.R., and all at a minimum of expense in construction. The handing on the Mainland will be on the handing on the Mainland will be on the

lita dispatch says a small tornado struck that town last evening, completely de tist hall and a number of dwellings and outbuildings. Part of the roof of the Grand Uion hotel was blown off, but no

Intr some of the schemes lack. It will afford connection with two American roads, as well as with the C.P.R., and all at a maintum of expense in construction. The hading on the Mainland will be on the British or Canadlan side of the line-and yet near enough to see an enemy coming. There is a good depth of water within one thousand feet of the shore, with good anchorage, while the roadstead is protected from the prevailing high winds, and there is no difficulty in making port; there are already some conveniences existing, in the form of a wharf, etc., and the place is only two miles from a railway already op-erating, and connecting with the cities of Westminster and Seattle; there is also an additional incentive why this route should be adopted, and that is, the construction of a short line of about 29 miles would give connection with two other transcontinental roads-Northern Pacific and C.P.R.-and at the same time would open up one of the most productive agricultural sections of the province fairly well settled, and all that it requires for its development it improved transportation facilities. The business from this section of country would form no in-considerable item as a dividend producer, while the short spur of 20 miles would be the first link in the road to the Kootenay district, and as it would traverse a sec-tion of country remote from the river, there would be practically no competition; and by making your connection with either Vancouver or on the United States side of the line all fbis trade would be lost. I think I hear some objections owing to the necessity for the construction of a bridge across the Fraser river at Westmin-ster. Of course a bridge may be required at that point, but is it not a fact by adopt-ing White Rock, on Semiahmoo Bay, as the Mainland landing place, the construc-tion of the expensive mole, approaches, etc., of something over a mile across the sund fats at Boint Roberts, end over 20 miles one was injured. The Galician murderers will be executed to-morrow at 8 o'clock. The impres-sion that the chief justice held that the warrant from Ottawa was necessary is a wrong one. His Lordship never took that view. His contention was that the officers should have a very positive aufon of the expensive mole, approaches, etc., f something over a mile across the sand lats at Point Roberts, and over 20 miles thority before acting in a matter of cap-ital punishment, and he did not consider ts at Point Roberts, and over 20 miles new railway will be avoided, and still b bridge problem is in evidence, to say thing of the additional fact that the the first telegram received by the sheriff to be of such a character. The expected warrant from the secretary of state, auad will have to compete with water car age on the river the whole distance thorizing the execution of the men, ar-rived by to-day's train, and was received

here are many other advantages that build be pointed out in favor of this route. mong which is the advantage it would be both the city of Victoria and to to both the city of Victoria and to the province at large were the Victoria & Sid-ney railway made revenue producing (through this connection) rather than as that thoroughfare is in its present condi-tion, the \$20,000 odd that is annually re-quired to maintain that short piece of road would your score new the cost of construe. quired to maintain that short piece of road would very soon pay the cost of construc-tion of all the facilities for connecting the city with the rallway systems of the Main-land: and as to the bridge at Westminster (I have it on pretty good authority), that will be constructed as a matter of necessity in a very short time, and doubtless if the scheme outlined herein were taken un, its construction would admit of but little de-lay.

Avoid Baking Powders containing

slum. They are injurious to health

The carpenters' strike has been de-clared off, the carpenters accepting the old rate of wages while the arbitration proceedings are progressing. TITLED TRAVELLERS. Now Speeding Westward to Take Steam-

by the sheriff

fer to Lethbridge

er for the Orient.

Mr. E. L. Pardee of the Bank of Mon-

The carpenters' strike has been de-

treal, here. has been notified of his trans-

vincial government to allow Mr. Ludwinnipeg, May 26.—Among the pas-sengers for the Pacific Cast to-day, en was much difference of opinion, and route to Yokohama, were Lord Francis strong language was used, particularly John Plantagenet Hastings, Earl of Huntington of Ireland and major in the by resolution the action of seven of the

larged

resolutions



Scornfully Refuse Amount Offered by United States in Settlement of Their Claims.

Havana, May 26 .- Two hundred Cu-VANCOUVER AFFAIRS. bans of the command of General Mayia molishing the skating rink, the old Bap- Cotton and Martin Factions Have a Row Bodriguez, near Maranio, has dispersed,

the

Edmanson, Bates & Co.

colony.

-Murderer Given Month's

Perrier, the murderer of Jennie An-

superintendent and surgeon of the in-

gation. The Columbian requests that a new trial be given. Perrier took his month's reprieve as a matter of course,

A communication has been received

from the Dominion government regard-

ing the ownership of Deadman's Island.

They have instructed Alex. Henderson of New Westminster that they intend to

At a meeting last night

present provincial government party

were passed urging

the campaign executive of

and asked to be given his freedom to pro-

cure witnesses for a new trial.

Respite.

to a washout east of Illecillewaet.

Russian Peasants in Condition So Terrible That Outside after resolving not to take the \$75 per man, offered by the United States gov Aid Is Needed. ernment. Some of them sold their arms, and others took them to their homes. Vancouver, May 26.-The C. P R.

train, due to-day, is 18 hours late, owing the Cuban army in the Western provinces Famine Has Held Carnival will follow suit, declining to give up arms or to accept American money. Accord-While Press Censor Supderson, has been reprieved for one month ng to these reports the government empressed the Facts. ployees will contribute a percentage pending an inquiry into his sanity. The their salaries, in order to give the soldiers an amount equal to that offered sane asylum will be the board of investi- by the United States.

The Obstruction....

To the sidewalk will be removed in a few days, and our lad striends will be able to visit us without the annoyance of clamber-ing over bricks and mortar. Patience is a

jewel, and is required in large stock where new buildings are being erected.

Golden Corn Meal, 10 lb. sack, 20c.

Whole Wheat Flour 10 lb. sack, 35c

Don't overlook our GOLDEN BLEND

Dixi H. Ross & Co.

....7 1bs. 25c

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.. 10 1b . sack, 40c.

Manitoba Rolled Oats,.....

Rye Meal, ...

Rye Flour.....

PANTS, \$1, \$1.75, \$2.50.

JACKETS, \$1.75, 2.25, \$3

SHIR TS, 75c., \$1. \$1.25.

97 JOHNSON STREET

Are Starving.

Twenty Millions

By Associated Press. London, May 27 .- Particulars received

regarding the famine in Russia confirm Oh! I was a Robin I know, I know, In the mystical days of the Long Ago, On the topmost branch and the highest the previous harrowing accounts. The spray, tossed, and warbled my roundelay. members of the Russian aristocracy seem to have at last awakened to a full At early dawn rang my matin song, And my vesper hymn was clear and sense of the gravity of the situation, and

money is beginning to flow on all sides for the relief of the starving Mougiks. Ere the stars had faded, my morning Unfortunately, charity is most always Went up to God for the bright spring too late. The censor at first preven days, When the sudden showers came rat'ling down On the cottage roof-tree, old and brown-I trilled and laughed, and hopped in glee, As I thought of the blossoming apple tree. I trilled and laughed and hopped in glee, the truth from being published by the Russian press. Now that the facts are allowed to appear, the famine spectre is stalking through the land. Some author-ities estimate that as many as 20, 000,-

As I felt the scent of the fesh brown 000 peasants are starving.

METEMPSYCHOSIS

FORTY-SECO Kruger Come British Governme ates to the **Thousand** Pet Significant Hint **President** on of Confer Report That Kruge Distributing Arms to Farm By Associated Press. London, May 30.-The by Conyngham Green. at Pretoria, to Wynber of the Transvaal Provin League, with reference signed by 21.694 Britis dent in Whitwatersrand to Her Majesty the Que

"I have instructions petitioners that their pe receiving the serious Her Majesty's governm expressing an opinion the proceedings on the s contained in the petitio government cannot but ling of sympathy wi and are earnestly desin peedy and substantial n their position. "That the governmen

further reply to the moment is due to the fac is arranged between the sioner and the president at which it is expected with others now at issu two governments, will be

"Her Majesty's governm agreement of the presider lic to meet the high commindication that both the the government of the R cerely desirous of arrivin which will satisfy the res tions of the unenfranch KRUGER GOES TO C Bloomfield, Orange Fra 30.-Sir Alfred Milner, go Colony and British high c South Africa, and Preside of the South African Capetown and Pretoria this morning for their m prrow to consider the Uitlanders.

Great preparations fo have been made here. have been erected outsi



Paris, May 30.-The a Ignace Jean Paderewski, t Russian pianist, declares t no truth in the report that ski has married the former las Gorski, the violinist. uestion, it is added, is