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FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, JULY 26.
THE RIFLE MEETING.

A Vancouver Shot Captures the Chief Prize of the First Day—Other Prize Winners.

Annual Business Meeting to Be Held To-night in Accordance With New By-Laws.

Fifty competitors constitute the attendance at the annual prize meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association, which opened at the Goldstream range yesterday.

The weather was beautiful, the arrangements were perfect, and therefore the programme as already published was carried out without a hitch. There were but two matches completed—the Nursery and the Helmsken. For the extra series shooting which took up most of the time in the morning, was in continuous succession which ended only with the close of the meeting. For the Nursery match, restricted to those not having won a prize of \$5 or upwards, there were seventeen entries. It was at 500 yards, 7 shots, and resulted thus:—

56. Sergt. Gibson, R. M. A.	31
57. Gr. W. J. Corbett, Westminster	29
58. Gr. C. A. Goodwin	29
59. Gr. W. H. Bailey	27
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This occupied all afternoon, for it was open to all the competitors, and though the scoring was considerably lower than that of last year, when the medal was won with 93, the contest between the leaders proved very interesting. It resulted in victory for Gr. J. Duff Stuart, of Vancouver, who is the sole representative of that city, who tied with last year's winner, Gunner Langley, in the grand total, but won because of the best score at the longest distance. Their scores in detail were:—

Corporal Stuart	300	600	600	77
Gunner Langley	28	30	29	87
Gr. W. H. Bailey	30	29	28	87

The medal is the gift of Mr. H. Dallas Holmeken, Q.C., M.P.P., and is a very handsome souvenir. The prize list is as follows:—

Medal and \$10.—Corp. J. D. Stuart, Vancouver	87
10. Gr. A. F. Cotton, Vancouver	85
11. Gr. A. F. Cotton, Vancouver	85
12. Gr. A. F. Cotton, Vancouver	85
13. Gr. A. F. Cotton, Vancouver	85
14. Gr. A. F. Cotton, Vancouver	85
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The pool shooting was an innovation which proved very popular, and the target set apart for that purpose was kept busy all day. The bullets at 200 yards were found to be worth \$1.05 each—the original investment being 10c. Those made at 500 yards were worth 75c, and those at 600 yards \$1.25.

The council held a special meeting on the night of the 29th inst., at which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and discussed and passed some important amendments to the by-laws. One effect of these is that the annual business meeting of the association will be held at Goldstream this evening, instead of next January as would have happened under the old regulations.

FITZSIMMONS V. "COLUMBIAN."

In the libel case of Fitzsimmons vs. the Columbia newspaper, the plaintiff's application was made before Mr. Justice Walker by Mr. E. V. Bodwell on behalf of plaintiff's counsel to have the case tried at Victoria instead of Westminster, on the grounds, as stated in plaintiff's affidavit, that a fair trial at Westminster was not probable in view of the fact that the defendant's newspaper had spoken of plaintiff in unmeasured terms, and from the further fact that the grand jury had of their own motion made a presentment to the judge lately presiding at the assizes at Westminster denouncing the defendant. Plaintiff's counsel also opposed the removal of the trial to Vancouver on account of its proximity to Westminster. The Court decided that the trial be held at Vancouver, in the first place as it was highly improbable that there could be any more prejudice there than there was in Victoria—if there was any prejudice at all in either place against the plaintiff; that the jury to be selected would be a special jury, and therefore one above ordinary influences; and that it would be impossible for defendants to bring down all the witnesses referred to or even a small part of them without great and undue expense.

Moreover, the counsel retained happened to reside at Vancouver and Westminster, and as, had been suggested, the penitentiary guards were to be witnesses in the case, it would be difficult to obtain their attendance in Victoria, though their attendance might be insured at Westminster. As to the railway connection with Westminster, besides the interest of the parties and the interest of the public service has to be considered. In view of all the circumstances, Vancouver would seem to be a place less objectionable for the purposes of the trial than either Victoria or Westminster. As to the extra costs which might be incurred by the removal of the trial to Vancouver, they would be best dealt with hereafter by the trial judge, who having all the evidence before him could more readily decide whether the plaintiff should pay them or not. Mr. McColl, Q.C., appeared for the defendants.

THE CITY.

NOTICE is given in the Gazette that the long vacation commences this year on August 15 and lasts till October 24.

Three bicycle riders appeared in the police court yesterday morning charged by officer Smith with riding on the sidewalk. A conviction was recorded in each case and the unfortunate two wheelers were fined \$2 each.

The Maistre habes corpus case was to have come before Mr. Justice Walker yesterday. Counsel, however, informed His Lordship that there was every probability of the matter being arranged without a trial. The matter was not therefore gone on with.

BEFORE the Chief Justice the partnership case of Landsberg v. Kirschnberg was concluded yesterday after a three days trial. At the conclusion of counsel's arguments, judgment was reserved. Mr. S. Perry Mills appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Archer Martin for the defendants.

BEFORE Justice Crease and McCraith in the Divisional court yesterday Lenz & Leiser v. McGillivray, Chadsey claimant, was argued. This is an appeal from a decision of Judge Bole ordering an interpleader issue to be tried at Westminster. Judgment was reserved. Mr. Thornton Pell for the plaintiff (appellant); Mr. A. J. McColl, Q.C., for the defendant; Mr. E. V. Bodwell for the Sheriff.

The public reception tendered Grand Master Badlong, of the A.O.U.W., in the society's hall, Yates street, last evening was largely attended. The programme for the evening, published in yesterday's Colonist, was carried out to the satisfaction and pleasure of all who attended. It consisted of addresses by officers of the society and others, songs, recitations and instrumental music.

DURING the last few days several small lots of California Bartlett pears have been imported by Mr. E. C. Davidson, of the department of agriculture, who is acting as fruit inspector during Mr. Palmer's absence. Codlin moth and San Jose scale were found on the fruit. On the whole, however, the fruit was being brought into the province in good and only occasionally small lots are found to be diseased.

FROM the Dominion government engineer's office it was learned yesterday that the loss by fire on the tug Princess will not exceed \$200. J. Goodwin, who is in charge of the dredger and the tug, states that although no watchman was aboard the tug when the fire broke out on Wednesday night, B. Ramon, orameman on the dredger, saw the fire first from McInnis's boat-house and had a stream of water on the fire and the flames almost extinguished before the firemen arrived.

The members of Collaz Rebekah lodge spent a very pleasant evening on Tuesday, the occasion being the first meeting under the direction of their new officers, among whom are Mrs. Glover, N. G.; Mrs. Hutchinson, V. G.; Mrs. Phillips, treasurer; Mrs. Grant, recording secretary; Mrs. Deming, financial secretary. At the conclusion of lodge business a very welcome surprise was in store for the members in the shape of substantial and well laid-out refreshments, kindly provided by Brother Sibbard.

A BRIEF dispatch was received yesterday stating that three white men had been attacked and badly injured by four Indians near Fort George in the Cariboo country. No particulars of the affray were given. Supl. Hussey, on being asked about the matter last night, said that he had also received word of the trouble from Quennelle, but the telegram to him only stated that the trouble had occurred, without going into details. He wired to Mr. Williams and Stephenson, stipendiary magistrate at Quennelle, to investigate and act promptly in the matter as the facts might warrant.

THE boy John Winter, who was convicted in the police court on Tuesday of assaulting J. E. Beidgman, came up on remand in the same court yesterday morning. At the request of Magistrate Macrae, Mr. George Winter, the boy's father, was present. The Magistrate spoke briefly of the case, touching on its generally character and the fact that there seemed to be a gang of boys in the Foul Bay district whose wanton acts were a source of great annoyance to the residents. He then asked Mr. Winter what punishment he would suggest for the boy. Mr. Winter in reply said he thought a good flogging might meet the requirements of the case. With this the Magistrate fully agreed and on receiving the assurance of the father that it would be administered, he bound the boy over in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace for twelve months, the costs also to be paid by Mr. Winter. In closing the case the Magistrate gave some good advice coupled with a word of warning as to any future trouble.

FOUNDRY FIRE.

The Point Elliot Ironworks foundry was completely gutted by fire last evening and only the charred shell of the building now remains. Shortly after 7 o'clock the firemen received a telephone message simultaneously with a box alarm notifying them of the conflagration, and although all possible haste was made to the scene, the building was apparently doomed when they arrived there. To keep the blaze from spreading to the mills and buildings near by was therefore the great object to be accomplished. A stream from the hydrant was playing on the fire when the men arrived, but it was not very effective as the hose in use was short. The firemen ran their first line of hose from the corner of Henry and Turner streets where a hydrant had just been placed. Another line, 1,200 feet long, was stretched from the corner of Bridge and John streets, and this was used principally to protect the surrounding buildings, among them a boat house twenty or thirty feet away, which had caught fire. To get at this boat house the firemen had to wade through water more than knee deep. The fire on the boat house, though it had gained some headway, was easily extinguished, and the damage will not exceed \$10. In the foundry was a stock of mouldings, castings, etc., to the value of probably \$2,500, and these constitute the chief loss. A small boiler and engine and other machinery were also in the building, but they are not supposed to be badly injured. The building, which was a frame structure one and a half storeys high, prob-

ably 70 feet long by 40 wide, and situated immediately on the water front, was worth about \$900, the total loss being roughly estimated at under \$3,500. The Baynes & Co., who worked the foundry, had considerable work ahead, having contracts for the iron work on the new postoffice building and for the city waterworks. In order that the city should not be delayed they will at once employ a large force of men to remove the rubbish caused by the fire to make way for the rebuilding of the foundry. The firm state that they expect to resume regular work in about ten days. On the foundry building there was \$500 insurance in the Guardian company which Turner, Beston & Co. are the local agents. The stock of the establishment was insured for \$1,000 in the Phoenix of Brooklyn.

Before the fire was well under control considerable excitement prevailed within a stone's throw of the foundry. Lee & Sons' planing mill and offices, Alley & Grey's saw mill and door factory, and D. F. Adams' large mill are situated, and some of the buildings were not thirty feet apart. Besides the foundry, three, nothing except the boat-house was injured.

RESIGNED.

The sports and games committee in connection with the agricultural exhibition to be held in September, had a somewhat lively discussion last night, resulting in all but the horse racing committee being dropped. Mr. J. H. Falconer occupied the chair. A letter was read from the directors of the agricultural association stating that it had been thought advisable by the association to have horse racing as the most attractive feature that could be carried out in connection with the exhibition. To make the purses of sufficient value to ensure the co-operation and attendance of horsemen from other places, it had been decided to offer \$1,700 prizes. This presented the association with the difficulty of having to provide for the expenses of the race, and to incur large liabilities that they could meet. The chairman and other speakers expressing the opinion that as a sub-committee had been appointed for horse racing and appropriation had been made for other sports, nothing was left but to resign. This was embodied in a motion by Mr. J. Brown, seconded by Mr. W. J. Dwyer, "that this committee resign." This was carried unanimously and the meeting broke up.

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HELPING THE ORPHAN.

The summer carnival and garden party in aid of the Protestant Orphan's Home passed off very pleasantly and successfully yesterday, the proceeds realizing over \$200. The beautiful grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Yelland, on the Esplanade, were made a delightful spot for a garden fête and dotted over with marquees and smaller tents at which refreshments, toys, plain and fancy articles were sold, looked remarkably well. Among the many visitors during the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dwyer, Mrs. Dawson, and Admiral Stephenson. The young ladies in attendance at the stalls were many of them in fancy dress, adding a picturesque touch to the scene. Tennis, fortune telling, target shooting and many other amusements were provided for the amusement of the visitors during the afternoon, and music was not lacking. So very satisfactory was the result that it has been decided to have the grounds open again to the public for two months, those who were unable to be present yesterday a chance to enjoy themselves and help out a worthy work of charity. There will be no admission fee to-day, and a large number of useful and fancy articles will be disposed of at greatly reduced rates.

CROP OUTLOOK.

The crop prospects for the province of British Columbia this season are very much more favorable than they were a year ago, and in cereals and roots the yield will be enormous, probably twice as great as last year. In the interior the rain fall has been over 3 inches for years past with the result that instead of the dried up look that the crops had last season, the grain fields have grown and headed out well; in consequence the harvest will be a fine one. In roots and fruits also the yield will be good. On the lower Fraser there has been just enough rain to most benefit the crops, and in all descriptions the yield promises to be immense. This is the more gratifying because of the unfortunate experience of the farmers on the lower Fraser last year, when their crops were almost ruined by the floods. On Vancouver island the summer has been drier than on the Mainland, but the yield, save on the higher lands and light soils, will be good. A slight shortage will be felt on the higher lands. The prospects here are bright, the province all over, British Columbia will yield double last year's crop of grains and roots, while the hay crop will be quite a third more.

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FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, JULY 27. BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Waterworks Contractors Want the Rook Crusher Delivered to Them in Proper Condition.

The Council Decide That the City Is Not Required to Repair the Machine.

Whether or not the city is bound to put the rook crusher in order at an expense of over \$400 before handing it over to the waterworks contractors, to use as provided by the specifications, was the question which the city council met last night to grapple with. The board were all present with the exception of Ald. Williams and Hall.

The mayor having stated the object of the meeting, read the clause in the specifications which dealt with the matter. It is— "32. The use of the corporation rook crusher will be allowed the contractor free of charge, he paying all costs of transportation and returning it in as good condition as when received."

The waterworks contractors construed the clause in the following letter:— Beaver Lake, July 28th, 1895. To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria: GENTLEMEN—The rook crusher referred to in the specifications of the contract with the City of Victoria for the construction of the dam, filter beds and reservoir at Beaver Lake was delivered to me on the 27th of July. We would say that we have asked for the crusher and all that appertains thereto, and we are entitled to use the crusher in its present condition and to be able to crush rook without steam power to drive it, but we must plead our inability to do so. We therefore cannot receive it from you in its present condition, and we would respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the fact that we have now lost four (4) days through your failure to deliver the above named crusher in a proper condition for use. We would hold you responsible for the loss of time and expense incurred by us in this respect.

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good will—is her equal attachment to the two great continental nations which have so long been rivals.

I believe we shall know some day better than we know now how much her Majesty has done to bring about a better understanding between France and Germany, and so to promote the peace of the world.

Some idea of the burden of official work that falls upon the Queen may be gathered from the statement that in the course of last year Her Majesty mastered the contents of no fewer than 28,000 dispatches.

In these democratic days we are so accustomed to keep uppermost in our minds the social side of the sovereign's duties that we are apt to forget how heavy is her share in the actual work of government.

Though her ministers are, of course, responsible, no official act of theirs is valid without her consent, which is never given without a thorough and conscientious examination of the question in hand.

But, in addition to Her Majesty's heavy state duties, there is the enormous private correspondence which her vast and widely spread family circle renders necessary and which she maintains with the most scrupulous attention and regularity.

There are probably few women at seventy-six who get through a tithe of the work daily performed by the indefatigable Queen.

THE CITY.

RICHARD CARTER, the young blacksmith of Comox who disappeared so mysteriously at Nanaimo on June 15, did not meet with the disastrous death as was feared. There is every reason to believe that he has gone to England.

THE steamer City of Puebla arrived from San Francisco at 6 o'clock last evening, having been detained somewhat on the voyage by head winds. She brought a big number of passengers and about the usual number of freight consignments.

A MOTION was made in Chambers yesterday by Mr. Gordon Hunter to stay proceedings in the case of Dwyer v. Sayward, pending delivery of judgment in the Divisional court in the action of Dwyer v. Sayward. The motion was granted. Bowdell & Irving for Prevost.

At 6 o'clock last evening the carnival and garden party on the grounds of Mr. Charles Vernon, Humboldt street, in aid of the Protestant Orphan's Home, was brought to a most satisfactory conclusion. The attendance was probably not so large as that on the previous day, but the sale of work was very successful.

On the application of Robert Blythe, convicted of abducting Belle Rookwood, the Chief Justice has consented to refer the full court sitting on August 7, certain questions as to the jurisdiction of the courts of B. C. to deal with the case. At the trial the Chief Justice held, as reported in the Colonist, that though the girl was on the American side, the abduction took place here when she joined Blythe.

DOUGLAS & Elliott v. Armstrong came up in the Divisional court yesterday on appeal from the decision of the trial judge refusing to have certain issues of fact tried by jury. The court yesterday decided to have the issues of fact tried by a jury, the issues to be settled by counsel on both sides and falling to the court at its sitting on August 7. Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., for plaintiffs; Mr. A. J. McColl, Q.C., for defendant.

IN the Divisional court yesterday Teetzel v. Brechley, was argued before Justices Crease, Walker and Drake. This is an appeal by plaintiff from a judgment of Judge Bole ordering defendant \$100 on a counter claim, the ground of the appeal being that the judgment was contrary to the finding of the jury. The appeal was allowed. Mr. McPhillips for appellant; Mr. L. P. Duff for respondent.

The small changes in the machinery at the electric light station having been made the result took place last evening. The result will be known some time to-day, and is expected to be satisfactory. It is probable that the defects in the building will also receive attention at the same time. Superintendent Hutcheson states that about \$5,000 will be required to put the plant in effective shape; as it is at present it is extremely difficult to get a good service.

YESTERDAY the case of Keefer and Smith v. McPhillips and others as Dyrking Commission for the Sumas municipality was settled. The plaintiffs, Keefer and Smith, claimed \$5,000 for professional work done by their firm when engaged as engineers by the commissioners on the dyking work. A verdict was reached yesterday by plaintiffs entering judgment for \$4,000 and costs. Mr. E. V. Bodwell for plaintiffs; Mr. A. J. McColl, Q.C., for the defendants.

ENSIGN WM. PATTERSON of the food and shelter home, wishes to thank the following friends for donations of food for the past two weeks: Hall & Renouf, bacon; Porter & Sons, meat; Mr. Chapman, vegetables; Friend (per H. Dearnes), one pair rabbits and vegetables; L. Goodkore, meat and bones for soup; Dornstien Bakery, bread; Dix's H. Ross, jam and bacon; Friend (per H. Dearnes), bread; Coffee and Spice Mills, coffee; Mr. Brown, cabbage; Mr. Marshall, bread; London Bakery, bread; and Mrs. Gray, candy and butter. Everything is working nicely at the shelter, which is getting in good shape for the winter.

A PARTY of Victoria men who have been prospecting in the vicinity of Leech and San Juan rivers returned to the city on Wednesday with samples of gold quartz taken from the locality. These samples were assayed and are reported to have run very high. It is impossible just now to determine the value of the claim as it will be necessary to do considerable preparatory work. The party left again last night, and the work will be pushed forward with all possible speed. Captain Cavin and Mr. Charles Pardoe are among the Victorians interested.

DAVID CHARLES MURRAY and Mr. Stanley, who have been spending the past few months in E. quimal, leave to-day for the Kootenay country. They propose visiting many of the big mines and may make a special trip to San Francisco. Last evening Mr. Murray gave his farewell "talk" to a Victoria audience in the A. O. U. W. hall, which was fairly well filled. "In the face of war" was the suggestive subject of the "talk." The speaker related a wide variety of experiences in the Russo-Turkish war in his own characteristic and effective style.

SHE LOVES THE FRENCH.

The great popularity enjoyed by Queen Victoria in France is due not only to her world-recognized virtues, but also to an exemplary woman, but also to the knowledge of her extreme fondness for the French nation and French people generally, says the New York Journal.

One of the secrets of the Queen's great personal influence in European politics—and its influence ever used on the side of peace and

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

An Immense Freight Brought From the Orient by the Steamship "Evandale."

The "Warrimoo" Sails From Sydney—Rocks Located by the Steamer "Quadra."

The Evandale, the largest of the Northern Pacific line of steamships, made fast to the outer wharf at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, seventeen days from Yokohama. She brought a record breaking cargo, amounting in all to over 7,100 tons measurement, divided thus: 250 tons for Victoria, 600 tons for San Francisco, 1,700 tons for Portland and the Sound, and the rest for overland points. The bulk of the great load is tea bound overland. The ship has 100 tons greater carrying capacity than the Strath-nevis, which previously brought the largest freight ever taken across the Pacific. She appeared not to be deeply laden when along the coast owing to the light and bulky nature of her freight, but then when the batches were lifted her big cargo was at once appreciated. Having left the Orient some time before the Empress of India, she had already arrived, the Evandale brings us later Oriental news. She had a very fine voyage, but sighted no vessel during her voyage. In appearance the ship is much like the Eskdale, the last N.P. liner which arrived here. Her decks, however, are of different and not of steel as were those of the Eskdale. She is besides a more modern ship, having only left the Clyde on her maiden trip on January 31st. She then proceeded to Japan via the Suez canal with cargo. Since that time until her present charter she was employed on the coast of China. Three of her crew were shipwrecked when on board the British steamer Yarrowdale in the Red sea in April last. Their vessel struck a rock, but was saved. Instead of deserting her, the crew stood by the ship and not have got her ashore again had it not been for the friendly attacks made by the natives on the coast. In consequence they had to flee for their lives, their assailants afterwards making away with the best part of the cargo. One of the crew had by him yesterday an Old Country paper, illustrating the wreck of the Evandale in 3,867 gross tonnage, or 2,487 net registered tonnage. She is 365 feet long, by 42 feet wide by 29 feet deep. She steams 10 knots an hour and consumes about 20 tons of Japanese coal a day. Her machinery and equipment are of the most modern build. She carries 890 tons of water ballast and has many other excellent features. Her chief officers are: Captain Byers; first officer, William Martin; second officer, John Wright; third officer, M. Nelson; chief engineer, C. North; second engineer, John Allen; third engineer, J. Gay; fourth engineer, John Smith; purser, David Joseph Jeau.

Freight competition between the different Oriental steamship lines is becoming keener than ever. It was thought a short time ago that the lowest limit for carrying flour to the Orient from Pacific coast points had been reached, but the rates have dropped still lower to a level where profits seem altogether out of the question. When it was announced some time ago that flour would be carried to the Orient for \$4 a ton there was much speculation among shipping men as to the probable effect of the cut. There will be more, however, now that the rate has been cut down half. The Northern Pacific Steamship Company on Wednesday set the \$2 rate, and with immense cargoes ships expect to at least hold their own with the other companies. Flour is now the principal freight carried by each of the Oriental lines.

Whilst the Dominion steamer Quadra was cruising round the coast, the interior was much speculation among shipping men as to the probable effect of the cut. There will be more, however, now that the rate has been cut down half. The Northern Pacific Steamship Company on Wednesday set the \$2 rate, and with immense cargoes ships expect to at least hold their own with the other companies. Flour is now the principal freight carried by each of the Oriental lines.

MARINE NOTES.

The government steamer Quadra returned to port yesterday after cruising about the Sandheads for the past week under instructions of the Dominion Fisheries Department. Steamer Queen on her fourth excursion trip of the season will leave here for Alaska on Saturday.

Of more than ordinary merit was the stereopticon lecture given at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening by Rev. H. H. Rice, of Oakland, Cal. The lecturer took as his subject "The Paradise of the Pacific," and for an hour and a half he delighted his audience with fine pictures of Hawaiian scenery explained in bright descriptive style that was particularly enjoyable. The city of Honolulu with its lovely homes, the faces of distinguished Hawaiians past and present, the picturesque scenery of the islands and the awful volcano of Kilauea all came in for illustration and description. There was a good sized audience, and all came away well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The First Victoria company of the Boys' Brigade held their closing session at the Y.M.C.A. rooms last evening in the presence of a considerable number of the boys and their friends. Dr. Ernest Hall occupied the chair, and Rev. Canon Beane, vice-president of the Brigade in British Columbia, was also upon the platform. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music and readings; a special feature being the physical drill and bayonet exercise under the direction of Dr. Ernest Northcott. In this the boys did well and gave evidence of careful preparation. Rev. Canon Beane gave a short address to the members of the Brigade, pointing upon their duties and the objects for which the organization existed, spoke of the intention of the officials to take the matter of extension this fall and of making a systematic effort to organize new companies. Afterward refreshments were served and the boys gave three cheers for their instructor, Mr. Northcott, and the captain. The work will be resumed in September.

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