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GROWING HOSTILITY TO THE BY-LAW.

It is important that no time should be lost in effecting the necessary improvements to Victoria's water works system.

FOREST ANNIHILATION.

The value of forests and the problem of saving timber wealth from practical annihilation are subjects of discussion in all parts of the world at the present time.

Dr. Morrison, the well-known correspondent of the London Times at Peking, in writing of the anti-opium movement in China, says that the Chinese government has addressed a note to the British minister expressing grateful recognition of British co-operation in China's endeavors to suppress the traffic.

On the other hand, there are several objectionable features in the by-law, and they will operate very strongly against its endorsement upon election day.

We have always contended that Victoria, owing to various circumstances which are quite obvious, ought to be the last city in the world to adopt a general system of metering.

He says that if we decide to retain Elk Lake as a source of water supply, sufficient water can be collected there to meet the needs of a city of practically twice the present population of Victoria.

Speaking of the life work of Lord Kelvin, a competent contemporary authority says: "It was also in 1852 that Lord Kelvin read before the Royal Society of Edinburgh his great paper 'On a Universal Tendency in Nature to the Dissipation of Mechanical Energy'."

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Montreal Star:—This Japanese question is one of considerable delicacy, and we should behave ourselves, touching it with the decorum of a world power.

Another juror has been secured to sit upon the Thaw case. This interesting little item of news is telegraphed all the way from New York.

After the case of the guilty had been decided, Edward Lauenbach, counsel for Mr. Helme, made a motion that he be permitted to inspect the minutes of the grand jury which returned the indictments against his client.

TRIBESMEN COMPLAIN AGAINST CHIEF JOE

Indians Near Vancouver Take Exception to the Power He Exercises.

There is trouble among the Indians of the Caplano over Chief Joe. A deputation from the reserve waited upon the Vancouver World recently and registered a complaint against the chief.

"Chief Joe is not Caplano, we don't want Joe to call himself the name, for he is not descended from Caplano. He is nothing to Caplano whatever."

AMUSEMENTS AT SALT SPRING ISLAND Christmas and New Year's Day Passed in Pleasant Fashion by Inhabitants.

Salt Spring Island, Jan. 3.—Christmas and New Year's have been generally pretty well enjoyed by the settlers of the island.

The Methodist Sunday school is yet to hold their annual entertainment on Friday evening the 3rd inst., in the public hall.

J. J. Akerman, went to the hospital in Victoria on Saturday last with appendicitis.

INDICTMENT OF HEINZE. Bank President Enters Plea of Not Guilty to Charge of Over-Certifying Cheques.

New York, Jan. 8.—F. Augustus Heinze, who was arrested yesterday charged with over-certifying cheques, while president of the Mercantile National Bank, today entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned before Judge Chief in the United States court.

Robbers' Big Haul. Wrecked Safe in Bank and Escaped With Several Thousands. Ottawa, Kansas, Jan. 8.—Robbers today wrecked the safe in the Bank of Queeno at Queeno, Kan., near here, and escaped with between seven and eight thousand dollars.

WHAT A CLERICAL CHIEF

Hanover, Ont.—The Rev. Mr. Brand, of Hanover, is one of the most efficient clergymen in his diocese.

TO FORM AMATEUR ASSOCIATION

LOCAL CLUBS MET AND DISCUSSED IT Favorable Resolution Passed Last Night—Other News of Sport.

At a meeting of the principal athletic clubs of the city held last night in the J. B. A. A. club rooms, it was unanimously decided to form a local amateur athletic association.

WIRELESS SERVICE OF THE GOVERNMENT

Cecil Doure Reviews the Work of Past Year in the Department.

Cecil Doure, superintendent of government wireless stations, in his report to the marine and fisheries department covering the work of last year, says: "It was decided, during the past year, to take over the absolute control of the wireless service on board government vessels."

The following letter was then read from George A. Smith, representative of the Y. M. C. A. U. in this province which was in reply to a communication from A. J. Brace:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., regarding a sanction for an athletic meet which you anticipate holding under the auspices of the Fifth regiment, I have this to say: To give you meet any prestige at all and to afford protection to your athletes, I recommend a sanction under the following circumstances:

If athletes should desire to register in a bona fide athletic union, such as the Y. M. C. A. Athletic League of Canada, register with Mr. J. R. Cunningham, address Y. M. C. A., Vancouver; any other unattached or unaffiliated athletes to register with myself in the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, or the Pacific Northwest Athletic Union of the United States, which is a branch of the American Athletic Union.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS

Victoria Meteorological and Marine Service, 1st to 7th Jan. The weather during this week the most part overcast, mild and breezy.

Local News

(From Tuesday's Daily) In the list of lawyers admitted in British Columbia, published in the Times yesterday, the name of Mr. Lyon was omitted.

A public meeting will be held at the Victoria Club on Monday for the purpose of discussing questions. The public account year will then be presented.

The officers of the B. League elected for the ensuing year are: President, J. T. Morrison; Vice-president, W. Hill; Treasurer, R. Bittancourt; Secretary, J. E. Proctor.

The fire alarm system was demolished on Sunday evening by a fire in the city fire department electricians working almost incessantly on a chain of bells connected.

In the police court this morning, Baron Von Gussendorf was with obtaining credit on false pretences from the Poodle Dog cafe.

The boiler inspection department of the provincial government, asked to consider a slight increase in the rate for the service to provide for the cost of low pressure gravity valves. The change is being considered by the boiler inspectors.