

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, November 30.

THE GREAT BLUNDER.

City councils are undoubtedly given to blundering, more or less, and it would have been strange if the new electric works had been built without some errors of greater or less importance being committed.

A WARNING.

Let common ordinary people beware what they say about the condition of this country. The man who says aught condemnatory of the Tory administration is already accused as an "irresponsible scribbler," a "sensational howler for the most part finds it difficult to get one dollar to rub against another."

NANAIMO. Nanaimo, Nov. 27.—Rev. R. B. Meitland's addresses to the workmen on the labor questions in the Y. M. C. A. rooms every Sunday afternoon should be well attended.

John Mason, the Victoria crescent sprinter, has another race on hand. So far he has been victorious in all his matches, but it is feared he will suffer defeat this time.

Mr. Butterfield, of Windsor, Ont., the well known Canadian poultry judge, will be asked to judge the exhibits at the poultry show to be held here in January next.

Mr. Raper, who lately arrived from Texas, where he has been prospecting for some weeks past, brought down some very fair specimens of quartz carrying free gold. The quartz is of a rosy, sugary nature, and the particles of gold are plainly discernible to the naked eye.

Without a road the business of this rich mineral locality will most likely drift away from this district. The district members have been doing their utmost to obtain a special grant for the island, but so far have received but small encouragement.

Nanaimo, Nov. 28.—The assizes opened here yesterday morning with very little interest. The grand jury returned true bills in the following indictments: Regina vs. Webster and Wilson, Regina vs. Brown, and Regina vs. McKinnon.

Judge Crease in summing up charged strongly for a verdict of aggravated assault. The jury were out for about four hours and when called into court the foreman unwittingly stated that they were seven for and six against.

Pedestrians along Victoria Crescent were somewhat startled yesterday morning by observing a woman running along the street clad only in her night dress. The story quickly leaked out.

Chief McKinnon has resigned his position and the council are now calling for applications for the position. Leonard Devore, charged with robbing Lepass on July 29th, was acquitted by Judge Harrison.

The second Hornets and Cowichans will play a Rugby game on the Caledonian grounds on Saturday. Judge Harrison will hold a court of revision and appeal under the assessment act, on Saturday, December 22.

VANCOUVER. Vancouver, Nov. 27.—Pat Caine has been arrested on a charge of being the murderer of Pie Man, the Chinese market gardener who was shot one night last September while driving along the Westminister road.

Seventy-five lots have been sold for taxes in this city, the amount realized being \$644. At yesterday's sale Hon. C. E. Pooley purchased a lot on Hastings street for \$1650.

The council is having a war over finances. The chairman of the finance committee announced that the city was \$70,000 beyond the revenue received at the end of October, this being caused by so many property owners being unable to pay their taxes.

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ANGLO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE.

Negotiations Relate Solely to the Delimitation of the Afghan Frontier. Other Powers Jealous of the Cordiality Between the Lion and the Bear.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—The emperor has caused Prince Hohenzollern to let Prince Bismarck know that his presence would be very welcome to the inauguration of the new reichstag building on December 5.

Dispatches from St. Petersburg ridicule the report of an Anglo-Russian alliance on the basis of the free passage of the straits, mutual action in the far east, etc. The negotiations in progress between the two government relate solely, it is said, to a more accurate delimitation of the Afghan frontier.

The German government has the best reason to know that the relations between Germany and Russia are growing more friendly than ever. If the sudden Anglo-Russian cordiality causes regret anywhere it is in France.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

News Received by Wire From All Parts of the World.

A Rhode Island Republican sent President Cleveland a twenty-five pound turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner.

Several members of the Newburgh, N. Y. club, and in case of an inundation such as we have had, and which came entirely without warning, preparations could be made whereby much of the loss suffered would be avoided.

Governor Hogg, of Texas, to-day pardoned B. A. Krebs and James Preston, who served eighteen years for a crime that it is believed they did not commit.

Dr. Fishin, of San Claire, Wis., accused with the case of an epidemic, Miss Mabel Briggs and repeatedly assaulting her while, under their influence, was admitted to bail to-day.

The crew of the four-masted schooner Annie L. Pardee of New Haven, consisting of five persons, were rescued to-day.

Miss Stevenson continues to improve and the vice-president leaves his home on Saturday for Washington.

Secretary Thurston reports still further improvement in the President's health to-day, and would not be surprised to see him at the White House to-morrow.

New Westminster, Nov. 26.—Miss Johanna Nelsom, a handsome young Swedish woman of 24 years, was drowned at the government wharf Sunday night shortly after 8 o'clock while going aboard the steamer Samson with her mother and two sisters.

Reports from Okanagan say that diphtheria threatens to become epidemic. It is also reported that W. L. Thompson, merchant, of Fairview, and his wife, are both dead of the disease.

They lost their little daughter ten days ago and were both taken down. Two nurses were sent up from St. Luke's Home, Vancouver, Miss Crickmay and Miss Good. The latter belongs to Victoria.

They too caught the infection and are seriously ill. Yesterday, in response to a telegram from the mayor of Vernon, Sister Frances and three more nurses went to Vernon to attend the sick nurses and others.

Judge Bole is seriously ill with influenza. New Westminster, Nov. 28.—A Vancouver baker named Hughton was taken into custody here to-day insane. He is afflicted with religious mania.

Thomas G. Mason, of Victoria, representing Gault & Co., Montreal, had his sample room broken into and robbed last night of \$300 worth of goods.

The American schooner Elishah, lumber laden for San Francisco, was towed to sea to-day by the steamer Comet.

Several Swedes have gone into the conger eel fishing business on the Fraser. They say eels are plentiful and the enterprise will pay.

If You Need Strength TAKE JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF It Strengthens Wm. Harkness, F.C.S., Analytical Chemist to British Government says: "It is one of the most perfect foods I have ever examined."

FRASER RIVER FLOODS.

Papers Relating to Protection From Overflow Presented to the Legislature.

Report of Executive Council and Reply From the Dominion Government.

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Harper's Magazine IN 1895. The Stimpsons, a new novel by Thomas Hardy, will be begun in the December number, 1894, and continued in November, 1895. Whoever may be one's favorite among the English novelists, it will be conceded by all critics that Thomas Hardy stands foremost as a master artist in fiction, and the Stimpsons may be expected to arouse enthusiasm not inferior in degree to that which has marked 'Tribal'—the most successful story of the year. Another leading feature will be the Personal Recollections of Jean de Arc, by the Sieur Louis de Conte, her page and secretary, under which guise the most popular of living American magazine writers will present the story of the Maid of Orleans. In the January number will appear a profusely illustrated paper on Charleston and the Carolinas, the first of a series of southern papers. Northern Africa is attracting more attention than at any other time since it was the seat of empire. The next volume of HARPER'S MAGAZINE will contain four illustrated articles on this region, and three of them will depict the present life there. Julian Ralph will prepare the life typical series of eight stories, depicting typical phases of Chinese Life and Manners. Besides the long stories, there will begin in the January number the first chapters of A Three-Part Novelle, by Richard Harding Davis—the longest work yet attempted by this writer. Complete short stories by popular writers will continue to be a feature of the MAGAZINE. Send for Illustrated Prospectus. The Volumes of the MAGAZINE begin with the numbers for June and December of each year. When no time is mentioned, subscriptions will begin with the number current at the time of receipt of order. Cloth cases, for binding, 50 cents each by mail, postpaid. Title-page and Index sent on application. Remittances should be made by Postoffice Money Order or Draft, to avoid chance of loss. Newspapers are not to copy this advertisement without the express order of Harper & Brothers. HARPER'S PERIODICALS. Harper's Magazine, one year, \$4.00 Harper's Weekly, " " 4.00 Harper's Bazaar, " " 4.00 Harper's Young People, " " 4.00 Postage free to all subscribers in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Address HARPER BROTHERS, P. O. Box 959, N. Y. City.