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ther field. islature to look the situation over arefully for themselves and form own conclusions. Can they poselieve that the affairs of the provare safe in the hands of men, who own such a disregard for the comst principles of business in legisla-and finance? Have not Mr. Semnd his colleagues been weighed in lance and found wanting?

Colonist takes some little credit to for being one of the few Conservaapers in Canada which refused to e that a dissolution of parliament precede a session.

the omission of one line and the itution of another in the report of Esquimalt licensing court, the reks of Commissioner Atkins were gly attributed to Commissioner ne. It is but justice to Mr. Pauline ay that he protested against the inction of "party lines" into the prongs by his colleague and the error e types is all the more unfortunate nat account. Mr. Pauline is cleartitled to this correction, which we

AUSTRIAN CURRENCY.

ienna, Jan. 2.—Under the new curry laws, which went into force yeslay throughout Austria-Hungary, the n and krenzer disappear. The new is the kronet, equalling half a uzer. After introducing the gold adard the kronet will be worth one

on Saturday Evening.

The great topic of conversation among Victorians yesterday was the report of a local movement to ald the Boer cause, as published in the Colonist yesterday; and foolishness and disloyalty of those who are believed to have been instrumental in ar-ranging for definite and organized action on the part of the Boer sympathizers resident in Victoria. So determined are the pa-triotic citizens that none who favor Paul Kruger's supremacy in South Africa shall

permitted to continue their intrigues undisturbed a meeting was hastily teen prominent citizens responded to the call; and it was decided that a boycott call; and it was decided that a boycott should be at once instituted against those who have expressed sympathy with the Boers, and a committee of two was appointed to make a thorough investigation into the whole matter and report at a meeting to be held on Saturday evening next. For obvious reasons the names of those present at the meeting are not given, but it was a representative gathering and opinion was unanimous that a determined effort must be made to stamp out—and that at once—the seeds of sedition sown by those who, while enjoying the protection of the British flag, are secretly aiming to support its enemies.

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A Colonist reporter yesterday afternoon paid a visit to the residence of the individual whose name is most prominently associated with the anti-British movement, with the object of questioning him in regard to his connection with the affair, but he was not at home. Further inquiries, however, seem but to authenticate the first rumors in circulation. The meeting of Boer sympathizers was held, it is asserted, and there were present a gathering numbering seventy.

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As indicative of the extent to which the community is roused over the matter, it may be stated that last evening the reception and smoking concert which had been arranged by Fred. Sturm, proprietor of the Telegraph hotel, for the pleasure of the blue-jackets at Esquimait, was brought to an abrupt termination because of the belief gaining circulation that Mr. Sturm was the gentleman mentioned in yesterday's Colonist as having given \$100 to the Boer fund. The one hundred sallors present

was the gentleman mentioned in yesterday's Colonist as having given \$100 to the Boer fund. The one hundred sailors present upon hearing of the story connecting the proprietor's name with the plot, left the place in an angry mood, and Mr. Sturm came to the Colonist office to explain his position. He says he has no sympathy with the Boers in their fight, with Great Britain. And although a German by birth, he lived for many years in the United States, and is now a British subject.

Some profess to see in the story of the local Boer movement an explanation of the reason which actuated the naval authorities in making such unusual preparations for the security and defence of the warships, dock yard and naval station. The guards have been doubled and night and day watches placed at every point.

It i. evident that the Boer sympathizers when discovered will be boycotted in every direction. Richard Hall, M.P.P., is one of those most indignant at the action of the local advocates of the cause of Paul Kruger. In conversation with the Colonist yesterday he said he was astounded to learn that certain Victorians—foreigners by birth—had so far forgotten themselves as to express sympathy with the Boers and take active steps towards rendering them substantial assistance. In his opinion these men—who had made most of their money under the protection of the British flag—should be driven from the community; and in this Mr. Hall but expresses the opinion of the majority of Victoria's loyal citizens. Capt. Victor Jacobson, at whose residence it is alleged the pro-Boer meeting was held, when seen last evening said he knew nothing about the meeting, this, however, after some questioning.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Council Consider Amendments to Muni-cipal Act and Chilliwack Railway.

was held last evening to consider the report of the legislative committee suggesting amendments to the Municipal Clauses act and the Victoria & Chilliwack by-law. The report was passed and clause 12 in the by-law was reached. Few changes were made in the report of the legislative committee presented to the council on Tuesday evening. One of the changes made was that the council should say what streets were to be sprinkled and the fees provided for should be paid monthly by the occupiers of premises on the streets. The clause proposing to strike out the section of the municipal act enacting that a money by-law cannot be introduced before a petition is presented signed by owners of ten per cent. of the real property was not passed.

The clause basing the wholesale and retail licenses on the rentals paid by the dealers, was passed after some discussion on the general principle of trades licenses. wack by-law. The report was passe

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The other clauses providing that the council may raise the city's share for local improvements; paying it in annual installments; providing that in sale of real property the order of the judge confirming the sale must be paid by the purchaser and dealing with a three-fifths majority for money by-laws, were passed. Ald. MacGregor moved to insert a clause basing the licenses of real estate agents and lawyers on rentals, but this was defeated.

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An amendment providing that the voters' lists shall be printed in two columns instead of four columns as at present, was inserted.

It was ordered that copies be sent to the members of the government and city members.

VICTORIA-CHILLIWACK RY. The council went into committee on the Victoria & Chilliwack Railway by-law and took up clause 2, which provides that the city shall not pay for its shares until the company has \$500,000 guar-antes

antee.

Ald. Beckwith moved to insert \$300,000 instead of \$500,000 and the motion
was carried, the Mayor and Ald. Hayward and MacGregor voting against it.

During the discussion of the clause
providing that the Victoria & Sidney
railway be acquired Ald. Hayward said to

To Boycott

Local Boers.

Citizens Aroused Over Statement
That Some Foreign Residents are Traitors.

Committee Formed to Investigate the Matter and Report on Saturday Evening.

that the road, he was informed, had cost about \$200,000. It was mortgaged for \$300,000 and the ties had been down for the period usually allowed. The rate-payers should know how the road was for be acquired.

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MARINE NOTES.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Queen arrived yesterday at noon after a remarkably fast passage from San Francisco, the trip occupying only 49 hours. She had light freight and 99 hours. She had light freight and passenger lists, 24 people being for Victoria. The trip was a pleasant one for this season of the year.

G. Penny, M. Pike, J. Babcock and Mr. Lothian were among the passengers on the steamer Danube, which sailed for Alaskan points yesterday evening.

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