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FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTING. When Increased Funds are to Be Had.

Foreign Labor for Public Works Opposed—By-Laws Changed and Repealed.

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The committee on electric lighting reported in favor of a change in distribution of lamps.

Ald. BAKER said the committee certainly knows there is not sufficient funds to make the proposed changes.

ALD. MCKILLICAN said the committee contemplated doing nothing until the means required came into the city treasury.

A by-law was introduced to abolish by-laws passed three years ago which purport to lower the special rate of the tax levy.

It is a very sweet report, said Ald. Baker, but the committee certainly knows there is not sufficient funds to make the proposed changes.

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ALD. MILLER wished to call attention to a vacancy existing in the office of Sanitary Officer.

ALD. STYLES seconded the motion, but Mayor Beaven refused to put the motion as that time.

ALD. MILLER said that the time had come for constructing surface drains at James Bay and Spring Ridge.

ALD. STYLES deposed the action of certain persons in employing the "dago" class in full-time work for city work.

ALD. MILLER said that the special meeting held for the purpose on Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m., was passed.

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FROM SOUTHERN SEAS.

Steamer "Miwera" Arrives From Australia, the Voyage Taking Twenty-one Days.

She Brings Fruit and Trial Shipments of Butter, Meats and Wines.

For the second time since the inauguration of the Canadian Australian steamship line the steamship Miwera, Capt. Stott in command, has arrived from the antipodes.

There was a big crowd at the wharf to see her arrival, and when Dr. Macnaughton Jones, the health officer, found that he could give a clean bill of health, there was a rush of passengers for the shore.

The Miwera brought the following Cabin passengers: Hon. E. Barton, wife and son; Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Scott, Dr. Campbell, wife, and a large number of others.

Among the passengers was Hon. E. Barton, Q.C., Attorney-General of New South Wales, and a most distinguished Australian statesman.

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NO DOORBELL.

Mrs. Sparks' Little Purchase is a Little Too Precious.

It was the Sparks family's first night in the new flat, and Mr. Sparks felt as every man feels who has been moving all day.

"We must get another clock, my dear," said Mrs. Sparks, and she may as well get a handsome one for the oak mantel in the front room, and a good timekeeper so you won't be late at the office any more.

"One o'clock is as good as another," said he, "and I can't waste my money on fancy ones. The works are all the same, and I don't expect to pay for gingerbread ornamentation."

"Who in the name of decorum," he demanded of Mrs. Sparks, "would ring our doorbell at this hour of the night and then run away? I believe it was some of your foot friends."

The following story is told by "The Broad Arrow": "The reported invention of a bullet proof 'plastron' recalls the anecdote connected with the Duke of Wellington and a somewhat similar invention.

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MARINE MOVEMENTS.

First of the Japanese Coast Fleet Home in Harbor—The Alert a Popular Steamer.

Ship "Eritrea" Will Share the "Savona's" Fate at Dungeness—Ranger Rock Located.

GOING TO PIETERS. Captain A. M. Horne, of the steamer Wills, which arrived at Port Townsend from Neah Bay, at an early hour Sunday.

That was on Monday, Tuesday night Mr. Sparks slept soundly until 10 o'clock. Then he awoke in the middle of the night, just over the mantel in the dining room, roused him.

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THIRTY.

U. S. CO. Brief Sessions of Senate Apparent Praying.

Nothing Accomplished Action Agreed Upon by the House.

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