

WANT NO SALARIES

Aldermen Agree Not to Indemnify Themselves.

MAYOR WALLACE'S STAND

He Urged That the City Council Not Expect a Faithful, Honest Administration Without Paying the Mayor and the Councilmen.

At the meeting of the city council last Tuesday, the proposal to indemnify the mayor and the aldermen for their services was defeated by a vote of four to three.

It had been expected that the controversy would arise, and as a result all the councilmen were present. Alderman Goodeve was expected particularly to discuss the question, as he was avowedly opposed to any salaries.

The question was brought up early in the evening, when Alderman Goodeve, seconded by Alderman Thompson, introduced a motion committing the council against the payment of salaries to its members.

A genuine bomb had been thrown into the council, the effect could not have been more interesting.

Mayor Wallace slowly picked up the motion and read it deliberately aloud. It was as follows:

"Moved by Alderman Goodeve, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that in view of the fact that we believe it was understood by the ratepayers generally, and further that there was a tacit understanding to that effect among the council,

"Therefore, there be no salaries or indemnification to the mayor and councilmen for the year 1898."

Mr. Goodeve's speech. "I have introduced that motion," he said, "for I believe that at the time of the last election the ratepayers generally were opposed to the payment of salaries to the councilmen. There can be no doubt of that."

"If it is necessary to demonstrate further that the salary question was a live issue at the time of the last election, I need only point out that at one of the public meetings called then, Alderman Fraser declared that the aldermen had earned three times the amount they have received. On a similar occasion Mayor South took pains to quote a by-law showing that the council had acted legally in allowing the salaries. Then, too, Alderman Clute, who now favors the passage of a salary bill, took the platform to prove that the granting of indemnities to the last council was illegal. These things show clearly that there was a general popular sentiment against the payment of salaries to the mayor and councilmen."

Here Mr. Goodeve paused for a moment. An unwarranted attack had been made upon me by the mayor and two of the aldermen," he resumed, and the silence was oppressive while he went on.

"These men have rushed to the newspapers to assail me, and then instead of dealing with the real issue they have drawn a red herring across the trail in order to deceive the public. I never told THE MINER that the city could not buy a park for lack of funds, and the mayor need only have inquired of me to learn that such was the case. Nevertheless, they indite a long article, charging me with being unfamiliar with the finances of the city, although chairman of the finance committee. There has never been a time since I have been in the council that I have not been in touch with the city's financial condition, and six months ago, foreseeing the necessity for retrenchment, I suggested that we reduce expenses wherever possible in order to come just issued a circular.

"That letter, written by the mayor and two of the councilmen, was uncalled for, out of place and not in accordance with the facts."

Mayor Wallace took up the discussion the instant that Mr. Goodeve sat down. "That would have been an admirable dissertation, Alderman Goodeve, if it had been in accordance with the facts," he said vigorously. "You say that I suggested last year that the council do away with salaries, but you do not say that it was because the by-law in question was a loan by-law, and that I suggested general retrenchment at the same time in all lines. When the salary question came up, I did not vote against it. I accepted the salary for I thought we were entitled to salaries, and I think it wrong for any alderman to get up here and make a grand stand play about declining a salary."

As the mayor finished Alderman Clute rose to his feet to reply to the charge of Alderman Goodeve that he had assailed the salary by-law of the last council as illegal. "It was illegal because the money appropriated came from borrowed funds, which would not have been permissible," he explained.

ALL SORTS OF NEWS

Construction of N. & B. Railway Said to Have Been Begun.

BROOKLYN CITY IS DEAD

Merchants Selling Their Stocks and Removing to Other Places—Track-Laying Commenced on the Robson-Penticton Road and Other Notes.

It is announced that the construction of the Nelson & Bedlington railway was commenced on the 26th of November. The contract calls for the construction of 50 miles of railway, and the work is to be completed by July 1, 1899. It is estimated that 4,000 men will be required to complete the task.

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C. O'BRIEN REDDIN & Co. Miners and Brokers. Rossland, B. C. PARTIALLY DEVELOPED MINES FOR SALE. MINING PROPERTIES DEVELOPED. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS ON MINES. Rossland, B. C., Dec. 1.

Dear Sir: There has been a marked improvement in the demand for Rossland stocks during the week. Deer Park was most heavily traded in, the price steadily advancing from 16c. to 21c. Monte Christo sold yesterday at 14 1-2c., and judging from the interest taken in this stock in the past few days, it would not be surprising if it went still higher. On the Novelty the ledge has been crosscut for a distance of 35 feet, and it is expected the ledge will prove to be nearly 50 feet wide. Assays run from \$8 to \$22 in gold. Novelty, with its splendid showing, is undoubtedly the best low-priced stock in Rossland. Reservation stocks are becoming popular, and many of them are certainly good buys. We handle them all and will be pleased to supply quotations and all information regarding them. The Giant tunnel shows unmistakable signs of nearing the ledge, and we look for an advance in those shares at any moment. Sincerely Yours, C. O'BRIEN REDDIN & CO.

We are cash buyers of good stocks. Write or wire us.

THE BUTTE & BOSTON TUNNEL IS IN 70 FEET, AND IS STILL RUNNING IN LOOSE ROCK. The Golden Harvest has four feet of solid quartz in the face, the values remaining about the same. Complete work on the mine is expected to be completed for the harvest mine in a couple of days.

THE REPUBLIC CAME. The face of the drift in the Black Tail is in the Republic, Wash., Nov. 27.—[Special.]—The north drift of the Black Tail is looking unusually well, the entire face being in quartz and the values rather increasing. Considerable water is coming in near the bottom, and Superintendent Crumner feels well pleased at the outlook. The ore in the bottom of the shaft holds its width and values. The other drifts are all in good ore.

WILL DISCUSS MINERAL AMENDMENTS. Mayor Wallace has called a public meeting to be held in the City hall on Friday, December 9, for the purpose of discussing the necessary amendments to the provincial mineral act. The minister of mines, Hon. J. Fred Hume, has invited suggestions on that subject, and as the coming meeting it is expected that the sense of the community can be formulated.

AFTER AN ABSENCE OF ABOUT SIX MONTHS, Sir Charles Ross, bart., has returned to Rossland. Sir Charles, who is president of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, expresses himself as very much pleased with the management of the company during his absence, and declared that he found everything progressing very satisfactorily in that respect.

A. W. STRICKLAND LEFT YESTERDAY FOR GREENWOOD, to take the position as manager of the new branch which the Bank of Montreal has installed.

ALEX. DICK, who was in the Sisters' hospital for the past eight weeks, is, although not very strong yet, out again. Mr. Dick leaves on Monday for lower California for the winter.

MITCHELL WOULD MEET SHARKEY. LONDON, Nov. 30.—George W. Moore, otherwise "Pony" Moore, has deposited £200 with the Sporting Life, with the intention of arranging a match between his son-in-law, Charlie Mitchell, and Sharkey the American pugilist, for £500 or £1,000 a side and the best purse offered.

"SUFFERED UNTOLD MISERY." South American Rheumatic Cure Thwarted Disease and Cured Him Outright. Robert E. Gibson, merchant, Pembroke, says that ten years ago he contracted rheumatism in a very severe type, suffered untold misery—resorted to dy-blisters and other severe treatments with no lasting good or relief. When hope of recovery was well nigh gone he was induced to try South American Rheumatic Cure. The first dose gave him instant relief, half a bottle cured him outright. His own words were: "It is the best rheumatic remedy on earth." Sold by Goodeve Bros.

W. L. DICKINSON OF THE FIRM OF DICKINSON & ORDE, leaves this morning for the Boundary country for the purpose of visiting the properties of the Brandon & Golden Crown Mining company.

Kennedy Bros. & Purgold

Stock Market. The stock market for the past week has been active. The largest sales made were Monarch, Fairmont, Deer Park and Monte Christo. Monarch at 7 cents is one of the best buys on the market.

YMIR STOCKS. Athabasca..... 45 Alf..... 10 Deer Park..... 15 Fern..... 75 Morning & Evening Star..... 65 Good Hope..... 2 Homestake..... 7 Iron Horse..... 17 Iron Mask..... 75 Iron Colt..... 10 Jumbo..... 10 Lily May..... 20 Monte Christo..... 10 Novelty..... 10 R. E. Lee..... 3 St. Elmo..... 25 Virginia..... 40 War Eagle..... 25 White Seal..... 7

INDUSTRIALS. Clarendon Ltd..... \$ 60 Skating Rink..... 25.00

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