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RATEPAYERS' MEETING.

The city of Rossland has a serious financial problem to face, and the citizens are to be congratulated on their action in calling a ratepayers' meeting for the purpose of finding out exactly where they stand.

The main offence of the present council was in insisting on their salaries when they must have known, or should have known, in what shape the city's finances were.

However, this is no time for recriminations, the deficit must be faced and a way found of providing for it.

AN INTERESTING PROCESS.

The members of the International Typographical Union are now going through the form of electing international officers.

It is interesting to note that the International Typographical Union is the oldest labor organization on the continent, having been organized in 1850.

the union was represented at his funeral. A great many of the noted editorial writers of the daily press throughout the land, both now and in the past, are still or have been members of this body.

MR. DARLING AND THE OLALLA COMPANY.

When the Olalla prospectus was issued Mr. Wayne Darlington's name appeared very prominently as its consulting engineer.

As he states in his letter, he has not made an examination of these properties and the use of his name in such a way as to convey the impression that he was connected with the company, was wholly unauthorized and was quite without his knowledge.

PLAYING TO THE GALLERIES.

In looking over the proceedings of the legislature as printed in the Colonist it is painful to contemplate the extent to which the member from this riding is playing to the galleries.

Next Mr. Curtis moved the second reading of an act to amend the provincial election act. The bill provides that an elector shall be disqualified from voting by ceasing to reside in the district for one month immediately prior to polling day, and gives the collector of votes power to strike the names of such persons off the list.

Mr. Curtis moved the second reading of a bill to amend the municipal elections act. Without going into details it may be stated that Mr. Oliver moved the six months' hold, as the bill was practically covered by the bill prepared by the municipal committee.

And thus it has been through the entire session. The above, with his trades union bill, constitutes the repertoire of the honorable member from Rossland.

laws; after that is accomplished any little side issues that may strike the member's fancy to make political capital may in a measure be excused, but to devote all the time to them is simply showing the traits of the demagogue.

IN REPLY TO MR. CURTIS.

In another column will be found a letter from Hon. Smith Curtis. We will state that there was no intention, in the article quoted, to reflect upon Mr. Curtis.

THE BOILER INSPECTION ACT.

How does it strike the average citizen to know that a near-by mine, employing about 100 men, is compelled to shut down owing to the operation of the Boiler Inspection Act?

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kept hot, but Mr. Boiler Inspector was not readily located. His duties compel him to travel over considerable territory, and he cannot be on the right spot when needed.

In the meantime the mine is closed down, a large number of men are idle, and the beautiful weather of the working season is being lost.

THE VELVET CLOSED DOWN.

In another column is given an account of how the new Boiler Inspection Act works out in practice.

THAT OLALLA COMPANY.

The Victoria Colonist has the following to say of the Olalla Company which is now trying to work the government for a bonus for the Coast-Kootenay railway.

We think that if there are any Olallates left in Victoria they will creep under cover of this final exposure.

The members of the Salvation Army and the public in general have been warned by Commander Frederick Booth-Tucker not to have anything to do with the "oil and mining enterprises" conducted by the former officers of the Army.

When Brewer began his stock operations about eighteen months ago, when he was editor in charge of the various newspapers published by the Salvation Army in New York City.

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big stock boom in New York he flourished like a green bay tree at the expense of investors in the "International Zinc Company." Dr. J. Grant Lyman has disappeared. There are now four countries where his welcome would be more than doubtful.

According to the Colonist, the opposition members, including Mr. McBride, are supporting the application of the Olalla Company for the charter and bonus.

Will our Grand Forks contemporaries inform us when the "Hot Air" line is going to drive the last spike?

COMMUNICATIONS

LETTER FROM HON. SMITH CURTIS.

Editor "Miner": In a special dispatch from Trail appearing in your issue of the 16th instant it is stated:

"For a long time there was a contention that while under the provisions of the Mineral Act it was necessary to do five assessments of \$100 each, there was nothing in the Act which made it compulsory to record five assessments in order to secure a crown grant.

The above paragraph is wholly misleading. Prior to my becoming minister of mines an appeal was taken, as stated, and the then minister of mines, Hon. Mr. Hume, did not rule contrary to the gold commissioner, but upheld his ruling, and did this on the strength of the written opinion of the department of the attorney-general.

In addition to the minor grievance of having to pay \$2.50 for each assessment, there was a very serious grievance in that the gold commissioner and the Hon. Mr. Hume held that extra assessments that were not recorded as such in the year in which they were done could not be subsequently recorded.

While I did not, and do not, sympathize with the extra exactions which the attorney-general's department had advised were required by the Amending Acts of 1888 and 1899, I did not feel that the Minister's government, which had just taken office and which had not been passed upon by the electorate, should interfere in this revenue matter.

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SMITH CURTIS. Victoria, 19th May, 1902.

MOREY O'ROAGIN.

"Others Can Roar at the Mineral Tax, Why Not I?" Close by the side of a hole in the ground Sunk hellward from th' Province B. C.

In thought quite profound, moon gazing around Sat O'Roragin, mine owner, per se. His whiskers were frowsted, his hair grown long.

But I heard his big sigh and rubbered me o'er To where he was nursing his pain "It makes me feel sore, an' that's why I roar,"

"I've peregrinated around this old flat, I've prospected every old wheres, But by this and by that, I'll take of me hat

"There's lots of good mines, I've got one right here, But never a buyer in sight. They all take a steer and hie themselves clear

I've quite often had 'em with money to burn, An' a pull on th' purse strings of more; But their hearts take a turn when they happen to learn

These men that I speak of wanted a mine, I threw my hooks in on 'em deep. But nary a mine, said they, will we buy in

It's innocent lookin' that two per cent shade, But we won't get caught in its coils; Your ore is low grade, the tax we're afraid

That's a joke with a point at me low grade ore, I smiles at it o'er an' o'er agin; It makes me feel sore, and that's why I roar,

The moon in all its splendour orthodox, Started out on its twelve hour shift. On a dynamite box near a pile of rocks, M. O'Roragin's thoughts run adrift.

His hair smelted of powder smoke, Whiskers, too, Fuse-sparks spit forth from his eyes. He'd tuned his bazoo, and the air turned blue,

"What a joy I've been, what a joy bird, me, To have come to this land of Laws, But I'm up a tree, and I'll roar agin, see,

I had quite a wad 'fore I struck this trail, When my prospectin' habits came on. Full sad is the tale I now have to wall, Both my wad and my habits are gone.

They say that an industry yet in its teens Shouldn't ought to be frosted and cursed With labor law fends, an' such other means,

They don't kick so hard o'er the hours of the Law, As they do at its general text. They say they ne'er saw such a bundle of law,

I know what I'm preachin', I've got it well learned, It meant my financial decay, Crimped up and well turned payin' wages unearned

Bein' trun down so frequent account o' the laws, It wouldn't seem nat'ral to stop. I don't even pause, or tarry, because I'm quite used to the jolt when I drop.

There's no joke in it, though, for each time I drop lower, I've tried at it o'er an' o'er agin; It makes me feel sore, an' that's why I roar,

An' live up to me name, M. O'Roragin. —SEAVEY JAY.

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Alfred C. Gard Payne mine, making a report of trouble constructed at the satisfaction, added New Denver Ledger statement appeared

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