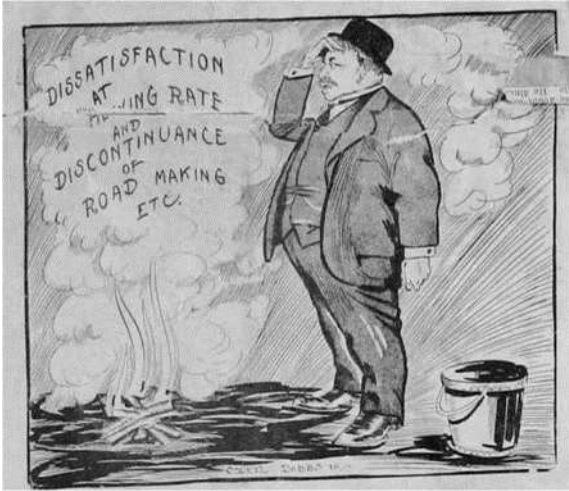
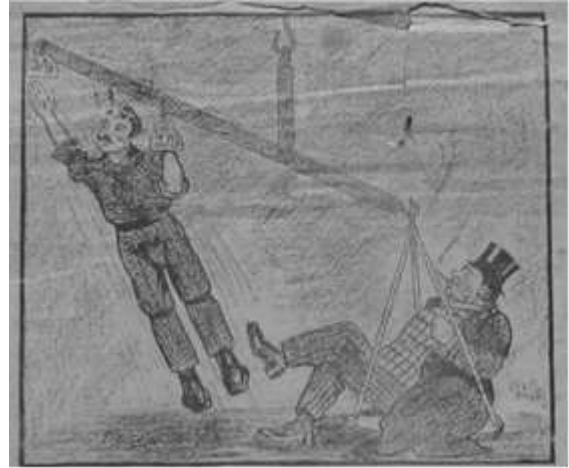


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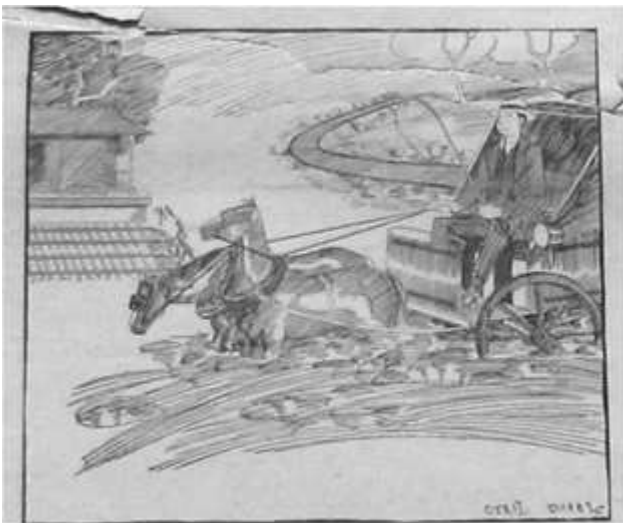
The Criterion was Wonthaggi's short-lived first newspaper, absolutely pro-Union, pro-Labor and pro-Miners. Here are front-page editorial cartoons by the wonderful Cyril Dobbs published during 1910. These need another close look...



GREAT TRIBULATION The Weary Innocent: "What can I do to put this out"



The Miner: "You might ease up a bit, Boss, and let me get the higher rate."



A bit of good road on the Powlett Coal Fields.



TOO SLACK. Miner: "We're getting slack alright but what about the coal?"



THE CAUCUS DEFENDED. Miss Australia: "Oh, Labor help me!!!" 'Mr RR Wise, lecturing at Sydney, declared that the Labor Caucus was the only existing instrument for the defence of Australian democracy against provincialism and plutocracy.



THE NEW MUNICIPALITY. 'The government has decided to proceed by bill with the formations of a new municipality at Wonthaggi.' *News Item*
VICTORIA: (loquitor) "I have much pleasure in introducing a very promising young sister to you."



NO PLACE FOR GENTLEMEN GUNS.
Trainer: "Come along, my beauty, here's a fair field and no favour and a perfectly clean course"



THE RULES OF THE GAME. Private E: "I claim foul; he's hitting me below the belt!" State E: Your belt's climbed up a bit; it should be where



don't see why if they must have liquid, they can't take it out of a nice clean pot."



PLAY FAIR. 'The Legislative Council has appointed a Select Committee to enquire into working and cost of State Coal Mine.' -*News Item Worker*: "Play the game properly, Mr Fat; don't keep that prejudiced card up your sleeve." M.L.C.: "can't I stack my own cards?"



THE DOG IN THE MANGER. Mr Consumer: "Can't you do a bunk somewhere else, Boss? The Missus wants some of that coal." Mr. Top-Dog: "This product of the State is not intended for your use, my man!" Mrs Consumer: Leave him to me, Duckie, I'll soon shift him with this!"