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G. N. R. TRACK LAYING

STARTED THIS WEEK AT THE MORRISSEY END.

Work on the G. N. Southern Branch progressing rapidly. Grading practically finished. Hydraulic Force for Gumbo Cut.

The laying of the track for the G. N. construction commenced at Morrissey on Monday of this week. Last week some preliminary track laying such as spurs were put in but the actual track laying did not commence until this week. The steel is going down rapidly, about 50 men being employed on the work. A small bridge two and a half miles from Morrissey will delay the track a day or two as the piles are not yet driven.

The big gumbo cut in Mr. Foss' section has been abandoned for the present and the track will be built over it at a rise of 2 per cent. This cut has given a lot of trouble, as it filled in almost as fast as the wet earth could be removed. Hydraulic force will now be used. An eight foot trench is being constructed from the river and underneath the temporary track to the cut. This trench will be well timbered and will be built for permanent draining purposes. A giant hydraulic engine will be brought to the scene and the big cut will be washed into the river. It is said that it can be removed in a week or ten days by this method.

The pile-driver is busy on the trestle work on the bridge approach, about two spans a day being driven. A short delay will be experienced here by the track layers. The grading in the yard is going along rapidly and next week will see it completed. The grading west of the river will be completed this week.

This piece of railroad when completed will be one of the finest in Canada. The curves are very slight, the greatest being less than 6 degrees in 100 feet. The grade is very slight and uniform. The greatest grade will not exceed seven tenths of one per cent. Mr. Ennerson stated this week that trains would be running in about another month.

STONEYS ALLOWED TO GO.

Were Ignorant of the Law. Their Hides Confiscated by Government.

The five Stoney Indians brought in last Friday for hunting in the Upper Elk Valley were sent home on Monday. Some difficulty was experienced in getting an interpreter. Finally Mr. R. T. Galbraith, of Fort Steele, Indian agent, was summoned. In the police court on Monday before Stipendiary Magistrate Forbes the five Indian braves told their story in turn. They were six strong with their squaws and children on their way to visit their friends, the Kootenays. While passing through the country they did not refrain from shooting the game as they did not know that it was contrary to the laws of the country. They each told the same story. Each one related the exact number of animals he had shot. One killed two bear, a goat three deer, etc, only one admitted having killed an elk. As there were four elk hides among the stock captured it was supposed the Indian left behind in charge of the squaws and children was the principal offender. The Indians promised to in the future obey the law and to tell their friends what they must do. The hides were ordered by the magistrate to be confiscated, and instructions were sent to the government agent at Gleichen, the home of the Stoneys, warning him against infringements of the act.

Constable Walker left with the five braves to bring back the hides.

MORE ROOM SECURED

Bush foreman Waters of The Elk Lumber and Manufacturing Co. started a bush gang of 60 men at work on Monday. The mill foreman, R. L. Firestone, is busily engaged preparing the site for the new mill of the Company. Two more acres have been purchased by the Company at a cost of \$1250 to give them ample room

THE POLICE COURT.

Harry Baker who pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons was fined \$20 and costs, or one month at hard labor.

The case of Fowler vs Chardon for assault was finished last Saturday. Suffi-

cient cause was shown to justify the assault and the case was dismissed.

Several pay-day drunks were disposed of on Monday. Donald McFarlane got \$5 and costs. Wm. Wright got a similar sentence and Isaac Simpkins and Harry Ryan each contributed \$10 to the city treasury.

A man by the name of McNeill pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a gun from J. Carrick and was given a month at hard labor. Constable Sampson made a very creditable capture in this case. He followed his man to Hosmer where he found that the gun had been sold to a man named Green. McNeill had started out on foot through the timber an hour in advance of Mr. Sampson, who following the faint marks soon caught up with him.

OMITTED FROM THE LIST.

W. H. Whimster, collector of votes, has received a copy of the voters list with the latest revision, to be used in the election on Nov. 22nd. Mr. Whimster notes that one revision list has not been added. This was the one made on Nov. 6th, 1903. There were 16 names on it. This list reached the authorities at Ottawa safely as the collector of votes has a letter from Ottawa dated Nov. 11th 1903, in which its receipt is acknowledged. Mr. Whimster has written asking that a supplementary list be printed of these 16 names, which by some mistake on the part of the government have been omitted from the regular list.

WHEELER-WILSON

On Oct. 12th a quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Devitt, Yellow Grass, Assn. when Mr. James W. Wheeler of McTaggart, Assn., and Miss Alice Wilson, of Fernie, formerly of Dublin, Ireland, were united for life. Miss Sarah Devitt was the bridesmaid, and Mr. George Davis of McTaggart supported the groom. Rev. J. J. Squire of Yellow Grass officiated. The bride was dressed in a pretty travelling suit of green broadcloth, and the bridesmaid wore a dress of cream basket cloth. After supper the happy couple left for Eastern points where the honeymoon will be spent; upon their return they will reside at McTaggart. The bride is a sister of Mrs. J. D. Quail of this city where she has lived for some time. We join her many friends in extending best wishes for a happy and prosperous life.

HAROLD NELSON COMING.

Mr. Harold Nelson whose very worthy performance last season of "Quo Vadis" are still recalled with pleasure by our theatre patrons return to us on Monday with a stronger Company than ever before. "Heart and Sword" the attraction for Monday evening is a picturesque romantic comedy written by Mr. Walter Whiteside. Mr. Nelson has in "Prince Victor" a role peculiarly suited to his temperament, and his versatility.

Mr. C. P. Walker has furnished his star with a very beautiful production of this charming romantic play, the scenery being specially painted by a New York Artist from the original designs. The period and locale of the play afford opportunities for elaborate costuming, and these have been taken full advantage of without regard to expense. The lighting effects will be found particularly good, being in charge of an experienced electrician.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Nelson and his Company will put on a thoroughly metropolitan production of "Faust", Goethe's immortal drama.

LECTURE AND CONCERT

The choir of Knox Church have arranged for a very pleasant evening's entertainment at the church on Thursday next, Oct. 27th commencing at 8.15 p.m. Rev. A. Dunn, B. A., B. D. will give a very interesting and instructive lecture on his travels through Palestine. Mr. Dunn has gained a very accurate knowledge of the Holy Land from close personal observation and his narrative and descriptive powers are such that can surround every detail with interest. Selections of music will be rendered by the choir and the male quartette. Admission 35cents.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following parties this week at the Fernie registry office. On Oct. 14th F. Fray, engineer, Carbonado, to Miss Mary Carus of the same place. On Oct 17th Harvey E. Martin, mortician, Fernie, to Miss Dorothy D. Quig of Fernie. On Oct. 17th, John Ruiz, miner of Coal Creek to Miss Jossie Jajnon of Frank, Alta.

GOVERNMENT PAYS UP

CITY GETS CHEQUE FOR \$1909.52 REBATE OF TAXES.

Report of the Weekly Council Meeting. More Exceptions Asked to the Fire-Limit By-Law.

All the members of the city council were present at the weekly meeting on Tuesday evening except Ald. Liphardt.

A communication from G. G. S. Lindsey, general manager of the Coal Co. was read. The letter called attention to the apparent oversight on the part of the council in rendering a bill to the Electric Light and Power Company for the fee under the Trades Licenses Act, as according to the agreement this Company was granted all privileges enabling it to do business of this kind without cost. On motion by Ald. Cree and Trites this letter was laid over until the next meeting.

The P. Burns Co. asked permission to erect a wooden out building at the rear of their lot. The request was refused.

The Crows Nest Trading Co. wrote asking permission to move their store buildings to Victoria Ave. This also was refused.

The deputy minister of Finance wrote as follows:

"I hereby enclose cheque for \$1,909.52 being the proportion of refund of real property tax and liquor licenses collected for 1904. The amount collected for taxes is \$1,966.84 on which the proportion of refund is five-twelfths or \$815.52. Liquor licenses collected, \$1,900.00 on which the proportion of refund is \$1090.00 made up as follows:

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| 6 licenses 12 mos. Jan 1 to Dec 31 | 500.00 |
| 1 license 12 mos. July 1 to June 30 | 183.23 |
| 6 licenses 6 mos. July 1 to Dec 31 | 416.57 |

less proportion advertising etc. 10.00

Property tax 815.52

Total 1909.52

No trade licenses have been collected by the Government for the half year ending Dec. 31st. The city may therefore collect these and refund to the government the one-sixth part viz., the proportion for the month of July.

There is still unpaid taxes amounting to \$721.00 on which when collected the city will be entitled to a proportion of the refund." The report was filed.

The motion of the 10th inst., granting A. J. Purdy provisional permission to move his building to lot 4 block 6 was repealed on motion of Ald. Cree and Trites.

A dispute arose as to parliamentary procedure and the city clerk was instructed to purchase a work on this subject by a recognized authority.

The finance committee passed the following accounts.

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| C. D. Warring taking prisoner to Nelson | \$25.35 |
| W. Hawhorn painting signs | 4.00 |
| J. D. Quail, supplies fire hall | 19.20 |
| Thistle Rubber Stamp Co. | 4.35 |
| C. N. P. Coal Co elec. lights Sept | 8.40 |
| C. D. Warring, expenses re West-lake. | 5.60 |
| Trites-Wood Co. Lumber | 4.08 |
| Trites Wood Co., funeral expenses J. Smith | 35.00 |
| Trites Wood Co. furniture etc | 88.55 |
| Fernie Free Press, printing etc | 43.50 |
| Sheppard & Elliott, ballot box | 5.00 |
| Telegrams, express, etc | 7.00 |
| J. Barnsey, police badges | 6.00 |

256.03

The city clerk was instructed to write Dr. Bonelli offering him the position of city medical health officer at a salary of \$25 per month.

Ald Trites intimated that he would be absent from the city for six weeks and he suggested that some one be appointed to take his place on the finance committee. On motion of Ald. Beck and Cree, Ald. Liphardt was appointed a member of the finance committee in the absence of Ald. Trites.

Ald. Cree gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he would move an amendment to certain clauses of the fire-limit by-law.

The meeting adjourned until Friday, Oct. 28th.

MR. PLASTER OF PARIS.

Among the few standard attractions sitting Fernie "Mr. Plaster of Paris" headed by the well known and popular

actor Mr. Ernest Willis will be at Stork's Opera House on Friday Oct. 28th. Everything has been done to make this an event worthy of the lovers of dramatic art. Nothing more is promised than 2½ hours of solid fun but such as will be remembered and looked back upon by those who are fortunate enough to attend the performance. Mr. Plaster of Paris is one of the latest and most successful farce comedies and is interspersed by a host of clever and refined specialties, absolutely free from any suggestion of coarseness.

It contains a clever plot, humorous situations and witty dialogues. You will be disappointed if you miss it. Plan of seats at Blandell's Drug Store.

TO-DAY'S DESPATCHES

Washington—It was decided to-day to keep U. S. Marines on the Isthmus of Panama for the present prepared to meet any emergency which may arise as the result of the discontented element in the New Republic.

Chicago—A despatch to the daily news at Cho Foo says number of Japanese killed before Port Arthur has reached 5000.

Tokio—Despatches from the front state that there has not been any fighting of consequence for the last two days. The Russian artillery occasionally shells the Japanese positions.

Mukden—The big battle has practically worn itself out leaving the two armies facing each other with the Sakhi River as the dividing line. There is considerable artillery fighting.

Toronto—The Telegram states tonight that it will not be surprising if Mr. Stratton's resignation as member of the Ross Government is received within a few days and that general elections will be held in December.

Berlin—The Tageblatt's correspondent at Kiel states that the Russian Baltic fleet is expected to make the journey in 85 days.

TRACKMEN'S DAY TO-MORROW

The trackmen from Kootenay Landing to Dunmore Jct. will be in the city tomorrow on their annual excursion.

A procession will march with the band at its head. At 3 p. m. a football match between Fernie and Coal Creek will be played on the recreation grounds, where the band will also be present. A. R. Low, first vice pres. of the I. B. of M. of W. E. will be present and he will be banquetted in the evening at the Nap-ane.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR AT FERNIE

Mr. D. Wilson, public school inspector is in the city on an official visit. He visited the city school yesterday and this morning he went to Coal Creek. To-morrow he goes to Morrissey, the Junction town, where he will investigate the need for a school to be established there. Many requests have been made to the Department for this accommodation.

Mr. Wilson in speaking of the change of control which had come over the city school by incorporation stated that the city was now in a position to materially increase the attendance by the enforcement of the school act. In a short time two new rooms would be ready for occupancy which would give ample accommodation for some time to come. Naturally the city would be anxious to secure a high average percentage of attendance in order to swell the government grant which is based on the average attendance. Mr. Wilson hopes to see a marked improvement in the regularity of attendance at the Fernie school.

OFFICIALS AT FERNIE

A party of high officials of the engineering staff of the Great Northern are in the city this morning to inspect the new branch line. These men have all been here before, but never at one time. They consist of A. H. Hogeland, chief engineer of the system, L. E. Shields and Mr. Simms, under whose superintendence the contract was let, and A. M. Lupier, engineer for the Western division. The party were driven over a considerable portion of the road by Owen Ross this morning.

INJURED IN THE MINES.

On Tuesday of this week an accident occurred in the Coal Creek mines by which a miner named Alexander Page received serious injuries to his leg. The injuries were caused by a fall of rock which crushed the leg and broke both the bones. The injured man was removed to the Fernie hospital for treatment.

A LEVEL CROSSING

The Work on M. F. and M. branch commenced Yesterday.

On Wednesday night General Manager Lindsey wired from Winnipeg authorizing the building of Morrissey, Fernie and Michel branch connecting the Great Northern railway with the C. P. R. The next morning Mr. Ennerson put on a gang of men on the grading of this place. It is an easy stretch and no difficulty will be experienced in having it ready for the steel when it gets to the branch.

The telegram also conveys the news that an agreement had been reached by which a grade diamond crossing would be used where the two lines cross. This point had been in dispute for some time causing the suspension of the work on the branch. The survey line formerly outlined in this paper will be followed. The row of houses will be moved at once to allow the line to run into the yards on the east side of the C. P. R.

THE KNIGHTS CELEBRATE

Banquet A. H. Ferguson, the Visiting Representative of the Grand Lodge for B. C.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson, of New Westminster the Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for the province of B. C., arrived in the city on Tuesday on an official visit. In the evening the local lodge held a special meeting at which the Grand Chancellor delivered an address on the work of the order.

After the meeting the members with the visitor repaired to the dining room of King Edward Hotel where a splendid spread was in readiness. When full justice had been done to the good things for eating and drinking an interesting hour or two spent in short speech-making. Mr. J. C. Hutchison the chancellor or commander of the local lodge acceptably filled the Toastmasters' chair. The following is a list of the toasts, with the names of those present connected with them.

"The King"
"The City of Fernie"
Mayor Stork and Ald. Beck,
"Our Home Lodge"
Messrs George Clapp, George Clode and C. W. Sheppard.
"The Grand Lodge"
A. H. Ferguson, representative of Grand Lodge.
"The Ladies"
Messrs J. Volume and C. Laidley.
"Our Host"
Proposed by Messrs Pedlar and Lawrence.
Responded to by J. L. Gates.

SEPTEMBER PAY-ROLL

The Pay-Roll last Saturday Amounted to \$118,448.35 at the Three Collieries

Last Saturday was pay-day at the three collieries of the C. N. P. Coal Co. The total amount paid was \$118,448.35, apportioned as follows.

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| Coal Creek | \$59,081.45 |
| Michel | 40,725.50 |
| Morrissey | 18,640.40 |

The indications point to a larger pay for October.

BURGLARS AT COAL CREEK.

Burglars at Coal Creek last Sunday morning broke into two houses but in each case they were frightened away before they secured much booty. James Dick's house was entered by means of the kitchen window, the upper pane of glass being removed to get at the window fastening. The inmates of the house heard a noise and loosed the dog which scared away two men. They got \$6 from the sideboard in the kitchen. Mr. Shield's boarding house was also entered but Mr. Barr, a boarder, heard a racket down stairs and went to investigate. He was struck on the forehead with a rock and the burglars made their escape.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir:—

We note in last week's issue of your paper that the Trites-Wood Co. have organized an athletic Association.

We hereby challenge them to a game of baseball or lacrosse, or in fact any old game except ping pong; the same to be played on Saturday afternoon 22nd inst.

Signed on behalf of the Sheppard & Elliott aggregation.

G. Bruce Brown,
Dated Oct. 18th 1904,