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## ELK RIVER LODGE NO. 35



Regular meetings held first Friday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
W. J. TIMLICK, Secretary.

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I.O. O.F.  
Meets every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in I.O.O.F. Hall.  
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NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands: Situate on the West side of Elk River and adjoining C. Waldies coal and petroleum location on the North side, commencing at a post marked "William Senkbell's coal and petroleum location" and running East 80 chains; thence North 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less. Located Sept. 19th, 1904.  
William Senkbell, Locator.

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## INGRAM & MCINTYRE THE CITY BARBERS.

Shop opposite the Northern

## LARGE SAWMILL FOR FERNIE

### Elk Lumber and Manufacturing Company Putting a lot of Capital into a Large New Plant.

Fernie is soon to have one of the largest and most up-to-date saw mills in the interior of B.C. Yesterday two of the principal directors of The Elk Lumber and Manufacturing Co. arrived in Fernie and the information we give has been secured at first hand. They are Mr. O. A. Robertson, President, and Mr. F. B. Lynch, Secretary, both of St. Paul. The latter gentleman very kindly submitted to an interview and gave us the facts.

"Yes we are here to get our new mill under way" commenced Mr. Lynch. "In fact the initial work has already been going on for some time. We have with us two mill experts, H. F. Dittbenner of the Diamond Iron Works of Minneapolis, and O. P. Boynton of Washburn Wis. who are giving us the advantage of their expert knowledge of up-to-date mills. At the government sale of lots recently we purchased several acres to give us more room and we have been at work getting this cleared for the new mill site, which is to be located south of the bridge. A good deal of levelling and filling is to be done on this site, and we expect to commence the building of the mill on Nov. 1st. The present mill will be dismantled and torn down at once.

The new mill will be 40x220 with 16 ft. timbers in basement and 14 ft. in the saw floor. The planing mill will be a separate building 64x40, with separate engine, etc. The entire mill will be equipped with the most modern and finest machinery attainable with all labor-saving appliances and the plant will have a capacity of 100,000 feet in 10 hours or 200,000 feet in 20 hours. The mill will be kept running

from 250 to 300 days per year. The yearly cut will aggregate twenty million feet, and the company will give steady employment to 175 men. The cost of the plant will, at the least estimate, amount to \$75,000.

Mr. Lynch upon being interrogated gave further particulars of the Company's big undertaking. They planned to have the new plant in operation by May 1st next. A spur would be put in from the Great Northern, and cars for the C.P.R. route would be transferred by means of the switch. The entire plant would be lighted by their own system of electric lighting. A very important feature was that the new building was being erected so that another side might be added at any time, that the capacity might be doubled. Sufficient power was being provided for this purpose.

As to timber, Mr. Lynch stated that the company had 16,000 acres, and he did not fear a shortage inside of twenty years' steady cutting. The men behind the Elk Lumber and Manufacturing Co. are enterprising and progressive, and where they see a good opportunity for investment they are not slow in placing their money. The same Company are operating a very large plant at Red Deer Lake, Saskatchewan, where they have invested altogether the large sum of \$950,000. The markets east of Brandon are served from this latter mill.

The visiting directors return East today. They have a competent staff here who will carry out their directions in a satisfactory manner.

### THE POLICE COURT.

May Rutland a dissolute woman was brought to Fernie last Saturday by Constable Sampson on the charge of creating a disturbance at Morrissey while drunk. She was fined \$25 or given the option of going to Nelson for two months.

Complaints were laid before Provincial Chief of Police McMullin last week, which resulted in the dismissal from the service of special police officer Beaudwin who was stationed at Morrissey. That officer was charged in the police court last Friday with assaulting William Dick. The evidence of the accused and the complainant was directly opposed to each other, and though the latter bore distinct marks which corroborated his statement the magistrate dismissed the case.

E. C. Johnson pleaded guilty to the charge of gambling before police magistrate Whimster last Friday and was fined \$25 and costs.

Nelson Krohn, on the same charge, pleaded not guilty and had L. P. Eckstein to defend him. He was fined \$30 and costs.

Wing Kee was charged with violating the fire-limit by-law by building a coal shed on the lane behind his house. He pleaded ignorance of the law and was allowed to go on paying a fine of \$1.00.

An assault was committed at the Chinese restaurant opposite the C. P. R. depot last Saturday which resulted in four distinct charges being laid. Jos. Essen, a German, who spoke four or five languages in one, and who required an expert linguist to interpret his evidence, claimed he was lured to an upper room in this house by a dissolute woman named Roa Fontaine who there robbed him of \$5. While he was demanding his money, Clyde Westlake, a friend of the woman arrived on the scene and brutally assaulted Essen, inflicting nasty wounds on his face with his fists, and robbing him of \$60 from his inside pocket. Westlake on the charge of assault was tried on Tuesday. The evidence was of a contradictory nature. The woman and the accused claiming that Essen started the row by clinching with Westlake. The woman's evidence however was not given much weight as she varied from the truth in some details. The accused was fined \$100 or 6 months at hard labor. L. P. Eckstein who defended gave notice of appeal.

The woman was tried on the charge of the theft of \$5. The case was not proved and it was dismissed. She was then tried for being a loose and disorderly person. Pleading guilty she was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 or serve two months at Nelson jail.

Essen pleaded not guilty to the charge

of being drunk, and the case was dismissed.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Maria McDonald was charged by Sing Song under "the Master and Servant" Act with the non payment of wages to the amount of \$30. The case was adjourned until today. This morning judgement was given for the plaintiff.

John Chardon was accused by Robert Fowler with assault. W. R. Ross appeared for the defendant. Several witnesses were examined after which it was adjourned until today for further hearing.

Henry Gates charged the Roma Hotel with selling liquor on Sunday. He claimed that he purchased liquor on Sunday, Sept. 25th, and that his trunk was held for the bill. Three witnesses were produced who swore that no liquor had been sold on that date. It was proved that the trunk was held on a \$5 board bill. The case was dismissed.

Louis Zampa, a brick layer, was accused by Frank Marasco with assault. The latter is a fifteen year old boy who was employed as assistant to the men with whom Zampa worked. It was shown that the boy had disobeyed orders and had used foul language. His Worship held that the man was justified in shaking the lad and he gave the latter a wholesome lecture on his unbecoming conduct.

### COUNCIL MEETING.

All the members of the City Council were present at the regular weekly meeting on Monday night.

A Communication from L. P. Eckstein solicitor, enclosing an itemized bill of \$183.71 for services rendered re incorporation, was read by the City Clerk. The letter was filed and the bill was ordered to be sent to the secretary of the Board of Trade.

A. J. Purdy wrote asking for permission to move his store building from the corner of Victoria Ave. and Wood St. to lot 4 blocks, forty feet north of the Todd building. The request was granted, on condition that he sign an agreement that he would move the same to outside the fire limits before Dec. 1905.

Messrs. Kenny and McLeod, tailors, wrote applying for the work of making city police uniforms. The letter was filed.

Thomas Batt of Carbonado wrote applying for the position of city scavenger. The letter was filed.

On motion of Ald. McLean and Liphardt the city clerk was instructed to notify the owner of the pile of posts on Baker St. to remove the same at once.

The special committee appointed to interview G. G. S. Lindsey, General Man-

ager of the C. N. P. Coal Company, reported that they had an interview with that gentleman and that he had been quite willing to change the location of the red light district to any other site in that end of the city. The map of the new survey had been consulted and blocks 41 and 42 met with the approval of the committee. It was explained that these blocks were on the extreme limits of the township, a little west of the last site selected and in a slight hollow. The blocks were at the extreme end of Howland Ave.

The report was adopted and the city clerk was instructed to communicate with the Coal Company re change thus made.

The report of the finance committee re payment of salaries was passed.

A resolution was passed granting Jas. Wallace a commission of 10 per cent. on dog taxes collected.

The meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday Oct 18th.

### J. A. BAKER MAY RUN.

The Socialists of Kootenay may Take a Hand in the Coming Dominion Election.

The Socialist party in Kootenay will shortly call a meeting in this city to nominate a candidate for the Dominion elections, says the Nelson News. The matter has been left in the hands of the city socialists who will name the candidate. At present no definite statement can be obtained as to the calling of the meeting, those appealed to merely saying that a meeting would be called shortly.

The name most prominently mentioned as a likely candidate is that of James Baker, of Slocan, who at present is a guest at the Grand Central Hotel here. Mr. Baker was seen last evening but said he knew nothing of his possible candidature. A meeting would be called shortly, he said, for the purpose of nominating some one, but he declined to discuss the matter further at this stage.

Mr. Baker is a prominent member of the Western Federation of Miners, being the Canadian representative on the executive of the Federation.

### A SAD FATALITY

Little two year old Daughter buried under a Lumber Pile.

Yesterday morning at about nine o'clock little two year old Annie Taylor daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Taylor who keep a boarding house on Pellatt Ave. was instantly killed by a lumber pile falling upon her.

The little girl with two other children were playing about the lumber pile which was in the lane at the back of the lot. The lumber had been purchased by the owner of the next lot for fencing purposes. The children had been climbing about the pile when it suddenly tipped over and the little girl was buried beneath.

The agonized mother was quickly on the spot and rescued the little one but not before its short life had been extinguished. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents in their sudden loss.

### TRACKMEN COMING

The trackmen's Union has completed arrangements by which their excursion first set for Labor Day, and afterwards postponed, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. All the trackmen from Kootenay Landing to Dunmore Jct. are invited to attend. The C. P. R. are giving free transportation to all its employees. A procession will be held in the morning after the arrival of the excursionists. In the evening a banquet for 100 people will be given in the Nanapsee Hotel.

### PODBIELANCIK-PESTIK

On Monday evening a quiet wedding was solemnized in the Catholic Church when Mr. John Podbielancik and Mrs. Mary Pestik were united for life. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Coccola in the presence of a few intimate friends. Mr. Podbielancik is a member of the Crows Nest Trading Co. He has been in business in Fernie for three years and is well known in the city. His bride was one of the twenty-three widows who lost their husbands in the explosion of May 22nd 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Podbielancik have taken up their residence in the large house in West Fernie.

## W. A. GALLIHER IN CITY

### A LARGE PUBLIC MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT.

The Member Speaks on the Campaign Issues. Defends G. T. P. Favors Lumber Duty.

The Liberals opened the campaign in this city last evening at a public meeting held in the Stork Opera House. W. A. Galliher the Liberal candidate arrived on the evening train and delivered an excellent address to the large and appreciative audience. The chair was taken by J. H. Bricker, Sec-treasurer of the local Liberal Association and about him were grouped several prominent liberals of the city. The chairman in a few introductory remarks opened the meeting and called upon Mayor Stork who gave a capital speech. He spoke at some length upon the progressive railway policy of the Liberals, citing the Crows Nest line and the wonderful advantages resulted therefrom. He compared the G. T. P. with the alternative offered by Mr. Borden and ridiculed the idea of the Conservatives operating a government owned railway after making such a failure of the Intercolonial. In closing Mr. Stork spoke warmly of the good services rendered this district during the past four years by the member, W. A. Galliher.

Mr. L. P. Eckstein was the next speaker. He spoke briefly, but in a few minutes he clinched a number of hard cold facts. He looked at the issues from a labor man's point of view, asserting that upon labor all classes depend. He went back to the institution of the ballot and from there on brought out many features of liberal administration in which labor had benefited. Referring more particularly to local matters Mr. Eckstein spoke of the prosperous condition of Fernie and South East Kootenay and of the faithful manner in which Mr. Galliher had worked for his constituents.

W. A. Galliher, "The People's Bill" as the chairman introduced him, received a warm ovation as he rose to speak. For an hour and a half he held the closest attention of the audience as he clearly outlined the issues of the campaign. By far the greatest issue, in fact the only important issue, was the Grand Trunk Pacific agreement and he therefore devoted most of his time to that topic. The speaker had been a member of the railway committee that framed the agreement. They had "turned down" the first proposition which made the terminus at Portland, a U. S. port. The terms of the agreement finally decided upon were gone into minutely. The new railway when complete, counting the entire interest on the bonds for the seven years, at a fair estimate, would cost the Dominion only fourteen million dollars. True the government went surety for a large percentage of the bonds, but their liability could only result through the line proving a failure. He had too much confidence in this great Dominion and the unlimited resources which this great transcontinental line would develop to entertain such pessimistic impossibilities. Another feature well worth noting was that the railway would be built at once if the liberals were returned to power. The railway was needed, and it was needed now. The actual work of construction would begin as soon as the survey parties were through with their survey lines. The new railway would be a national road. Not only were running rights over it reserved for other government roads, but for all other roads. The rates were under the direct control of the government. The payment for all material in equipment and for all labor was guaranteed by the Company, and a fair wage clause protected the laborer to the practical exclusion of Chinese. A clause had been inserted guaranteeing a preference for the Canadian route, rail and ocean, where instructions were not given to the contrary by the shipper.

Hon. Mr. Borden had offered several alternative schemes, as one was proved abortive another was taken up. The last was the high sounding one, Government ownership. This was nothing but a name as the Hon. gentleman had nothing definite to promise as to how, when or where the line was to be built. The people of Canada were to judge whether a mystical, impractical policy like that was to supersede the clear-cut, business-like, bold and practical policy as laid down by the Liberals.

The growth and prosperity of the country under Liberal rule was touched on. The trade of Canada increased 86 million of dollars in 18 years of Conservative rule while under 7 years of Liberal rule it had increased 228 millions of

dollars. On the lumber duty question Mr. Galliher reiterated what he has previously stated in Fernie. He believed the B. C. lumbermen should be protected as are other industries which the lumbermen help to support. He would continue to work for a tax on American lumber as he had worked in the past.

The lead bonus which he had worked hard to secure was working wonders in lead-mining districts. He showed that the bonus on the lead production was better than a duty on American importations.

In conclusion Mr. Galliher modestly referred to his record during the four years he had the honor of representing the Kootenays at Ottawa. In all he had secured about six million dollars for this constituency. The \$10,000 grant for a government building at Fernie that he had been instrumental in securing would, he felt assured, be supplemented by a larger grant next year.

The meeting closed with cheers for the King and for the candidate.

## MR. LINDSEY ARRIVES

### NEW GENERAL MANAGER TALKS ON LOCAL TOPICS.

The Branch Crossing at C. P. R. Tracks Causes a Trip to Winnipeg. More Townsite to be Laid off.

Mr. G. G. Lindsey K. C. General Manager of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. arrived in Fernie last Saturday. This is his first appearance here since he was appointed to his present position over a month ago. In a few minutes' conversation with a Free Press man on Wednesday Mr. Lindsey spoke of various matters of public interest to the people of Fernie. In reply to our congratulations Mr. Lindsey modestly attributed the appointment to his long connection with the Company in other important offices. He was pleased to come to Fernie. His business at the head office would require much of his time to be spent in Toronto where his home was but he supposed he would spend about half his time in Fernie.

Mr. Lindsey was much pleased with the rapid improvement made in the city since his last visit here. The city was building up with a much finer class of structures, and of a fire-proof material in many instances. In reply to enquiries the new general manager stated that the work on the Coal Company office building has been suspended until Spring. The foundation walls was a splendid piece of masonry and he did not wish to spoil a good job by building in unsuitable weather. He was much struck with the fine appearance made by the Michel stone and he had about decided to build the whole structure of that material. The contractors were willing to guarantee rock free from iron. The quarry would be done through the winter.

Mr. Lindsey had nothing to say re the zinc smelter, beyond stating that Mr. Fernau would doubtless be here as soon as he was able to proceed with its construction; owing to the lateness of the season it would probably not be built this Fall.

Asked as to the reported hitch in the negotiations between the C. P. R. and the Coal Company re the leasing of the branch line the general manager replied that the only matter not settled was the kind of crossing at the junction of the M. F. and M. road with the C. P. R. The level crossing, the overhead crossing and the underground crossing had been considered. The deep holes dug at the proposed crossing had been made to test the feasibility of an underground crossing. "I am going to Winnipeg this evening" said Mr. Lindsey "and while there I expect the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted." The branch to Coal Creek would not be taken over until the G. N. extension to Fernie was completed. This in the speaker's opinion would not be before the end of the year.

Touching on the townsite extension question Mr. Lindsey expressed himself as being anxious to have it attended to at the earliest possible date. Plans of new survey were being made and the new blocks would be on the market shortly. It was his desire to provide plenty of residential lots graded in prices to suit all purchasers.

A Japanese was arrested in the tend, erion district on Monday night for creating a disturbance. He had over \$1,000 on him. He was fined \$50 and costs.