

# THE LANE COUNTY NEWS

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## SNOW CRIPPLES TOWN AND DOES LITTLE DAMAGE

A snow storm that started Thursday night, did considerable damage to telephone and light wires, demolished the old skating rink and other smaller buildings, caused the mill to shut down and inconvenienced pedestrians generally for two or three days. Normal conditions were restored by this evening. The snow reached a depth of 15 inches.

Although the snow fell all day Friday, it did not attain any great depth until Saturday morning, but by that time the wires were coming down, and the mill docks were so covered it was not possible to work.

The Oregon Power company had as many as 20 wires down, but all the primary circuits were restored by noon that day and the three or four customers who had been without lights on Saturday were served Sunday. The company's wires in Harrisburg, Junction City and Coburg were down to such an extent that all service was shut off from these towns Saturday night but was restored in Coburg Sunday. Three 11,000-volt transformers at Harrisburg were burned out, and Mark Young went down to install two sent by express from Independence yesterday.

The Oregon Power company carried the Eugene municipal plant's load from Saturday forenoon until tonight.

The Pacific Telephone company had 70 phones out of commission from the Springfield office, but most of these in town were in order today. Seven of the eight trunk lines to Eugene were out of commission all day Saturday, and for a time the one was out.

The skating ring, owned by W. N. Ohness, collapsed under the weight of snow Saturday afternoon. The roof remains only at the northern end, where the partitions gave strength.

The roof of Mrs. Billings' barn a shed back of the city hall, a barn on the old Walker property and a number of smaller buildings collapsed. An awning was torn from the front of the J. C. Holbrook store.

Under the direction of Marshal J. E. Edwards, the streets were put in excellent condition, the situation being handled in fine shape. Geo. Vallier and J.

## Fischer-Boutin Mill Soon Starts

The bad weather was all that prevented the Fischer-Boutin mill here from starting operations this morning, and a half-crew will be put on just as soon as the weather permits. The mill proper and the planer will be operated alternately for a time, and later full crews will be put on.

The company's logging camp at Marcola was compelled to close because of the snow.

T. Donaldson, with heavy teams drew a snow plow up and down the paved streets, opening drive ways, and Cal Burns and Earl Moore, with a smaller plow, opened trails on sidewalks to all parts of town. Other men kept the gutters open for the flow of dissolving snow, so that in all it was possible to get about the city in good shape. Owners of business houses were kept busy shoveling off their roofs.

The street car company found bucking the drifts hard work, and could get no further than the News office until after noon.

**Big Shed Down at Mabel**  
H. H. Ritter, employed at Mabel, wrote his son here yesterday that the snow had made the big shed between the dry kiln, dry sheds and planers, fall. The shed is 125 by 300 feet in size.

**Barn Falls About Ears.**  
W. T. Patton, who lives next to Henry Matthews, near Goshen, had a narrow escape on Saturday when his two-story barn, 40 by 50 feet in size, fell through to the lower floor. Mr. Patton took refuge near a post, which stood firm, and he was unhurt.

**Slides Near Jasper.**  
Three small slides near Jasper on the Oakridge line delayed train No. 98 for four or five hours this morning. There was an extra work crew in the vicinity, and the work of removing the earth was soon done. The crew took dinner here.

## TRADE CAMP CREED FARM FOR PORTLAND PROPERTY

Lathrop Brothers of Camp Creek last week traded their fine 370-acre ranch to A. H. and P. G. Johnson of Blodgett, Oregon, for Portland business property. The properties were listed at \$12,000 each. The deal was made through the firm of Edwards and Brattain.

Monroe wants an electric light and power plant. Prairie City Power Company building power line to John Day and Canyon City.

## FIRST CONTEST COUNT MARCH 15

The first stage of the voting contest now being conducted by the Lane County News and a number of Springfield merchants, is nearing the end of the end, for the first count will be made March 15th. At that time the judges, who are to be announced Thursday, will count the votes and declare the race on in earnest. To make the contest interesting from the very first, a special prize of \$10 in gold will be given the contestant having the largest number of votes on the first count. Now get busy. The time is short.

There are three ways to get the votes:

Clip the free ballots from the News.

Get new subscribers to the News.

Third. Ask for votes from the

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## B-K MILL GETS CONTRACT FOR TIMBER FOR CARS

The news of the letting of the largest single contract to a Willamette valley lumber company for several years was made public Saturday night when it was announced that the Booth-Kelly company of this city has been granted a contract to supply 3,000,000 feet of lumber for the Radiston Steel Car company, says the Sunday Register.

This order is the second of this nature received by the Booth-Kelly company, according to A. C. Dixon, local manager, within the past few weeks. The lumber in the last contract is for the manufacture of 2,000 freight, flat, automobile and other cars for the Southern Pacific company. The first order was for 1,000 cars for another car company, of which the Booth-Kelly company got one-third, making a total of 2,333 cars out of the 3,000. The rest of the order went to Portland firms.

Mr. Dixon was notified last Wednesday that the Booth-Kelly company had been awarded the contract from Cincinnati, Ohio, where many lumbermen had gathered to secure the order. The formal order has not yet been received but is expected to arrive in Eugene Monday. The Booth-Kelly company has all summer to fill the order, according to Mr. Dixon, as the steel parts of the cars cannot be secured until later, owing to the great demand for steel in the east.

"The supplying of the 9,000,000 feet will be divided up among the Willamette valley mills," said Mr. Dixon at his home last night: "The Booth-Kelly company will not furnish it all, though we could without difficulty."

"The amount of this lumber order in itself is not so important," said Mr. Dixon, "for we handle as much lumber as this frequently during a month. The securing of the order, however, is a high tribute to Willamette valley timber. It shows that the railroad car manufacturing companies are beginning to recognize that the lumber we have in this valley is of high grade and good quality for their business. It is strong and particularly well adapted for cars used in heavy traffic."

"It is also a recognition of the lumbering industry of the Willamette valley as against other sections. With many lumber brokers gathered together, all wanting the contract, I believe the fact that this order was given to a local company means much for the lumber concerns in the Willamette valley."

The market price is to be paid for the lumber, according to Mr. Dixon. Both the Springfield and Wendling mills of the company are operating steadily except when delayed by snowstorms as at the present time and both are far behind in their orders for the reason that they are unable to obtain a sufficient number of cars. A good price is being obtained for the product of the mills, most of which is shipped to the middle west.

Leona—Mill Company enlarging sawmill and logging plant.

## COURT DENIES INJUNCTION IN ROAD TAX CASE

The preliminary injunction issued a few days ago by Judge Skipworth, of the circuit court, restraining the sheriff from collecting the 2.79-mill road tax against property in Eugene and Springfield, was Saturday afternoon dissolved by the judge and the case will be finally decided some time next week, he announced.

Judge Skipworth explained in court at the time of his decision to dissolve the preliminary injunction that he was not passing upon the merits of the case at this time.

"In the first place," said the judge, "I want to say that this is not a hearing of the case upon its merits, being merely upon application for a restraining order, and this application is denied."

Judge Skipworth announced that wherever a taxpayer claims that the road tax of 2.79 mills is illegal he may tender to the sheriff his taxes, less the 2.79 mills and in case the suit is decided in favor of the county and sheriff he shall pay the remainder, but in case it is decided in favor of the plaintiff, Roney, he will not have to pay the sum. He takes his own chances on being compelled to pay penalty and interest in case it is decided that the tax is legal.

Judge Skipworth said he would give this case right-of-way over others and hand down a decision within a few days. The attorneys for the county and the city will submit their pleadings tomorrow.

## Council to Renew Lighting Contract

An ordinance has been drawn by City Attorney Bower covering a new street lighting contract with the Oregon Power company, to take the place of the one which expires in May. The contract provides for the continuing of the lights as they now are; but at a price \$588 a year less than at present. The company is willing that the new contract go into effect at once, so it is quite likely a special meeting of the council will be called when Mayor Morrison returns, and the ordinance passed with an emergency clause. By doing this the city will be saving nearly \$50 a month on its street lights.

## S. P. MAY ACQUIRE MULTNOMAH HOTEL

Would Use Structure as Hotel, Office Building and Terminal Station.

Persistent rumors are in circulation that soon after the foreclosure sale of the furnishings of the Hotel Multnomah, March 8, upon which the R. R. Thompson estate holds a mortgage for \$75,000 in lieu of unpaid rental, an announcement will be made which will ultimately result in the building being used by the Southern Pacific railway.

In view of what it is definitely known the railway sought in the past it seems probable that pres-

ent plans include the operation of five or six floors as a hotel, the inclusion of some of the company's offices in the building and also the use of the Fourth-street side and part of the second floor as a downtown terminal for the Southern Pacific electric system, whose tracks pass the structure.

It is believed the company wishes to copy in Portland the general idea of the Pacific Electric terminal in Los Angeles, at least to incorporate some of the features of that terminal which have found favor with travelers. This would mean a partial remodeling of the Fourth street side of the building.

Roy O. Yates a member of the Multnomah Hotel company and a representative of the R. R. Thompson estate, owners of the building, said today that he knew nothing of the project but that he hoped it might prove true. C. H. Winn, manager of the Thompson estate, who has been in Portland for some time, is now in San Francisco.

## Business Men's Club Elects

The annual meeting of the Springfield Business Men's club was held Thursday evening, at which time the following officers were elected: President, C. E. Swarts; vice-president, W. L. McCulloch; secretary and treasurer, E. E. Keppner. President Swarts states he will announce his committees at the next meeting.

There were over 55 members present, and a most enthusiastic meeting was held. The club plans to take an active part in the development of Springfield the coming summer.

## LUMBER MARKET'S STRENGTH SHOWN

Representatives of 60 Mills Discuss Conditions at Tacoma Meeting.

Tacoma, March 2.—Sixty lumber mills were represented at a meeting of manufacturers here yesterday. Reports on conditions showed continued strength in the market with shipments hampered by lack of cars. The log market was reported strong and it was predicted prices now prevailing would continue indefinitely.

It was denied that steps were taken to advance prices, but it was admitted action would be taken to readjust prices in some stocks to put the general discount list on a reasonable basis to conform to costs and values. It is estimated that during 1915, more than 125,000,000 feet of Pacific Coast lumber was shipped to the Atlantic Coast. It was reported the Western railroads are working on a plan for a 60-cent rate to the Eastern seaboard that will encourage a movement by rail even when the Panama canal becomes permanently opened.

## West Springfield Teachers Resign

The Standardization rally for West Springfield was postponed on account of Mr. Moore's inability to procure a speaker and on account of the unusual climatic conditions. The school, however, has all of its stars and the certificate of Standardization will be presented this week.

Miss Dove McGee has resigned her position in West Springfield to attend Monmouth Normal. She would have gone at the beginning of the second semester had she not kindly consented to stay and help out on the play that was to have furnished funds for construction of a play shed for the school. She will be able to make up her work and be graduated in June. Though her many friends in the neighborhood regret losing her valuable services in the school they are unanimous in wishing

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## STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AT INSTITUTE

Despite the storm which raged all day Saturday the local teachers' institute was well attended and was pronounced a success by all present. One hundred seven regular teachers were enrolled and there were perhaps thirty additional visitors from Springfield and Eugene. The pupils of the High school and Grammar schools of Springfield furnished the music for the program and were encoered at the close of each number.

In honor of State Superintendent Churchill the girls of the cooking classes gave a luncheon to some twenty invited guests at noon. The lunch was served in the school sewing room, and the quality of the viands served reflected much credit upon the girls and their instructor.

To save the visitors a trip to town through the snow a lunch was served in the building by Mr. Gano, the local caterer. Owing to the large attendance the quality of supplies needed had been underestimated and the late comers were compelled to take straight bread and butter with Springfield water.

The morning program was opened by a girls' trio from the Lincoln school, following which Mrs. Gladys Smith delivered a most excellent talk on the "Difficulties of Teaching Technical Grammar in the Upper Grades." Mrs. Smith understands this subject thoroughly and gave many useful plans by which pupils may be lead through the mazes of proper English.

A boys' trio gave the next music and responded to an encore in good style. Mrs. Lucina Richardson next presented the subject "Helps in Teaching Agriculture and Geography." Mrs. Richardson illustrated her talk with many topical maps, charts, specimens from foreign countries and made very clear the necessity of correlating these kindred subjects.

Floyd Nolleth of the sixth grade gave a very pleasing vocal solo which was well received by his hearers.

Prof. Goddard, of the Lincoln school, presented a very practical talk on the "Making of a Fly Trap." Mr. Goddard made this subject the basis of plans whereby many practical and useful articles for the home and farm may be made by the boys at home. His talk was particularly useful to rural teachers who have little training or equipment for teaching this valuable subject.

The afternoon program was opened by the Boys' Quartette of the High school. The boys rendered two very fine numbers for the audience.

Prof. E. A. Allen of the O. A. C. gave a very interesting talk on "Pigs" and the part this industry should play in the development of the valley. He also explained the workings of the industrial clubs in the schools and made clear their value from both a practical and educational viewpoint.

Prof. F. C. Ayer of the University of Oregon gave a very fine address for the benefit of young teachers. His chief advice was for the cultivation of some talent other than mere school room teaching. He emphasized the value of participation in the social life of the community and a knowledge of the physical and financial resources of the community.

State Superintendent Churchill gave an interesting talk on many perplexing educational problems that confront the teacher each day. He explained the effect of the recent legislation regarding certification, course of study, professional teachers certificates, reading circle work, an other topics of great interest to the teacher. This was Mr. Churchill's first appearance at a local institute

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### NOMINATING BLANK

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