

CUTOFF AND LARGE MILL PROGRESSES

Dam to Back Water Two Miles Used for Western Lumber Company Logging; First Rail Laid This Week.

One large dam is nearing completion and another is to be constructed at the Western Lumber company's mammoth sawmill at Westfir, according to George Catching, of Springfield, who has charge of the work.

A large dam which will raise the water 27 feet and back it up for two miles will be built about a half mile from the sawmill, according to Mr. Catching. He says much of the Western Lumber company timber stands along this artificial lake.

The Western construction company has completed the re-grading of the six miles of old grade above Oakridge and the Southern Pacific started laying rails on it this week.

As soon as the track is laid it is understood that work on the tunnel above Oakridge will be started. Contracts for this work are expected to be let soon.

Men who have been close to the railroad developments say a large material yard will be opened in Springfield in the early spring.

COUNTY WILL VOTE ON HARRISBURG BRIDGE TAX

Lane county will vote next year on the building of a new bridge across the Willamette river on the Pacific highway at Harrisburg, according to plans of the county court to place the measure on the ballot.

Linn county voted bonds for the bridge last year and the action came on the part of the Lane county court after members of the Linn county court had interviewed the judge and commissioners in Eugene.

Board Meeting Held

The official board meeting of the M. E. church met in regular session Tuesday night in the church to discuss the advisability of changing the heating system in the church.

Lodge to Give Dinner

Liberty Lodge number 71 of Springfield Masonic order is giving a dinner on December 18. An elaborate menu is planned for 7:00.

Goes to North Bend

Mrs. George Wooge of Dexter was in Springfield Monday on her way to North Bend where she will join her husband.

Left for California

Mrs. James Laxton left Monday for California where she will join her husband.

Homs for Week-End

George Catching was here from Westfir spending the week-end with his wife.

Mrs. H. C. Mathew of Goshen was a Springfield visitor Tuesday.

SWARTS NEW MASTER OF MASONIC LODGE IN CITY

Dr. Dippel and Herbert Cox, Wardens, B. A. Washburne, treas., C. E. Wheaton Sec.

C. A. Swarts was chosen the new master at the annual election of officers held by Liberty Lodge Number 171 A. F. and A. M. on Tuesday evening.

Plans for an installation and banquet to be held next Tuesday night were completed. Following the banquet, which is scheduled for 7:00 p. m., there will be installation of officers.

Committee on arrangements for the banquet are C. F. Eggmann, C. A. Swarts and H. M. Stewart.

FLORENCE BANK ROBBED OF \$6000 BY THREE MEN

More than \$6000 in gold and silver was stolen from the Lane County State Savings bank at Florence Tuesday when three men held up Carl Bergman, the cashier, and escaped with the loot.

The three men appeared at the bank about 11:30. Flashing guns on the cashier they backed him into the vault. It was a half hour before Bergman made his escape and gave the alarm.

Here from Kelso—Joseph Cyr, father of Milton Cyr of this city, arrived here Thursday evening from his home in Kelso, Washington. He will return this morning to Washington.

Treasury Certificates Out

A new issue of United States treasury saving certificates have just been put out according to F. B. Hamill, postmaster. The bonds are in three denominations, \$25, \$100 and \$1000.

Mrs. R. E. Yoder and daughter Martha, who have been here for two weeks past with Mrs. Yoder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Green, returned to their home in Shanon yesterday.

Chamber to Meet

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting in the Chamber rooms above the Commercial State bank on the 4th Monday of this month.

Brother-in-law Visits—W. C. Templeton, brother-in-law of Dr. W. C. Rebban, stopped in Springfield Monday on his way from his home in Brownsville to Los Angeles, California.

Had Tonsil Operation—The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Vincent of Dexter had her tonsils removed on Tuesday.

Bought Ranch—J. C. Bailey yesterday completed a deal with W. E. Powell of Eugene, whereby he purchased the 15-acre Powell ranch at Jasper.

Back at Mill—E. E. Hartung of the Springfield Booth-Kelly office force was back on the job yesterday morning after a two weeks' vacation.

Coming for Holidays—Mr. and Mrs. J. Lemmons of Portland are expected to arrive in this city on Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lemmon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winzenried.

LANE BUDGET NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Tax Body Passes Estimates for 1924 after Trimming Items; Timber to be Cruised Next Year

Authorizing the expenditure of \$989,559.72 in 1924 the Lane county budget has been passed by the tax supervision and conservation commission. The budget provides for a cruise of Lane county timber to cost \$25,000 and was trimmed in a number of items to take care of this amount.

The largest cut in the budget submitted by the county court, was in the fund for retiring outstanding warrants which was reduced from \$60,000 to \$30,000. Roads and bridges were reduced \$24,000 more.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Advertising (\$3,000.00), Auditing (\$600.00), Assessor (\$12,000.00), Bounty (\$600.00), Care of poor (\$16,000.00), Circuit court (\$16,000.00), County court (\$5,400.00), County house (\$6,500.00), County clerk (\$12,500.00), County Sheriff (\$18,925.00), County Surveyor (\$6,065.00), County Treasurer (\$3,395.00), County Fair (\$2,000.00), County Coroner (\$600.00), District Attorney and Investigation (\$2,400.00), Thistle and plant insects (\$400.00), Fruit Inspector (\$1,800.00), Health Officer (\$200.00), Indigent Soldiers (\$800.00), Insane (\$600.00), Justice court (\$1,600.00), Juvenile (\$1,200.00), Tax Conservation commission (\$2,500.00), Registration and election (\$12,000.00), School Superintendent (\$4,000.00), District Sealer (\$500.00), Slaughtered animals (\$800.00), Tax rebates (\$2,000.00), Widows' pensions (\$12,000.00), General roads and bridges (\$100,000.00), Market roads, including state money (\$111,000.00), County school fund (\$135,879.23), County library fund (\$1,365.97), County high school fund (\$67,360.00), Cruising timber (\$25,000.00), Interest on bonds (includes motor vehicle receipts) (\$65,000.00), Retiring warrants (\$30,000.00), Emergency (\$10,000.00), State tax (\$302,860.52), Total expenditures (\$989,557.72).

NEEDLECRAFT MEMBERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Needlecraft club was very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Carl Olson on Thursday afternoon. Hostesses were Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Robert Drury.

The affair was in the nature of a Christmas party, and all the members came dressed as children. The Christmas tree, and stockings hung around the fireplace gave a decorative touch in keeping with the holiday.

The five new members will entertain the club members and husbands on New Year's eve. The next regular meeting of the organization will be with Mrs. R. P. Mortensen on January 3.

Arrive from Canada Mrs. Ona Ettinger and small daughters Eva and Edna, her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stewart arrived in Springfield last night from Metiskow, Canada.

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B.-K. Mill to Shut Down Two Weeks

Will Close Two or Three Weeks First of Year for Repairs; Planers to Run

About a hundred men will be laid off during a two or three week shut-down for repairs at the Booth-Kelly mill, according to O. H. Jarrett, superintendent. It is impossible to state the definite date when the shut-down will begin, Mr. Jarrett said, but it will be some time the latter part of next week.

Shipping of lumber will be continued during the closed period, and the planers will continue to run.

The framing of the log-deck was begun on Monday, the large timbers being sawed and put together ready to drop into place. Work on the stacker for the dry kilns, as well as the log bay will be completed in the interval.

The new 32-foot log-turner machine has not yet arrived from Everett, Washington, but its installation will be one of the features of the repairs and replacements.

BENEFIT TEA WILL BE GIVEN BY CIVIC CLUB

A "benefit tea" is the plan of the Woman's Civic club of Springfield, to be held some time in January, 1924, the proceeds to go to the Parent-Teacher association to help pay for the playshed recently erected at the Lincoln school. This was the decision at a meeting of the club on the evening of December 11 at the home of Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, president.

After adjournment of the business meeting Mrs. Long, chairman of the entertainment committee, presented some stunts, and the hostess served home-made candies.

The next meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, at which time will be the annual election of officers for the coming year.

SPECIAL ELECTION ON MONDAY 9 A. M. TO 8 P. M.

The special election called to amend the charter of incorporation of the town of Springfield will be held on Monday, December 17, from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. The only polling place will be the office of the City Recorder. Judges for the election will be C. E. Wheaton, Frank Gordon and John Carson. Clerks on the board will be Mrs. Vina McLean and Mrs. Al Montgomery. It is necessary to amend the city's charter in order to vote \$50,000 refund bonds to take care of those coming due next year.

Church to be Opened

The new Christian church will be ready for services by Sunday afternoon, it is anticipated, according to R. E. Moshier, member of the building committee. It is expected to hold the Christmas exercises of the Sunday School there at that time. Work on the installation of the furnace began this morning. Windows are being put in, and a number of doors are already hung. Seats have been assembled, there being 300 new opera chairs. The seating capacity of the auditorium will be between 600 and 700, including the balcony.

To Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson have been invited to their home for Friday evening, on the occasion of the Olson's 25th wedding anniversary.

KENSINGTON CLUB HAS PRETTY CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party was enjoyed on Friday afternoon by the Kensington club at the home of Mrs. W. C. Rebban. A Christmas tree was the center of the decorations, and a gift was given to each of the ladies present.

A one-course luncheon of salad, wafers and coffee was served by the hostess to the following guests: Mrs. Ferris, mother of Mrs. Rebban, who is visiting in the city, Mesdames Henry Kort, W. F. Walker, S. Ralph Dippel, Harry Whitney, Lawrence May, Anna Cox, C. E. Swartz, Alfred Morgan, P. S. Basford, Levi Neet, E. G. Sutton, J. E. Edwards, O. B. Kessey, and Misses Edna Swarts and Mildred Morgan.

The ladies came in costume, as the affair was children's party. The club will not meet again until the first Friday in January.

Mrs. Pettit of Fall Creek was in town Tuesday.

Ralph Kadderly, of Portland, was in Springfield yesterday.

MANUAL TRAINING SHOP MAY BE BUILT IN 1924

This Method to Relieve Congestion Seems Likely; High School Notes Listed

A frame structure to house the manual training shop will likely be built next summer in order to move this from the high school building and relieve congestion in the schools. Although it has not been definitely settled this seems the only way out since the city would stand only a limited bond issue at this time.

The school district 19 has a valuation of \$1,453,329, a bonded indebtedness of around \$63,000, and the law prohibits a bonded indebtedness of more than 6 per cent of the valuation.

The Springfield high school has this week received an addition to its library. Mrs. Ivan Draper, formerly of Elmira, who taught there in the schools under G. T. Beck, is the donor of five volumes on education by the best known educators in the United States. The books will be of very great aid to the teachers training class for reference, Mr. Torbet declared. A number of loans of books have also been made, some by the professors themselves. All others who are going away and want to leave part of their libraries in use may do so to the great benefit of the school, according to Mr. Torbet.

The Springfield basketball teams were defeated by the Thurston teams at Thurston on Friday night. The score for the girls was 36 to 15, and for the boys 13 to 8. The teams went to Thurston under the chaperonage of Miss Anne Hill, high school English teacher, and her sister Miss Mildred Hill of the University of Oregon. The return game will be played by the boys' team in the Springfield high school gymnasium tomorrow night at 7:00. The return game for the girls will come somewhat later in the season. Following the game a group of entertainers from the Eugene Bible university will give a program in the high school.

Kenneth Dillard has returned from the Willamette Valley Older Boys' conference held in Portland where he represented Springfield high school. He was elected one of the vice-presidents of the conference. The conference was under the Y. M. C. A. auspices.

Examinations for the second six weeks begin today and will be conducted tomorrow as well. The grades will probably be ready for printing in the next issue of the News.

The negative side won in a debate during assembly hour on Friday on the question. Resolved: That a high school should be allowed to graduate students who have a failure against them in any subject. The debaters, all of whom are taking English 5, were: affirmative, Beulah Thurman, Pauline Jack; negative, Alice Tomseth and Anna Dillard. Judges were Mrs. M. M. McLean and Professors F. M. Roth and Randall Scott.

Sues to Collect Insurance

James Wilson, formerly of Lane county but now residing at Vale, has filed suit in circuit court against the Hartford Fire Insurance company to collect insurance alleged due on farm property near Elmira. The Wilson home burned at Elmira June 7, 1922, and Delpert and E. C. Rudolph were convicted for arson in burning the barn and are serving sentence in the penitentiary. Wilson was tried but acquitted on the same charge. He now seeks \$2500 insurance money.

Sues for Divorce

Mrs. Hazel May Howes has filed suit in circuit court for a divorce decree from Charles L. Howes on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. She claims her husband has struck her on various occasions. They were married May 26, 1916.

Woman Injured in Accident

When the car in which she was riding was struck by a machine driven by A. E. Senseny, a Springfield blacksmith, Mrs. John Dyer, of Junction City, was badly cut around the head. The accident happened Wednesday afternoon on the Pacific highway. The Senseny car ran into the machine sideways tipping it over.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Turner, who have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Maxey, have returned to Seattle. Mrs. Elvin O. Strand, sister of Mrs. Maxey, and was a business visitor in town yesterday. Mrs. D. C. Trotter of Waltherville, Mrs. John Purcell of Wendling in town yesterday for medical treatment, stopping at the home of her mother, Mrs. Pettijohn on A street.

EMPLOY FIRE CHIEF AND DAY POLICEMAN

Council Hired Paid Chief of Fire Department After Volunteers Disband; Hurd New Traffic Officer

A paid fire chief and a traffic officer whose duties will include day policeman and assistant fire chief were employed at the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening. Mayor Charles Eggmann appointed Jess Smitsen fire chief at a salary of \$15 a month and C. N. Hurd traffic officer at \$120 a month.

The appointment of Smitsen, who has been acting chief of the volunteer department, came after a communication was read from the fire department notifying the council that it had voted to disband. The council decided to overhaul the fire truck, pay Smitsen for keeping the equipment in shape and to answer night fires. The traffic officer will take the truck out in day time to fires when Smitsen is employed at his regular duties at the Booth-Kelly mill. Volunteers will be paid for helping at fires as usual.

New Sewer Proposed

The council expressed itself favorable to the extension of the sewer between B and C streets one block east from Ninth to Tenth street. Property owners were reported as all desiring the improvement and it was said the extension was much needed to improve the sanitary conditions of this end of town. The matter was placed in the hands of the finance and judiciary committee with instructions to find buyers for improvement district bonds and prepared estimate of costs.

Six applications were received for the position of traffic officer. Mr. Hurd, the only applicant from Springfield, was appointed by the mayor and ratified by the council.

The council passed a motion instructing the library board to turn all its bills through the regular channels that they may be passed on by the council before payment.

LYCEUM MUSICAL HEARD BY 500 AT HIGH SCHOOL

A varied program was heard by an audience of 500 when the Larcher-Smith duo appeared at the high school auditorium on the evening of December 8 in the second of the Ellison-White lyceum numbers sponsored by the 4L's. The next number will be the Buckeye male trio on January 7.

Piano and accordion numbers, music on the clarinet, drums and taps, as well as saxophone selections were given. Miss Bessie Larcher did some comedy character readings in costume. The close of the program was a one-act play put on by Miss Larcher and Miss Beatrice Smith, in which they acted the parts of two girls at a movie.

Regular-Teachers to Meet

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held Friday, December 14, in the Lincoln school building at 3:00 o'clock, instead of on the following Friday, so that the Christmas programs may be given in the rooms on December 21.

The candy sale will be held at that time. All the candy will be home-made for the occasion.

Many at M. E. Dinner

About 200 people attended the dinner given by the ladies of the M. E. church in the church parlors last evening at 6:30 o'clock. The dinner was preceded by a bazaar, at which time articles of clothing and fancy work were sold. The work was under the direction of Mrs. M. M. Male, general chairman. Over \$72 was netted from the dinner alone, and will go toward a general fund.

The Springfield Sand and Gravel company loaded three cars with crushed rock for the Southern Pacific company on Wednesday.

The Springfield Mill and Grain company shipped a carload of feed to Lakeside Tuesday, and one to Marshfield yesterday.

B. O. Smith shipped a carload of potatoes to California on Monday.

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