

## CONTRACT 32 MILES MORE ON CUT-OFF

### Rail Bed and Big Summit Tunnel Let to Construction Companies; Now 73.7 Miles Under Contract on Natron Branch.

Contracts for 32 miles more road-bed construction and the summit tunnel of the Natron cut-off has been let by the Southern Pacific company. The Utah Construction company of Ogden and the Stewart and Welsh company of Seattle were awarded the contracts, the former having 25.2 miles and the latter having 6.9 miles and the tunnel. Work of laying the rails above Oakridge is progressing and some tunnel work will be done this winter on the west side. Work on the summit tunnel will be started also. It is announced, if the weather will permit. There is now contracted 73.7 miles out of 114 on the cut-off required to close the gap between Oakridge and Kirk. The summit tunnel is several miles long and will require a large amount of labor. The other tunnels are shorter but there are several formidable ones to be dug above Oakridge before the summit is reached on this side.

## BANK ROBBERS GIVEN 20 YEARS IN PRISON

### Tom Murray and Eddie Walker Plead Guilty and Receive Sentence; Others Plead Not Guilty

Sentences aggregating 20 years each were given Tom Murray and Eddie Walker, Florence bank robbers, who pleaded guilty to grand jury indictments, in circuit court Monday. Judge G. F. Skipworth in pronouncing sentence declared it was not a question of sending the two hardened criminals to the penitentiary to reform but to prevent them from further acts of violence. The bank robbers were taken to Salem to start serving their sentences immediately. Both had attempted to break jail before trial.

Nels Berkman, John C. Herring and Charles P. Blazer, western Lane farmers, indicted on charges of aiding the bank robbers to escape, pleaded not guilty. Alpo Dowell, brother-in-law of Murray, who has been held for aiding him, was not indicted by the grand jury and has been released from custody. The other men will be tried in the jury term of circuit court. Mike Gomez, Mexican laborer, who pleaded guilty to stealing goods from stores, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary by Judge Skipworth Monday. He was sent to the penitentiary with the bank robbers. Pete Maldonado, Mexican, held for shop lifting, pleaded not guilty to the indictments and will be tried by jury.

## REBEKAHS SURPRISE ON GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The local Rebekah lodge gave a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnard Monday evening in honor of their golden wedding anniversary. Covers were laid for 34 in the I. O. O. F. hall, and table decorations were orange candles and baskets of fruit for centerpieces. When all was in readiness the couple were sent for. Mrs. Barnard was presented with five dollars, and was asked to choose her own present. Refreshments of whipped jello, sandwiches, cake and coffee were served. Entertainment was furnished by a mock wedding.

## POWER PLANT TO BE BUILT AT MARSHFIELD

A new power plant at Marshfield, to be constructed by the Mountain States Power company, will have a 5000 kilowatt turbine. The new building is to be made large enough for two turbines of this size, but only one will be installed at first.

The power for the town is at present generated by the sawmills, and purchased from them. Estimates on the total cost of the plant is around \$750,000.

### Teachers Return from Vacations

Miss Anne Hill, English teacher at the Springfield high school, spent the Christmas vacation, visiting friends at Wauna. Miss Florence McClintock, domestic science teacher, was at Weed, California, with her parents. Miss Virginia Tomlinson, mathematics teacher, visited her parents and other relatives at Albany.

Alva Armitage was here from Thurston on business yesterday.

## COMMENDS EVANGELIST HOLDING SERVICES HERE

### That He is Acquainted With Work of John T. Brown

Praise for John T. Brown, evangelist who is holding services at the Springfield Christian church, is voiced in a letter received by The News from Rev. A. G. Sater, former pastor of the church. Mr. Sater writes from his home in Kootenai, Idaho. Quotations from his letter follow:

"It is with real pleasure that I note John T. Brown is to hold a series of services for the Springfield Christian church. It was my opportunity and pleasure to have him for a meeting in one of my Oklahoma pastorates and I know his worth.

"Besides being an excellent Gospel preacher Mr. Brown is a lecturer of note. He has traveled extensively and the illustrated lectures which he used at times during his meetings are deserving of the attentions of all who wish to be informed.

"The Church and community are favored in securing the services of a man whose time is usually demanded by the larger towns and cities. I heartily commend him to Springfield and trust he will have an excellent hearing for the conversion of sinners and the edifying of saints."

## ORIENTALS INITIATE AND ELECT AT LOCAL MEETING

### W. A. Martin and Ernest G. Black of Springfield Taken into Akola Sanatorium Saturday Night

The Orientals from Eugene, Akola Sanatorium number 268, met in the I. O. O. F. hall on Saturday night here in Springfield for initiation and election of officers. About 80 members were present.

The six initiates include two Springfield men, W. A. Martin and Ernest G. Black.

Officers elected for the coming year are: D. B. Dotson, Eugene, grand hyastite; George W. Sweet, Cottage Grove, vice-grand hyastite; F. E. Lamb, Eugene, re-elected registrar; J. E. Richmond, formerly of Springfield, re-elected master of finance; Curtis Veach of Halsey was chosen trustee for the next three years. Installation will be the last Saturday in January. W. F. Walker of Springfield is the retiring grand hyastite.

Thirty members of the ladies' branch of the order met in the Woodman hall and later joined the men for refreshments and a social time.

### Had Boys' Party

The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hughes, Evan and Ralph, entertained about 20 boys and girls at their home Friday night from 7:30 to 11:30. The evening was spent in games. Decorations were in the holiday spirit, and refreshments of cake, hot chocolate, jello and candy were served.

W. H. Anderson of Pruneville was a Springfield visitor yesterday.

## Chamber Works On Public Market

### H. C. Jackson, Farmers Union Organizer, To Be Invited to Speak at Next Meeting

Further plans for a public market for Springfield were discussed at the meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Friday night in the Chamber rooms. It was decided to invite H. C. Jackson, Farmers Union organizer, as one interested in getting the market established, to speak at the next meeting.

The prospects of a fruit cannery for the town were discussed, both on the basis of capital from the outside, or a cooperative arrangement. If the plan goes through it will have to be begun from the ground up.

A committee headed by John F. Ketels is working on plans for an arch on the other side of the Willamette bridge west of town at the junction of the McKenzie and the Pacific highways.

Several new members were admitted.

## FANCY DRESS PARTY AT PEERY'S NEW YEAR EVE

### Guests Dress as 49ers; Bridge and Dancing Diversion of Watch Party

A fancy dress watch party was given by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Peery on New Year's eve at their home at 5th and F streets. The evening was spent in playing bridge and 500. Later in the evening dancing was the diversion, the guests dancing the old year out and the new year in. Mrs. C. E. Wheaton won the first prize at bridge, and Mrs. Harry Whitney received the consolation. Mrs. Harry Stewart had the highest score at 500. Luncheon was served cafeteria fashion. The guests came dressed as Forty-Niners, with Indians, miners and country cousins represented.

These present included: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Critter, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Washburne, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Seavey, Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortensen, Welby Stevens, Miss Edna Swartz, Joe Clark, Mrs. Maude Bryant, Crystal Bryan, Mrs. Edesse Cox, Joan Cox, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Peery, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney, Morris Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke E. Wheaton and Miss Messie Morris of Sico.

### Buys Shoe Repair Shop

John Nelson has taken over the shoe repair department of the Hall cash store, though the rest of the store is under the same arrangement as before, owned by W. A. Hall. The sale of the repair department was made on December 24, and Mr. Nelson is now in full charge of it.

## Court Paroles Boy in Local Robberies

### Steve Edwards Returned to His Father After Being Given Two Years in Penitentiary

Steven Edwards, 19, Springfield lad, who confessed complicity in three robberies in and about Springfield, was paroled to his father by Judge G. F. Skipworth of the circuit court yesterday, after being sentenced to serve two years in the state penitentiary. A petition for his parole was circulated in Springfield Saturday, and signed by Justice of the Peace Wells and many prominent citizens of both Springfield and Eugene.

Young Edwards' record in high school as student body president a year ago, captain of the football team, member of the basketball team, and manager of the debating society were cited in asking for his release. District Attorney Johnston recommended a parole, saying that the lad had a fine record in all but the three infractions of the law, came of good family, and stated that he would do all in his power to help him regain his standing as a good citizen.

C. M. Goodlin, 29, of near Junction City, was paroled to the American Legion of Junction after receiving a sentence of two years for passing bad checks. In the petition for his parole it was pointed out that he had made good the checks in each case and was now squared with his creditors.

Both young men received severe lectures from the court, who pointed out that any new violation of city, state or federal law would send them to the state penitentiary without trial as violators of parole.

Of the other lads four have gone to Portland to face the charge of robbery or attempt to rob a postoffice, and one, a parole violator, has been returned to the reform school. Leon Bowman has yet to face the charge of receiving stolen goods.

Both Edwards and Goodlin promised the court that they would lead straight lives from now on.

## ZACHRY TAYLOR MOUNTJOY DIES AT HOME IN CITY

Zachry Taylor Mountjoy, born December 5, 1848, died at his home at the corner of Ninth and C streets today. The deceased has been a resident of Springfield for a dozen years. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Walker chapel. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Eugene.

Mr. Taylor was born in Kentucky in 1848 and was one of 13 children in his family. In 1850 his parents moved to Illinois and in December, 1885, moved to Nebraska. In 1902 Mr. Taylor came to Oregon and to Springfield in 1911. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, Jane Mountjoy, three sons, Walter and Smith of Springfield, and Floyd of Portland and a brother living in Kentucky.

W. T. D. Franklin was in from Seavey's hop ranch yesterday.

## LOW WATER PRESSURE CAUSE FIRE DANGER

### Many People Run Water to Keep Pipes From Freezing; Million Gallons a Day Consumed

An appeal to the people of Springfield to shut the water in their homes off at night or wrap the exposed pipes is voiced by officials of the Mountain States Power company. The appeal is made because of the danger of fire when the water pressure is low. During the last few days Springfield has consumed a million gallons of water a day—the capacity of the pumps.

The reservoir on the hill only holds 500,000 gallons and it is impossible to accumulate a reserve, the officials say. Water is being used as fast as the pumps and filters can take it from the mill race and the city mains are very low in pressure. In case of fire no water could be gotten to fight the blaze if the present condition continues to exist.

In scores of houses water has been kept running continually since the cold spell set in. Many have frozen pipes. Instead of running water the company officials ask that the water be turned out of the pipes at the main or exposed pipes wrapped.

## ELITE HOTEL LEASED; WILL BE REMODELED

### R. E. Higgins, of Portland, Purchases Equipment and Rents Property From W. J. Lichty

Lease for five years on the Elite rooming house has been taken by R. E. Higgins, of Portland, who is contemplating developing the property into a modern hotel. The furnishings have been purchased by Mr. Higgins and the lease taken from W. J. Lichty, the owner.

A number of tenants have moved out of the building in order that it may be remodeled. Mr. Higgins also expects to start a store in the room formerly occupied by the Elite cafe it is announced. Pearl Putman has been manager of the Elite rooms for the last year while they were owned by Mr. Lichty.

Portland property was taken by Mr. Lichty as part payment on the hotel here.

Mr. Higgins is visiting friends in Roseburg this week but expects to return to Springfield in a few days to take over the management of the hotel.

## MULLIGAN FUNERAL HELD AT WALKER CHAPEL TODAY

The funeral of Jake Mulligan, a former Springfield man who died at Portland Monday morning, December 31, 1923, was held at the Walker chapel at 11 o'clock this morning. The Woodmen of the World had charge of the services. Interment was in the Laurel Hill cemetery. Formerly Mr. Mulligan was city marshal, and an employe of the Booth-Kelly mill.

A short ceremony was held at Oregon City yesterday morning before the body was sent here.

### Entertained at Dinner

Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery entertained at New Year's dinner Dr. Emery's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Rosman of south of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. William Lightfoot, son William Jr., daughter Mavis, all of Eugene, and niece Elsie from Canada; Dr. Emery's nephew, Floyd Emery, superintendent of the Santa Clara schools; P. H. Emery, brother of Dr. Emery, from east of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. John Hender; Fred Rosenberry; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paddock, son Wade and daughter Bertha.

### Mill May Start Soon

The repairs at the Booth-Kelly sawmill are expected to be completed about January 10, according to O. H. Jarrett, superintendent. The plan is that the mill can start up soon afterwards, Mr. Jarrett said. The shutdown has lasted two weeks now, and the planners stopped running Saturday night.

The Jolly Mixers, a club of both Springfield and Eugene members, met Thursday night in the Eugene country club, where the evening was spent in dancing. A special guest of the club was Miss Elsie Smith of Gresham. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served late in the evening. The meetings have been changed from fortnightly to weekly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baker spent Christmas week-end in Springfield visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Marbee.

## 584 ENROLL AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### Eugene High and Springfield to Debate; Springfield Team Defeats Monroe Aggregation at Basketball; to Attend U. O. Meeting.

School opened yesterday with the total enrollment in the high school now at the 144 mark, and that of the Lincoln building now at 440, an increase in the latter case of 10 pupils. A number of the high school students are absent because of colds, according to J. E. Torbet, principal. Mrs. Ora Hemenway, Lincoln principal, said that such was not the case in the grades. The buildings were in good condition and quite warm, and the janitors should be commended, she declared. There are very few absences, and the teachers are watching the health of the children very carefully, with efforts toward good ventilation of class rooms, and finding any contagions early.

### Attend Teachers Meeting

During the vacation Professor F. M. Roth of the high school attended the state teachers' association in Portland; Professor Torbet went down also for one day and heard E. B. Bryan, president of the Ohio state university, and Dr. John Adams of the University of London.

Plans are being made to send representatives to the Oregon high school conference to be held in Eugene on the University of Oregon campus January 11 and 12. The conference is a joint one of the Oregon high school press association, and the association of high school presidents and secretaries.

### To Debate Eugene

The Springfield affirmative debate team will meet the Eugene high school negative team at Eugene high school on February 1. The subject for debate is, Resolved: That a graduated income tax is a desirable feature of a state system of taxation. The debate lineup will include Allice Tomseth, Ralph Cline and Charline Lambert.

The Springfield basketball team won from Monroe at Monroe on December 21 with a score of 18 to 8. The Springfield lineup was: John Cox and Carl Lewis, forwards; Herbert Horning, center; Jeff Brattain and Wayne Hawke, guards. The Monroe team included: Chester Reader and Dejar Larkins, forwards; Emery Nye, center; Hugh Porter and Francis Reiling, guards. Lewis was high point man for Springfield. The return game with Monroe will be January 25. The \$55 fund from the game with Thurston here has been turned over to the student body treasury.

The team was accompanied to Monroe by Coach Lester Wilcox. Professor Randall Scott, and about 15 rooters. The first of four games to be played here will begin with the one with Cottage Grove on January 11. The junior high school basketball team will play the Eugene junior high a week from Saturday on January 12.

Eighth grade examinations will be held January 10 and 11. This semester closes January 31, and the new semester begins February 1.

A Christmas light toward the ornamentation of nearly all the recitation rooms in both school buildings are calendars 2 by 3 feet portraying the raising of the first flag above a public school house in the United States. These were contributed by the Community Cash store.

## COUNTY FARMERS UNION MEETS AT SANTA CLARA

The annual convention and election of officers of the Lane County Farmers Union will be held Friday, January 11, at the Santa Clara Community hall. Plans to take care of 300 or 400 people with a big community dinner are being made.

The county union now has 23 locals and a membership of 1423. Great growth has marked the union under the direction of the retiring county president, Ralph Laird, of Creswell. Much credit is due to his active, aggressive administration, union members declared. One delegate to each 10 members will come from each local to the convention.

### Board to Meet

The school board will meet next Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the office of Dr. W. H. Pollard, chairman. It was postponed from the first Tuesday in the month because of New Year's.

## Slippery Going

