

## TIE TREATING PLANT MAY BE BUILT SOON

To Be First Unit of Shops According to Information; Much Activity Seen at Oakridge and Westfir by Local Visitors.

The tie treating plant where the material used on the Natron Cutoff can be dipped will be established in Springfield as the first unit of the Southern Pacific shops here, according to seemingly well founded information reaching this city through men connected with the engineering department of the railroad. It is said that this plant may be constructed within the next few weeks.

The prospective plant is in line with information had for some time that a large material yard will be maintained here during the construction period. The shop site here has been surveyed and staked out for tracks and buildings and it is said plans are perfected for the building program.

Greatly increased traffic on the Oakridge branch has occurred during the past month. Much machinery and camp equipment for the Utah Construction company and its subcontractors are being sent in. A train load of material and animals went in last week and smaller shipments go up every day or two.

Activity both at Oakridge and Westfir and at the railroad is intense, according to local people who visited the section the last few days.

### Towns Growing Fast

Oakridge and Westfir, a mile and a half apart through the tunnel and three and a half around by an impassable road, are both experiencing a mushroom growth that the populace there claims is going to greatly increase the population of the two places in a short time.

At Westfir the large mill of the Western Lumber company is going ahead as fast as timber can be cut from the hills north of the big mill. Crews are at work at the little mill where the lumber is secured and at the main mill where it is rapidly being used to make a big addition to Lane county's lumbering industry.

Company houses, the temporary property of the occupants, are scattered out over several acres. Sidewalks are being built and water mains extended and improved. Roadwork is under way in several places.

At Oakridge each day brings information of some new business house or other enterprise that is to contribute to the growth of the town. The newly organized commercial club is active. The school board is trying to decide whether to build another grade building or to erect a modern high school. An overflow of students has necessitated the use of a small building some distance from the grade school for the high school students.

Plans for incorporation are under way now and as soon as possible the town will become a city. Private enterprise will probably develop a more adequate water supply with electric lights as a possibility.

### Buildings Being Completed

Buildings just completed will accommodate a hardware store, a bakery, a general store, dance hall, restaurant. A three story apartment house with three stories on the first floor, one of them a drug store, is nearing completion. Foundations are being laid for a hotel, a rooming house, theatre, another general store and a church. Several new dwellings are going up and others will be started as soon as material and men can be secured.

Oakridge is basing its growth on railroad development and a general increase in business from the surrounding territory. At the "front" where the active railroad development is taking place crews are busily grading and working on the tunnel. The long tunnel is now being worked from both ends. Right of way has been cleared of trees for several miles ahead of the grading crews. The main part of the construction is about six miles above Oakridge.

The following officers have been chosen by the Oakridge Chamber of Commerce organized last week: O. G. Otto, president; C. A. Paddock, vice-president; E. A. Jones, treasurer. The board of directors is composed of Dr. Wilson, W. R. Orr, Charles Hills and L. G. Griffith.

Mrs. J. R. Scott of Creswell was here Saturday and visited her son, Loyal Scott.

## LEGION MINSTRELS TO PROMENADE TONIGHT

"Hot Time in the Old Town" Promised by Blackface Boys and Dusky Maidens in Two Performances

DLarkies who sing and dance—blackfaced comedians with gorgeously colored costumes—will give the Springfield citizens the time of their lives tonight at the American Legion Minstrel show at the Bell theatre. In addition to the "silver tongue, singers," the dancing girls, and the jokers, there will be a two-reel movie comedy Jack Larson, proprietor of the theatre promises. The performance starts at 8 o'clock tonight, and a second performance will be given tomorrow night at the same time.

Local talent makes up the cast, and the members of the cast have been working hard, with rehearsals nearly every night. Miss Ogan, of the University of Oregon, Eugene, has been directing rehearsals. D. W. McKinnon, the "Booth-Kelly Caruso," Alfred Townsend, Paul Brattain, Tom Lusby, Walter Gosler, "Hod" Gardner, and Jess Meats are the end men who will regale the audience with jokes. McKinnon, Townsend, Gosler and Brattain will give vocal selections.

This is the second minstrel show that the Legion has staged in Springfield, and they promise that it is even better than the other one. The cast will be taken to Wendling sometime in the near future to put on a performance there. Proceeds of the two performances here will be divided between the Legion clubhouse fund and the Parent-Teacher playshed fund.

The young women in the cast have arranged some dances and songs which will be in the nature of a surprise.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage licenses issued during the past week by the county clerk include: Herbert W. Stevick and Effie B. Gillson, both of Fall Creek; Harry Doyle, Eugene, and Isabelle Wright, Walton; Walter G. Baker and Elizabeth Whattam, both of Eugene; William Clayton Bowen and Julia E. Goldman, both of Dexter, and Harry E. Harbert, Springfield, and Marie J. Green, Coburg.

### Bridge Men at Work

Fifteen bridge men of the Southern Pacific company are at work on the railroad bridge near Springfield Junction. The gravel deck is being removed, a standard bridge made out of it. Gravel bridges are now out of date, and the bridge will be made modern in every particular. Timbers will be used to strengthen it.

### Entertains Club

The Kensington club met with Mrs. Henry Korf Friday afternoon, every member being present for the first time this year. After spending a delightful afternoon with conversation, needlework and Victrola music, the guests were served a delightful lunch by the hostess, Mrs. G. E. Basford. Mrs. G. E. Basford was a guest of the club for the occasion. The club meets next week with Mrs. G. T. Moore.

### Observes Birthday

A house party gathered on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smith on Seventh and A streets to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Smith. Those present were her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Chase, and sisters, Mrs. Henry Castan and family, Mrs. Harold Hartley and family and Miss Azel and Ela Hartley of Camp Creek.

### Bible Class Surprises

A number of the ladies of the Bible class at the Baptist church gave a birthday surprise party for Mrs. Mary Vincent at her home on north Fifth street Tuesday. She had been to a birthday dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. I. D. Larimer, and on her return found the visitors. The occasion was her seventy-fourth birthday. Those present were Mesdames Montgomery, Tobias, Stacey, Barnard, Litherland, Rice, Robertson, McClintic, Luther, Bryan, Shannon, Hastings, Cowart, Davis, Walker and Mrs. Vincent. Mrs. Cowart and Mrs. Davis served refreshments.

A Silver Tea was held Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist church.

Undergoes Operation—Miss Mildred Ward was taken to the Goshen hospital Saturday afternoon at one o'clock and operated on at 10 Sunday morning. Miss Ward had been suffering from appendicitis for some time past. She is now resting easier, though for a time her life was despaired of.

### MAY BUILD BLOCK HERE

E. C. Lake, of the granite and marble works in Eugene, is wrecking the frame building on his property on the south side of the street between Second and Third on Main. Workmen have been at work for the past two days under the direction of George Hyrkins, contractor. Mr. Lake has not yet determined whether or not he will build on the site, he announced today. He has just erected a large concrete structure in Eugene and is considering a similar building for Springfield.

### CHAMBER WILL MEET

The regular meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday night in the new rooms in the Morrison hall. Important civic matters will be discussed and reports of tree planting committees and arch builders will be discussed.

## BENJAMIN HAMMITT, 63, DIES IN SPRINGFIELD

The funeral of Benjamin Hammitt, 63 years old, and pioneer of the Mohawk country, was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his mother, Mrs. Francis Hammitt, on the old homestead near Donna.

Mr. Hammitt died at the Springfield hospital Monday morning at 5 o'clock. The Hammitt family settled in Oregon in 1852. He was born and raised on the Mohawk, and attended the University of Oregon at Eugene in the 80's. Twenty years of his life were spent in the mining country in Idaho. About seven years ago he retired from his mining work, and took up farming on the Mohawk. He married, and purchased the old Skinner property, famous for the shooting affair 20 years ago when a relative of the Skinners shot Mr. and Mrs. Skinner.

Mr. Hammitt is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ina Hammitt, his aged mother, who is an invalid, and by five brothers and five sisters: Mrs. William Seavey, Harry V. Hammitt, Ralph G. Hammitt, all of Donna, Mrs. Fred Bean and John Hammitt of Eugene, Mrs. H. R. Presnell of Salem, Mrs. Fannie Barger of Astoria, Marvin Hammitt of Los Angeles, Calif., and Claude Hammitt of Aptos, Calif.

## HUNTER FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY AT CHAPEL

The funeral of Leora Mae Hunter, wife of W. M. Hunter, and their infant son was held yesterday afternoon at the Walker Chapel at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. D. Yarnes preached the funeral sermon. Interment was made in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Hunter gave birth to a son at the Springfield hospital on March 15, and died the same day. The child died March 17.

Mrs. Hunter was 33 years old. She is survived by her husband and two children, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Brad, and by her brother, W. H. Bradey.

## STUDENTS PRACTICING HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

The plans for a Laughtersque, to be given in the high school auditorium on March 28 are going forward, with stunt practices from now to Friday by nearly every high school organization. The proceeds will be used to purchase more stage scenery for the high school stage, especially of the sylvan variety.

The need of the scenery will be filled at an outlay of \$200. It is the purpose of the student body to pay this in installments by contributing to the fund the proceeds of one or two plays a year. The forest setting will obviate the cluttering up of the stage with fir boughs and other inflammable material.

Dr. Wallace H. Lee, dean of Albany College, has accepted the invitation of the Springfield high school senior class to preach his baccalaureate sermon on the night of June 1.

A practice baseball game between Thurston high school and Springfield will be held on the local grounds at 3 o'clock if the weather permits.

Ila Shaban was operated on in the Springfield hospital Tuesday. Emil Bower underwent a major operation at the Springfield hospital Thursday.

## JOHNSTON TO SPEAK AT RECALL MEETING HERE

Recallers Claim They Can Put Measure Over With Gathering Scheduled; Money Coming in Also

Revelations from the county records that Commissioners Emmett Sharp and Nels Roney should be recalled will be presented this evening at the Woodman hall by District Attorney Clyde N. Johnston. The district attorney will speak to a meeting arranged by the recall committee at 8 o'clock.

The Springfield bridge and the Mohawk valley road as well as other roads built by the two commissioners will be discussed to show that money has been wasted and the law violated, according to the recallers. Johnston's talk is expected to take the same lines as the one he made in the armory at Eugene last week.

The recallers now claim between 1800 and 2000 of the needed 2400 signatures required to put the recall of the two commissioners on the May primary ballot. Meetings to be addressed by Mr. Johnston are to be held in Cottage Grove and Junction City as well as Springfield. Members of the recall committee say Johnston will provide sufficient punch this week to put the recall over.

Not only are there being many signers to the petitions being circulated but money is rolling into headquarters to pay the expenses of the campaign, declares members of the committee, who say that many of the donors will not sign the petitions but are willing to help financially. They say that this class of citizens will swell the vote when it comes to balloting on the recall.

## LEABURG FARMER SEEKS SHARE IN BIG ESTATE

Action in superior court in California hinging around a missing will may mean that W. C. Yarnell, Leaburg farmer, may share heavily in the estate of his brother, David H. Yarnell, wealthy Alaska miner. Heirs of the late miner, who died leaving the bulk of his \$150,000 estate, according to an alleged will, to Attorney Frank J. Golden of San Francisco, have started action which has caused Golden to be removed as administrator by Judge Dunne.

The San Francisco Chronicle in a story of March 15 says: "evidence was produced by attorney for the Yarnell brothers and sisters in Oregon alleging that Golden had attempted to persuade the heirs to sign an acceptance of their \$6,000 shares before the will has been admitted to probate."

"Attorney Golden said yesterday the will had been lost by someone in his office after the petition for its probate had been filed. So far only a copy of the will has been produced and the whereabouts of the original is not known. Golden testified on the witness stand.

"The seven Oregon brothers and sisters hold that the estate, which includes island No. 2 near Napa, is valued at \$150,000. Golden and Yarnell were Alaska prospectors together for 12 years. In the alleged copy of the will Yarnell after giving \$6000 to each of his seven brothers and sisters bequeathed the remainder to Golden."

### Repairing Monorail

All the overhead timbers on the monorail structure at the Booth-Kelly sawmill are to be replaced during the curtailment on production, according to J. C. Parker, master mechanic. This work has already begun, with a number of new 12 by 12 feet trusses installed. Ninety trusses which are part of the means of serving the sorting tables will be replaced and creosoted. A special crew of eight men are to work Saturdays regularly until the work is completed. A handy run-way is being built under the mill for trucks to drive in and out upon.

### Club Meets Tonight

The K. F. club meets tonight at the home of Bob Driscoll, the president, to appoint committees to take charge of the dance to be given for the members on March 28 in Stevens hall. Arrangements will be made for special music and eats.

### Celebrates Birthday

The fifth birthday of Buford Holverson, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Holverson, was the occasion for a dinner Tuesday night to which Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holverson and son LeRoy, and John Wilmot were invited. A large birthday cake with five pink candles adorned the table.

## BOOTH-KELLY MILL NOW OPERATING ONLY 5 DAYS

Shutdown on Saturdays is Expected to Let Market Catch up With Production of Lumber

A five-day run a week for an indefinite period was begun Saturday by the Booth-Kelly company with its Springfield plant and the sawmill at Wendling. Beginning last Saturday the mills will be shut down on Saturdays because of the inability to market the lumber products, says O. H. Jarrett, superintendent of the Springfield plant, in a statement issued to the men.

Before taking any action the mill officials consulted the conference committee of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, the heads of the various departments, and other employees. The notice was then posted on the local bulletin board.

"This condition was brought about by inability to market our products," Mr. Jarrett's announcement read. "It is hoped and believed that the curtailment, together with what other mills in the northwest are doing, will bring conditions back to normal."

The shutdown affects nearly 600 men—197 at the Springfield sawmill, and over 400 in the sawmill and lumber camps at Wendling. It is possible that there may be a further shutdown so that the mills will only run four days a week, mill officials say, unless the conditions of the lumber market improve.

A. C. Dixon, general manager of the Booth-Kelly company, met with the 4L conference committee on Thursday to discuss measures of meeting the situation.

## HOUSE NUMBERING IS PROGRESSING IN CITY

House numbering in Springfield started Monday under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce. The campaign for renumbering started by the chamber has the approval of the council which has amended section 4 of ordinance 94 providing for numbers to be changed every 10 feet and allotting 100 numbers to the block.

The numbering was begun commencing with Mill street east. On all streets running north and south the odd numbers are placed on the east side of the street, and the even on the west side. Those running east and west have the odd numbers on the south side and the even on the north side. Failure to comply with the ordinance, which was passed in 1907, makes the property owner subject to fine.

The numbers themselves must be not less than two inches in height, according to the ordinance, and width in proportion. On all streets running east and west, the numbering begins with the numeral 100 from Main street.

The telephone company requests that citizens phone in their numbers as soon as possible so that the correct house addresses can go in the new telephone directory to be issued soon.

### Killicare in Eugene

An afternoon at bridge was enjoyed by the Killicare club on Thursday at the home of Mrs. F. L. Poindexter in Eugene. Mrs. Walter McCornack won the prize for high score, and Mrs. Bert Vincent received the consolation prize. A one-course luncheon was served by the hostess, Mrs. Joe McFall and Mrs. Will White were guests of the club for the afternoon. Members present were: Mrs. Eugene Keeter, Mrs. Fred Chess, Mrs. Clark E. Wheaton, Mrs. McCornack, Mrs. Maude Bryan, Mrs. J. E. Clark, Mrs. A. J. Perkins, Mrs. Wilfred Beck, Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Poindexter.

### Surprises Husband

Mrs. W. C. McLagan gave a surprise dinner party last evening in honor of her husband's birthday. Fourteen guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burnett and son Billy, Miss Naida Stahlman, Miss Allene Collier, Miss Oneta Smith, Miss Armol Smith, Russell and Robert McLagan and Mrs. L. W. Smith of Eugene. Yellow was the color scheme carried out in the decorations, with yellow candles and daffodils.

### Patients at Hospital

Homr Fitz of New York was admitted to the Springfield hospital last night and dismissed this morning.

Charles LaMar was dismissed from the Springfield hospital yesterday. Miss Sena Heersma was here from Thurston Wednesday.

## BOARD CALLS FOR \$3000 BONDS AGAIN

Measure Defeated in Saturday's Election to be Voted on Again on April 11; Believe People Don't Understand Conditions.

A second school election to vote \$3000 bonds for a new manual training building on the high school grounds has been set for April 11 by the school board. Taxpayers defeated the issue Saturday by a vote of seven. The vote stood 39 for the bonds and 46 against them.

"We wish to give the taxpayers a chance to reconsider," said Dr. W. H. Pollard, chairman of the board. "If the bonds do not pass it will mean that we will have to rent buildings down town next year to take care of the congestion of the schools. This will mean paying rent, with nothing to show for our expenditures."

Dr. Pollard pointed out that defeating the bonds was not economy from the taxpayer's point of view at all. "Voting bonds for a new school building is impossible at this time, but the new manual training building would suffice for a year or so, and the money would be expended on school property." He further stated that the noise and vibration would be removed from the high school building.

J. W. Coffin, John Ketels, Sr., and L. K. Page, judges, and S. S. Porter, clerk, were appointed as an election board by the special action of the school board last Saturday at 2 p. m. in the city hall. It is not known as yet who will act as a board for the new election, as the law provides that they be appointed on the day of the election.

### P. T. to Meet

The Lincoln Parent-Teacher association will hold its regular meeting on March 21 at the Lincoln school at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be a program besides the regular business.

The association ladies will sell home-made candies at the American Legion minstrel shows on the evening of Thursday, the twentieth, and Friday, the twenty-first, at the Bell theatre. The candy will be put up in convenient packages and will be sold for ten cents a package. Many delicious varieties will be included in each, says Mrs. C. A. Swarts, P. T. A. president.

### To Attend World Conference

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard and baby Robert, Miss Ella Boesen, and Mrs. Pollard's sister from Oregon City, Mrs. Lottie Crawford, are planning to leave for Springfield, Massachusetts, some time between April 15 and April 20, where Dr. Pollard will be one of the four delegates from the Laymen's association of the Methodist church in Oregon to the World Conference of the Methodist church.

While in the east Dr. Pollard expects to take some graduate medical work, and Miss Boesen will take a course in nursing.

### Entertains Co-eds

Miss Dorothy Poyle of Eugene, Miss Ellison of Portland, and Miss Aline Lorimer of Springfield, all members of the Kappa Omicron sorority at the University of Oregon, were entertained by Eugene Parker at her home on Tuesday evening. The young ladies had a social time before going home for the spring vacation following the winter term of the University.

The Carbolineum Wood-preserving company received a carload of treated poles from Cottage Grove on Wednesday. A carload of poles was also shipped to Springfield for Forest Supervisor Macduff.

## ARE YOU OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY?

NO MAN SHOULD BE A DRONE ON ANY COMMUNITY—ONE WHO TAKES EVERYTHING OUT AND PUTS NOTHING BACK.

THIS IS THE AGE OF SERVICE AND YOU CAN BEST SERVE

THIS COMMUNITY THROUGH AFFILIATION WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

IT IS ONLY THROUGH COOPERATIVE EFFORT THAT THE MOST CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.