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SKI TOW PATH CLEARED AWAY

To Start Erection Immediately; Plan to Use Tow Jan. 13.

The necessary clearance of trees has been completed on the eastern slope of Mount Zion for the erection of the 1,200-foot, gasoline powered ski tow which has been purchased by the city. The ski tow is said to have the largest capacity of any tow in the middle west, the equipment being capable of handling 2,200 persons an hour.

The tow will be installed on the north side of the east slope which is used almost exclusively for skiing. The downhill rope, carried on pulleys attached to poles about 150 feet apart, will run close to the fence line on the north side of the hill while the return rope will be offset eight feet in toward the skiing hill. The enginehouse will be installed about 65 feet above the present level spot which is used for the start of downhill runs.

The man placed in charge of having the poles erected and the enginehouse constructed said today the tow would be in operation for the week end of January 13. The shelter for the engine and other tow equipment will be finished off to match the shelter lodge which was completed yesterday with the exception of storm windows and doors.

Two knolls near the bottom of the ski tow area will be cut down to prevent the down-pull on skiers' arms while using the tow. The return or uphill rope runs about waist high and it takes knack to ride on the tow properly. Specific instructions to skiers will be published in The Daily Globe a few days prior to the opening of the tow to the public. Rates for riding the tow will also be announced.