

SEVEN-PINES ROUTE.

THIS RAILROAD TO BE COMPLETED IN A FEW DAYS.

Some Interesting Facts in Connection with This Enterprise Not Before Published.

As was stated in the Dispatch a few days ago, one hundred and fifty men have been employed in building the Richmond and Seven Pines railroad, which starts from the corner of Twenty-sixth and P streets, (where it is contemplated that a connection shall be made with the Electric Line), and terminates at the National cemetery at Seven Pines, at the point where the Nine-Mile road intersects the Williamsburg road.

THE GRADE. The grade is four and a half feet to the mile. At the National cemetery—the eastern terminus—the surface is but three feet lower than at Twenty-sixth and P streets. A slight inclination, the contractors say, is one half of 1 per cent.

THE ROAD. The road is standard gauge, and steam will be employed as a motive power. The rails used are of steel. It is thought that something like the Coey's Island coaches will be used for passenger traffic and light freight cars will probably be used also.

THE ROAD IS COMPLETE EXCEPT AT THE STONY-RUN TRESTLE WORK AND AT THE STARTING-POINT IN THE CITY AND A SHORT LINK NEAR THE CEMETERY. With these exceptions the road has been completed to the corner of Twenty-sixth and P streets, and the line could have been gotten ready for use, had the necessary franchises been just obtained. The day was spent in the fact that a petition had been presented in the Council asking the necessary privileges and had favorably reported by the committee the same was changed, and this course they will take.

It has not been positively announced when the line will be put in operation, but it is expected that it will be opened at an early day, perhaps about the first of the year.

OFFICERS AND CONTRACTORS.

Mr. F. W. Childs, of New York, is the principal owner of this property, and Mr. Thomas J. Johnson was the general agent. Mr. A. C. Babcock is the president and Longstaff M. Murphy secretary and treasurer of the company.

Messrs. Thomas Barry & Co. were the contractors, and Mr. A. W. Duffell, of that firm, who had the track for the Electric Line in this city, was in immediate charge of the work of construction. A dispatch report gives down the entire length of the route yesterday in company with Mr. Barry, and to all appearances the job has been well executed. The road passes through some very pretty country, and in good weather there will be no more pleasant evening trip than to Seven Pines.

THE RIVER-TOWN HOTEL.

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The new hotel scheme is in process of healthy development and in a few weeks, it is expected, though very rapid speed is not being made.

The citizens have so far subscribed \$100,000 and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., Babcock is almost certain that other railroad companies will make up \$25,000 more, which, if done, will leave only \$50,000 more to be raised in the community. Certainly Richmond can be counted upon for this sum.

Some of our wealthiest capitalists have not given a cent as yet, and it is to be expected that they will come forward in an extraordinary and—if it should get to that—prevent the enterprise from falling through.

Not only the people generally have been called to subscribe, but they will be called, and it is expected that every man will give something; those who cannot subscribe their thousands can give their hundreds; those who cannot give their hundreds can give their tens.

By the way, the plan of organization contemplates a security which will make the subscription a safe investment. The stock would be sold at the lowest price possible, and the subscribers would be allowed to pay for their shares in installments, and the interest on the money advanced would be at a low rate.

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