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RAILROAD MATTERS.

WORK BEING PUSHED AHEAD ON THE JAMES-RIVER BRANCH.

No Indication that the Route Will be Altered—Important Changes to Be Made in Manchester.

The report which has been current for several days that a new survey had been or would be made for the Belt Line, or the James-River branch as it more properly should be called, seems not to have been well founded.

This is an eight-mile connection track, including a bridge over the river near the new pump-house, to be built jointly by the Richmond and Petersburg and the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac railroads.

It will branch off from the Fredericksburg road at Branch's crossing, about two miles northwest of the city, and intersect the Petersburg road something over three miles south of Manchester.

The contractors for the grading and other work have forces of hands engaged on both the north and south sides of the river, and the manner in which operations are being pushed forward does not indicate that the route as heretofore established will be abandoned.

Messrs. Harman & Co. have nearly completed the fifty-foot cut on Mr. Bierne's farm through which the bridge will be reached from the north, which is the heaviest grading to be done on the line, and yesterday a force of hands began grading at Branch's to work toward the river. The work at this part of the road is very light and rapid progress will be made.

Toward the canons have been made preliminary to the erection of piers to the bridge, and everything indicates that instead of the route being abandoned it will be adhered to and operations will be pressed forward with all due speed.

THE BRIDGE.

An officer of the Atlantic Coast Line when approached yesterday by a Dispatch reporter said there was no rumor said he was not prepared to discuss the matter.

When shown an extract from another paper stating that engineers had surveyed a new route which would in all probability be adopted, this officer smiled and remarked that "this reporter who got that item was very energetic."

"Did you happen to change the present route for one further west of the city?" asked the Dispatch reporter.

"That," replied the railroad man, "you will have to excuse me from answering. You may say in the Dispatch, though, that no work on the line of the Belt Line will be pushed. No order has been issued for those works."

Upon the question on the part of the railroad authorities to the original line is the amount of land damages assessed, which they regard as exorbitant. A motion is now pending in the county Court for the appointment of a new commission. Some of the property owners have also asked that a new commission be appointed, they claiming that the damages allowed them by the former commission are not sufficient when the value of land in that section is considered.

Among those is Dr. Profeson, who was awarded about $22,000, which he claims is many, if not most, of the amount of damage that he will sustain by the road being run through his farm. This matter comes up in the Hustings County Court next Monday.

There is no doubt but the railroad officials have uncovered another snake case in which they might be bitten, with the idea that it might be charmed at the reduction can be effected in the land damages, but since some days have passed for it is not that likely but there will be any chance made.

GENERAL JOHNSON'S WORK.

The bill of General Bradley T. Johnson, of Baltimore, who owns land on the north side of the Petersburg road through which the new branch will run, asking the companies from running the connection through his farm, was filed in the Chancery Court of Baltimore City, report of Johnson's counsel.

If the road should be allowed General Johnson will be satisfied to let the property pass prior to condemnation, if not, then he will press his case before Judge Bond. He is now in South Carolina.

If a Belt is made report stress will be laid on the point to be raised in the bill as to the constitutionality of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac charter, in that it allows the railroad company to take possession of the land and begin work upon it before any amount of compensation is either paid or distributed upon. In this it is alleged that the company's charter differs from the charter of law as to condemnation proceedings.

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Major Frederick H. Smith, president of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company, has purchased the block of the street of land and extending from the company's [illegible] at the end of Tenth street in Manchester, bounded by Tenth street, near the Danville railroad track, and extending up Semmes street from Seventh half way to Eighth.

At some places the strip is a square or more in depth, and at others but little more than a half square.

Major Myers, general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line, has a force of hands now at work grading and building tracks on the territory. For the present there will be two tracks, one will run to Seventh street, having its terminus where freight from Richmond was loaded while the present railroad bridge was being built, after the burning of the frame one about five years ago, and the other will extend to Semmes street, but now these tracks will be used to hold cars and for shifting purposes, but if the company is given the proper encouragement a large freight depot will be going to erected at the corner of Seventh and Semmes streets, where freight may be handled with great convenience to the merchants and manufacturers of Manchester. The section of our sister city, where desirable sites can be obtained upon reasonable terms, possesses many advantages for manufacturers and warehousemen, and if enough of these can be induced to locate here the new depot is a certainty. The Manchester Council and the businessmen of that city will lend Major Scott a helping hand in the matter, and their efforts will doubtless be crowned with success. The company would have excellent facilities there for handling freight and abundant yard-room. This is an enterprise that merits success.

CONSOLIDATED LINES.

There is some talk of consolidating the stocks of all the roads embraced in the Atlantic Coast Line and beating them south of Mount cemetery near Manchester, where the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company have recently bought about ninety acres of ground, beautifully situated for park purposes.

The Petersburg ships moved the company within, after doing a little more excavating on land that they own in Manchester on the southwest side of the road near Cowardin avenue, have as fine a yard as there is in the country. With some small jobs of masonry and a few depressions filled they would have an immense trackage on the south side of the river with the tracks diverging like the ribs of an umbrella.

HENRICO CIRCUIT COURT.

Railroad Damage Suit on Trial—Decisions Rendered.

The Circuit Court of Henrico county—Judge R. R. Wellford, Jr., presiding—was engaged yesterday in the trial of the case of H. C. Terrell's administrator against The Richmond and Danville Railroad Company for $10,000 damages. It will be remembered by the readers of the Dispatch that about two years ago, when Mr. Terrill was driving in his farm-wagon from this city to his home down in the county, his team was run into at Fairoaks station by a train on the York-River division of the Richmond and Danville system and he was killed. Hence the suit. Judge Waddill and Edgar Allan, Esq., are counsel for the plaintiff, and the interests of the defendant are represented by Messrs. Staples and Munford. The evidence was only partially heard yesterday. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon the jury, counsel, and others took a special train and went down to view the scene of the accident, which is some eight or ten miles below the city. The case will probably be concluded to-day.

In the case of Griffith Brothers against Hill & Guvernator, on an appeal from the County Court, where the defendants obtained a verdict and judgment against the plaintiffs for $50, Judge Wellford yesterday rendered his decision reversing the lower court. The Court held that Hill & Guvernator had Griffith Brothers certain privileges on the Exposition-Grounds, and that their property could not be distrained as for rent. He did not pass upon the question as to whether the games conducted by the Griffiths were in accordance with their contract for the general lessees were illegal, but rather intimated that on this point he would have decided against the Griffiths.

In the injunction case against Bickerstaff & Kepler, heretofore fully reported, the Court directed the defendants not to operate their sound-factory between town and Monday, until which time he gave counsel to effect an agreement as to the appointment of a commission or some other method of determining to the satisfaction of the Court whether the business is or can be conducted without detriment to the health of the neighborhood.

ATHLETIC FIELD-DAY.

A Promising Programme of Exercises at the Exposition-Grounds

The first annual athletic field-day of the Young Men's Christian Association will be celebrated at the Exposition-Grounds today, beginning at 2:30 P. M. The judges will be W. J. King, instructor in gymnasium of the Norfolk Young Men's Christian Association; F. W. Boatwright, instructor in gymnasium at Richmond College, and James C. Lamb, chairman Outdoor Sports committee, Richmond. Professor Thomas Coleman is the gymnasium instructor. Timers, W. W. Barrow and Julian Snyder; starter, Dr. Frank R. Steele; and Clerk of Course, Austin Smith. Following is the programme:

Each contestant will wear throughout the different events the number preceding his name.

One Hundred Yards Dash: 16, W. de Roper, Norfolk; 2, Frank R. Smith; 3, Edward L. Woodward; 29, H. Downing, Portsmouth; 25, J. T. Baker, Norfolk; 31, R. Jones, Richmond College. Prizes: First, gold medal, presented by Joseph Bryan; second, silver medal, presented by R. Lee Corbin; third, silver medal, presented by Chas. A. Cole.

Half-Mile Bicycle Race, handicap: 10, Douglas Wheary; 23, A. A. O'Neill, Norfolk; 11, W. L. Moore; 28, A. H. Dorsey, Portsmouth; 21, E. J. Roy; 12, Robert Green. Prizes: First, gold medal, presented by C. Simmons & Son; second, pair of riding gloves, presented by Dr. F. R. Scott.

Pound Race (55 yards): 8, Dr. Frank R. Steele; 16, W. L. Eason; 15, Dr. M. L. Dawson; 18, A. J. Wingfield; 3, F. C. Jesser. Prizes: First, athletic suit presented by McAdams & Berry; second, sash-pin, presented by Charles E. Thomas.

Three-Mile Run: 19, B. B. C. Cabell; 17, J. B. Scott, Jr.; 7, F. C. Jesser; 3, E. J. Roy; 20, M. S. Thomas, Richmond College; 29, J. H. Downing, Portsmouth; 4, J. L. Brown; 18, Charles Werner. Prizes: First, gold medal, presented by Howard Wainwright; second, engraving, presented by Leigh R. Bosher.

Running Broad Jump: 4, William McCarthy; 8, C. W. Wallace; 30, C. H. Graham, Norfolk. Prizes: First, gold medal, presented by Joseph Bryan; second, Macaulay's History of England, 5 vols., presented by George E. Sydnor.

Putting the Sixteen-pound Shot: 3, John O. Hankins; 3, William McCarthy; 13, H. G. Higginbotham; 22, Walter Wade, Norfolk. Prizes: First, gold medal, presented by Robert N. Jeffries; second, Athletic Shirt, presented by Dr. J. C. Eggen.

Exhibition Shot-putting by Professor W. J. King, Norfolk.

100 Yards Run (juniors): 35, R. S. Richardson; 36, J. W. Leigh Brown; 37, Woodson Waddey; 38, John L. Branch; 39, Urban Wickham; 40, A. Worth Branch; 41, Douglas Faye. Prizes: First, Waterbury watch, presented by A. Grant; second, imported watch-case stamp, presented by L. Bloch.

Throwing Base-ball: 14, Dr. A. C. Glenn; 24, M. M. Hughes; 27, E. C. Higginbotham; 32, William Myers; 33, J. E. Scott, Jr. Prizes: First, rakes and strap, presented by Bowers, Taylor & Co.; second, pair of riding-gloves, presented by Jefferson Walker & Co.

Standing Long Jump: 25, J. T. Baker, Norfolk; 2, William McCarthy; 34, C. H. Graham, Norfolk; 5, John O. Bowles. Prizes: First, gold medal, presented by Charles E. Whitlock; second, gold pencil, presented by C. J. Starke & Sons.

Quarter-Mile Run: 7, James F. Scott, Jr.; 25, J. T. Baker, Norfolk; 30, M. W. Thomas, Richmond College; 3, L. Brown; 5, C. W. Wallace; 26, J. L. Westbrook. Prizes: First, gold medal, presented by Goodrich & Greene; second, gold pen, and gold button-hook, presented by Lewis Ginter; third, gold button-hook, presented by Thomas Ellyson.

Five-Mile Run: 3, John O. Hankins; 6, C. W. Wallace; 14, Dr. J. C. Eggen. Prizes: First, Goddard, presented by S. W. Travers; second, Athletic Shirt, presented by Thomas Coleman.

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Hurdle Race (220 yards): 8, C. W. Wallace; 7, F. C. Jesser; 25, Frank R. Steele; 22, E. C. Graham, Norfolk; 4, F. L. Brown; 28, C. H. Baker, Richmond College. Prizes: First, gold medal, presented by Joseph Bryan; second, silver medal, presented by R. Lee Corbin.

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