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NEW COMPANY HAS BIG ROAD TRACTOR GREAT PLANS IN VIEW

NEW RUSSELL ENGINE CLIMBS
HILL WITH 60 TONS IN TOW.

Adams Gets New Machine Guaranteed
To Do Work Required; Hauls Load
Former Engines Couldn't Budge.

After several days' delay Ralph Adams received a new 40-horse power Russell steam engine Thursday night. Friday the monster was unloaded and Saturday given a try-out. An expert was sent here by the company and it is agreed that a week's trial shall be given the engine under the most adverse conditions and, if it does not perform all required of it, the purchaser will not be expected to close the deal.

Saturday morning the engine was run out the quarry road to the spot where the former engine stalled with its load of three heavy cars of rock, and, attaching a cable to the outfit, the new machine started for town, trailing the heavy load behind. It is estimated that the total load which the engine was pulling was more than 60 tons. Although the soft ground bothered somewhat, the engine succeeded in pulling the combined outfit to the quarry hill. This portion of the road has been the toughest proposition on the entire route, and has proven the undoing of the two former engines. But the Russell started up the hill with its 60 tons dragging. Half up the incline the coupling between the old engine and the first rock car gave way, and the effort had to be abandoned.

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Niederwald Monument, Goal of German-American Pilgrimage



SEVERAL hundred members of the German-American Teachers' league are to tour Germany this summer. They are instructors in schools and colleges throughout the United States who are combining pleasure and instruction by visiting many of the large cities and centers of learning of the Fatherland. The tour, which will last for five weeks, will include the cities of Bremen, Hamburg, Cologne, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Stuttgart, Nuremberg, Munich, Leipzig and Berlin, in which last named city will be held the fortieth annual convention of the league. A notable feature of the pilgrimage will be the gathering of the tourists at the foot of the gigantic Niederwald monument, opposite Blingen, on the Rhine, commemorating the war of 1870-71. The pedestal, eighty-two feet in height, is surmounted by a heroic size bronze figure of Germania holding the imperial crown, typifying the founding of the German empire. Here the tourists will sing "Die Wacht am Rhein" and other patriotic songs with a fervor which only those who know the German temperament can appreciate.

COMMERCIAL CLUB SUPPORTERS NAMED

Following is a complete list of the subscribers to the support of the Dallas Commercial club. This list is published according to a motion adopted by the club and is done to show the people of Dallas and vicinity the men and firms who are encouraging the club, in fact making its existence possible. The attention of every enterprising and progressive citizen of the city is directed to this list and all who believe in Dallas and its future, all who want to see the city grow and prosper are urged to reciprocate and encourage the supporters of the club by giving them your trade and support:

Barber shop—A. W. Bennett.
Blacksmith—J. V. Lynch.
Banks—Dallas City Bank, Dallas National Bank.
Clothing Stores—J. C. Uglow, William Herzog.

Confectioners—Charles H. Lane, H. A. Webster, George R. Conrad, J. C. Jewellers—Dr. B. F. Butler, Dr. Mark Hayter.

Dry Goods and Clothing—A. S. Campbell, Dallas Mercantile Co., P. A. Finest.

Drayage—Star Transfer Co.
Drug Store—Fulmer Pharmacy, Conrad Straff, M. D. Ellis.

Furniture Stores—Sterling Furniture Co., Emerson and Nash.
Fuel Dealers—W. L. Barber, Aug. Boman.

General Store—Criders General Store.
Grocers—Simonton & Scott; J. C. Rickell, M. B. Young, Holmes & Boyd.

Hardware—Craven Bros., Guy Bros.
Hotels and Restaurants—Hotel Galt, Hotel New Scott, Lloyd Kohari.

Jewellers—C. H. Morris, J. H. Shepherd.
Lawyers—H. H. Belt, Brown & Sibbey, Oscar Hayter, George F. Skiff, Walter L. Toome, Jr.

Livery and Feed Barns—Sam Burt, McCann & Collins, Shaw & Co.
Meat Markets—Dallas Meat Co.
Millinery—Miss Flora McCollum, Mrs. B. Toome.

Newspapers—Polk County Itemizer, Polk County Observer.
Physicians—Dr. L. A. Boliman, Dr. R. H. McCallum, Dr. V. C. Staats, Dr. A. B. Starbuck.

Real Estate Dealers—H. G. Campbell, F. C. Meyers.
Saloons—Crawford & Bilyeu, J. C. Shultz.

Second Hand Dealers—George W. Hinshaw, B. H. Watson.
Shoe Dealer—Mrs. J. C. Gaynor.
Variety Stores—Mrs. Charles Greg-

DISCLOSURES MAY AFFECT ARMY OFFICERS

RESULT OF PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF SECOND BATTALION O. N. G. MAY HAVE BEARING ON FUTURE.

DECLARES NO WRONG DONE

Captain Toome Says He Will Make Complete Statement of Gate Trouble When Proper Time Comes; Local Military Situation Not Materially Affected.

Denying that he had stepped down out, as printed in last night's Portland Telegram, and declaring that he would have some things to disclose, when the proper time comes, which will prove of interest to the public, Captain Walter L. Toome, Jr., of company G, O. N. G., one of the officers accused of disobeying orders from a superior officer during the recent army maneuvers at Gate, Wash., this morning gave The Observer the following interview regarding some phases of the question:

"I am not yet prepared to make a full and complete statement of the affair," said Captain Toome, "owing to the unsettled condition of the investigation to be made. The Telegram last night stated that I had stepped down and out. This is not true. I am merely keeping quiet for the time being. However, I will say, as I have repeatedly said, when the proper time arrives I will make a full and complete statement, and I will have some things to say that will prove of interest to the public. I never disobeyed my orders, have not done any wrong, and for that reason I am not at all alarmed over any turn the situation may take.

Warm Supporter of Guard.
"First, last, and always, I am a warm supporter of the Oregon National Guard. For nearly ten years I have been identified with it, and during the past three years have been an officer. The citizens of Dallas and surrounding country know full well the time and care I have given to it, at a sacrifice to myself and my business. I love the work, and the organization, and am proud of my company, and for that reason I do not care to say anything that will injure either, unless I am forced to do so.

"However, it is my prediction that in case a full investigation of the affair is made, as is being demanded by the accused officers in Portland, and by the Spanish American War veterans, matters will come to light that will tend to affect the whole National Guard organization, and that will find their way to the war department of the United States, and eventually cast their influence upon the future actions of officers of the regular army.

Believes in Staff.
"As I understand it, the general staff has ordered the disbandment of the second battalion. In regard to this, I will say that I believe that the general staff has the best interests of the Guard at heart, and that it has acted in the manner that appeared best. However, the staff may be ill-advised, and its action too hasty, or possibly wrong. In matters of this kind, as in all others where men must act, men may make mistakes. From an absolutely fair statement of the affair, if the truth were known to the staff as I know it, this action would be wrong, for there would be no cause for such an order. No crime was committed except as committed through and by the newspapers seeking to stir up their readers with sensational stuff.

"The effect of the disbandment order will be to give the members of the second battalion honorable discharges, with the privilege of reenlisting as soon as reorganization is completed. The order will not affect the local situation very much. Owing to the army, another company will undoubtedly be stationed here, and all present members will be entitled to reenlist. I have this information from a very reliable source, and it is therefore trustworthy.

Staff in Charge.
Receipt of official orders on Saturday by First Lieutenant Conrad Straff of company G, O. N. G., was the first official information received in Dallas of the intention of the Adjutant General's office to muster out the entire second battalion of the Third regiment of the National Guard. Lieutenant Straff's orders instructed him to take charge of the army in this city, lock it up and hold all state property in readiness for the muster-out proceedings. It was stated that a number of Adjutant General Finer's staff would come to Dallas for the purpose of mustering out the company and closing up its affairs.

According to statements made by Adjutant General Finer this disbanding of the battalion closes the matter so far as his office is concerned. The order affects companies G, F, H and E, and the battalion headquarters. It is not stated whether or not all of the men will be taken back if they care to enlist, but it is declared that some of them will not be received. It is given out that there were 24 men of this battalion who were not at Gate and therefore took no part in the alleged mutinous conduct, and consequently cannot be accused of the breach of discipline charged to the others.

Dallas is very much interested in

Commercial Club.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Dallas Commercial club will be held at the County Court room in the court house tomorrow (Wednesday) night. All members, especially the new ones, are urged to attend. Matters of importance, including the proposition of the Keepfresh company, will come up for action, and it is a matter in which every citizen of Dallas is interested.

COUNCIL MOVES TO WIDEN STREET

ORDINANCE AFFECTING COURT STREET READ FIRST TIME.

Ordinance Committee to Formulate Measure Regulating Autos; Sewer Accepted; Carnegie Approves Acts.

An ordinance was read the first time at the regular council meeting last night which provides for the widening of a portion of the south side of Court street between Jefferson and Shelton streets, where it is alleged that the property line encroaches upon the street line. The mayor and city recorder are empowered, under the ordinance, to purchase the needed land or, failing in that, the city is to proceed with condemnation proceedings.

To Regulate Automobiles.
The ordinance committee was instructed to bring in an ordinance providing regulations for the operation of automobiles within the city limits, to conform to the state law.

The same committee was also instructed to prepare an ordinance providing regulations for the storing of crude oil within the city limits.

The application of George Cook for permission to install card tables in his pool room on Main street, was tabled.

To Collect Tax.
On motion Night Marshal David Grant was given power to collect the occupation tax.

The fire department provided a new set of by-laws for government of that body, made necessary under the reorganization plans recently adopted. They were referred to the fire and water committee.

The monthly batch of bills were allowed and warrants were ordered drawn.

Ash Street Sewer Accepted.
Contractor Dennis reported that the Ash street sewer job had been completed according to contract and, on motion, same was accepted by the city.

The balance due to the contractor was ordered drawn for the balance due. An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of sewer bonds in the sum of \$3,135.61, was passed.

Letter from Andrew Carnegie was read, approving of all action taken by the city, and stating that the money was ready for the contractor as fast as earned and certified to by the supervising architect.

The water committee was given power to arrange for the installation of water taps in the city hall and the Grand theater, which were removed when the building was transferred to their new locations.

THIEVES STEAL HORSES

Rickrell Man Is Victim of Horse Thief, Who Takes Valuable Team From Barn Lot Saturday Night.

Some time during Saturday night a team of horses belonging to C. H. Farmer, who lives near Rickrell, were taken from the barn lot at his place. It is believed that the culprit escaped to the North with the animals, and the sheriff's office is now working on the case. The description of the animals is as follows: One, a dark bay or brown gelding, seven years old, weight about 1000, wire cut on back of left front foot, outside part of hoof shows a split, small white spot in forehead. The other is a light sorrel gelding, four years old, weight 1025, small scar on head at root of left ear, small knot on left leg below knee.

LECTURES ON EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Mrs. Colby, of Portland, Addresses a Small Crowd at Court House.

Supporting the initiative measure for the extension of suffrage to women, Mrs. Colby, of Portland, addressed a small crowd at the circuit court room in the court house last night. She is an easy and fluent speaker and closely held the attention of her audience. She recently spent some time in England investigating the fight made by the militant suffragettes in London, and gave the audience many interesting phases of the situation as it exists there. At the conclusion of her address a local equal suffrage league was formed.

THE OUTCOME OF THIS TROUBLE.

The new state army just completed will be without a tenant if a new company is not recruited and, if none of the men who were in the company on the recent maneuvers are to be permitted to enlist, it is extremely doubtful if an entirely new company can be mustered here. However, more light will probably be shed on the mix-up in a few days and, until then, we can only guess what the outcome will be.

RAILWAY CHANGES CLOSE LOCAL OFFICES

SALEM, FALLS CITY & WESTERN GENERAL OFFICE IN DALLAS MERGED WITH SOUTHERN PACIFIC AT PORTLAND.

HINSHAW GETS PROMOTION

Will Probably Be Named as General Freight Agent to Succeed H. E. Lounsbury; S. Taylor Jones to Remain in Dallas as Train Dispatcher; Manston as Roadmaster.

With the beginning of the present month, the local offices of the Salem, Falls City & Western railway, which have been located in Dallas since the railway was first built by the Geringers, several years ago, went out of existence and the road was formally merged with the Southern Pacific system. The local office force have secured remunerative positions with the Southern Pacific at other points, with the exception of S. Taylor Jones, former superintendent, who will remain in Dallas as train dispatcher for the S. F. C. & W.

H. A. Hinshaw, who held the position of assistant general manager of the road, was called to San Francisco the first of the week to consult with the head officials of the Southern Pacific, and while no definite announcement has been made, it is probable that he will be promoted to the position of general freight agent of the lines in Oregon, lately held by H. E. Lounsbury, who has been transferred to the O. W. R. & N. railway.

All of the records and other official machinery of the Dallas offices have been shipped to Portland. Miss Brown, who held the position of auditor of the Salem road, has been transferred to Portland, where she will have a position in the auditor's office. Mr. Manston, who has been the roadmaster of the old road, will be retained in the same capacity with headquarters in Dallas.

Shops to Be Enlarged.
The passing of the Salem, Falls City & Western as an independent organization will be followed by the increasing of the capacity and the business of the local shops. It is stated by competent authority, The Dallas shops are the only ones on the West side, south of Portland, and, during the past year have done a large amount of work for the S. P. the location of Dallas and the shops is handy for the local West side system, and the company plans to improve the facilities and employ additional men in order that all sorts of repair work may be expeditiously handled here. While no definite announcement has been made, it is probable that the shops will be retained in charge of the local shops, as in the past.

POLK SETS MARK FOR OTHERS

IS RECOGNIZED AS "BLUE RIBBON" SCHOOL COUNTY.

Only County That Worked Out Standardization Plan to Successful Issue; Many Ask For Help.

That Polk is generally recognized by prominent educators as the Blue Ribbon school county of Oregon, and that the methods in force here will be adopted by other counties of larger population and wealth, is evidenced by the receipt by County Superintendent H. C. Seymour of requests for information regarding the methods used in standardizing the schools of the county. The latest inquiry comes from J. Percy Wells, superintendent of Jackson county, where the county educational board recently decided to formulate a plan for standardization of the schools along the lines adopted by the advanced educational work in the progressive counties of Polk.

While several other counties adopted a plan for the standardization of their schools, Polk is the only one that worked the plan out to a successful issue, and naturally this county is looked to by other counties as a guide for other counties. This condition and this result reflect a great credit upon Superintendent Seymour as one of the most progressive educators in Oregon, and that his methods will be adopted by other counties which seek to emulate the high standard set by Polk, is ample evidence that this county occupies a high position in the minds of school people.

P. A. FINCH LEFT MONDAY FOR AN EXTENDED TRIP THROUGH WASHINGTON AND TO BRITISH COLUMBIA CITIES.

While away he will visit Sand Point, Idaho, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Everett and Bellingham, Wash., and Victoria and Vancouver, B. C.