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TRAVEL FOR ROADS SUCCESS PROMISED IS PROBLEM OF COURT

OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS AND SUPPLY AT CORVALLIS AND INDE- PENDENCE BUNKERS.

FAVORABLE OFFER IS MADE

Corvallis Firm Will Supply Material For 24 Cents at That City; Inde- pendence Parties to Make Offer; Court Would Avoid Bad Hill in Kings Valley Road.

Matter of securing gravel for the improvement of the roads of Polk county is just now occupying the attention of the county court to the exclusion of everything else, and the result of their investigations has been that some very flattering offers have been made by parties who have material to sell. While the commissioners recently closed a deal for the purchase of a 10-acre gravel bar on Marion county on the Willamette river directly opposite from Eola, it is highly improbable that anything will be done with this tract this year. It will require the expenditure of a large sum of money to install the necessary machinery to handle the gravel, and to carry it across the river to the Polk county side, and the court feels that it has already spent too sufficient expense along this line for the present season. Commissioner Petre who has been an enthusiastic supporter and adherent of the Marion county bar, insists that the gravel can be placed aboard cars at Eola for not exceeding six cents per yard.

Good Offer at Corvallis.

On Wednesday the entire court made a trip to Corvallis and Independence in quest of gravel. They found two fine plants at the former place already in operation, and two more at Independence in process of construction. At Corvallis a company offered to supply all the gravel needed by the county for 24 cents per square yard f. o. b. at that place. As the freight rate asked by the railroad is one cent per yard mile, it would thus be possible to deliver gravel in the county for less than 50 cents per yard which is considered a very favorable price. Owners of the Independence gravel bunkers, however, informed the

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STREET WORK NOW UNDER WAY

LAYING OF CONCRETE BASE MAY BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

Curb Construction Now Being Pushed Paving Operations to Begin First at North End of Main Street.

With the arrival yesterday of several members of the construction crew of the Clark & Henery Construction company, active operations in the hard surfacing of the streets in the business section of Dallas has begun and will be rushed from this time forward. Yesterday City Engineer Flagg was engaged in running lines for the concrete curbing on Main street, and this work will be completed today. It is probable that the laying of concrete base will begin next week, the start being made on the north end of Main street and will be made at the corner of Main and Oak street.

A new jacket has been ordered for the rock crusher at Ellendale, in order that different sizes of rock may be crushed out to be used for the wearing surface of the pavement.

The crews in the employ of the water company engaged in relaying the water mains are making good progress with their work and it is hoped that, by the expiration of the coming week, the greater portion of this job will have been accomplished.

Lee Funeral Sunday

The funeral services over the remains of the late Miss Anna Gazelle will be held in the Christian church of Falls City Sunday afternoon. The burial will take place in Highland Monday.

Great New Liner Aquitania Slides Off Into Future Home

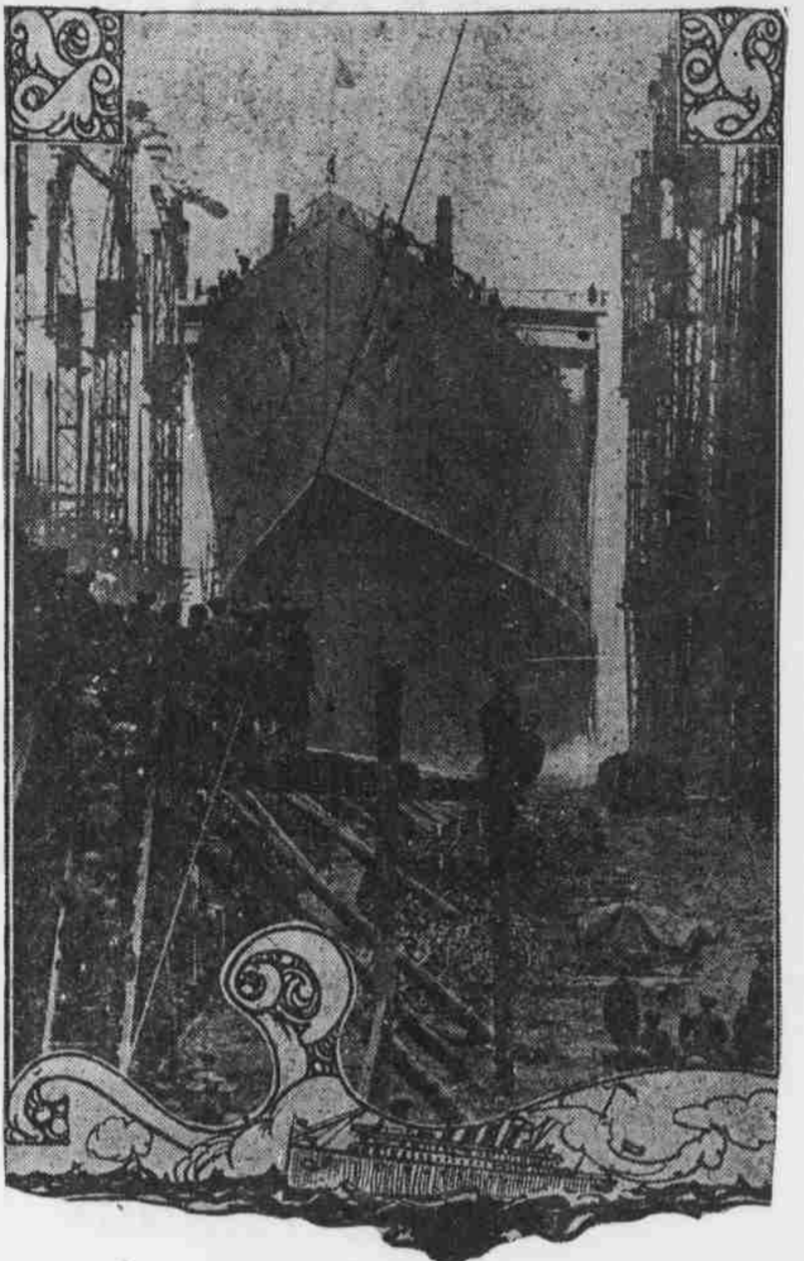


Photo by American Press Association.

DOWN she goes, down on her maiden plunge into her native element, and what a splash! She's the great new Cunarder, Aquitania, one of the biggest and best of the great sea leviathans. The picture was taken at her launching at Clydebank, Scotland. True as a die the big bulk slid off the ways and settled evenly in the water. She will carry enough lifeboats for over 3,000 and will be equipped with all the latest wrinkles in transatlantic liner magnificence. The illustration gives a graphic idea of the size of her bow. Some of the artisans in the foreground who watched her slide off had worked on her for the last year and over.

Base Ball Grounds Are Selected

Committee Raises Funds and Good Team is Assured; Fair Grounds For Diamond.

Following a most successful canvass for funds on Wednesday, interest in base ball matters was given a decided impetus this week when arrangements for grounds were completed and the actual work of fitting them up for games was begun. The site selected is a portion of the proposed Polk county fair grounds on the Rowell tract in the southwest portion of the city. These were surveyed yesterday and the diamond laid off. Work began at once in preparing the diamond and getting it in shape for games.

Manager Ted Serr is very enthusiastic over the location and pronounces it ideal. He says that one of the best base ball diamonds in the state can be constructed there at little expense and that it is handy to the center of town and should prove popular with the fans.

Arrangements will also be made for the fencing of the grounds and the building of a grand stand. New uniforms have been ordered and the club will get into condition to take on all comers as rapidly as possible.

Week To Mark Studies' End

Dallas College Class to Graduate
With Appropriate Exercises
Starting Sunday.

Annual commencement exercises of Dallas college will be held next week beginning on Sunday and continuing until Wednesday night. The program for the week is as follows: Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, June 1, at 11 o'clock a. m., by President Winter. Address before the Christian asso-

LECTURE TO BE A FEATURE

"Bargains" by Dr. Andrew One of Chautauqua Attractions.

Dr. Andrew whose lecture on "Bargains" is to be one of the treats at our coming Chautauqua, is an orator of note. He swept the colleges of their feet as a college boy representing his college in various oratorical contests. He early discovered that elocution was often times a hindrance to an orator. "A little girl was once asked," says Dr. Andrew, "to define elocution." "Elocution" said she rather hesitatingly, "is a method they have in some states of putting people to death."

MRS. WILSON GETS FINE LOT

Will Make Choice in Miller's Tract on Sunday Afternoon.

Mrs. T. E. Wilson was awarded the lot offered by the Federal Trust company for the best name for the tract which the Dallas Development company is placing on the market as an exclusive residence district. The decision was made at the Grand theater Wednesday night. Mrs. Wilson will make her selection at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon previous to the opening for sale of the splendid tract.

TARIFF AGITATION AFFECTS LUMBER INDUSTRY

POSSIBILITY THAT ALL PRO- TECTION MAY BE REMOVED CAUSES DEALERS TO USE CAUTION IN BUYING.

CALIFORNIA DEMAND LIGHT

Crop Failure in Southern State Fol- lowing Killing Frost Hinders Building Operations; "Free Lum- ber" to Have Little Effect on Prices Thinks Manufacturer.

That the tariff agitation, coupled with the failure of crops throughout a large portion of California, is responsible for the present unsettled condition of the lumber market, which has resulted in a general reduction in the business and output of the mills throughout the Oregon lumber belt, is the declaration of George T. Gerlinger, manager of the Dallas Lumber and Logging company's plant in this city. However, Mr. Gerlinger does not look for any permanent depression in prices and manufacturing conditions, and believes that the real effect of the tariff, even if all schedules shall be removed, will not be felt to any great extent and thinks that, with the settlement of the present agitation and the improvement of conditions in the south, the demand will increase rapidly for all lines.

Tariff Responsible.

"It is undoubtedly true," said Mr. Gerlinger, "that the present agitation in Congress relative to the lumber tariff, is having its effect upon the trade generally. There is at present very little demand for lumber, especially in the Great Lakes district, and it is directly attributable to the possibility that the tariff may be entirely removed. The Lakes district borders on the Canadian line, and the dealers figure that, with the schedule removed, lumber will take a decided drop in price, owing to the possible great influx of the Canadian manufactured product. With this idea in mind, none of the big yards are buying any surplus stock at this time, and their orders are confined to stuff that they must have to supply what little demand they have. Of course this feeling extends, in a much smaller measure, to the

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43 MEN BUSY AT SPELLING RESULTS CAR SHOPS

REPAIR WORK PLENTIFUL AT DALLAS' RAILROAD PLANT.

New Machinery Just Added Places Local Shops Equal to Any; Three Locomotives Now Under Repair.

With 43 men employed, and with several locomotives in the process of overhauling and with much other work under way, the shops of the Southern Pacific in this city, are just now a scene of busy activity with the available work crowding the equipment and facilities severely. Recently two or three new machines have been added to the equipment of the shops and more are coming which, when installed, will make the Dallas concern complete and capable of handling all work entrusted to it. One of the new machines, which is now in place, is a large wheel boring machine, capable of handling the largest locomotive drivers, a new lathe of large capacity and an immense wheel press which is now being installed.

Repair and building of locomotives is one of the principal occupations in the local shops and just now there are three of them under repair, all from the Yamhill and the West Side divisions with the exception of a logging engine from the Corvallis & Eastern. The shops are also engaged in rebuilding the flat cars smashed up in a logging train wreck near Black Rock a month or more ago.

Motor Car on Run.

The "Old Reliable" motor car No. 1, used for several years by the National Falls City & Western, and which has been off the run since late in the fall, went into commission

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LATE POLK COUNTY NEWS TOLD IN BRIEFS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS RELATED IN ENTERTAIN- ING MANNER.

OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

Observer Representatives Keep in Touch With All Matters of Import- ance in Their Part of the Famous "Blue Ribbon" District of the State of Oregon.

FALLS CITY

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Hellwarth were passengers to Salem last Friday.

Several students of Dallas college passed through here last week on their way to Teal creek where they spent their annual mountain day. Miss Edna Barnhart accompanied them.

A committee from the Commercial club consisting of W. B. Stevens, W. F. Nichols, J. C. Talbot and F. K. Hubbard went to Dallas to meet with a like committee from that place. The object of this meeting was to take another step in the organization of a county development league.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heydon came out from their Siletz home Friday and spent a few days with friends here.

Miss Violet Pfandhoefer visited over Sunday in this city.

The students of the high school under the direction of Prof. Barquhart, put on a fine play at Wagner's hall Saturday night. The play was entitled "A Debt of Honor." A large crowd was present and all pronounced it a success.

Miss Russell was the winner of the silver medal at the last contest held in the Methodist church Monday evening. The judges were G. W. Brentner, Mrs. Lee Saddler and Miss Mae Lynch.

Miss Edith Montgomery came home from her school Saturday, she having closed her year's work.

Fred Vogel, manager of the Falls City Lumber company's plant at Salem, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

Herbert Hanson who has been working in Southern Oregon, came home Saturday to visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Starr, of Salem, is spending the week at the home of her son, H. E. Starr in this city.

Mrs. C. T. West transacted business in Salem Wednesday.

Rev. James Moore and Rev. Fields of Dallas held special meetings in the Methodist church Tuesday in the interest of the church benevolence. Mrs. Fields accompanied them.

Miss Gazelle Lee, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lee died at the Salem hospital, where she had been taken for treatment, Friday, May 23, aged 23 years, nine months. The body was taken to Oregon City for burial this being their old home. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have the sympathy of the entire community during their sad experience.

The residence of I. G. Singleton is undergoing repairs. Dick Ferguson is in charge.

Miss Carrie Graham who has been attending school at Laurelwood Academy in Gaston returned home to spend the summer in Falls City.

MONMOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. N. Wither, of Newport, are the guests of Mrs. Wither's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Wither expect to go to Alaska soon.

M. K. Boatman went to Corvallis last week, returning Saturday. He was visiting old friends, of which he has many.

John Nicols, formerly of Monmouth, but now of Albany, was the guest of his brother-in-law, Allen Johnson over Sunday. He said crops look pretty well over there.

T. A. McEldowney and E. S. Shattuck, went to Toledo, Oregon, Monday and expect to visit Newport and other points before they return.

Mrs. George Carmie went to Portland Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. P. B. Burt, for a season.

Mr. and Mrs. Lallin, of Pleasant Hill, of Lane county, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncy Malkey the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Newman went to Portland in their auto Tuesday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Dell Butler.

John Fuller is having his house repaired and some changes made in it. Miss Perry has fully recovered and has resumed her studies at the Normal.

"Uncle Coo Smith" as he is

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