

CONDITIONS GOOD ON THE ISTHMUS

W. G. McPherson Declares Great Progress Is Being Made on Canal.

RETURNS FROM LONG TRIP

Portland Business Man Has Chance to Observe Discontent Among the Citizens of South American Republic.

Conditions as to sanitation, public health and the general welfare of the people are first-class in Panama and the canal zone, according to W. G. McPherson, a widely-known business man and resident of Portland, who has just returned from a trip of three months. With Mrs. McPherson, he visited several South American Republics, enjoying every day of the time. He spent eight days on the zone, and had time to investigate quite thoroughly as to how Uncle Sam is carrying on the work of digging the canal and how the employes and officers are treated. Everything is progressing rapidly on the canal zone, says Mr. McPherson, and the health of the 3,000 people, engaged on the work for the government, is excellent. There are several hundred Spaniards and the remainder are Jamaica negroes, Spaniards and Italians. The digging of the canal is going forward very fast. Leaving San Francisco, February 20, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson enjoyed the sea trip greatly. Owing to the bubonic plague scare in San Francisco, they found all the Mexican ports closed against vessels from the Bay City, and the first stop was made at Mazatlan. From there they went to Champerico, Guatemala, and thence to Guatemala City, the capital of the Republic and official residence of President Cabrera. In that place they met several American acquaintances, including Mark L. Edson, the first man to send out the news of the recent volcanic eruption, which wrought great destruction. At the time the McPhersons were there, Mr. Edson predicted the volcano, and it was but a short time after they left that it occurred.



TOWN OF CULEBRA, WHERE AMERICAN LABORERS ON THE PANAMA CANAL ARE STATIONED.

At certain seasons, and it was feared they would sweep away the works along the cut. The government, says Mr. McPherson, is taking first-class care of its employes on the big cut. At Christobal, which is really a part of Colon, on the Atlantic side, is located the great stores, warehouses and supply depots of the government, from which are furnished the food, clothing and everything necessary to life on the zone. Goods are sold to the employes at cost, and non-employes cannot purchase anything from the government stores. It requires an employe-book, and when Mr. McPherson tried to buy some curios he was positively refused, not being the proud possessor of one of these books. "I ate at several of the government employes' eating-houses," said Mr. McPherson, "and was served with better prepared victuals than I found it possible to obtain at any of the private hotels, which charge \$6 and more a day. Everything is clean and sanitary and the public health is excellent. The government has cleaned up things all around, including Panama, the big city on the Pacific side. After remaining eight days on the isthmus, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson proceeded to New York on the line of steamers operated by the government. Mr. McPherson declares that building operations in New York and Chicago are at a standstill. After visiting relatives and friends in the Middle West, Mr. McPherson stopped off at Twin Falls, Idaho, to transact business, and Mrs. McPherson continued on home. "Idaho," said Mr. McPherson, "is one of the most thriving states through which we passed. It has marvelous possibilities and resources, a tremendous water power, and limitless opportunity to become one of the greatest states in the Union."

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at Culebra cut, showing excavation at important point on Panama Canal.



CULEBRA CUT, SHOWING EXCAVATION AT IMPORTANT POINT ON PANAMA CANAL.

Cabrera Confined to Palace.

While in Guatemala City, the McPhersons soon learned that a plan was on foot to assassinate President Cabrera. While out riding one day they attempted to pass the President's residence, but were met by armed guards who ordered them to stop. Every effort was being made to protect the President from the hands of those who wished to kill him. He was kept within his palace all the time, although just prior to that date he had been taking active part in various ceremonies, in which Americans, Germans and British subjects participated. During these exercises the wily Cabrera took a position where he was surrounded at all times by the foreign element and great throngs of school children, so that it was impossible to shoot him without murdering others and bringing on international complications. It was but a few days after the McPhersons left that the futile attempt to kill Cabrera occurred. From Guatemala City Mr. and Mrs. McPherson journeyed to San Juan del Sur and to Honduras and San Jose, Costa Rica. President Zelaya, of Costa Rica, says Mr. McPherson, is "up" on all forms of high finance and is strictly "wise" on how to get his share out of every business project undertaken in his country. Whites who enter the territory under his control have to "see" him, if they have a paying busi-

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Funeral Oration Over a "Dead Game Sport"

Unique Obsequies in a Variety Theater, Back of a Nevada Saloon, With a Remarkable Sermon.

RAWLIDE, April 15.—Half shielded under an oil-cloth blanket, lodged in a common express wagon, the casket of Riley Grannan was carried recently down dusty Rawlidge avenue and along Nevada street from the tented establishment of the camp's undertaker to an improvised memorial chapel, a variety theater at the rear of a saloon. There congregated throngs in silks and corduroys, women of metropolitan costumes, miners covered with high-grade grime, prospectors sun-tanned, brokers, bankers, merchants, promoters, owners of saloons, bartenders, gamblers, rounders. Tears that were shed dropped from the eyes of all. Again, as always in mining camps, class forgotten. All men were equal. A solemn hush came down upon the little play-house where last night and tonight, jostling rowdy drunkards, while listening to doubtful wit from the coarse jesters, men and women, on the variety floor. Hovered about the bier of Riley Grannan, the mate of a National renown, was as solemn a group of sincere mourners as ever gathered to pay final tribute.

their fruition in phenomenal success. Financial aid told that from the position of a belloy in a hotel he arose to be a celebrity of world-wide fame. Riley Grannan was one of the greatest plunders the continent has produced. He died day before yesterday at Rawlidge. "That is a brief statement. We have his birth, and the day of his demise. Who can fill the interim? Not I. Who can tell his hopes and fears? Who knows the mystery of his quiet hours? Not I. "Riley Grannan was born in the sunny southland of Kentucky. He died in Rawlidge. That is the beginning. That is the end. Is there in this picture of what Igersoll said at the grave of his brother? Whether it be near the shore, or in mid-ocean, or among the breakers at the lady's wreck must mark the end of one and all.

hold. Riley Grannan fully exemplified the philosophy of those fugitive verses. "It's easy enough to be happy when life goes along like a song; but the man worth while is the man who will smile when life is a pendulum between a smile and a frown. Heart is trouble, and it always comes with the years; and the smile that is worth the homage of earth is the smile that shines through tears. "There are those who will condemn him. They believe that today he is reaping the reward of a mispent life. They are those who are dominated by medieval creeds. Them I am not addressing. They are ruled by the skeleton hand of the past. They fail to see the moral side of a character fixed outside their puritanical ideas. Riley Grannan's goodness was not of a type that reached its highest manifestation in ceremonious piety. It found its expression in the handclasp of friendship. It found its voice in the word of cheer to a discouraged brother. His were deeds of quiet charity. His were acts of manhood. "Riley Grannan lives in the world of sport. My words are not minced, because I am telling what I believe to be true. It was the world of sport, sometimes of a diabolical character, worse. He left the impress of his character upon us all and through the medium of his financial power he was able with his money to brighten the lives of all who knew him. He wasted his money, so the world says; but did it ever occur to you that the moon and women of such class upon whom he wasted it are yet men and women? A little happiness brought into their lives means as much to them as happiness carried into the lives of the straight and good. If you can take one ray of sunshine into the eight-life and thereby carry a single hour of happiness, you are a benefactor. Riley Grannan did this. "God confined not his sunbeams to the nourishing of potatoes and corn. His scattering of sunshine was prodigal. Contemplan lives in the world of auroral beauties round the cold shoulders of the north. He hangs the glistening picture of the mirage above that struts between a smile and a frown. He scatters the sunbeams like shattered gold upon the bosom of a myriad of lakes that gem the robe of nature. He spangles the canopy of the world with jewels and silvers the world with the reflected beams from on high. He hangs the gorgeous crimson curtain of the accident across the sleeping-room of the sun. "God wakes the coy maid of the morning to step timidly from her bower of darkness, to climb the steep of the Orient, to fling wide the gates of morning and to trip o'er the landscape, kissing the flowers in her flight. She utters the word of herald with their music the coming of her king, who floods the world with fulgent gold. These are wasted sunbeams. Are they? I say to you that the man or woman who by the use

Musical Features. Solos were offered by Mrs. Hedrick, once an actress of wide fame, now wife of the editor of a Rawlidge daily paper, and by Jack Hines, miner of Alaska, and leader of Rawlidge. Punctuations came with resounding blasts from a score of mines on the mountains just above. Saloons were closed and the streets were silent throughout the service. At its end a solemn cortege tramped, with the remains, destined by automobile to travel to miles to Schurz, there to go aboard the cars to Riley's brother in Kentucky. Unique beyond experience and dramatic beyond compare was the eulogy pronounced by Rev. Charles Beckwith, a clergyman, then a mine-operator of Goldfield, later a Rawlidge pioneer. Hardly orthodox, but wholly in keeping with the solemn and the mate of a National renown, was as solemn a group of sincere mourners as ever gathered to pay final tribute. "I feel that it is incumbent upon me to state that I now occupy no ministered or prelate position. I am only a prospector. I make no claims to moral merit whatever or to religious authority except it be the religion of the brotherhood of man. I wish to be taken only as a man among men, feeling that I can shake hands and style as my brother the most humble of you all. If there may come from me a word of moral admonition, it springs not from a sense of moral superiority, only from the depths of my experience. "Riley Grannan was born at Paris, Ky., about 30 years ago. He cherished all dreams of boyhood. These dreams found

of money or power is able to smooth one wrinkle from the brow of human care or to change one man or sob into a song, or to wipe away a tear and to place in its stead a jewel of joy, is a public benefactor. Such was Riley Grannan. "The time has come to say good-bye. For the friends and loved ones not here to say the word let me say goodbye, old man. We will try to exemplify the spirit of your life as we bear the grief at our parting. Words fall me here, but these flowers, Riley, with their petaled lips and perfumed breath, speak in beauty and fragrance those sentiments too tender for words. Good-bye."

BANQUET ENDS CONVENTION Pacific Coast Metal Trades Elect New Officers. The convention of the Pacific Coast Iron and Steel Trades Association concluded last night with a banquet at the Portland Hotel. The association occupied the main parlor and adjourned about midnight. The new officers of the association are: President, Thomas Sumner, of Everett; first vice-president, John L. Roberts, of Tacoma; second vice-president, J. V. Sabers, of Seattle; third vice-president, W. H. Corbett, of Portland; secretary-treasurer, J. Bruce Gibson, of Everett. Arrow Causes Loss of Eye. Willie Nickel, the 6-year-old son of C. E. Nickel, of 414 North Nineteenth street, met with an accident on Friday afternoon which caused the loss of one of his eyes. The child was playing in the street with some children of his own age, one of whom possessed a bow and a quiver of arrows. During a game of "indians" Willie's companion discharged an arrow directly into his face, penetrating the eyeball. The boy was taken to the office of Dr. H. H. Fenton, who found that the loss of eyesight was complete. Misbranded Whisky May Enter. WASHINGTON, April 25.—By a ruling arranged between the Departments of State, Treasury and Agriculture, whisky manufactured abroad and alleged to be misbranded under the American purg food law, hereafter will be allowed to come into the country, after which it will be subject to the adjudication of the courts under that law. This ruling is a reversal of the former regulation which made it possible to hold up such shipments before they entered into the markets of this country. Go to Investigate Isthmus. WASHINGTON, April 25.—James B. Reynolds and Samuel B. Donnelly, who were recently appointed to investigate labor conditions on the Isthmus of Panama, will accompany Secretary Taft on his trip to the Isthmus, beginning April 30. Swell tan shoes at Rosenthal's. Spectacles \$1.00 at Metzger's.

ISSUES HUGE LOANS MUST GET OUT IN FOUR MORE DAYS

German Empire Will Borrow Over \$250,000,000.

BOURSE IS ASTONISHED

Even Members of Group Banks Acting as Agents for Government Are Surprised at Magnitude of Latest Demand.

BERLIN, April 25.—(Special.)—The group of banks under the auspices of the German Imperial Bank and the Prussian State Bank, which acts as the financial agent of the German and Prussian governments, announces that the financial requirements of the Empire will necessitate the immediate issue of consols to the amount of \$250,000,000, while Prussia will require \$100,000,000. Both issues will be of the 4 per cent type and are not to be redeemable or convertible until 1918. The loans have been issued for subscription at 95 per cent. In addition, the syndicate has taken over \$30,000,000 worth of new Prussian 4 per cent bonds, which are to be redeemable after five years. These bonds, however, are not to be issued for public subscriptions. Thus, together with the convertible loan of \$45,000,000 issued by the Prussian government in January, the total amount of new loans issued by the Empire and Prussia this year amounts to considerably over \$250,000,000. The Bourse and even the members of the group of banks have been not a little surprised at the magnitude of the new issue, since it has generally assumed that only about one-third of the amount which is now notified would actually be required.

Graves & Co. Compelled to Vacate By Thursday Night of This Week

We must sell Pianos. We must sell Talking Machines. We must sell Violins. We must sell Sheet Music. Band Instruments must go. Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars, etc., must go. Everything connected with the big Graves & Co. musical establishment, from a Harmonica to the finest and most costly Musical Instruments, must be disposed of before Thursday night, no matter what the sacrifice. It is almost impossible to get our new quarters at 111 Fourth street ready by Thursday, or even Friday; but this unfortunate state of affairs does not deter the frenzied lease operator from forcing us out of our present quarters, virtually into the street.

It is a desperate situation. Nothing remains but to get rid of everything in the next four days. It seems almost impossible, but if actual, downright slashing of price counts for anything, all, or nearly all, will be gone by that time.

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Space will not permit of any descriptions. Remember, everything must go. We're desperate—yes, frantic, if you please; and we'll agree to accept almost any terms you desire. If you want to benefit by this extraordinary and unheard-of opportunity, do not delay a minute—come the first thing tomorrow morning. Store will be open every evening until sale ends. We're going to dispose of everything, even though it becomes necessary to almost give the goods away.

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RAPID WORK AT SEATTLE

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE ON OREGON BUILDING.

Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Is Now 50 Per Cent Completed, Says Frank L. Merrick.

"The Oregon State Commission is to be complimented on the rapid progress it has made in erecting the Oregon building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition," said Frank L. Merrick, chief of publicity of the Pacific world's fair yesterday. Mr. Merrick is in the city to arrange for a float for the Rose Festival in June. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Exposition have combined in putting in a float in the fiesta parade. "It has been surprising to experienced exposition men to have watched the manner in which the Oregon building has been advanced since the breaking of ground a few weeks ago. The structure will soon be ready for the roof, and I understand that just as soon as the building is completed an information and publicity bureau

will be established there in order to acquaint the visitors to the grounds with the wonders and resources of the Beaver State. That is a good stroke. Oregon is the first state building to be started.

"What helps the Pacific Northwest helps Seattle," said C. B. Vandell to me the other day. That is the slogan that will be carried before our float in the parade during festival week. I think that it is the way all cities of the Northwest should express their feelings toward one another. Seattle is much interested in the Rose Festival and there will be a large delegation of officials and residents of Seattle here the first week of June to join in the merry-making.

"Speaking about the Exposition, it is 50 per cent completed. We have a year and a month before the gates are to be opened and are six months ahead in the city to arrange for a float for the Rose Festival in June. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Exposition have combined in putting in a float in the fiesta parade. "It has been surprising to experienced exposition men to have watched the manner in which the Oregon building has been advanced since the breaking of ground a few weeks ago. The structure will soon be ready for the roof, and I understand that just as soon as the building is completed an information and publicity bureau

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