

## panama Canal Catechism

Q—How did the United States pay for the canal?  
A—From 500 to 1000 feet across the bottom.

Q—How will ships pass from one sea level to the other?  
A—Through great locks 1000 feet long, 110 feet wide.

Q—What are two of the great engineering achievements of the canal?  
A—The Culebra cut through the mountains and the Gatun dam a mile and a half long on its crest.

Q—When will the canal be formally opened?  
A—In 1915.

Q—What will it cost?  
A—\$400,000,000.

Q—How will ships pass through the locks?  
A—They will be towed by electric locomotives.

Q—What is the weight of the giant lock gates?  
A—From 390 to 730 tons each.

Q—How many miles will be saved between San Francisco and New York?  
A—7873 miles. New York and Guayaquil? 7405 miles. New York and Callao? 6250 miles. New York and Honolulu? 6612 miles. New York and Yokohama? 3281 miles.

Q—What effect will the canal have upon the American navy?  
A—Double its efficiency.

Q—What effect will it have upon the cost of intercoastal transportation?  
A—Reduce it one-third.

### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN ANTIOCH?

"The cheapest place in the world is Antioch, in Syria," says a returned traveler. "Being on the Mediterranean, the climate is just right in the colder months. I once passed a winter there and all it cost me was \$5.00 a week, though I leased a fine house and kept three servants. For the house I paid \$2.50 a month rent, while the servants were satisfied with 50 cents a week. Mutton cost three and a half cents a pound. Eggs were a penny a dozen and chickens two cents and a half each. The finest of fresh fruit and vegetables in February, too! were so cheap that they were not sold in quantity. You got all you wanted for so much per week. All I required for my household cost me only 25 cents per week. An American resident of Antioch told me that he and his family lived comfortably on \$175.00 a year."

### THE D—FOOL

**A** SPORT there was and he "sat in"—  
(Even as you and I)  
To a poker game, and he blew his "tin"—  
(He earned it himself, so it wasn't a sin)  
He always had lost, but he thought he might win—  
(Even as you and I).  
Oh! the "dough" he lost, and the woe it cost—  
"Seeling" a better hand.  
How to make deuces beat three of a kind,  
Boost the "ante" and take the "blind"  
He did not understand.  
A sport he was and he met his fate—  
(Even as you and I).  
He didn't know until too late  
Not to buck a "full" with a crooked "straight,"  
But the sport—he learned at a wonderful rate.  
(Even as you and I).  
Oh! the sights he missed, and the nights he missed,  
And the job from which he was "canned"—  
He lost them all;—it wasn't a lot.  
They all went in to "sweeten the pot."  
But he did not understand.  
He plays with everyone he knows.  
(Even as you and I).  
And the sport gets stripped to his underclothes:  
(In a "friendly game" most everything goes.)  
He changes his friends for so many foes—  
(Even as you and I).  
And it isn't the cost, nor the friends he lost,  
Or notes payable on demand;  
It's knowing that he didn't "savvy the game"  
That hurts him so much. (It is always the same.)  
He never will understand.  
—A. V. Haskell

Al Borden, superintendent of a Reading, Pa., iron company, has been honored by the king of Sweden, with a decoration of knighthood in recognition of his work in strengthening the international friendship between those two countries.

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## News From Near by Towns

### SMITH RIVER NEWS.

(Special to the Times).  
SMITH RIVER, Or., Oct. 8.—A railroad camp will soon be situated on Smith River near John Wroe's place, to construct a tunnel there this winter.

Capt. Sherman Lyster carries the farmers' cream by boat on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from Sulphur Springs to the creamery at Reedsport.

The Sulphur Springs school commenced the fall term last Monday, Miss McDonald being the teacher.

Geo. McHargue, who had rented R. T. Ashworth's place, has recently moved to Aughter Slough on a little ranch owned by Dr. R. Fields, of Gardiner.

The farmers are now digging their spuds and find them a very good crop this year.

After visiting four weeks with her parents, Miss Aleda Hansen went back to Portland last week to resume her work.

Ed Meacham, a well-known Sluslaw man, is visiting friends on the river.

A number of fishermen on the river have been catching a great deal of salmon, principally Silverides and some Chinooks.

Most of the farmers on this river have been painting and shingling their houses. It is said they expect a very hard winter this year.

### RAIN AT BANDON.

The rainfall for the month of September was 2.75 inches. Days rainy and cloudy, 11. Days clear, 19. The rainfall for the same month last year was 4.37 inches, a difference of 1.62 less this year.—Bandon World.

### GET THE BACON.

The Wedderburn Trading Company butchered fifty head of fat porkers last Saturday. E. R. Miller was the "bloody boss" and will have charge of the meat until it is thoroughly cured. This insures a good supply of bacon and lard in this locality, as Mr. Miller is a "crack-a-jack" bacon maker.—Gold Beach Globe.

### BARTON GETS DIVORCE.

J. H. Barton was released from his domestic infelicities by a decree of our circuit court last Saturday whereby he was granted a divorce from his former wife, Lewell Barton, of Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Barton took up his residence in Myrtle Point considerably over a year ago and is one of our prosperous merchants now, and all are glad to know of his release from the union so unsuited to his quiet habits, as the testimony in the case showed his former wife to be.—Port Orford Tribune.

### HEAVY GAME LAW FINE.

According to the report that has reached Port Orford, Chas. Smith, proprietor of the Antler Hotel at Harbor, has just received one of the heaviest sentences ever meted out under the game law in Curry county. Smith was arrested a few days ago by Deputy Game Warden E. J. Baker; was tried before Justice C. M. Benham, and convicted of killing two spotted fawns. He was sentenced to a fine of \$100 and costs. His gun was confiscated and will be sold at auction, and his hunting license was revoked.—Port Orford Tribune.

### KILLS BIG BEAR.

The bear which Chas. Forty trapped last week was one of the largest and fattest ones that had ever been killed in this vicinity for some time. The brute weighed close to 500 pounds and would have yielded about 15 gallons of oil had it been carefully tried out, above 10 gallons being saved as it was. The big fat was caused from high living on sheep ranges.—Port Orford Tribune.

### FISHING IN CURRY.

Some fine strings of fish have been caught with hook and line in Sixes and Elk rivers the past few days. Four fishermen on Sixes caught 200 one afternoon, the most of them measuring from 14 to 16 inches in length.—Port Orford Tribune.

A farm of 160 acres has been deeded to the schools of Paoli, Kansas. Money from the farm is used to buy books, clothing, etc., for boys and girls who wish a high school education, but cannot afford it.

In a French competition for \$100,000 in prizes for the greatest invention for safety in aviation, a Nova Scotia inventor will enter a parachute, folded on the tail of an aeroplane and attached to an aviator by harness.

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