

# GAINS MADE IN PANAMA CANAL

### Engineers Now Certain It Will Be Open by January—Some Big Problems.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
PANAMA, May 2.—Rock and dirt are still moving down the Cucaracha Slide into the Culebra Cut, but the engineers who have been fighting the treacherous slides in this vicinity are at last gaining upon nature. Fears that the opening of the canal, set for January, 1915, would have to be postponed indefinitely, have been growing less each day, for the dredges and steam shovels have been taking out the dirt and rock much faster than it slid into the canal.

The Culebra Slide, just to the south of the Cucaracha trouble, is entirely at rest and it is hoped it will remain so, but the canal engineers will watch this treacherous hillside with some anxiety as the rainy season approaches. Breaks already are showing far back from the canal prism and these may indicate a movement which might any day precipitate tons of crushed rock and dirt into the canal for the tireless steam shovels and dredges to remove. The coming wet season will be likely to loosen anything ready to slide.

Dredging and hydraulic operations in the cut continue day and night. Back of Gold Hill the hydraulic pumps are washing away vast quantities of loose soil, greatly relieving the pressure which has forced so much of the dirt into the canal prism. At the toe of the slide the dredges have been busy removing the dirt out of the channel itself, while far up on the side of the slide other hydraulic operations are tearing at the very heart of the hill.

Within a short time two new large dipper dredges will be engaged. These are the largest yet built of this type. One already has been received on the isthmus and is almost ready for operation. At the same time the dredge "Corozal" will begin deepening the channel, which now averages about twenty-five feet, to the required forty-five feet.

This deepening of the channel, the engineers believe, will be a tedious operation, for the weight of the hillsides at Gold, Culebra and Contractors hills is constantly forcing the bottom of the canal upward. It is anticipated that this will continue until the weight of the hillsides has been sufficiently lessened.

According to figures just compiled there have been removed from the canal prism between Gamboa and Pedro Miguel, which includes the entire Culebra cut area, a total of 27,000,000 cubic yards of dirt with a probable 6,000,000 yards remaining to be excavated.

**No Cut in Wages.**  
The recent announcement of Col. George W. Goethals, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, that there would be no immediate reduction of the wage scale, averted what threatened to become a serious labor difficulty. The unions represented on the isthmus met and formed the Metal Trades Council and obtained strike sanction from their parent bodies to be prepared for any emergency that might arise. No further action, however, is contemplated by the unions, it is generally believed.

**Beautiful Locks.**  
Work has begun on landscape gardening in the vicinity of Gatun Locks and Dam. The top of the

dam is being graded for tropical plants. The work is being done by H. H. Reed, supervisor of the Fourth Division. It is planned to beautify the grounds surrounding all the locks just as fast as the construction work has been completed.

The navigable reaches of the canal will be allowed to grow up in their natural tropical verdure, confined within certain limits. Already in many places the canal looks more like a natural water course than one constructed by the hands of men.

At Cristobal it is proposed to build a tropical park along the land ends of the wharves of the Panama Railway.

**Discarded Canal Machinery** is being sold to several private corporations in South and Central America. Venezuela has had a commission on the isthmus which purchased considerable dredging machinery with which to deepen several harbors.

A number of the large dredges which dug their way through Culebra Cut have been sent to Porto Rico, where they are soon to be engaged in harbor work. Many of the locomotives that hauled the spoil cars out of the cut have been sold to South American concerns. Because of their wide gauge they are not suitable for railways in the United States.

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## Political Announcements

To the Democratic Party of the First Congressional District of Oregon:

The Democratic County Central Committee of Coos County wish to herewith state that Mr. Frederick Hollister has received the endorsement of our committee for the office of Representative in Congress from this district.

We are glad to say personally that Mr. Hollister is a clean, aggressive Democrat; that he has lived with us in Coos County for some eleven years, and that during that time he has built up a reputation among his associates and acquaintances for honesty, sobriety and ability. We cordially recommend Mr. Hollister to you for your support at the coming Primary Election, believing and knowing that if nominated that he will be in the fight all the time.

Yours for success, Hugh McLain, Chairman Democratic Central Committee, Coos County; W. J. Rust, Secretary Democratic Central Committee, Coos County.—(Paid Adv.)

### OUT FOR CONGRESS.

Democrats Have Worthy Man in the Race in Person of Fred Hollister.

(Polk County Itemizer, April 2.)  
This paper herewith presents its readers a picture of Frederick Hollister, of Coos Bay, candidate for the democratic nomination for Congress for the first district. We do this for two reasons: First, that



FREDERICK HOLLISTER  
Democratic Candidate for Congress.

our readers may judge for themselves what the man who would occupy Congressman Hawley's seat looks like, and, secondly, that our readers may thereby be advised that a real live democrat is in the race.

Mr. Hollister is a successful business man of Coos Bay; is a lawyer of repute, and is identified with every progressive movement the people of Coos Bay have had for years. He is an honest citizen, a man whose purpose and ambitions in life are to do things for the betterment of mankind and the state in which he lives. He has never before aspired to any office in county or state. At present he is a member of the City Council of North Bend, to which high position he was elected by the highest majority of all members now serving; is a director of the First National Bank of North Bend and President of the Lane County State & Savings Bank of Florence. He has been a resident of North Bend eleven years.

We are certain from information at hand that never before has a cleaner or more progressive man ever come before the democratic primaries and we are equally certain that never before have we had the opportunity to place a democrat in congress that we now have. This man is a coast man, and never before has the coast asked for recognition. The interests of the coast are identical with the interests of the interior, but the advantage is to be had in sending a man to congress who is advised as to the needs and requirements of the coast, instead of one who has to depend on information furnished him by his political friends. If the rivers and harbors of our state are aided by the Federal Government, the benefit will be felt by the cities of the interior.

That great undeveloped county of Coos is solid for their home man and there democrats and republicans are working hand in hand to secure his nomination. The people there believe in him and are exceedingly anxious to see him receive the nomination.

(Paid Adv.)

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner



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for nomination for COUNTY CLERK  
Primary Nominating Election, May 15, 1914.  
(Paid Adv.)

**NOTICE**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of county clerk, on the republican ticket of Coos county to be submitted to the vote of the people at the primary election May 15th.  
F. D. KRUSH  
(Paid Adv.)

### ANNOUNCEMENT

As I have lived in Coos County since 1872, familiar with all the roads in the county and their conditions, believing that I can be of service to the taxpayers of Coos County as a Commissioner from this district, I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the Republican ticket at the primary May 15, 1914. I stand for good roads and reasonable repair.  
FRANK FLAM,  
Bandon, Oregon.  
(Paid Adv.)

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of sheriff by the Democratic party at the Primary Election May 15, 1914. If nominated and elected I will conduct the office along the most economical lines possible, consistent with efficiency, and do my best to enforce the criminal laws.  
W. W. GAGE.  
(Paid Adv.)

### FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Coos County, subject to the action of the Republican electors at the primaries May 15.  
If elected, I hereby pledge myself to a policy of rigid law enforcement, without fear, favor, prejudice or partiality, and shall, during my incumbency, conduct said office in a business-like and economical manner.  
ALFRED JOHNSON, Jr.  
(Paid Adv.)

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

I announce myself a candidate for State Representative subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the primaries May 15. Will work for better road laws to enable the people to get Oregon out of the mud.  
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(Paid Adv.)

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