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ALREADY DIGGING THE CANAL.

To the outside public—at least to a large part of it in this country—it was no doubt something of a surprise to learn from Washington dispatches, says the New York Commercial, that the United States Government is already engaged in digging the Panama Canal.

The title to all the existing canal rights, properties and improvements is still vested in the Panama Canal Company, to which this Government has promised to pay \$40,000,000 for their transfer; but, when that tentative agreement was reached the constructing company naturally wanted to quit the work, as all money paid out for it from that date would be a dead loss to the company.

No. In addition to the \$40,000,000 to be paid for the property, the United States already owes the canal company for nearly two months' work at \$5000 a day, and the bill will keep on increasing until Colombia ratifies the treaty and titles to the property pass.

Bridge Proposals

Notice is hereby given that plans, specifications, strain diagrams and bids will be received by the county court of Clatsop county, state of Oregon, until 5 p. m., Tuesday, May 5th, 1903, for the building, construction and erection of a drawbridge across the Lewis and Clark river in Clatsop county, Oregon, according to such plans, specifications and diagrams.

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"You can never make a big success working for somebody else. No man, however rich, has enough money to waste in putting on style. The richer a man gets the more careful he should be to keep his head level. The man that doesn't know his business from the top clear down to the bottom isn't any kind of a business man.

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Proposals for beef and mutton: Office Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., April 8, 1903. Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering fresh beef and mutton for six months beginning July 1, 1903 will be received here and at offices of commissaries at Fort Stevens, Oregon; Boise Barracks, Idaho; Fort Casey, Canby, Flagler, Walla Walla, Wright, Worden, Lawton and Vancouver Barracks, Wash., until 11 a. m. May 8, 1903, and then opened.

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U. S. Engineer office, Portland, Ore., March 25, 1903. Sealed proposals will be received here for 475,000 tons, more or less, stone for extension of Jetty at mouth of Columbia river, Ore., and Wash., until 11 a. m., April 30, 1903, and then publicly opened.

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