

# LABOR ON THE CANAL

### Commission Provides Comfortable Quarters and Wholesome Food for Employees—Percentage of Efficiency Raised.

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Washington, D. C., July 17.—There is a complete change of the labor force on the Panama canal every 18 months. In other words every one of the 25,000 men who constitute the labor force quits and goes home within 18 months. From this one may readily infer that it is no summer evening task to keep the force up to the required standard in numbers and in efficiency. A constant stream of new men is coming in and a constant stream of old ones is going out. Every ship that reaches Colon brings its quota of deck passengers, and every one that leaves there takes away very nearly as many.

This constant change of force is not due to lack of wages, every laborer on the canal gets more than he could command anywhere else, had he the means or the inclination to go. Neither is it due to bad working or living conditions, both of these are better than they ever enjoyed at home. It is due in part to high wages and in part to the depressing effect of work on the isthmus. The white laborer gets 20 cents, American money, per hour, and the negro laborer 10 cents. Free quarters are given all who desire them, and subsistence is given them at the rate of 40 cents per day for the whites and 30 cents a day for the blacks. Out of this wage the white can save \$1 a day easily, and the negro can put away 30 or 40 cents.

A Spaniard or Italian with \$400 or \$500 in his pockets, the savings of 18 months, begins to feel like going home. When the West Indian negro gets \$200 saved in 18 months, he feels like going home. He is as much of a millionaire among his own people as a Vanderbilt or a Gould is among the people of the states.

**Stream of Workers.**  
This leads them to give up the work, and if there was not a constant stream of incoming workmen the canal project would suffer from lack of labor. The other cause, an ever-present one, is the contributory to the rapid emigration from the isthmus. The temperature on the isthmus is not high at any time. In fact, it seldom goes above 85, a temperature which is frequently exceeded at many boasted American summer resorts. But the atmosphere is so humid that every passing breeze seems laden to the point of thorough saturation, and in 3 months the humidity and inclination for hard work is indeed as limp as a rag.

For the climate—and that is an envying rather than unhealthful—laboring conditions are ideal. The workmen quarters are excellently adapted to their needs. They have sleeping barracks, with binged berths like those on steamboats. These barracks are well ventilated, and have sanitary sanitary plumbing and shower baths. In fact, it would be hard to put a finger on a single item of construction work in the United States where the men are so comfortably housed as they are on the isthmus. They are vastly better cared for when they sleep in little barracks than when they live in little shacks of their own, for the latter are damp, and without sanitary plumbing.

**Nourishing Food.**  
As for food, it is clean, nourishing, and to be had in abundance. The commission acts on the policy that an unclean laborer is inefficient, and that the greatest economy is to feed the laborer well. In the case of the Spaniards and Italian native cooks employ a single piece of construction work to their taste. Their dishes correspond to the work they have to do, the aim being to feed them the character of food that will best enable them to do a good day's work. There is no very bitter complaint among the Spaniards with reference to their fare.

The West Indian negroes would not eat enough to be allowed to board themselves, so now all who sleep at commission quarters are obliged to patronize the commission kitchens. In other words, they are charged 30 cents a day for food, whether they eat it or not, and it is needless to say that none of them skip a meal under such conditions.

**Dined on Fruits.**  
When the work was begun the negroes were allowed to patronize the kitchens or to subsist themselves, just as they saw fit. Most of them saw fit to subsist themselves. A mango or two, perhaps a slice of pineapple or a couple of bananas, and maybe a yam, would make their meal. The consequence was that they were always weak. And when they were taken to the hospital, with malaria, pneumonia, or some other disease to which, by nature and through habits of life they are peculiarly susceptible, they had no recuperative powers, being literally half starved. The percentage of recoveries was so low that the hospital authorities made representations that they were largely the victims of under-eating. The commission then decided to offer them the food free if they would cook it. But they are too indifferent to do this. Then it was decided to cook it for them and give it to them free. As might be imagined, the West Indian kitchens did a land office business under these conditions.

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After furnishing the cooked food free for a while the commission reached the conclusion that the best way out of the difficulty was to prepare the food for them, and charge them 30 cents a day each, eat or not eat. There was a big howl among the negroes about it. They protested that it cost them too much in proportion to their wages, and complained that it was not good to eat, and a whole lot of other things. But as a matter of fact it was not against the food or its cost that their real complaint lay. Down in the West Indies they have tightly drawn social distinctions. A carpenter sitting down to eat with a mere pick and shovel laborer is unheard of. The social lines are well nigh as tautly drawn between the mechanic and the laborer as they are in the south between the white and the black. There is the real ground for complaint, but of course the commission took no cognizance of it.

### FOR BRAN LABOR

#### ST ANDRS UNITED

### Foe of Uncle Joe Forecasts Popular Vote—Bryan on Brownsville.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
Lincoln, Neb., July 17.—"I do not regard the Brownsville shooting affray as an issue in this campaign, and shall ignore it. Nor will I discuss whether or not I shall recognize negroes in appointments to office. I shall confine myself merely to questions included in the Denver platform and have no intention of discussing them unless some new problem arises."

Substantially in this language William Jennings Bryan, who had just returned on the stump near elsewhere will espouse the cause of the negro soldiers' dismissal from the army by Roosevelt and Taft will alleged responsibility in shooting up Brownsville, Texas.

Before making this statement Mr. Bryan had spent the day receiving telegraphic messages of congratulation and personal visits from delegates to Denver and from labor leaders, who promised him hearty support.

### Prediction as to Popular Vote.

Herman Schulters, general counsel for the Commercial Telegraphers of the United States, who has been elected to Congress successfully in 1890, assured Mr. Bryan that the labor organizations would support him in preference to Taft.

"I figure," said Mr. Schulters, "that Mr. Bryan will have at least 8,000,000 votes, and that Taft will have less than 6,500,000. The Democrats gave us a peach in the shape of an anti-injunction plank at Denver, while the Republicans handed us a lemon at Chicago. Taft as a United States judge invariably rendered decisions against labor, notably in the Ann Arbor railway and the Peoria cases. Had he had his way about it Eugene C. Debs would have served a term in jail for his revolutionary labor organizing for Bryan as it never did before."

### Labor Vote United Now.

"Did I not organize for Bryan in 1896 and 1898 and was Bryan overwhelmingly defeated?" was asked. "Oh, the situation is an entirely new one. Labor is united now and I think Bryan as it never was behind any candidate for the presidency."

The visit of Representative Ollie James of Kentucky and John E. Lamb of Indiana, late in the afternoon, gave rise to further gossip regarding the chairmanship of the national committee. A prominent western Democrat who accompanied Mr. James from Denver to Lincoln in his train, said that he had been tendered to Mr. James, who in all probability will accept, although he prefers to take the stump in Mr. Bryan's behalf.

### ROYAL ACADEMY FOR AMERICANS

#### Free From Censors, Sort of Bohemian, Says Artist Montgomery.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)  
Asheville, N. C., July 17.—Each day of the Chautauqua grows busier and more interesting. The lecture on "Missions" by Dr. Royal J. Dye of Boling, Africa, drew a good audience and was especially interesting. In the afternoon Alfred Montgomery delivered his last lecture and illustrated the simplicity of drawing, involving but few lines, forms, light and shade. Mr. Montgomery expects to start an art gallery in America where American art, which he says compares favorably with that of the world, can be exhibited. No judges shall decide what paintings may be exhibited in this gallery, and he will exhibit with the beauties of Oregon and Canada. He will return to place them on the lecture.

The lecture was preceded by vocal solos by Mrs. Brown, recently from Los Angeles. She has a sweet, pleasing voice and every word is clear and distinct.

Immediately after the lecture the round table was held in the grove. Dr. D. M. Brower led off with "Mental Therapeutics," and a lively discussion followed.

The "Lili Cabin" was the subject of Dr. Ira Landtrith's evening lecture. Dr. Landtrith is a forceful and eloquent speaker and held the audience spellbound, although nearly every speaker preceding him had touched on the same subject. The "Fasnore" trio furnished the prelude, and was called back again and again.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock there will be a performance in the grove by the Boys' and Girls' clubs. At 2 o'clock Dr. E. L. House will lecture, subject, "Evolution," in the evening, "If I Were the Devil," by Edwin "Orclone" Southern (in costume). Also a meeting of the Chautauqua association at 7 o'clock for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

### Salem Cherry Fair Night Trains to Portland via Oregon Electric.

The widely advertised cherry fair takes place at Salem on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and this is the electric railway which is arranged for a special night train to leave Salem at 10:30 p. m. on each of these days, running through to Portland and stopping at all between stations. The cheap rate tickets will be good on these trains.

### MAY RECOVER WITH BULLET IN BRAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Pasadena, Cal., July 17.—Mrs. Edith Murray Teagle, the beautiful young wife of a prominent Pasadena physician, shot herself through the head in her bungalow here Wednesday afternoon. She is still alive, this morning, and the physicians in attendance state she has a fair chance of recovery. Mrs. Teagle was not regained consciousness since she fired the bullet that passed through the front of her brain and pierced the top of the skull. Her vitality is so remarkable as to astonish the physicians who declare the wound would ordinarily have proved fatal within a short time.

### BURLINGTON TRAINS TO COAST ON G. N.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Billings, Mont., July 17.—It is announced today that with the completion of the line of the Great Northern Northern railroad from Billings to Great Falls, Mont., about September 1, the Burlington trains, now using the Northern Pacific line to the coast, will proceed over the Billings Northern to Great Falls, from which place the tracks of the Great Northern will be used.

### Notaries Commissioned.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)  
Salem, Or., July 17.—Commissions as notaries have been granted to N. J. Johnson, Portland; C. A. Peterson, Buxton; John Pringle, Vernonia; F. J. Steffen, Portland; and C. E. Griffin, Eugene.

# Our Annual July Clearance Sale

Every article of apparel has been marked down in price regardless of cost or value. Come with the expectation of finding the greatest bargains you have ever seen, as it is our purpose to reduce our stock at unparalleled low prices.

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\$1.00 values at.....	80¢

SUIT CASES	
\$15.00 Suitcases now.....	\$10.00
\$12.00 Suitcases are now.....	\$8.00
\$10.00 Suitcases are now.....	\$6.65
\$7.50 Suitcases are now.....	\$5.00
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Dainty, comfortable garments. Made of very pretty light pattern lawns; yoke style, and short sleeves. Saturday only.

**\$1.68 Muslin Gowns 98c**  
A high class assortment of fine cambric and muslin gowns, handsomely trimmed with fine laces and embroidery. Some have long neck and short sleeves. Saturday only.

**15c-20c Wash Goods 11c**  
Clearance price on wash goods. Large and good assortment of patterns of lawns, batiste, etc., our best 15c and 20c grades, at yard..... 11c

**Men's 12 1/2c Sox at 8 1/2c**  
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**Children's Shoes Vals. \$1.50 at 79c**  
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**Ladies' Duck Wash Suits \$3.89**  
Suits are blue, tan and white. Pleated skirts and box style jackets.

**Misses' 20c Hosiery 11c**  
Extra fine, seamless ribbed, fast black hosiery in all sizes. Best 20c quality.

# Special Clearance Prices on Trunks, Suit Cases, Hammocks, Bathing Suits

**HEARST HAMMERS THE DEMOCRACY**  
Editor Falls Out With Samuel Gompers Over Independence League.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, July 17.—Hearst's reply to Gompers, scoring the labor leader's suggestion that he support the discredited and decadent old Democratic party, was the subject of heated discussion at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor here today. It is believed that the editor's stand will result in a split between the labor people and the Independence League.

In reply to a message from Gompers asking that the Independence party be abandoned and that he unite forces with the Democrats, Hearst said that while he was not authorized to speak for his party he personally was opposed to such a step.

He declared he thought a purer patriotism devoted in laboring to establish a new party which would be conscientiously devoted to the interests of citizenship and particularly to the advancement and advantage of the producing classes.

He expressed his opinion as to endorsing candidates "who change the color of their political opinion with every varying hue of opportunism."

In closing Hearst said: "I have lost faith in the empty professions of unregenerate Democracy. I have lost confidence in the ability, in the sincerity and even in the integrity of its leaders."

New Member Appointed.  
(Salem Branch of the Journal.)  
Salem, Or., July 17.—The board of ed-

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