

GOETHALS' SHOVELERS

Army of Them, of All Ranks From Cooks to Colonels, All Shoveling and All Subordinate to the Right Man, Will Dig the Ditch.

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Culebra, Canal Zone, July 23.—It is the old story of Yankee brains, Yankee capacity for doing things and Yankee grit and determination. As fine a force of Americans as one can hope to meet is assembled on the isthmus, and the manning of its action is the brains which the United States government has placed over it to direct its efforts. From the east, the west, the north and the south the flower of the professions has been called to come down here and dig this canal. They have come here as a matter of course into a working machine of an unprecedented efficiency. The contractor on government jobs in the United States may well think his state that the Panama canal is being dug in a country where everything is more than expensive; if it were not so the United States might decide, after its experience at Panama, that all public work in the future should be done by this organization.

What U. S. Grant was to the army of the Potomac, George W. Goethals is to the army of the Panama canal. He has been said that the decision to put the building of the canal in the hands of the army was a master stroke. Before that no little disorganization reigned; but when the army took charge every man on the isthmus learned that it was a question of making good or getting out. As soon as the members of the force became acquainted with the man who was to command the canal army, they worked as a matter of devotion to the cause rather than as a matter of necessity. Some men have the peculiar faculty of transmitting their enthusiasm into the hearts of all under them. This faculty Colonel Goethals has in an unusual degree.

Goethals Walks When He Inspects.

When one calls on him he finds a broad-shouldered man with hair as white as the unshorn beard and face as brown as a berry, a man of modest demeanor, yet business-like in every line of his makeup. He says frankly that there is nothing to hide, and that they want to extend to those interested an opportunity to see everything that is going on. He tells you that the isthmus is anything which forms ground for legitimate complaint he wants to know of it, as it is his duty to remove it. He says that the course there will be found some things that ought to be left undone, since perfection can never exist in this world. He may say that he finds the best way to see the Culebra Cut is to walk through it, and that he usually does so. The cut is nine miles long, and it is just one example of the thoroughness of the chief engineer's work to say that he walks the whole length whenever opportunity affords. Clad in a simple khaki uniform he gets around over the work regularly, and not an evening comes but he knows just what has been going on all day long.

Difficulties Will Be Cumulative.

Colonel Goethals thinks the demand for the dirt to fly is an ill-advised one. He says there are so many drawbacks and hindrances that the dirt cannot always be flying as fast as the American people would like to have it. As the years pass the difficulties of every phase of the work will increase. As many steam shovels cannot be operated to advantage later on, as many dirt trains cannot be run, the work will have to be hauled further away, and in a hundred ways the work will necessarily have to slow up some as it nears completion. It is his opinion that the situation that prevents the canal authorities from making an exact prediction as to when the canal will be completed or what the ultimate cost will be. But they hope that the good work they are now doing will lead the people to understand that they are doing the best that can be done when the slowest time comes.

Credits to Discredited Men.

A bit of figuring on August 1 will show that they have excavated more material by half in the first seven months of the present year than they did during the whole of 1907. This was done, too, without any important increase of force or equipment. The canal digging machine has simply been put to the maximum efficiency test. Colonel Goethals proved the manner of man he is, when discussing the work of former chief engineers, he said: "Stevens will never get the credit that is due him in connection with this work. For instance, take this Culebra division. It is the big organization of the canal. It is being conducted today on the very lines he laid out, the only changes we have made being those

Offers Lot to City for Playground.

A communication was received from President Josselyn by the council yesterday offering to donate to the city the lot at the corner of East Twelfth and Linn streets in Sellwood to be used as a park or playground. In exchange the company asks for the vacation of East Twelfth street between Octopus and Linn, a block in length. The company owns all the property in the block abutting on the street and intends erecting a car barn 450 by 200 feet.

Councilman Vaughn stated to the council that President Josselyn told him that in addition to the lot the company would give the city \$100 to use in any way the city saw fit. If the deal is made the lot will probably be turned over to the park department for a playground and the money will be used in repairing the public baths.

Three Hundred Now Needed to Complete Fund.

The fund for the construction and equipment of a cottage at the Open Air Sanitarium where nurses who have contracted tuberculosis in performance of their duties may live and be treated is steadily growing. It is still several hundred dollars short of the \$1,000 mark, that sum being regarded as necessary for building the right kind of cottage.

Additional subscriptions are reported today, bringing the total to \$110. It should not be difficult to secure the money when the public fully understands the benefit to be secured. There is a no more devoted class of workers than the visiting nurses, and the need of the cottage appeals with especial force to their hearts and all who are familiar with the conditions of their work. This is the list of subscriptions:

- Mr. Leonard \$200
 - The Journal 10
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 - Dr. George Wilson 10
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 - Dr. B. C. Ogilvan 10
 - John C. Lewis 10
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 - Wear Huber 10
 - Mrs. O'Leary 10
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 - W. M. Ladd 10
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Local Bankers Wary of the Aldrich Currency Bill, Framed for Benefit of Wall Street, Will Not Follow Its Provisions.

There is no probability at the present time that the banking fraternity of Portland and the state will form a national clearing-house association as proposed by the terms of the new Aldrich-Vreeland currency law. Only national banks could enter such an organization, and the majority of the national banks do not see any advantage in the proposed association.

The bankers of Wall Street, who are the beneficiaries of the proposed clearing-house association, are the best security to hold under the new law. It is probable that the banks of Portland and Oregon will absorb the entire issue of proposed improvement bonds voted by the people of Portland at the June election.

It is the opinion of most western bankers that the Aldrich-Vreeland currency law was drafted principally for the benefit of Wall Street banks that carry large amounts of railroad and corporation bonds. The bankers of the Pacific coast do not regard this class of securities with as much favor as they bestow upon city and state securities, and they are consequently not following very closely the Aldrich suggestions.

While one or two of the prominent bankers of the state favor the formation of a national clearing-house association, the bankers generally are not enthusiastic over the idea. Portland bankers with one or two exceptions do not favor an organization. There is a feeling that the strongest banks would in such an association be obliged to carry the weaker ones. Under a ruling made by the secretary of the treasury, a bank once in an association cannot withdraw. It is said the larger banks are wary of this clause.

The Wells-Fargo-Nevada bank, with the largest capitalization on the coast and headquarters at San Francisco, has flatly refused to enter a national clearing-house association in California. It is said the large banks prefer to take chances in issuing their own emergency currency on municipal and government securities, should such a necessity arise.

No single city in the Pacific northwest can organize independently because of the large amount of capital required, aside from the surplus. The law provides that to form an association, the banks entering into it must have a combined paid-up capital of \$5,000,000. Neither Portland, Seattle, Tacoma nor Spokane can muster a national banking committee meeting these requirements.

The national banks of Portland and the state of Oregon could easily muster the necessary strength, or the combined cities of Washington could do likewise. It is said a movement has originated at Spokane to form an association, and that an effort will be made to get Tacoma and Seattle into it.

For use in sections of Australia covered with grass or the sand, horses are shod with leather shoes, which give a better foothold than metal.

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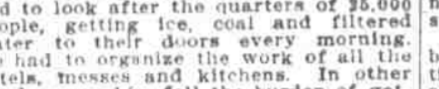
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