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**THE NICARAGUA CANAL.**

There is scarcely a citizen on the Pacific coast who does not want the Nicaragua canal built; but there are many who do not want it built at the government expense unless the government owns and controls it. The bill before congress is one of the most gigantic steals ever attempted on the government, not even excepting the magnificent theft of the Union and Central Pacific railroads.

There is a right way and a wrong way to build the canal. The one is for the government to build it and own it; the other is for the government to pay for it and let someone else own it. The first is right; the latter wrong. We can well afford to tax ourselves to build the canal if the people are to get the benefits; but we cannot afford to tax ourselves if some few men at the head of a corporation are to receive all the benefits, and levy a perpetual tax at their own sweet wills on all the commerce of the country; in other words, levy a tax on the people on property they had already taxed themselves to pay for.

It is really astonishing how nice a sugar coat can be put on a pill, when it is desired to have the people take it without gagging. In the canal bill it is provided the government is to have eight directors out of eleven, and thus have direct control of the building and operating of the canal; or, in other words, to be the practical owner of it. This is the sugar coat. It is provided with another wrapper of still greater saccharinity. The bill provides for the capitalization of the Maratime Canal Company of Nicaragua. Half of this is to be stock, half bonds. The bonds are to be guaranteed by the United States government and placed in its custody, to be delivered to the Maratime Company as the construction of the canal is proceeded with. Of the stock \$70,000,000 is to be given to the United States as a consideration of its placing its guarantee on the bonds. Of the balance of the stock a small amount is to be given to the Nicaragua government, and \$7,000,000 paid to the Maratime Canal Company for what it has already expended, which is claimed to be \$4,500,000, but which probably will not amount to one-fourth of that sum.

Now, it will be seen at a glance that the stock is watered to the extent of 100 per cent. Half the sum, \$100,000,000, is water. The \$100,000,000 bonds are counted upon to furnish the necessary capital for construction. The stock authorized is just so much over-capitalization, on which the promoters would insist in operating the canal, on earning interest, and hence doubling the tolls.

What will the Maratime Canal Company do with the bonds? We remember the experience of the Pacific railroads, and we may expect a repetition of their unsavory methods. The Pacific roads passed the bonds over to construction companies, and that is what the canal company will do. Then the government will have nothing to say about it.

The \$70,000,000 stock given the government is nothing less than a sugar-coated bribe; a watering of stock, of which the government gets the water, and on which the people will have to pay interest. The government builds the canal; gives half of it to the promoters of the scheme; charges tolls to meet the interest on the full sum, and gives half the proceeds thereof to the Maratime Canal Company. The Maratime Canal Company will, therefore get interest paid it on \$100,000,000 perpetually, while not investing a dollar of its

own, and the people will have the interest to pay.

The way to build the canal is to make a treaty between this government, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, then let this government put up the money and build it. Nicaragua, it must be remembered, now holds that the concessions given the Maratime Canal Co. have lapsed, and are no longer binding. This being true, some arrangement would have to be made before anything at all could be done. Then we can have a canal on which the earnings would be regulated by the actual cost, and we would not have a perpetual tax to pay in the shape of interest on \$100,000,000, all of which would go into the pockets of the gentlemen who compose the Maratime Canal Company.

Now we know what the trouble with our monetary system is, for Mr. Lyman Gage, who is to be our next United States treasurer, told us. He says that it is owing to "confusing heterogeny, which needs simplification." We have suspected that was the cause for a long time, but hesitated to make our opinion public. If we can get rid of the heterogeny, we will be all right. Its bacteria are now being cultivated in the hope of finding a serum that will knock it.

**Bond Election Notice, School District No. 12.**

Notice is hereby given that a school meeting of school district No. 12, of Dalles City, Wasco county, Oregon, to be held at the council chambers in said district, on the 27th day of February, 1897, there will be submitted to the legal voters of said district the question of contracting bonded debt of \$20,000.00, for the purpose of paying the debt of the district and building a new school house. The vote to be ballot upon which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes," and the words "Bonds—No." Polls to be opened at 1 o'clock p. m., and remain open until 4 o'clock, p. m.

By order of the board of directors of school district No. 12, of Dalles City, Wasco county, state of Oregon.  
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**IMPORTED FLIES.**

Insects Caught in the Swamps of Mexico Brought Here.  
The report made from Laredo to the treasury department at Washington make constant reference to one of the queerest articles of import brought into this country. These are dried Mexican flies, which are brought to the United States in large quantities to be used as food for pet singing birds.

These flies live in the swamps in various sections in Mexico, where they are caught by men who devote their lives to the work. The fly catchers use a shiften net, and make a large haul at every cast. The individual fly is called moscos. It is small and delicate, and its whole body has the appearance of having been glued.

The flies when alive are beautiful and harmless. There is a duty on these Mexican flies, doubtless to encourage the home fly industry, but up to the present time the moscos business has not flourished in this country to any marked extent. The imported flies are packed in barrels, and they sell for a high price.

**England's Largest Orchard.**  
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**Napoleon's Reverence.**  
An old lady in Brussels, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, relates that when Napoleon passed through her native village of Fumay, in 1810, a peasant having fallen on his knees to ask a favor, the emperor said: "Get up, and never kneel except to God!"—Chicago Inter Ocean

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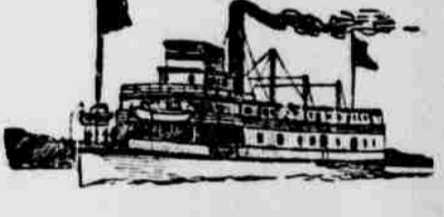
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