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COMPROMISE ON CANAL AMENDMENT

Conference on the River and Harbor Bill Will Probably Settle the Matter.

NEW PROPOSITION BROACHED

Investigation of Both the Nicaragua and Panama Routes Is Contemplated, After Which the Secretary of War Is to Go Ahead With the Work.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The indications from the conference on the river and harbor appropriation bill are that a compromise on the Nicaragua canal amendment will be agreed to.

One of the recent propositions made and being discussed is for an appropriation of \$500,000 with authorization of the president to investigate both the Panama and Nicaragua canals and when the best route is found, the secretary of war is to go ahead with the work and enter into contract for its completion.

It seems to have been determined that some canal legislation will be passed.

Day In Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The conference report on the bill authorizing governors of states to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in raising and equipping volunteers was agreed to in the senate.

The conference report on the naval personnel bill was agreed to.

A bill reported by Hawley, of the military affairs committee, amending the act suspending the operation of certain provisions of the law relating to the war department was passed.

The senate passed the Alaska code bill.

Slot Machines Taken Out.

ASTORIA, March 1.—Tonight, for the first time in several years, there is not a nickel-in-the-slot machine running in Astoria. Under instructions from the deputy prosecuting attorney, notice was given today that the new state law would be strictly enforced, and all the machines were immediately relegated to the back rooms. There is a disposition on the part of some to test the validity of the law, but, until something definite is determined upon, the machines will not be used. It is also intimated that all gambling in the city will be closed down.

THEY TRIED FOR LIBERTY

Murderers Branton and Smith Attempt to Escape.

EUGENE, Or., March 1.—Claude Branton, the condemned murderer, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape jail today. Sheriff Withes, as is his usual custom, went to the jail about 3 o'clock this morning to relieve Mr. Pratt, the death watch, who secures the breakfast for the prisoners. He opened the door of Branton's cell and let him out into the corridor between the rows of steel cells, to exercise and wash.

While sitting in a chair reading his morning mail the sheriff was suddenly ordered to "throw up your hands." Looking up he saw Branton standing a little in the dark and holding in his hand what resembled a navy six-shooter. The sheriff was amazed, and thought possibly

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Branton had by some means procured a gun, but kept cool and said: "Oh, come off." In a few seconds Branton concluded that his ruse had been discovered and laughed and claimed he meant nothing. Later he stated that if it had been a real gun he would have done some "real shooting."

The alleged pistol was an ingenious model of a navy revolver. It was made out of a roasted potato for a barrel, and a piece of tin from one of his suspenders for a sight, while the chamber was made from a piece of boiled potato, and the leaden messengers were pieces of burned bones, and the whole was covered with tin foil.

PECULIAR POISONS.

GENERATED IN THE HUMAN BODY

The Result of Imperfect Digestion of Food.

Every living thing, plant or animal, contains within itself the germs of certain decay and death.

In the human body these germs of death (called by scientists Ptomaines), are usually the result of imperfect digestion of food; the result of indigestion or dyspepsia.

The stomach, from abuse, weakens, does not promptly and thoroughly digest the food. The result is a heavy, sodden mass which ferments (the first process of decay) poisoning the blood, making it thin, weak and lacking in red corpuscles; poisoning the brain causing headaches, pain in the eyes.

Bad digestion weakens the heart, causing palpitation and finally bringing on disease of this very important organ.

Poor digestion poisons the kidneys, causing bright's disease and diabetes.

And this is so because every organ, every nerve depends upon the stomach, alone for nourishment and renewal, and weak digestion shows itself not only in loss of appetite and flesh, but in weak nerves and muddy complexion.

The great English scientist, Huxley, said the best start in life is a sound stomach. Weak stomachs fail to digest food properly, because they lack the proper quantity of digestive acids (lactic and hydrochloric) and peptogenic products; the most sensible remedy in all cases of indigestion, is to take after each meal one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because they supply in a pleasant, harmless form all the elements that weak stomachs lack.

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Didn't Pay for the Cattle.

ARLINGTON, Or., March 1.—A few of our cattlemen were treated to an unpleasant surprise last week by a couple of professional cattlebuyers, who failed to furnish the money to pay for the cattle they bought. A draft was given on Portland, but came back unpaid. The purchasers were located at Portland and brought to this city, where they were given a preliminary trial. Evidently the court believed the preponderance of evidence to be against the buyers, who were held for appearance in the circuit court.

Freas Saunders has purchased the wood business of J. T. Reynolds in this city. Those desiring good wood will find him by ringing up 'phone number 12.

INSURGENTS UNDER FIRE

La Guna de Bayo Scattered Them After a Lively Engagement.

RESULT WAS NOT PERMANENT

Rebels Returned to Their Positions as Soon as the Gunboat Had Withdrawn—All Is Quiet Along the Lines.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: The former Spanish gunboat La Guna de Bayo steamed up the river opposite Macati this morning and opened fire on the insurgents on the opposite side from General Wheaton's brigade. She fired her four Gatling guns, two Nordenfeldts and one one-pounder.

At first the insurgents replied with rifle fire, but they could not stand before the hail from the Gatlings. The engagement lasted three-quarters of an hour, and then the insurgents scattered but as soon as the gunboat withdrew, the insurgents returned and again opened a slow and annoying fire across the river.

Quiet Along the Lines.

MANILA, March 2.—5:30 p. m.—This is the hottest day of the season, but fortunately all is quiet inside and outside of our lines, and a majority of the men were kept in the shade.

The transport Morgan City has arrived here. The wives of the officers and other women passengers were not allowed to land, the authorities considering conditions ashore unsettled.

AMERICAN TERRITORY TAKEN

Canadian Officials Said to Have Changed the Boundary Line on Dalton Trail.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 2.—Miners who have just arrived here on the steamer Tees from the North say that the Canadian officials on the Dalton trail have seen fit to change the boundary line to suit themselves. They have advanced a considerable distance into American territory and according to the story which has reached here, have planted the British flag within seven miles of Haines Mission, the entrepot to the Porcupine district.

The point to which the Canadians have advanced will throw a big area of the recently discovered mines of the Porcupine district into British territory, if the new boundary is allowed to stand.

Tracy Inman Killed.

PENDLETON, Or., March 1.—Private advices from Manila, received today, are to the effect that Tracy Inman, of this city, a member of company D. Oregon volunteers, was killed yesterday while engaged in signal service work. No further particulars have been received.

JUST FOR FUN

We open next week with a "Racket" in HATS. We may have bought too many—may have allowed ourselves to get enthused over the many good hat-things shown us this season—or we may be doing this, as before—"just for fun"—the reason would not interest you anyway, so right to the point:

MONDAY we place on sale—"and in our window," the following:

- 5 doz. Men's Black Fedora Hats, worth and made to sell for no less than \$2.50.
- 4 doz. Men's Fine Fur, Brown Fedoras, worth and made to sell for no less than \$2.50.
- 4 doz. Men's Java, Fine Fur Fedoras, worth and made to sell for no less than \$2.50.
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All bright, clean, new, direct-from-the-factory hats, and strictly up-to-date, most-desirable styles, in every way—just-as-we-say, and we say they are worth—fully worth—\$2.50,—which we intended to ask for them when the order was placed, but for reason of "just for fun" we say

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A MOTHER'S AWFUL DEED

While Insane She Ends Her Wretched Life—Poverty Believed to Have Been the Cause.

PORTLAND, March 1.—Mrs. Laura Browning, mother of four children, blew her brains out at Montavilla today, after taking laudanum herself and forcing three of her children to drink the drug. There are hopes for two of the little girls, but the two-year-old baby will probably die. Although there is no evidence that the woman had been of unsound mind, the theory of insanity is the only one which will account for the crime. Mrs. Browning was alone with her four children. She asked them to take a dose of laudanum, calling it tea. All the children drank the laudanum except a nine-year-old boy. The family was in poor circumstances, and it is said poverty drove the mother insane.

La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of La Grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexia, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.'" For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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