olianse Of A Great Canal.

United States Consul Virquair, station-ed at Aspinwall, in his last official report to the State Department, gives a striking picture of the pre-ent condition of affairs along the line of the Panama Canal. The decadence of Colon (Aspinwall) and the almost entire prostration of all business at that place since the collapse of the at that place since the collapse of the de postmars'er he say: 'Gen'l, set down.' canal becomes more and more apparent. An' de Gen'l he say: 'Thankee, sah, dom It very often happens that not a solitary vessel is to be found in the harbor, a "Wus there m thing that was never known there, even previous to 1880 and after 1860; and yet it is but a short while ago since vessels were obliged to be anchored out for days

in walling for dock room at which to usload their respective cargoes. The local traffic of the isthmus during the time that work was being pushed on

the canal had reached wast proportions. The line of the canal, between Colon and Panama, about filty miles, was a vast bivouac, where the most energetic of all nationalities and races had congregated to amass wealth, and many have done so, especially among the Chinese portion of it. Wages were high, princely salaries

were paid, money was made easy and cx-pended most freely. Day-time was not

The worst case of inhumanity that ever occurred in Lane county is reported from near Cottage Grove. Friday evening, February 14th, Mrs. Millie Waud, wife enough; the nights themselves were turned into day, and, literally speaking, the twenty-lour hours of the day were a twenty-four hours of the day were a constant draft on various industries. The expression the most hiting is, "it was Biddam let losse," and the people can not have any idea of what the isthmus was in 1885, 1886, 1887 and part of 1888, un-less they have seen it.

Forty towas have sprung up on the which was but a few rods distant, leaving Forty towns have sprung up on the line in almost as many miles, every one of them thriving, a real bee bive of peo-ple; in fact, all of them bent, not only at changing the physical aspect of land, but in turning a tropical jungle of heretofore a death dealing clime into a new Babylon, for never was there such a confusion of tongues and a conglomeration of races from all over the world. These people fighting back the diseases manfully, dying at once without a murmur, or living in spite of clime, lives of the most reckless construction when at leisure. It is not a wonder that so many died; it is a wonder that so many have lived. Indeed, it can be truthfully said, that "grim death got exhausted at the task" and retreated the medicine lett for her by the physician, when her by the physician, the medicine lett for her by the physician, spite of clime, lives of the most reckless living that way six days she was found o his latr. The isthmus had become but threw it away and injected morphine habitable; before the advent of this reck-less throng it was not. And what has become of it all? Vanished. The peo-ple have all gone, business is dead on the line, the local traffic is dead, the line of the senal once. There are morpline, that he let her all on the senal once a short while autoline, the local traffic is dead, the line of the canal, once—only a short while ago— the livehest place on the globe, is dead; the rank vegetation of the tropics is growing denser, it seems, for the rest it has had, hidding from view railroad trains, dredges, and all the parapheroalia of the canal contractors, who left their implements of all such as if work were alone. There was some talk of lynching when t e facts were learned, but the threats were not carried into effect. No punishment can be too severe for ruch a man. Mrs. Waud's maiden name was Milhe Branstetter, and when she lived in this city was a large, healthy young lady. She was married to Waud here several plements of all sorts as if work were to have been resumed in the morning. Colon and Panama still live, but that years ego. He has been a victim of the

morphine labat for a long time, and after their marriage it is said he soon made her a victim, and before her death she had is all, merely by-way stations for the traffic across the isthmus castward and westward between two hemispheres. In chaoged so that her fiinds would scarce. ly recognize her. Thus ends a once happy Colon rents have fallen off 500 per cent in three months, and are still on the deand promising life. cime. The Panama Railroad, which in 1888 paid 23.50 per cent of dividends, Thompson's Addition

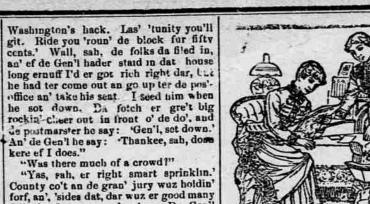
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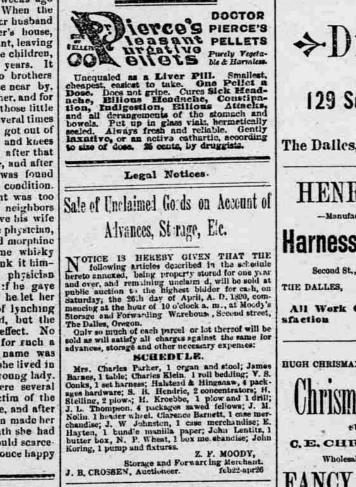


folks in frum ober de riber. De Geu'l folks in frum ober de riber. De eten i knowed er good many o' 'em, he did, an' once in er while he'd say: 'Billy, is you done planted yo' co'n yit?' 'Ab, how's all de folks?' 'Nath, gwine ter set out any terbacker dis season?' How many chickens you got, Aunt Nancy?' 'W,y, bless me, dar's Aunt Jane!' Oh, yas, sah, I rickollecks all dat cz well cz ef it wrzy wietidw An' you say it's been er THE NEW PRIZE STORY

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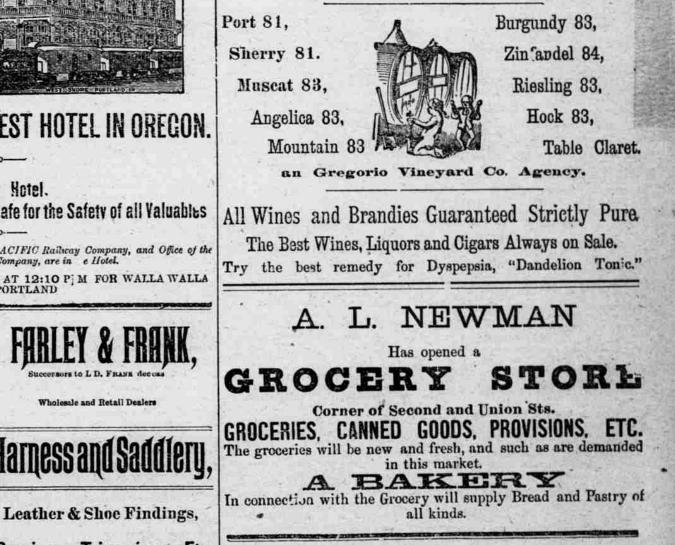
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