

THE OLD MAN GOT RELIGION.

When the ol' man got religion things sorter changed aroun'. The house wuz topsy-turvy, the worl' wuz upside down; We didn't know what hit us; 'peared like we'd started wrong; Life had to be made over to his halleluia song.

JACK'S OPPORTUNITY.

WELL, it is all over at last, and I am glad of it," growled Jack Carlton. His face growing more like a thundercloud at every step. Jack was striding down 14th street as fast as his long legs would carry him.

When he softly opened the door of their little sitting-room the scene of dire confusion that met his eyes spoke eloquently of Maisie's energetic preparations to shake off the dust of Washington and return to her Western home.

Open trunks, bags and boxes were standing all about the room, their contents piled in every conceivable place, while over by the mantelpiece, her back to the door, and half concealed by a huge arm chair, stood little Maisie herself, pressing something to her breast, and sobbing as if her heart would break.

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Jack walked on mechanically, his head in a whirl; what must be do? How could he tell that proud little girl at home that she was not really his wife after all? He remembered with a

pung how hard it had been to persuade her to assent to the secret marriage, how timid she was, and how implicitly she had trusted him.

His conscience smote him sorely as he remembered his share in their frequent misunderstandings, his many delinquencies, his half-hearted apologies—and suddenly catching a passing car, Jack went home even faster than he had gone away.

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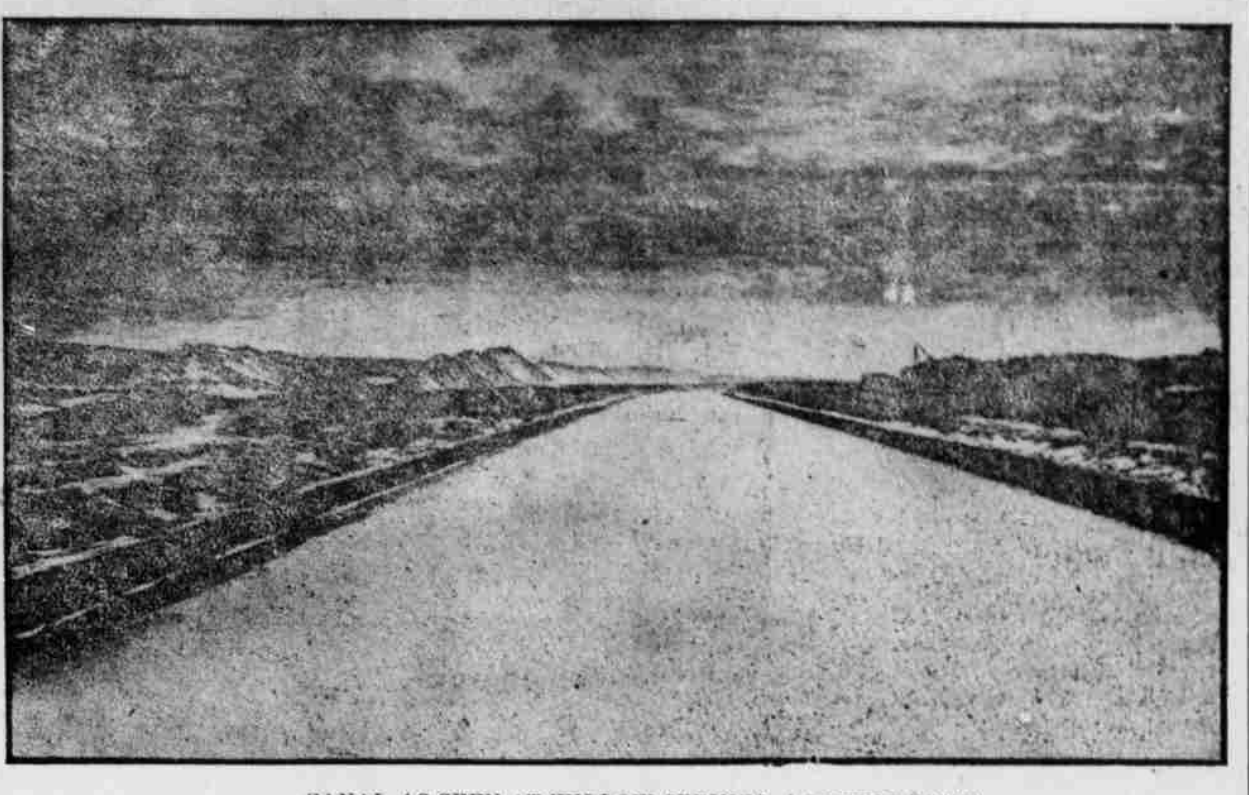
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WORLD'S GREATEST ARTIFICIAL CANAL.



CANAL AS SEEN AT WILLOW SPRINGS—LOOKING WEST.

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THE BEAR TRAP DAM AT LOCKPORT.

ably have been doubled. The expense is said to have been the minimum for the amount of work accomplished.

proved excavating machinery on the Isthmian canal would reduce the cost of construction from 30 to 40 per cent.

for this work, was a source of wonderment to the mechanical world. Nearly every piece of important machinery used in the entire work was invented for the especial purpose, as nothing in

the market could be found answering the requirements for convenience and speed.

The waters flowing through the canal are emptied into the Desplaines River at Lockport, through the controlling works, which comprise several sluiceways of metal with masonry bulkheads

PALESTINE WAKING UP. Many Signs of Progress Due to German Enterprise.

According to United States Consular Agent Harris at Elbenstock, Palestine has shown unmistakable signs of progress during the last decade, much of which is to be attributed to German enterprise.

There is no doubt that German enterprise will also exploit the phosphate fields situated on both sides of the Jordan, when transportation facilities shall have been sufficiently developed to insure success to the undertaking.

lists which, owing to expense and unsafe methods of travel, has thus far been practically inaccessible.

"The great plain of the Hauran—the granary of Syria—forms the 'hinterland,' or back country, of Palestine. The railroad from Beirut to Damascus is said to be in financial difficulties.

Several Cities Add a Dendrologist to Their Official Corps. Doctor of trees is the latest official addition to the municipal corps of large cities.

to look after the health of the trees in Prospect Park.

Most of the interest in city trees is directly due to the growing fashion for country houses and estates.

When a man doesn't treat his wife right, every woman in the neighborhood expresses the wish that she could be in her place for just five minutes.

RECENT JUDICIAL DECISIONS.

In West Virginia when a cause of action accrues for or against a party, the statute of limitations does not stop because of his death or until he has a personal representative.

An agreement that for a pecuniary consideration a person will withdraw opposition to the granting of a pardon and will endeavor to induce the pardoning authority to grant a pardon to one who has been convicted of a crime is held in Deering & Co. vs. Cunningham.

Though the sum named in a promissory note as principal may in fact include actual principal and usurious interest, yet, holds the Supreme Court of Georgia in the case of Harrell vs. Blount.

An insurance agent cannot contract for insurance so as to bind his company without real or apparent authority therefor.

A contract between an envelope company which manufactures 85 per cent of the envelopes of the country and a smaller manufacturer, wherein it was agreed that envelopes should not be made by any of the parties to the contract except at scheduled prices fixed by a corporate agent of the larger company, was held to be void by the Court of Appeals of New York.

One hears often of the respectful, well-trained servants with modest ideas found in parts of Europe and it is often asked why none of them come to America, says the New York Sun.

The following experience seems to show that some do come, but that perhaps the air of liberty is not favorable to good servants.

It was at an aristocratic dinner party. The fashionable young woman resented the shoeman's presence, though his manners are excellent, and his possessions many, so, after directing several shafts at him, all of which he quietly ignored, she finally remarked, during a pause in the conversation,

Wearing sandals is an English fad that has just reached America. They come in several styles, and their use is said to meet with the approval of physicians and chiropodists.

If a man does not have the price of a meal about him somehow he can always manage to acquire a chew of tobacco.

It is one thing to chatter and another to praise.