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Political Considerations of the Canal Question.

Wm. Lawrence Merry in March Californian.

Primarily, it would appear that it matters little who constructs a canal if our country is accorded the unrestricted use of it, in common with other nations. A further inquiry, however, must satisfy us that if we do not build this work we must acquire a controlling interest therein. We cannot afford so important a link in our coastwise communication to remain in the hands of any European organization, which would naturally consult foreign interests rather than our own. The Central American republics are now friendly to us, although sparsely inhabited and without development. The company constructing and managing an interoceanic canal would soon wield an influence paramount to the local government, and the policy of the latter might become subservient thereto and inimical to us.

During the existence of the Panama Railroad it has been deemed a necessity for our government to keep armed forces almost constantly at both ends of the transit, and these forces have often been landed and kept on shore indefinitely for the protection of life and property. If this has been the case with a railroad managed by permanent employes and with a small native population, what may we expect when five to ten thousand laborers of various nationalities are congregated there, subject to a lax police control, suffering from malarial fevers, discontented, mutinous, and with a free supply of native agua ardiente? Add thereto a greatly increased native population, and we have all the elements needing military power to control them in emergencies.

When the Count de Lessep's company have purchased the Panama railroad, which they have agreed to do as a preliminary step, we no longer have large American interests to protect there. It will be natural, and indeed necessary; for him to call upon the French government to protect the enterprise, as we have protected the railroad company on many occasions. The French government, both during and after construction, will find it necessary to station armed forces at both ends and on the line of the canal. After landing these forces a few times, what more natural than that they should see the advantage and economy of having these troops in barracks on shore—always within call! If it is claimed that the French government accepts no responsibility in this connection, why has it already appointed an official agent to oversee the initiation of the work? If, at the end of our late internal war, our government deemed it necessary to request the French to promptly leave Mexico—merely contiguous territory—how much more important that they should not be placed in a position completely controlling our coastwise commerce, and establishing, first their influence, then their power, and lastly, if we are quiescent, their flag on the American isthmus! Are the American people prepared for this? The late William H. Seward, than whom no brighter intellect ever graced American history, was wont to say that the Pacific ocean is to be the scene of man's greatest achievements. Are we prepared to have the key thereto in foreign hands? Every American heart will say nay, and honor the patriotism of President Hayes and General Grant when they foresee these results and point them out to their countrymen.

Nor is a large army and navy a necessity in the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine; on the contrary, both would become a necessity were it to be disregarded. The United States have a moral prestige sufficient to create a respect for our rights and interests, and it is far better to meet attempted European domination on this continent with a decisive negative now than to object thereto after it has passed the initiative. It matters little where the capital comes from to construct an interoceanic canal, but a due respect for our national and traditional policy, as well as for our national pride, should indicate the propriety of its accomplishment through an American organization; and it is a poor compliment to our discernment that we are to be kept quiescent by an "American Branch," which can any day be voted out of existence at the headquarters of the Panama Canal company in Paris! Americans will not fail to appreciate the words of one who has proved himself worthy of their patriotic regard: "I commend an American canal on American soil, to the American people!"

Remarkable Giants

The teeth and bones of the fossil elephants found in Europe were assigned in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries to giants, and many are the stories which were commonly reported about them—as, for example, that of the giant of Dauphine, in the reign of Louis XIV. His remains were discovered by a surgeon, who stated that they were enclosed in an enormous sepulchre covered with a stone slab, bearing the inscription *Teutobochus rex;* and that in the vicinity there were also found coins or medals, all of which showed the remains to be those of a giant king of the Cimbri, who fought against Marius. However, the original owner of these bones, thought not of the coins, was proved to have been an elephant. The story of Teutobochus is even excelled by that of another giant, called the giant of Lucerne, whose remains were dug up and examied by a celebrated professor of Basle, who described them as of human origin, and was skilful enough to put them together so as to resemble a giant not less than twenty-six feet high. For some time the deluded people of Lucerne paid homage to this elephantine prodigy, until the scales were removed from their eyes by Blumenbach, who pronounced to their astonishment that the giant, as it lay in state at the Jesuits' college, was but the skeleton of an elephant.

Marvel not that I say unto you, ye must pay the printer. Whosoever neglecteth to pay the printer, hath not eternal life abiding in him. Who hath sorrow, who hath woe, who hath the nightmare! They who forget to render unto the printer his just dues. If a man live many years and payeth not for THE ASTORIAN, behold he shall not die in peace till he hath restored to the printer that which he hath withheld.

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Serenades.

Macon, Georgia, Telegraph.

It is moonlight on the hill. From out the trees a gentle zephyr creeps to rob the hyacinth of its perfumed breath, and adown the garden walk the whippoorwill lends his monotone of sadness to the balmy night. Sleep, with brooding wings, sits silent o'er the scene. But hark! it is the tinkling guitar, strummed by the lovely Augustus. He comes. Beneath the vine-clad window in the ghostly gloaming he pauses, and up the flower-trellised wall he shocts a melancholy tenor fraught with the passionate inquiry, "must I leave thee here alone?" No answer returns save the haunting echo and the low clicking of a distant door. The scene chages.

It is the back yard tableau. A white robed old man bends over a chained dog, and soothes his too eager spirit as he loosens the collar. A low voice says "sice-ceck him, Bull—take a short cut round the rose bush." And the old man is alone. The clatter of a fallen guitar comes from the front; a sound like the rush of a steeple-chase nearing a hedge is borne back, and neck and neck two figures cross the picket fence to disappear down the dim prospective of the deserted street. Then the old man meets Bull as he returns on the outer walk, and removes in a discouraged manner a dark object from his foaming mouth, while the animal retires to his kennel in silence. The door opens and shuts on the white robed form, and all is still again. But as he gets in bed and shoves the old lady's feet out of a warm place, he mutters, "Bull is gettin' old, an' serenades don't pay divydends like they used to, but if the business keeps up, I thing you will be justified in startin' another patch-work quilt, Maria. The last fellow left real cassumer."

"What sorter sample did you get."

"Tolerable fair. There was a long strip with a pistol-pocket hangin' to it, and one gailus' butt'n."

Horse Education.

In something written we have an indistinct recollection of having made reference to a general disposition among boys in their teens, as well as boys of mature years, to enlighten and bless the world with their profound knowledge of the horse and his history. Our books and newspapers are full of this kind of literature, and it varies in style from the production of the child at school, commencing with: The horse has four legs and a tail; up to the eloquent tribute of the scholar when he quotes from Job: That his neck is clothed with thunder and the glory of his nostrils is terrible. He smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains and the shouting. Between these two extremes of the child at his first school composition, and the professional literature, we have every grade of pretention, and each professing to have mastered the whole subject. As we approach the close of this nineteenth century, we begin to look for something better in this department of knowledge from those who assume to instruct." And it is to be found in Kendalls Treatise on the horse, sent by mail to any person for twenty-five cents, postage paid. Apply to THE ASTORIAN office, or address D. C. Ireland, Astoria, Oregon.

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When a fellow goes out of a theatre to see a man, he eats a little burnt coffee and always finds his man. When a woman looks under the bed for a man she never thinks to eat any coffee, and she finds nobody.

"The Associated Press is a great boon, is it not?" asked he. "It is, indeed, she replied, in soft tones; "George and I had one all last winter, but papa came in one night before George could take his arm away, and acted dreadfully."

Commissioner LeDuc should plant his reports earlier in the season. That for 1879 is just issued, and it rather takes the excitement out of an agricultural report to have it come along a year or two behind time.—Philadelphia Times.

The young reporter who wrote that an ice-house caught fire, and in half an hour thousands of tons of ice were reduced to ashes, ought to have been in Cincinnati the other day, when five large ice-houses, each holding 4,000 tons were burned, the flames spreading so rapidly that the workmen barely escaped with their lives. The ice, it is stated by a local reporter was so "badly injured by the heat, smoke and soot that it was considerably damaged." Like enough it will all have to be melted and frozen over again.—Detroit Free Press.

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☞Newspaper advertising is [illegible] by business men having faith in their own wares, as the most effective way for securing for their wares a wide recognition of their merits.

☞An advertisement, said one of the cross ones, "has an effect like that of driving horses to the water—you may do so, but you cannot make them drink." Not but you certainly cannot do so if you do not take them to water. It is doing something to do *that*.

☞We are always ready to publish death notices, if the friends of the deceased will send in the particulars, such as name, date of death, age, etc. This is, we think, as little as they can do, and as much as can be expected of us. Long obituary notices must be paid for.

☞Look at it as you will, advertising carries with it a certain moral influence. Most people cannot resist the impression that a man who advertises a large stock of fresh goods, is more likely to have them than one who does not do so. Advertising has at least one good chance in its favor.

☞Why are advertisers able to sell at the lowest prices? Is it not because they obtain the largest custom, by the most reasonable expenditure, and are really able to buy lower than their neighbors. Many people imagine that the effect of advertising is only to enable a merchant to *sell*. The re-active effect on his power to buy well is often lost sight of.

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