

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:
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THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

It is more than one hundred and fifty years since William Paterson, an enthusiastic Scotch merchant, wrote of the American isthmus: "This door of the seas and key of the universe, with anything of a reasonable management, will enable its proprietors to give laws to both oceans and become arbiters of the commercial world." Yet this door is still closed notwithstanding the vast expenditures of skill and wealth it has invited, and the great prizes its opening holds out.

Although it seems like a paradox, says an exchange, yet it is probably true that the recent collapse of the gigantic French effort to cut this door through the isthmus of Panama will stimulate and make successful the American effort to open a better one by way of Nicaragua. Indeed that effort, had already reached a stage where ultimate success was assured. The collapse of the Panama scheme will only hasten the result. The association of American gentlemen which had obtained a concession from Nicaragua about two years ago were even then assured of the inevitable downfall of the scheme of M. de Lesseps, and were laying their own plans for pushing forward the American enterprise. In November of last year they sent from New York a well equipped expedition, to supplement and complete former surveys, and to prepare for actual work. This work has been done, and the whole subject is now understood with scientific exactness. It is known now by exact final surveys that the distance from ocean to ocean from Greytown to Brito is 169.67 miles, and that of this, 140.68 miles will be free navigation, and only 28.99 miles of canal in excavation. There will be 120.50 miles on the river San Juan and the lake of Nicaragua, and the rest of the free navigation in basins formed by engineering works carefully planned and thoroughly practicable. It is known, also, that although the work of constructing the canal will be of great magnitude, it will not be one of difficulty. Nature, which the French found such a formidable enemy at Panama, the Americans will find a friend at Nicaragua. And not only in the construction, but in the perpetual use, of the canal will Nature work with us, for Nicaragua is in the heart of the trade winds, and will invite and offer special convenience to sailing ships, while the windless area in the vicinity of Panama would constantly embarrass navigation.

The recent careful investigation has made it evident that the canal can be constructed for fifty-five millions of dollars, while the present obligations of the Panama company are more than seven times that sum. In view of these facts, the people of this country are now looking with great interest to the actual beginning, and hoping for the speedy completion of this great national work. The parties who are pushing it forward ask for no government subsidies or concessions, but only seek the action of the government in clothing them with corporate power under the laws of the United States. Even this is not essential, but it is very desirable, in order to invest this important enterprise with a dignity worthy of its purpose.

It seems quite certain now that this "door of the seas" is to be opened at last. It is very gratifying that American skill and energy are to accomplish this great work, and having opened the door, will practically retain the key. For if a company chartered by the United States government, directed by American engineers and supported by American capital, shall first throw open this door, through which all the vessels of the world, whether under sail or steam, may pass, we will indeed gain the advantages foreseen by the Scotch merchant-statesman, and be able to give law to both oceans and become arbiters to the commercial world."

AMENDMENTS to the Astoria city charter are suggested. It is proposed to have the legislature so amend the charter that regarding streets, the city shall keep up and repair all streets accepted by the city council. It is also proposed that the default office of police judge be reconstituted. The Astorian believes that there is enough merit in the street scheme to justify discussion: the proposition to restore the office of police judge is unnecessary. We get along very well under the present system, and no change in that should be made.

At present a good deal is being said and sung about Protestant and Catholic "influence" in the public schools throughout the country, and about teaching "religion" in the public schools. There are two things

that should be kept outside the doors of our public schools; religion and politics. There are twenty reasons. One, all sufficient reason is that politics and religion are purely matters of opinion; they are not exact sciences, capable of demonstration, and along with grammar, history and other theories are best let alone.

FRANCIS MURPHY tells some whole-some truths in his temperance work. At Indianapolis the other night he said: "We want men to sign and keep the pledge, and they cannot do it by any political hot-housing process. There are two things very sacred with men—their religion and their politics—and one has about the same root in their nature as the other. But the boundaries of these are generally sacred, and over to be kept so. Never mix them, I beseech you."

A OWNS \$2,000, and being foolishly out of debt pays taxes on it. B owns \$5,000, is assessed on \$3,000, "owes" \$3,000, and thus escapes paying any tax. Some one must pay the necessary taxes. It is A. This is unjust. B should pay his share, but he doesn't. To allow this to continue is ridiculous.

The Ellensburg, W. T., convention has issued an appeal to congress and an address to the people, and sensibly stands by the name of Washington for the coming state.

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