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THE NICARAGUA CANAL BILLS

Pacific Coast States Should Push for Their Passage This Session.

WILL BRING POPULATION Astoria Would Double Its Size in Five Years—Letter from a Well Known New York Banker

New York, December 18.—(Editor Astorian.)—I received your letter of December 6th upon my return from London a few days ago. You asked me in that letter what are the chances for legislation at this session of congress upon the Nicaragua canal question.

There is little doubt in the minds of thinking men today that the ultimate hope of peopling the Pacific coast states lies in the completion of the Nicaragua canal. Congress is in a mood now to consider the subject, and every Pacific coast state should see to it that her representatives in Washington take a decided stand in this matter.

The connection of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans by a waterway only 160 miles in length, means the saving of thousands of miles of distance between Europe and all Pacific coast ports in America, as well as Japan, China and India.

Under any view of the circumstances which can possibly be taken, there is but one duty for every citizen of the state of Oregon, and that is to impress upon his representatives in the United States congress the importance of pushing forward to a successful issue the Nicaragua canal bills now before that body.

Civilians and Soldiers Will Meet at Football at Fort Canby. Following is the line-up of the A. E. C. football team which will play the left wing of the United States army at Fort Canby Christmas morning:

SECOND DAY OF XMAS—DEC. 26. The Sunday school of the Sw. Lutheran church will have a festival and Xmas tree the 2nd day of Xmas, December 26, beginning at 7 p. m.

THE FIGHT OFF. New York, December 23.—The McKee-Lavigne fight is off. The men refused to enter the ring unless the club posted a purse.

MAYFIELD RACE WAR IS ENDED

Negros and White Coppers Come to a Peaceful Understanding.

LOOKED SQUALLY FOR A TIME Desperadoes Had to Go—Patience of White People Exhausted by the Colored Peas.

CLATSOP BOYS. Hold Their Own in the Various Colleges.

Astoria, December 23.—(Editor Astorian.)—Two remarkably interesting documents reached me in a recent mail; one an invitation to attend the graduating exercises at the Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, at its last commencement; the other to be present at the wedding of one of the graduates, a week or so later.

What gives still further point is the fact that he has accomplished this entirely by his own efforts. It was the ambition of his parents that he as well as their other children should have the best advantages, but they lacked the means. The boy, however, could not see that that was an insuperable objection, and went ahead precisely as if his parents were millionaires—and probably with much more determination.

His natural capacities were good, perhaps a little extra. He saved them up, while others were dawdling he was working. His advantage were no better than any others, but he has proved that they were good enough. It is frequently asked why it is that the boys and young men of this county and city so frequently turn out worthless.

THE GAMBLER. At the Clumbia last night the Ada Levick Company scored another success in "The Gambler."

THE WOMEN WIN. New York, December 23.—Mrs. H. Estby and her daughter, Clara, 19 years old, the trans-continental pedestrians, completed the journey from Spokane to this city at 1:30 this afternoon.

TUG BOAT SUNK. New York, December 23.—The Standard Oil Co.'s steamer Hercules, collided with and sunk the tugboat George M. Mead today, off Irvington street, in East river.

FINALLY RECOGNIZED. Washington, December 23.—After several weeks' consideration of the status of Senator Rodriguez, the first minister of the Great Republic of Central America, President Cleveland today received him and accepted his credentials.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED. St. Paul, Minn., December 23.—Frank A. Seymour and Attorney W. H. Lightner were this afternoon appointed by Judge Otis joint receivers of the Bank of Minnesota. They are required to file a joint bond of a million dollars.

SPANISH SECURITIES. Paris, December 23.—Spanish securities were strong today, owing to a reported dispatch from Washington which indicated that the United States was ready to recognize Spanish authority in Cuba on condition that the United States be invited to intervene and end the war.

ANOTHER HOLD-UP IN "BLUE CUT"

Place Made Historic by the James and Younger Bandits.

EXPRESS MESSENGER KILLED C. and A. Officials Have Started in Pursuit of the Bandits—Train Left Between Two Stations.

Kansas City, December 23.—The St. Louis and Chicago express on the Chicago and Alton Railroad which left here at 8:45 tonight, was held up by bandits in the Blue cut, just east of Independence, Mo., and less than fifteen miles east of this city.

THE BANK'S CONDITION. Chicago, December 23.—There is no prospect of the National Bank of Illinois, which closed its doors Monday, resuming, and it is by no means certain that it will pay depositors in full, as at first stated.

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRATION. New York, December 23.—Of 511 passengers that the French steamship Patria brought to this port from Marseilles and Naples today, 200 are detained on Ellis Island by order of the immigration authorities.

A DISTINGUISHED CRIMINAL. Chicago, December 23.—M. F. Cohn, said to be a nephew of Sarah Althea Hill, of Sharon divorce fame, was placed on trial today on a charge of embezzling \$400 from George W. Higg, of the New York Life Insurance Co.

THEY WANT NO MORE WARS. Madrid, December 23.—El Tiempo asserts that a high political personage is to be sent to Washington to confer with the officers of the government regarding the relations between Spain and the United States.

STREET CAR STRIKE. Boston, December 23.—Prest. M. L. Young, of the Conductors and Motormen's Union, has declared a strike on the West End Railway Co., to take place at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. Over 2000 men will go out. The grievances of the men chiefly arose from the refusal of the company to sign an annual agreement.

BURNED TO DEATH. Albany, Or., December 23.—Yesterday at Foster, eighteen miles above Lebanon, a man named Wadell, who recently purchased the flouring mill at that place, went from the mill to the house after his books. He found the house on fire. He rushed in to save the books, was overcome by the heat and burned to death in the presence of his father, brothers and a crowd which had assembled.

UTAH'S VOTE COUNTED. Salt Lake City, December 23.—The official count of the vote of Utah at the last election was completed today and is as follows: McKinley, 12,484; Bryan, 64,335; Palmer, 21.

THE ELKS. Stanford University holds the boards at Fisher's Opera House on Tuesday, the 25th, under the auspices of the local lodge of Elks. There is a perennial charm about a lot of jolly college songs sung by a lot of jolly college boys.

SHE GETS THE MONEY. Chicago, December 23.—Mary Dawson McCaffery has been pronounced by the Jury in Judge Dunn's court to have been the legal wife of John McCaffery at his death in 1894, and therefore is entitled to a share in his estate. McCaffery died worth about \$1,000,000 and had five wives, most of them by common law marriages. He lived with his last wife for over forty years.

J. E. Esterbrook, Jr., W. G. Martin, M. J. Coleman, C. E. Lovejoy, Fortman; R. Dittenhoefer, St. Paul; T. D. Wetherby, B. F. Wetherby, Boston; J. P. McGowan, J. W. McGowan, Chalmers; R. B. Dyer, South Bend, and Henry Kayler, Hwaco, are guests at the Occident.

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