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THE ISTHMIAN CANAL

The Colombian Senate has rejected the canal treaty. This will delay the connection of Atlantic and Pacific waters through the isthmus for the passage of ships between the two oceans. It will not finally defeat the project. It is a commercial necessity, and some route and some means will be found; and it is reasonably certain that the United States will construct the waterway.

The President of the United States has the alternative of turning to the Nicaraguan route, the most popular in this country up to the time of the passage by Congress of the bill under which negotiations have been pending; probably the most popular even now. But the Governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, now that the treaty has been rejected by the Colombian Senate, will likely make harder demands than they would of there was an alternative left. The gratters down on the isthmus figure that they may not have another chance for a long time at a rich nation.

However, it is rumored that the President of Colombia may read an amended treaty to the Senate of his country, and thus continue the discussion and reopen negotiations with the United States Government. Or the United States Government may insist that the French company has rights in the matter that can be sold to our country, and thus force the matter, with the tacit consent of the European powers. If it shall appear upon close investigation, by the international lawyers, that the French company really had the right to build the Panama canal, and the further right to transfer it or the task to its successors and assigns, then it would seem that here is no need to further negotiate with the official gratters of the Colombian Government.

But perhaps President Roosevelt will refer the whole matter back to the Congress of the United States for further consideration and action. The people of the United States as a whole are ready for the canal, and it is generally hoped that the delay in its construction will not be longer than is absolutely necessary. If the Colombian gratters, however, merely desire to take a new tack in order to pluck the United States for a larger amount, the people of this country will be patient with any reasonable delay in order to frustrate their plans of hold-up.

ALASI POOR PETER!

King Peter of Serbia had either to put down the assassins of Alexander and Draga or be put down by them. That was a perfectly plain proposition. Rumor has it that he was a fellow conspirator with the assassins; and certainly, he was the beneficiary of their crime. So he surrendered his kingly power and has become the slave of the Belgrade cabal. The Cologne Gazette says he is now openly terrorized by his entourage. A recent incident illustrates this: Most of the present court officials who actually participated in or were party to the murder of King Alexander and Queen Draga appear to have strongly object-

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which also builds up the system that has suffered from them. It is the best medicine for all humors.

ed to the appointment of Colonel Leschjanin, the Serbian attaché at Constantinople to the post of court marshal. The Official Gazette of August 7 contained the appointment, but soon after its publication all copies of the Gazette were called in by the police, and a second issue appeared from which Leschjanin's name was eliminated.

The alternative to this compliance with the demands of the conspirators was to break loose from the disgraceful and humiliating alliance; but that would have exposed Peter to the swords of the assassins. His indeed is a most unfortunate position. The assassins are bound together by the highest interest, namely, self-protection. If they weaken, they must go into exile. The King is surrounded by these men, whose blood-stained hands have elevated him to the throne. He is a mere puppet. He is constantly the object of suspicion, also. The conspirators know that he would not get rid of them if he could, and that he would never be really King as long as they are in his neighborhood. Consequently they fear him and find their safety only in overawing and controlling him.

There is one way out for him; he can resign. The world cannot expect so courageous and honest an act, however, from a man who consented to accept the throne as the gift of murderers.

There is another complication that has developed, or that was already developed to embarrass King Peter. Before he was chosen as King, while he was merely Peter Karageorgevich, he managed to accumulate an indebtedness in Paris amounting to more than a million francs—about two hundred thousand dollars.

While he was simply Peter Karageorgevich his creditors didn't press him—they were willing to wait in hope that some day he would be able to liquidate. When he became King Peter they thought the day for settlement had come. They asked for it. King Peter hadn't been drawing salary long enough, or enough of it, to settle. So the French creditors are asking the skopshimita to vote a bill making good the amount of their claims. As to whether they will get what is due them, much depends. Kings are expensive things to have around, to be sure. At the same time, the Serbians should remember that King Peter was a long time without pay; then, too, it isn't nice to have a King in pawn. The chances are that the Serbians will wipe off the state for Peter and give him a fresh start.

1893 AND 1903.

A few days ago, during the time of the flurry on Wall street, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat said: "Ten years ago on one of the closing days of July, the comptroller of the currency reported that 105 banks in the United States had closed their doors since the beginning of the year. The name of that official was James H. Eckels. The name of the President was Grover Cleveland. It was the first year of Cleveland's second term. The Democrats were in control of the entire Government of the United States. That was the first time that they had had the President and a majority in each branch of Congress simultaneously since 1857-1859, in the first half of the Presidency of James Buchanan.

The difference between the conditions now and ten years ago is so marked that the wayfaring man, though a fool, can see it. There had been a few bank suspensions in 1893, just previous to the entrance of the Democratic party into power on March 4, but four or five times as many took place in the same length of time afterward in that year. The adverse effects of the Democratic victory of November, 1892, began to be felt long before that party had a chance to enter office. The crash, however, did not come until after the change of occupants of the White House took place. The panic of 1893 dates from April of that year, four or five weeks after the Republicans went out of office and the Democrats went in.

The little flurry on Wall street at present is a sephyr to a tornado in comparison with the crash ten years ago. The memory of the financial convulsion which attended the accession of the Democracy into power in 1892 is something which the country will bear in mind in 1903 and 1904." (Since the above appeared in the Globe-Democrat the flurry in Wall street has passed, and standard stocks are selling all the way from two or three dollars a share of \$100 up to \$20 or \$30 a share more than they were a few weeks ago, and they are still rising in price.)

THE IRISH LAND BILL PASSED.

A brief cablegram announces the completion of the Irish land bill which now awaits only the King's signature to become the law. At the time the measure was introduced American newspapers spoke of its importance, and of the good prospects of its adoption. It is the product of mature thought of Mr. George Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, and Sir Antony Patrick MacDonnell, the under secretary. The last named, indeed, may be called the author of the present reform. He had had long and valuable experience in settling land questions in India. His record was the very highest. In Mr. Wyndham he met a man of broad liberality and sound intelligence. The two worked out a scheme for the definite settlement of the vexatious land question in Ireland. The bill brought into Parliament went much further than any similarly named measure ever did to facilitate the acquirement of land by the Irish people. In effect, it provided for compulsory sale and furnished the means for the purchase, not as a gift, however, but as a long time loan on easy terms. This bill was greatly amended in the Commons, at the suggestion of Mr. Redmond, the Irish leader, so that it was even more liberal when passed by the House than when presented. It went then to the Lords, where it was amended also, but not in any vital part; and the amendments, save two of little importance, were promptly agreed to by the House. The bill is now before the King, and is to be the law.

It is asserted that the settlement of the land trouble will have no bearing upon the question of home rule; and that the Irish party will never be satisfied with Ireland under British control. As to this we can have no opinion of value. We can understand, however, that the new land law will greatly ameliorate the condition of the Irish people; will do away with many abuses under which they were borne down into the greatest poverty. The struggle for home rule will continue, no doubt, but the condition of the Irish from now on should be much improved and the world will be spared the repetition of the sickening stories of distress that have been a large part of Irish history for several centuries.

SPEAKING OF PASSES.

Almost simultaneously with the announcement that Senator Tillman had been so unfortunate as to lose his railroad passes came the story of a new Representative in Congress from Maryland named Baker, who, in a manner not altogether free from ostentation and vulgarity, took occasion to return an annual pass offered him by the B. & O. railroad. He contended that it was a bribe. Last winter, according to the Anaconda Standard, many members of the Montana Legislature indignantly returned the passes sent them by the Northern Pacific because, instead of being annuals, they were limited to sixty days; or, according to Representative Baker's theory, because the recipients of the sixty-day passes weren't being bribed hard enough. All of which recalls the story of a Kansas legislator who started an agitation for purity in politics. "Fellow legislators," said he on the opening day of the Legislature, standing up for a speech and putting on a look of righteousness determination, "let us make this session long to be remembered by having it wholly free from any taint of dishonesty." He made a long speech in this strain and ended by stepping up to the stenographer's table and laying down a railroad pass. "In order to back my words with deeds," he concluded, "I will lay down my pass on this table; and I urge every other member of this Legislature who stands for clean government to step up and do likewise." Not a soul stirred. The speaker watched them for a few moments with a triumphant gleam in his eye. Presently, when everybody had had a chance to lay down his pass and nobody had improved it, he burst out: "Not an honest man in the chamber! Very well. You thought you had me didn't you? Well, you haven't. That's last year's pass."

The men from Indiana, Illinois and Ohio who are visiting Salem, having come this way on account of the G. A. R. exercises, tell of the wonderful development of the electric lines in those states during the past few years. The time will come when the Willamette valley will have electric motor lines crossing and recrossing one another, and forming a perfect network. They will help wonderfully in the development of the country.

AS A LAXATIVE

Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is without an equal. It will not grip nor shock the system, and make you feel sick all over like most cathartics do, but has a firm and gentle effect on the constipated bowels, stimulating and assisting them in the proper performance of their functions. Then an occasional dose is all that is needed to keep the bowels regular and the stomach strong. A trial will convince you of its value.

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O. P. MASON. Miss Cochran's Good Luck. A better pleased young lady could not be found in Albany yesterday than Miss Ethel Cochran, of Mt. Tabor, Oregon, and whose parents live in Brownsville, Oregon. Miss Cochran had been afflicted with deafness for many years and lost all hope of cure until her neighbor, J. L. Oxford, of Brownsville, who had cured of deafness, advised her to consult Dr. Darrin at Hotel Revue. With a faint heart and skeptical to the last degree, she called on Dr. Darrin and to great joy was made to hear nearly as well as ever. Her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Yates, of Albany, saw the treatment and can vouch for the above facts. Dr. Darrin's Place of Business. Dr. Darrin can be consulted free at the Hotel Revue, Albany, from 10 to 5 o'clock daily; evening 7 to 8, Sunday, 10 to 3.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat states that all the Fair Buildings are nearly completed except Festival Hall, and that will be in shape by the middle of March, six weeks before the day of opening. That paper adds: "On no other international exposition ever held was the work of construction at this distance before the opening day so far advanced as it is in the case of the St. Louis World's Fair."

With Coxy, Hogg, Toyne Allen, Jones, all riding on the top wave of prosperity and doing wonderful things as capitalists, what strikes us with astonishment is how they have been able to do it in that period of our history that was to be devoted to ruin and calamity because of the defeat of free coinage of silver.—Mobile Register, Democratic; very Democratic.

Adelina Patti, aged 61, will make her first and her farewell appearance in Portland in January next. On this her final farewell tour she is to sing sixty times in the United States, and to receive \$5000 for each evening, or \$300,000 in all. Perhaps she will make another farewell tour when she is 71. She is the grand old woman of the world of singers.

Grants Pass has a bald-headed club. In order to be eligible to membership a man must agree to wear his hat with the crown taken out, to let the beautiful Southern Oregon sun get a chance to make his hair grow. Great things are claimed for the practice by the older members of the club.

In Salem it now costs you nothing to have your neck shaved; that is, nothing extra over and above the price of a shave in a barber shop. In Portland the price is five cents. Moral, come to Salem to have your shaving done. Don't go to Portland and get robbed.

The Anaconda Standard thinks the enterprising Kansas City bank which has opened a "stocking room," where ladies may retire to trot out their money before depositing it, ought never to be left without a leg to stand on.

The Portland Journal is trying to find out who is the oldest man in Oregon. Let the old ones come forward and make themselves known. The youngest old men in Oregon live in Salem.

Some foolish fellow started a report at Philadelphia on Tuesday that Senator Quay was dead. Senator Quay denied the report. He is neither dead nor a dead one. Not in Pennsylvania. It is believed the Czar is vastly more indignant over the murder of one Russian Consul than he ever was or ever is likely to be over the massacre of ninety and nine Jewish subjects.

Hop picking—the early variety—was commenced at Junction yesterday. Picking of the late varieties will not be general until the first few days of September.

It is suggested that before he retires from the War Department, perhaps Secretary Root would like to favor the country with a horseback stunt of 90 miles.

An exchange insists that Mme. Humbert is not the biggest fraud of the female sex alive. That distinction belongs to the Empress dowager of China.

A sentence of life imprisonment for Kentucky's red-handed murderers is only acceptable on the theory that half a loaf is better than no bread.

It is likely that even the busy harvesters will come to Salem next Wednesday to see the largest circus in the world.

Summed up, Mr. Bryan's advice to the Democracy is: Get the genuine Bryan Democracy, and take no other.

As the Anaconda Standard would put it, a considerable amount of ball is popping over in Bulgaria.

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The doctor makes a specialty of all diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, catarrh, deafness, bronchitis, la grippe, heart, liver, bladder and kidney diseases, or those who suffer from apathy and indifference, also consumption, gastro-urinary and skin diseases in either sex, such as blood taints, seminal weakness and lost vigor, varicocele and stricture.

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This is the first visit of the head of the Portland firm of Dr. Darrin to this city. The Dr. will remain until October 1, and those wishing treatment will do well to call soon, as many require second treatment.

Suicide Prevented. The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It is a tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by D. J. Fry, Druggist.

CAUSE OF THE DARKNESS

A great deal of inquiry has been made of late as to why the street arc lamps have not been lit during the past many nights. The darkness of the city is due to the breaking of some machinery at the Citizens Light & Traction Company's power house. The machinery being of ancient type, the company was unable to secure new parts to replace the broken, consequently it was necessary to have a new cast made, which is being done in Portland. The company expects to have the repairs completed within a few days and their machinery once more in running order. Manager Springer was engaged yesterday in checking up the number of lights used at the Asylum, this work being done preparatory to the company entering upon its new contract for furnishing light to the state institutions.

If you think that osteopathy is massage, it is because you don't know what osteopathy is. Call on us and have it explained. Consultation free. SCHOETTLE, BARR & BARR, Osteopaths.

SUES FOR A DIVORCE

Divorce proceedings were yesterday instituted in Department No. 2 of the state circuit court for Marion county by Floy L. Kenney against her husband, Walter E. Kenney. The plaintiff alleges that she and the defendant were intermarried in Marion county, on October 8, 1895; that on July 5, 1901, the defendant deserted and abandoned her, and has ever since lived apart from her. She asks for a decree of the court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between herself and the defendant. Carson & Adams are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

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MOUNT ANGEL COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

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THE USE OF Narcotic Poisons

And mercury in the treatment of piles was begun in the dark ages, given temporarily relief only by irritating the bowels and do not cure, but in reality weaken the bowels and prevent nature from restoring the bowels to a healthy condition, as any honest and intelligent doctor will admit, and as may be seen by reference to the United States Dispensary, which says: "Mercury lessens the natural motion of the bowels, its local effect is to soothe as its general operation: contain paralyzes the motor nerves, also it reduces muscular strength, it produces paralytic symptoms; hypochondria and strabismus are some as belladonna. They do not exercise any curative influence." The following is in substance the expression of all up-to-date druggists: "In twenty-eight years experience I have prepared at number of narcotic and mercurial preparations for piles, but none to my knowledge ever cured a single case."—F. B. Sprague, Druggist, Lincoln, Neb. "No reputable chemist, doctor or druggist will claim any curative virtues for the narcotic preparations in the treatment of piles."—A. B. Levy, Ph. G., Denver, Colo. "K-R-U-A Piles are the only new and unique pile cure on the market. Over 4000 of the most intelligent and up-to-date druggists sell and endorse it." K-R-U-A cures piles, or \$20 each. Worst cases of piles cured with one box. All reliable, up-to-date druggists sell K-R-U-A. West: Stone's Drug Stores, 2 J. Kings, G. W. Pittman, M. J. Fry, Steiner Drug Co., Palace Pharmacy, O. K. Pharmacy, Salem, Oregon.

TO SERVE IN LUZON

Lieutenant C. M. Butler, of the Eleventh United States Infantry, was in the city last evening calling on old friends. Lieutenant Butler was a member of the recent graduating class of West Point, when he was appointed by Congressman Thomas H. Tongue four years ago. His home is in Albany and he received the highest standing at a competitive examination given in the Willamette University building, where there were sixteen applicants. Lieutenant Butler has just been assigned to duty with the Eleventh Infantry, now doing duty in Luzon, Philippine Islands, and will sail for Manila on September 5. He has been visiting his parents at Albany and will go to Newberg this morning.

LARGEST IN HISTORY

Three insane patients were yesterday received at the Asylum. Sheriff C. R. McGinnis, of Wasco county, brought Chester W. Noyes, a farmer, aged 67 years, born in Pennsylvania; Deputy Sheriff Fred D. Matthews, of Multnomah county, brought L. G. Harrington, of Oswego, aged 23 years, a laborer by occupation, born in South Dakota. Deputy Sheriff Cread Hammond, of Lane county, brought Roy E. Peters, of Colburg, aged 20 years, a painter by occupation. Last night the total number of patients at the Asylum was 1340, the largest in the history of the institution.

NAME JUMBLED UP

It seems a very difficult matter for the Portland papers to get the name of that old pioneer of Puget Sound correctly. The Oregonian came out Wednesday morning with a picture of Hon. Thos. Burke, and under it had the name of "Hon. Thomas Ruge," while the Journal appeared in the evening with the same picture, under which was the name "Judge Thomas Ruge." Such is fame.

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