

ARE DOING THINGS AT PANAMA

Have Excavated More Earth Than the French and Are Now Nearly Half Done.

While the people of the United States have been fussing over the wool schedule or the hide schedule or various kindred things included in the tariff bill, the segregated mite of population down on the isthmus of Panama has been putting a new aspect on the building of the canal. It is no longer a matter of digging a ditch. Concrete is being laid, villages are being moved, quarries opened, locks anchored. Preparations are almost completed for the constructive work on the canal and the whole project is entering upon its second phase of accomplishment.

When the record for the month of July was taken it was found that the United States had surpassed the excavation mark set by the French during the years they were at work before abandoning the undertaking. The French excavated 81,548,000 cubic yards. The Americans have taken out 81,697,978 cubic yards. There are 92,968,617 yards still to be excavated.

From now on it is expected that the excavation records will dwindle as the construction work progresses, the present plan being to bring the excavating and constructive work to an end simultaneously. The new phase of activity puts an entirely different complexion upon the busiest ten mile strip in the world. The rock crushing plant at Ancon is ready for work. The Gatun dam, over which reams of paper have been used in argument, is slowly rising, the surface of the pond having risen ten feet in the last month so that the water encroaches on the old tracks of the Panama railroad. Great sheets of cement are being laid in the spillway the floor of which is to be one foot thick.

To make way for the Gatun dam the entire village of Gatun has been wiped out. This hamlet is within the limits of the dam, and its site will eventually be covered. As the old village disappears the new Gatun on the hills overlooking the site of the dam and locks grows larger. It is now one of the largest settlements on the canal zone.

Gatun was a point where in the days gone by the hongo-loads of California travelers used to stop for refreshment on their way up the river; where eggs were then sold four for a dollar, and the rent for a hammock was two dollars a night.

When the Americans arrived in 1904 Gatun was the center of a comparatively large river trade. The village consisted of a dozen stores, a church and seventy or more native huts. The negro settlement near the railroad station, known as the "Cite de Lesseps" numbered about fifty shacks, and there were nine other buildings near the station. The only vestiges of the French village were the negro shacks and one house constructed of French material, and later occupied as an office by the Americans.

ROBBER LOADED DOWN WITH LINCOLN PENNIES

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Pittsburg, Sept. 1.—General Agent Slater of the Adams Express Company today stated that the lone bandit who held up the passenger train near Harrisburg yesterday and compelled the trainmen to stand by while he blew open the safe in the express car, got away with only \$200, which was mostly made up of Lincoln pennies.

According to reports from Altoona it is hoped that the robber will be captured tonight. His mask has been found and bloodhounds given the scent.

FULLER & DOUGLAS PLACE CHANGES HANDS

The confectionery of the above name has been sold to Messrs. Wood & G. Lwin of Portland, who have been here about a week taking over the business and have gone to Portland today to arrange to bring their families to Salem. Mr. Wood has been the head candy maker in one of the largest houses in Portland and both members of the new firm have experience necessary to build up a successful business at Salem. Mr. Douglas will engage in the dairy business near Jefferson.

DID THIS PROVE THAT ANGE LIED

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Paris, Sept. 1.—Captains Gerard and Ange, considered the two best swordsmen in the French army, today fought a duel with swords under the big wheel of the old exposition grounds. Seven rounds were fought, each of three minutes' duration, before Ange fell with four wounds in different parts of the body.

Gerard escaped with a slight cut. The duel was witnessed only by a few friends of each man. The battle was fiercely fought, neither having advantage until the seventh round, when Gerard started to close in on his opponent. He gradually wore down Ange, and soon had him bleeding freely from numerous cuts. As the seventh round was nearing its close Gerard sank his weapon into Ange's body, and he fell exhausted to the ground. His wound was dressed temporarily by a physician, and the injured man was hurried to a hospital. A question of veracity was the cause of the duel.

NO MORE LINCOLN PENNIES

Because of all the criticism directed against the new Lincoln cents it is expected that a bill will be introduced at the next session of congress directing their withdrawal from circulation.

Should that become a law the new coins will become scarce in a few years. Even now the first issue of them bearing the initials of the designer, Victor D. Brenner, are hard to get, and continue to command a premium. There were less than 29,000,000 of them coined when Secretary of the Treasury McVeah ordered the mints to change the die so as to show only one initial. He thought it was advertising the artist enough to have the first letter of his last name appear on a coin of such circulation, without immortalizing his Christian name, too. The secretary, however, did not know—and it is certainly not a matter of common knowledge—that there are other coins of the United States which bear three initials of the designer. They are the \$2.50 and \$5 gold pieces which bear the letters "V. L. P." They stand for Vela L. Pratt the Boston artist, who made the drawings.

The principal objection to the Lincoln penny is that it does not wear well. The head of the martyred President and the lettering around it show abrasions after a few days' circulation. Then there is the sentimental objection to imitating the habit of foreign countries in putting the heads of their kings and emperors and presidents upon their coins. Those who oppose the innovation demand the restoration of the old "Indian Head" cent, as they call it. They overlook the fact that there is no Indian head on the old coins—only an Indian bonnet on the head of a pretty girl.

The penny-in-the-slot machine men complain that the new cents won't work in their machines, being a trifle larger than the old ones.

CYCLONE REPORTED IN TEXAS

Jacksonville, Tex., Sept. 1.—According to a dispatch received here this afternoon a cyclone late yesterday struck Dialville, near here, demolishing a number of houses and injuring several people. All telegraphic and telephone communication has been interrupted, and details are lacking. No deaths have yet been reported.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

THE JURY ACQUITS FISHER

Defendant Tells a Straight and Convincing Story and the Justice and Jury Believed Him.

Alvin Fisher was cleared from the charge of larceny by baillee yesterday in the justice court by a jury of five men. When questioned regarding his part in the affair, which arose over a missing bicycle which was in Fisher's possession, he gave the jury and the court a complete explanation.

He told of how he hired the bicycle from the Moore bicycle establishment with the understanding that if he did not return before the shop closed up to put the wheel up against the front. He said he did not return from his trip out in the country until late and then done as the owner of the machine directed, leaned it up against the door of the shop and heard nothing more of it until he was informed by the owner that it had not been returned. He then told the owner of the wheel that he would either find the wheel or pay for it, and shortly afterwards found it in front of the Dreamland theater and took it home for safe keeping.

When asked by Attorney Winslow why he did not return the machine he readily explained that he was working and did not have an opportunity to return the property when the shop was open and did not want to leave it in front of the place to be stolen again, and when Deputy Sheriff Esch arrested him he was intending to put his grips on the boat for Independence, return the wheel and then walk to Liberty to visit some folks, from where he was going to foot it to Independence to work in the hop yards.

Fisher needed no prompting to tell this story, which was so convincing that the jury brought in the verdict of not guilty in a very short time. Attorney Brown was counsel for the defendant.

THINK SON VICTIM OF BLACK HAND

Los Angeles, Sept. 1.—Missing from his home for nearly a week, Anthony Blandini, the son of wealthy Italians of this city, is thought by his friends to have been a victim of the black hand.

Blandini's relatives stated today

that the young man was a member of some secret society and that for several days before his disappearance he appeared nervous and ill at ease. So sure are they that the cause for his disappearance is known to other Italians of the city his parents have offered a reward for information that will result in his being found dead or alive.

INCORPORATIONS

Novelty Spoonful Company; incorporators, I. Holsman, Barney Metzger, W. M. Metzger, A. S. Goodman; principal place of business, Portland; capital stock, \$5000.

Prudential Leasehold Company; incorporators, I. H. Smith, Maesle Warren; principal place of business, Portland; capital stock, \$20,000.

Murphy Drug Company; incorporators, R. C. Baker, Geo. W. Caldwell, M. Balsallion; principal place of business, Portland; capital stock, \$5000.

Lloyd Automobile Company incorporators, W. E. Cook, C. B. Lloyd, L. Templeton; principal place of business, Portland; capital stock, \$40,000.

Notice for the Opening and Extension of Chemeketa Street.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the city of Salem, Oregon, deems it expedient to open and extend Chemeketa street, and proposes to open and extend Chemeketa street, by opening and extending the same easterly from the east line of 21st street to the west line of 24th street, in said city, and to appropriate on account thereof the real premises described in the ordinance adopting the plat and report of the city's engineer, made for the purpose, which said ordinance was adopted on the 30th day of August, 1909, to which said ordinance, reference is hereby made for a more complete description of said real premises to be so appropriated. I. H. VanWinkle, Chas. A. Holmstrom and A. F. Hofer have been appointed viewers to make an assessment of the damages and benefits to the property owners resulting from the opening and extension of said Chemeketa street, and will meet at the office of the city recorder September 20, 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m., at which time all interested parties may appear before said viewers and present any contentions they may have in regard to opening and extending Chemeketa street.

By order of the Common Council.
W. A. MOORES,
City Recorder.

Notice of Postponement of Street Assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of Twelfth street, in the city of Salem, Oregon, from the north line of Court street to the south line of Ferry street, and the assessment for the improvement of Twelfth street from the south line of Ferry street to the south line of Bellevue street and the making of said assessments are

The Words You Speak

Are the outward marks of your intellectual capacities. When you speak do you show everyone that you are educated and refined, or do you simply publish to the world the fact that you are a person of only ordinary intelligence and average culture? In other words Do You Speak English Correctly?

In this progressive age, the ability to read, write and speak English correctly is the greatest asset anyone can possess. It adds to one's money-making possibilities and furnishes a noticeable final touch to one's personality. You are the best judge of how you stand, and if you are not satisfied do not put it off until it is too late. There is a popular, interesting and even fascinating way to polish up your English. You will not have to wade through "dry" uninteresting text-books. The magazine "CORRECT ENGLISH," and the book "THE ART OF CONVERSATION" will give you invaluable aid. See following special offer.

Send 10 Cents

Today for a sample copy of "CORRECT ENGLISH." For this money we will also send you a copy of the premium edition of "The Art of Conversation," which gives 12 invaluable rules to the person who would know how to be interesting in conversation. This offer is made simply to introduce "CORRECT ENGLISH" into a field where it will be appreciated, and in order to get both magazines and this book for 10c you must send this amount immediately.

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hereby postponed until at or about 8 o'clock p. m. on the 6th day of September, 1909, at which time the Common Council will, at the Common Council chambers, in said city, proceed to assess upon each lot or part thereof or parcel of land liable therefor its proportionate share of the cost of improving said Twelfth street between the north line of Court street and the south line of Ferry street and against each lot or part thereof or parcel of land its proportionate share of the cost of improving said Twelfth street between the south line of Ferry street and the south line of Bellevue street with Warren Brothers Bitulithic Waterproof Pavement.

All persons interested in said assessments shall appear at said time before said Common Council and present objections, if any they have to said assessments, or file the same with the recorder within five days from the date of making said assessments, and apply to said council within five days from the date of making said assessments for the privilege, if they so desire, to make said improvement in lieu of their assessments.

Date of the first publication of this notice August 31, 1909.

By order of the Common Council.
W. A. MOORES,
City Recorder.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be opened at a meeting of the Common Council, at Salem, Oregon, to be held on the 6th day of September, 1909, for the improvement of Liberty street, in said city, with Warren Brothers Bitulithic Pavement, from the south line of State street to the south curb line of Ferry street, in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted by the Common Council for said improvements, and now on file in the office of the city recorder.

Date of the first publication of this notice, the 31st day of August, 1909.

By order of the Common Council.
W. A. MOORES,
City Recorder.

Notice of Street Assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the



Advance Showing of Fall 1909 Clothes for Men and Young Men

Bishop's Ready Tailored Clothes

\$10.00 to \$35.00

Are now ready for your inspection. They include all of the newest ideas in patterns and models. The fabrics this season are the best we have seen for many years.

Greys, Olives and Browns in Scotch chevriots and worsted goods will be the correct styles for this year.

Call and get the early selections

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