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The Isthmian Canal

T is not surprising to hear that the check in the negotiations with Colombia relative to the Panama canal has given encouragement

to the friends of the Nicaragua project and that renewed efforts are being made at Washington to interest the officers of the administration in the Nicaragua route for the great waterway. It is reported from the national capital that Secretary Hay, who has held all along that the action of congress did not finally commit the United States to the acceptance of the Panama route, may proceed to draw up a treaty with Nicaragua and Costa Rica on the lines of the protocols laid before the last senate and submit it to the senate at its coming session, along with such a treaty with Colombia as he may be able to conclude. In this way the senate itself might decide whether the Colombian treaty is satisfactory, and if it should decide in the negative, then it will have at hand the Nicaraugan-Costa Rican treaty, so that there will be no excuse for delay, in the canal project. The Spooner act requires President Roosevelt to negotiate for and acquire rights of way by the Nicaragua route in case the title of the French company proves defective, or there is a failure to obtain within a reasonable time perpetual control of the Colombian territory needed for the canal. After full investigation by the attorney general of the United States and the legal experts employed by him, the title which the New Panama company proposes to convey has been proved to be perfect. Nothing stands in the way of the construction of a trans-isthmian waterway by the Panama route except the present attitude of Colombia itself. The New York Sun, commenting on the situation. declares:

Not a nation or an individual on the round earth is in a position honestly to question the liberality which our government is accustomed to manifest in its treatment of the other party in all such transactions of magnitude. The attempts to meet Colombia's demands have strained the equitable and the liberal to the point of actual munificence. The State department cannot be blamed if it turns in disgust to other methods as soon as it is persuaded that greed in some quarter or other, supported by overconfidence in the certainty of getting the canal on its own terms, however, excessive and preposterous, has made a mere vulgar striker of the Colombian government, the holder-up of an enterprise of immense importance to the world for selfish purposes of extortion. Under these circumstances it is not strange that the Roosevelt administration should turn their eyes to Nicaragua, and that the especial friends of the Panama route-the shortest and in many respects the best route for the canal-should suggest the possibility of "another method of dealing with these sordid and short-sighted obstructionists," the eternally wrangling Colombians. This other method would involve virtual condemnation proceed-Congress will be in session beings. fore the provisions of the Spooner act are carried out, and the canal question is likely again to figure in its debates. The president undoubtedly will throw some light on the situation in .his forthcoming message.

sional districts makes an absurd pic-THE GAZETTE sional districts makes an absurd pic-ture of crazy quilt forms. It was necessary in several cases to chase a hundred miles in order to run down a county that would effect the desired political combination. This gerrymandering went to the farthest extreme possible in giving advantage to the democratic party, and to this extent its promoters are open to congratulation that it effected as nearly as possible

> we very much doubt. We believe then the republicans will have become organized sufficiently to carry at least three of these absurd combinations of counties that are now labeled congressional districts.

Gen. Jacob H. Smith

Washington Post. "He is a plain soldier man, who has given his whole life to the service, and whose only idea, from the first, is to 'find the enemy and smash 'em.' That may not be the theory of super-modern warriors, but it is the theory on which be in time." our great captains have proceeded, from U. S. Grant down, and it is par- less?" ticularly well adapted to the purposes of real war. General Smith has been done any more. One does not give retired before his time-through a presents to 'It.' It is only necessary General misapprehension, we feel sure-but it is now to give Christmas presents to the Brewer and others in recommending not too late to undo the injustice and members of one's family. It is quite Peruna as an excellent tonic and restore him to a position which he has out of style to give presents to men. a catarrh cure."-Col. L. I. Livingston. honored most conspicuously." The Post says that General Smith's conduct since he returned from the Philippines has been admirable in every way. "It has been as admirable, in fact, as was his conduct in the islands. Out there he was the incarnation of war. He did his duty-did it cheer- nearer the proper figure." fully and thoroughly. . . . Returning, after long and arduous service, he was met at San Francisco by the announcement of his untimely transfer to the retired list. With every right to expect reward and commendation, he received, instead, only reproof and degradation. He has set up no complaint, however. He has organized no political cabal to agitate his grievances, nor yet posed as a martyr to catch the popular eye. He has,

on the contrary, conducted himself with a simple and self-contained dignity which entitles him to all praise. thing could be brought right down to a We doubt whether, among all the practical business basis. The proper generals who have won fame and re- thing would be for the business-like ceived reward in connection with the Joan of this practical age to keep books on Darby. At Christmas a bill could Philippines, there is any one who be rendered something like this: really deserves more sympathy and admiration than Gen. Smith." These are warm words of deserved praise. A great injustice was undoubtedly done to Gen. Jacob H. Smith, especially in view of the outrageous slanders that were heaped upon him by the par tisans in congress who took this means of assaulting the army in the Philippines in order to make capital against the republican administration. If Gen. Smith were restored to the active list he would not have more than a year of active service, but, as the Washington Post remarks, "at least he is entitled to that, if loyalty, devotion and courage entitle an officer to any-

ASHEVILLE OWN TOPIC

E aint got no tukky for Thanksgivin dinneh," said Uncle Lige: but disher big hen aint gwine to be no bad substitute, onless I is mightily mistooken. Tuck me purty near all night to locate her, and I come mighty nigh gettin' too permiscus wid some what they desired. That the result buckshot; but I was boun' dis occasion will be the same two years from now should be properly celebrated!"

> F you cannot feel justified in giving thanks for anything else, try feeling grateful that things are no worse than they are.

N thinking over the happenings of a year, Asheville will find many things for which to give thanks. T SEEMS to us that Gen. Jacob First and foremost of these, from a civic H. Smith should be reinstated point of view, is the construction of the in the active list," says the Auditorium; but an enumeration of similar things would want two or three columns of space.

> UST a month until Christmas," said a modern young lady yesterday. my holiday shopping today, so as to ing Democratic member of the Com-

"Bought something for 'It,' doubt-

"Oh, no!" she replied. "That is not The young man, however, is still expected to do the handsome thing, and if

he is up to date his present this year will be much more elaborate than usual. Anything costing less than five dollars will be classed as distinctly

FTER reflecting upon these things for a moment we said: "It looks very much as if the young man comes out at the little end of the horn." "Not at all," replied the modern occasionally. He cannot very well be entertained without fires and lights. Coal, you know, is mighty high this winter." We saw a light, and said so. "The

young man, then," we said, "is supposed to kind of 'whack up' on the light and fuel bill. Seems as if this

"Darby, Dr. to Joan's Pa.

CONGRESSMAN LIVINGSTON Says Pe-ru-na is a Splendid Catarrhal Tonic.



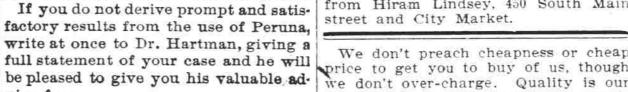
COLONEL L. 1. LIVINGSTON. Colonel L. 1. Livingston, Member of "Well," she continued, "I began the Industrial Commission and the leadmittee on Appropriations in the House of Representatives, whose home is at Atlanta, Ga., writes:

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Profits of Gerrymandering

THE Raleigh News and Observer thinks the result of the last election in this state proves that the gerrymandering of the congressional and senatorial districts which "Clifton" flour is packed will was no mistake. From a democratic make two good towels, the regular standpoint and in its immediate results the scheme certainly worked out well-every advantage was given to the democrats and the fight was made correspondingly hard for the republicans. Says the News and Observer:

About the close of the last session of the legislature, there went up a hue and cry from certain parties that a great mistake had been made in the senatorial and congressional re-districting. In Sunday's News and Observer, Judge Brown paid a deserved compliment to Representative Watts, of Iredell, who was chiefly responsible for the plan of districting adopted. Mr. Watts, speaking for the committee, predicted that under the re-districting the democrats would elect ten congressmen and 45 state senators. At the recent election just that many democrats were elected.

The senatorial "redistricting" worked

a great injustice to the white western counties, since the apportionment of representation of the counties in the legislature favored the eastern negro counties, where the democrats were sure of electing their candidates. Eastern counties that cast but 3,000 white votes under this redistricting appordionment were able to elect the same

The coal dealer can be thankful that there is not an extraordinary demand for coal when he can't get much of it and everybody has cause for thanksgiving that the warm weather has rendered it unnecessary to buy much coal at prevailing high prices.

thing."

The Chattanooga News asks what the Cubans have to be thankful for. Well, most people regard freedom as a thing to be thankful for, but whether or not it proves so to the Cuban people depends largely upon themselves.

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The musical given last evening by the students of the Normal and Collegiate institute was fully up to the one evening away from home during standard of the recitals of the past which have been in such popular fa-

A large delegation of visitors, among was infatuated with her niece, but she them many relatives and friends of the was certain that he had never prostudents, were in attendance, and from posed marriage. She said Mrs. Gore the beginning to the end of the even- had written that she feared him. Mrs. ing's entertainment those present appeared to be well entertained.

The recital began at an early hour and was finished by 9:30, after which a social session was enjoyed by many. Each number of the program was given hearty applause and the participants frequently responded to an encore.

the glee club is deserving of much detail of the affair, this being done unpraise. Each number sung in chorus der the practice of the French law showed careful training. Of the piano which requires the reconstruction of selections, that of Miss Opal Reeves the tragedy in the presence of officials



Miss Opal Reeves.

Chorus Class.

Miss Jessie Reed.

Miss Carrie Morgan.

N. C. I. Glee Club.

Continued from first page)

America.

Miss Edith Lawrence. Piano-Austrian Folk Song Pacher Under the surface of the ground, Miss Edna Lynch. Vocal duet-MignonField 339 feet of which is through solid Miss Ola Benton and Miss Nannie granite rock, comes Parker. Part Song-Drift On Berthold N. C. I. Glee Club. Piano-Valse-ArabesqueLack

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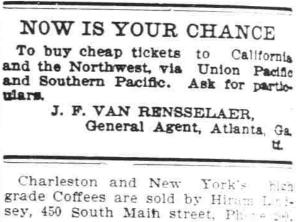
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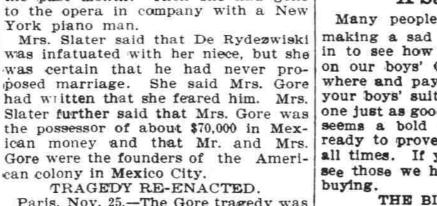
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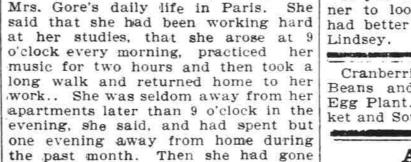
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when the approaching holiday art. ves. Already , preparations are under way



TRAGEDY RE-ENACTED. Paris, Nov. 25 .- The Gore tragedy was presented in a dramatic aspect today, when the French officials took de Rydzewski to the scene of the occurrence The singing of the chorus class and and compelled him to re-enact every



number of representatives in the two		being quite nnished. Miss Carrie Mor-		cake. Hiram Lindsey, 450 South Main	THANKSGIVING
houses of the general assembly as		gan played with feeling and expres-	The chamber was arranged as on the	street.	dinner. Turkeys are fattening, pum?.
mouses of the general assembly as		sion. Her selection was particularly	night of the fatality and the same wea-		kins rivening and mince meat nealed.
western counties having 10,000 white		well adapted to her style of playing.	pon was placed in Dydzewski's nand to	Grapes, Grape Fruit, Bananas, Or-	ing for those dishes which have been
voters. In the next legislature, as in		Miss Loggio Dood aloged "	act out his version. As far as known	anges, Lemons, Apples, Cranberries and	associated with the acception since Inc
the last democratic state convention.	AT THE	Miss Jessie Reed played "A May	the prisoner went through the ordeal	Turkeys. Hiram Lindsey, Asheville, N.	Anot The abarded
the negro counties of the east have a		Morning-Denza" in a manner that	without wavering from his first story		
disproportionate preponderance of rep-		highly pleased the audience. The solos	of the accidental fall of the revolver. As	G.	Make the holiday a restful and en-
resentation compared with their		were all very pleasing.	a result of the examination the exam-	Street Burker Charles St.	joyable one. Eat Dinner at The
resentation compared with that al-	1		ining magistrate has decided to set	Menu-Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Cel-	WOODT ATTAT CAFE
lowed to the western counties. As to		Dr Lawrence appounded that ince	Ining magistrate has decided to set	ery, Chicken Salad, Cauliflower, Boiled	WOODLAWN CAFE
the gerrymandering of the congression-		Dr. Lawrence announced that inas-	Dyzewski at inberty provisionally.	Ham, String Beans, Beets, Stuffed Egg	Noah Murrough, Proprietor.
al districts that enabled the democrats	Bon Marche		At the same time the case has as-	Plant, Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce.	36 So. Main Street.
to defeat Spencer Blackburn, but	Doumarche		sumed an international aspect by the	Mushrooms and Spinach and a cup of	Fresh Oysters-the best the market
whether it defeated Congressman		the hundreds, a Thanksgiving dinner	action of Consul General Gowdy in fol-	Hiram Lindsey's delicious coffee.	affords-every day.
Moody in met to b		that would be ample would hardly be		designed and the second s	anorus-every day.
Moody is yet to be seen. On a fair	The Dry Goods Shop	possible, but that the entertainment		Your table will look perfect if you al-	
count, it will probably be proved, in	-no Dry Goods bhop	just given would in a measure be		low me to furnish non mith it	NOT TO TOTALLANOF
the contest for the seat awarded to			four American doctors residing in Paris	low me to furnish you with things to	NOW IS YOUR CHANCE
Mr. Gudger, that Major Moody car-	150 11 15 1	equally appreciated. "Furthermore,"	a tan independent of the	cat a very large assortinent this ver	
ried the district. We are assured that	15 South Main St.	he said, "we hope to be able to enter-	t. addam	Hiram Lindsey, 450 South Main street	To buy cheap tickets to California
the evidences thus far at hand prove		tain you in more comfortable quarters		and City Market.	and the Northwest, via Union Pacific
that beyond a doubt TT-1 it Ttot		before very long. It is our great hope	A despatch from Elizabeth City says		and Southern Pacific. Ask for partic-
that beyond a doubt. Had the district		to be able to hold our next commence-		TTI-TTI-T	
not been gerrymandered Madison coun-		ment exercises in the new biulding be-	that William H. Bosley, president of		ulars.
ty would have remained within its		ing erected on the grounds."	the Suffolk and Carolina railroad, an-	will want for a fine dinner on Thanks-	J. F. VAN RENSSELAER.
natural division of the state as to dis-		The evening's program was as fol-	A REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL		General Agent, Atlanta, 32-
tricts and contributed a thousand		lows:		string day.	General Agene, Atta
votes to Moody's majority. The ger-	loday		will begin on the Elizabeth City and	Cot your instant weth mi	
rymandering of the state for the elec-		Greeting SongWhiting	Western railroad by December 1 or a	Got your iurkey yet? Then see Hiram	
tion of democratic ass		Chorus Class.		Lindsey, 450 South Main street or City	
tion of democratic congressmen was an		Piano-Morceaux de GenreStreabbog	few days thereafter. A large force of	Market.	My Turkeys came from Turkey
exhibition of the unblushing gall of		Miss Lina Wray	nanus will be employed and the work	A CONTRACT OF A	off of Burgin Patton's extension
partisanship. The map of the state		Part Song-PeggyNeidlinger	hastened that road may be completed	Cranberries, Turkeys, Fowls, Quail,	They were grown especially
exhibiting in outline these congres-	and the second	N. C. I. Glee Club.	and schedule be in effect by the au-	Pheasants and Fresh Vegetables Hi-	trade Buy one and you Will
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