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M. Santreas, one of the French engineers who was active in the construction of the Suez canal, proposes to complete the Panama canal on a new basis.

The two engineers who have made estimates on the work and coin needed to complete the Panama canal, deal in large figures. They differ radically in their plans, but they agree that at least \$100,000,000 in hard cash will be needed to finish the work that De Lesseps has begun.

The latest reported discovery in connection with the cotton seed comes from Germany, where, it is said, a process has been discovered for extracting sugar from cotton-seed meal.

An interesting application of electricity to the dairy industry has been made in Italy. The Count of Asas, whose buildings are fitted up with electric light, has connected his dairy plant with an electric motor of twelve horsepower.

The flow of British capital into Mexico is almost as extensive as its influx to this country. Nearly \$100,000,000 of English gold was invested there last year; and railroads, lands, mines, manufactures and banks have all participated in this Pactolean stream to such an extent that the maintenance of order in the Republic has become almost as important to Great Britain as to Mexico herself.

The American people know little about China and her people. The population of China is almost beyond estimate. There are eighteen States and four Territories in the country, not more than one-sixth of which have ever been seen by Caucasians.

It is reported that the British Government is preparing to make a thorough test of the Zalsinski dynamite gun, and that important orders have been given to the company with that end in view.

When the Hotchkiss gun was invented by an American, it was offered to our Government and the offer declined. The company was established and now it is selling large quantities of the same to the American Government.

Accidents, Calamities, Pleasant News and Notes of Industry.

J. C. Brain, representing a large English syndicate is trying to buy eight of the largest tobacco factories in Danville and organs; he was also in one stock company. He was also in Lynchburg, and it is said that he obtained options on several large tobacco factories in that city.

A case has been arranged at Norfolk to test the constitutionality of the meat inspection law.

A fair will be held at Danville for the benefit of the Confederate Veterans' Home in that city.

The embryo city of Glasgow, just above the confluence of James and North rivers at Balcony Falls, is rapidly looming up as an industrial centre.

A sad and most shocking double tragedy occurred near Lynchburg Wednesday. At Bald Eagle Dam on James River, while James Campbell, a most worthy farmer, was burning a plant bed, his little daughter's clothes took fire and she was burned to death in a few minutes.

The question of issuing \$500,000 of thirty-year 5 per cent. corporation bonds for permanent improvement of the streets of Chattanooga was submitted to a vote of the people Wednesday, and was ratified by the majority of 688.

William Silvey, of Flowery Branch, Ga., arrived in Chattanooga in search of his wife and two children, who left home last Sunday. He found them living with James McDaniel, who has a wife and three children living at Flowery Branch. The police arrested McDaniel and Mrs. Silvey, but the Recorder dismissed the case on the promise of Mrs. Silvey to return home with her husband. They left for home, McDaniel remaining.

At Nashville, W. T. Ownby scored his second signal victory in his libel suits against the Nashville American. The American filed demurrers to Ownby's libels in the second and third libel suits brought by him, stating in substance, that plaintiff's petition failed to make a case of libel and should be dismissed.

The town commissioners of Marion have decided to issue license to sell liquors in that town and have fixed the license tax at \$750. A bar has been opened in the Flemming House, and Mr. Blanton, president of the firm of Blanton & Myers, will establish a bar in Marion. The lot has been bought and the material for the building is being placed on the site.

The manufacture of cigar boxes is a new enterprise to be set on foot in the Twin-City at an early date. Miss Elise V. Lee, a Presbyterian missionary, of Mills river, Henderson county, will start the first day of April for Tamora, Mex. She goes under the auspices of the Presbyterian Mission Board and will join other missionaries in Mexico.

The grounds for Trinity College are being prepared at Durham. They will embrace 60 acres. \$1,425 has been subscribed thus far in Charlotte to celebrate the 20th of May, Mecklenburg Independence day.

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THE LOWLANDS OF MISSISSIPPI AND ARKANSAS ARE COMPLETELY INUNDATED, AND THE FLOODS ARE PRACTICALLY BEYOND CONTROL.

A company has purchased 2,000 acres of phosphate lands Citrus county, Fla., near Dunnellon, of Senator Mann at \$40,000.

A Jacksonville firm has just received a large order for Florida live oak timber to be shipped to South Africa. (The timber is designed for strength and durability as is especially required in all lumber used in connection with heavy drilling and hydraulic machinery.)

MARYLAND'S TREASURER REPORT.

An Honorable Mans Now in Disgrace Through Dishonesty.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 1.—The Governor sent a message to the legislature to night transmitting a communication from L. Victor Baughman, State comptroller. The comptroller states that he has discovered a misappropriation of State securities in the hands of State Treasurer Stevenson Archer.

Something About Orchids.

What are orchids? A plant whose home is the tropical forest, and yet a plant which is not dependent for its sustenance upon the earth or water in its visible form. It is a curiosity of the vegetable world, which, perched in the air, sends out its long, searching roots and draws its nourishment from the atmosphere. Ethereal in its nature, so far as this characteristic is concerned, it is very substantial in the valuation which its owners and raisers place upon plants of rare varieties.

A Confederate Camp in Ex York.

New York, April 1.—The Ex-Confederate soldiers of this city propose to inaugurate a camp of ex-members of the Confederate army and navy. Recently a meeting was held under the auspices of the Ex-Confederates, and a circular letter has been sent out for this purpose. Among other things the letter declares that the public has no more conservative or patriotic citizens than those who fought on the other side in the late war.

Disastrous Japanese Conflagration.

Advices from China and Japan, by the steamer City of Peking, states that on February 27, about one thousand, five hundred Japanese houses were burned in Tokio, and seventy-eight others partially destroyed. Two persons were killed, and twenty-five persons injured.

South Carolina.

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Georgia.

The cotton receipts at Savannah this season will fall but little short of one million bales.

The incorporators of Augusta's new glass factory announce subscriptions of \$45,000 to the enterprise.

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Portland, a suburb, was swept away. The inhabitants are at the loss of life and property. About 420 business houses were destroyed, on Main, Market, Jefferson, and Walnut streets, from 10th to 15th streets.

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The Courier Journal says: The mighty stroke of the tornado fell with a suddenness that scarcely gave time for quickened heart beats before those hearts were stilled in death.

INNOCENT CHILDREN KILLED.

Probably the greatest loss of life occurred in the Erie City Hall, which was in the centre of the tornado. In the lower rooms of the hall were 50 or 75 children, with their mothers, and other relatives, taking dancing lessons.

THE RESCUERS AT WORK.

Gangs of rescuers worked like gophers on the great masses of debris in search for human victims. Here and there lay a dead mule with clots of blood at their nostrils, that had been dragged from the ruins of the great tobacco houses.

SAM JONES AT FORT WORTH.

The Georgia Evangelist Grows Eloquent and Captures the Texans. Rev. Sam Jones is drawing great crowds to the Fort Worth, Tex., where he is preaching some of his most powerful sermons.

METROPOLIS DESTROYED.

A special from Metropolis, Ill., 25 miles above Cairo, on the Ohio river, says: The cyclone cut a clean swath across the town, wrecking property of all descriptions, and burying men, women and children in the debris of falling buildings.

THE CYCLONE HIT IN TENNESSEE.

FAVETTEVILLE, Lincoln Co., Tenn.—The principal stores in this town were wrecked, and the stock of goods either blown away or ruined by the rain that followed. Many residences were demolished. The damage is estimated at \$200,000.

THE GEORGIA EDITORS.

The Georgia Press association visited the sub-tropical exposition at Jacksonville, Fla., where they were received and shown about by Director General Moran, Secretary Adams and Representative Dillon.

DOOLITTLE'S TWO WIVES.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 1.—(Special.) Edward Doolittle, an engineer on the Alabama Great Southern railroad, was killed in a collision with a freight train on February 12. A few weeks later his widow, Mrs. Josephine Doolittle, filed in the probate court letters of administration. Mr. Mary Doolittle, of South Carolina, through her attorneys, has filed notice of a contest of the letters of administration. Mrs. Mary Doolittle says she, too, is the widow of the dead engineer. She says he deserted her and their three children in South Carolina, a few years ago, and she only heard of his whereabouts and his second marriage when she read in the papers a notice of his death. Doolittle had been living here about three years, and had an excellent character. Both women have marriage certificates, and the case promises to be an interesting one, from the fact the dead engineer left enough property to make a fight for its possession.

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Colonel Williams made a detailed proposition, says Captain Thye, "to the effect that the services of educated American negroes should be sought for our offices in the Congo country. He urged that they would more readily become acclimated than Europeans, and that their presence and example would, moreover, have a good effect upon the natives. The companies, after careful consideration, unanimously adopted his plan and requested him to engage for their clerks and twelve engineers and skilled mechanics. For this purpose Col. Williams visited America a few weeks ago. We hoped that he would bring the men back with him, but he returned alone, and reported that it would be desirable to delay matters a little. He suggested that a call for recruits should be sent to the chief industrial schools of the Southern United States. All candidates who entered the competition for engagements should now begin special studies, especially French, African geography, etc. In June next they should be examined by a committee of teachers and the required number should then be selected and engaged from among the most proficient. This system, he urged, would give us the services of the best men, especially prepared for our work."

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BILL TO ADMIT WYOMING PASSED.

The Wyoming Constitution Grants Women the Privilege of Voting. WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House met at 11 o'clock last Thursday and continued the discussion of the Wyoming admission bill, finally passing the bill by a vote of 215 to 187.

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FIVE NOTABLE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ALLIANCE IN KANSAS AT TOPKA.

The Presidents of various county branches of the Farmers' Alliance in Kansas held a meeting at Topka on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. They passed a number of resolutions, some of them are worth looking over as a specimen of the notions of finance, taxation, and the province of government which are entertained by a great number of men in Kansas. We repeat the first five resolutions:

"We demand legislative enactment appropriating the shrinkage of farm values that are under mortgage obligations by reason of a contraction of the circulating medium or other unjust legislation between the mortgagee and the mortgagor in proportion to their respective interests at the time the mortgage was drawn."

PETERSBURG'S MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

A Guarantee Fund of \$12,000 Subscribed by Petersburg's Citizens.

The seventh annual Music Festival of Virginia and North Carolina will be held in Petersburg, Va., at the Academy of Music on May 27, 28, 29 and 30th. The festival orchestra will consist of 40 picked musicians from Baltimore, the festival chorus of 250 voices from Petersburg, Suffolk, Hampden, Sidney, Boykins, Ashland and Fredericksburg. There will be a children's chorus of 40 trained voices from Petersburg, Suffolk and Farmville. Prof. Carl Zenker will be the festival conductor.

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