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Best Grade White Sheeting at 4 7-8c

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### Panama Ships and Cargoes.

A year of the Panama Canal has now passed into history. The Canal was opened to commerce on August 15, 1914, when the stalwart Ancon, a Panama Railroad liner, that was a transport from New York had borne a notable part in the construction of the waterway, went through from Cristobal to Balboa. There followed the next day the great Arizonan of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, and the first foreign craft on a foreign voyage came on August 22, the Daldorch, of Glasgow, with wheat from Puget Sound for Ireland. Sudden war had broken out; ships of beligerent flags were flying for shelter, and the best of them were being commandeered by their governments.

Twelve of the fourteen vessels that traversed the Canal during the first week were Americans. In the Review of Reviews for May, 1913, beginning an article on "American Ships at Panama," the present writer had asked: "Is the American flag to be a stranger in the Panama Canal when it is completed? Will all maritime nations be prepared and ready then to make use of the Canal except the nation whose money and energy have built it?" The year since August, 1914, has brought its clear and gratifying answer. The Stars and Stripes have led all other national colors; the merchant fleet that has made best use of the new waterway is the fleet of the United States.

All told, the new canal tonnage, on which tolls are based, of vessels that which tolls are based, of vessels that twelve months ending July 31, 1915, was 4,404,364, of which by far the greatest single element was the wholly American coast-to-coast tonnage of 1,416,294. In addition to this coast fleet, other American cargo vessels made a certain number of foreign voyages, particularly in the trade to and from the west coast of South America, where they were employed because of war-effects upon European tonnage. Throughout the Government fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, the tolls paid at Panama by the ships of all nationalities in all trades amounted to \$4,343,383, while the actual cost of operation for the same period was \$4,112,550. Thus, superficially, the Canal was self-sustaining, but it must be remembered that in this statement no allowance is made for interest on the capital invested, depreciation, etc. For the time being, and until normal conditions are established, the Canal must be regarded as a

great, permanent public work, the value of which cannot be measured by the commercial standard of dividends.

Ships from Australia, the nearer edge of the Far East, and the west coast of South America for Europe and the Atlantic Coast of the United States, and ships outward bound from Europe and the Atlantic Coast on the reverse routes have constituted the chief foreign tonnage passing through the Canal. These have been "tramp" vessels or the pioneers of small freight lines as a rule; few passenger and small liners were among them.

Crude materials and foodstuffs have made up a large part of the cargoes eastbound and westbound,—sugar, coal, copper, flour, iron-ore, lumber, oil, nitrates, wines, and grain. But manufactures of iron and steel, machinery and railroad materials conspicuously figured in both coastwise and overseas commerce. As to "general cargo" including much highly finished and valuable merchandise, it is significant that out of 100,027 tons carried through the canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in June last, 42,929 tons were in the American coastwise trade, and out of 38,614 tons from the Pacific to the Atlantic 33,576 tons were in the coastwise trade, whose ships made up more than one-third of the entire traffic of the new waterway.—From "The First Year at Panama," by Winthrop L. Marvin, in the American Review of Reviews for September.

### Novelist's Estate \$340,000

The will of Mrs. Braddon, the novelist (Mrs. Maxwell), author of "Lady Audley's Secret" and seventy other novels, who died last February at the age of 77, has been proved at £68,112, says the London Chronicle.

She left all her books and manuscripts (but not copyrights), her residence, Lichfield House, Richmond, and her household stores to her son, William Dabington.

After bequests to nieces and grandsons and a legacy of £50 to her coachman, she left the residue of her property equally among her four children.

Italy has declared cotton contraband of war.

The Craven County people are not ready for Stock Law. They defeated the proposition by a vote of about three to one in the election held Tuesday.

### The Tongue.

"The boneless tongue, so small and weak, Can crush and kill," declared the Greek.

"The tongue destroys a greater horde."

The Turk asserts, "than does the sword."

The Persian proverb wisely saith, "A lengthy tongue—an early death." Or sometimes take this form instead: "Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed," Says the Chinese, "outstrips the steed."

While Arab sages thus impart: "The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."

From Hebrew wit the maxim sprung: "Though feet should slip, ne'er let the tongue."

The sacred writer crowns the whole: "Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul."

—Philip Burroughs Strong.

### Life's Ideals.

To talk with God before I talk with man; to do my daily work with sunshine in my face and honey on my tongue; to be strong in the presence of temptation, alert in the presence of opportunity, open-eared to the call of conscience for service or sacrifice, open-minded to views of truth which differ from mine; to make duty a joy, and joy a duty; to work and not worry; to be energetic and not fussy; to be true to myself and false to no man, diligent to make a living and earnest to make a life; to cherish friendships and guard confidences; to be loyal to principle at the cost of popularity; to make no promises I cannot keep, and to keep no foolish promises; to be faithful to every honest obligation; to be sweet-tempered under criticism, charitable in my judgments, discriminating in my adjectives; to honor no one simply because he is rich; to despise no one simply because he is poor; to be respectful, not cringing, to the great, sympathetic with the sorrowing, gentle to the weak, helpful to the fallen, courteous to all; to be simple in my tastes, quiet in my dress, pure in my speech, cherish inspiring thoughts, and to keep my body on friendly terms with water and fresh air; to fear nothing but sin, hate nothing but hypocrisy, envy nothing but a clean life, covet nothing but char-

acter—and at last to leave the world a little better for my stay, to face death without a tremor, with faith in Christ, who tunneled the grave that I might walk into the larger and perfect life.—Daniel Hoffman Martin.

Stockholm has a Russian newspaper.

Ohio had 6,384 industrial accidents in June.

### Sell Me Your Seed.

I have arranged to buy cotton seed at Pine Level and Princeton for the Charlotte Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., or will exchange meal for seed. Mr. W. J. Massey will aid me at Princeton. Car lots of seed will be bought at any point in this county. I ask you to see me or phone me before selling.

**B. L. Strickland**  
Pine Level, N. C.

### Millinery And Notions

I returned Friday, September 3rd, from the Northern markets where I bought my Fall Stock of Millinery and Notions. My goods have arrived and I invite the ladies to call and see them.

**Mrs. Anna C. Creech**  
Benson, N. C.

### OWN YOUR HOME



### CUT OUT THE RENT

paying on your monthly living schedule. You can do it! Instead of making some landlord rich, pay your rent to yourself—make it buy you a well-built, cozy home. Others have done it; why not you? A little cash secures possession—the balance is within your means, if you start soon. Better inquire at once.

### ABELL & GRAY

Insurance and Real Estate - Smithfield, N. C.

# The Farmers Warehouse

Let us sell your next load of Tobacco. We are taking the lead in high prices and best averages. We give below list of prices:

- W. J. Price, 40, 15, 14 1/4, 11, 10 1/4, 9 1/2 and 4.
- S. G. Ward, 22 1/2 and 13.
- E. J. Mitchener, 22 1/2, 16, 14 and 8 1/4.
- Rufus Creech, 16, 15, 13, 11, 10, 9 1/2, 5 1/2 and 4 1/2.
- W. P. Woodard, 13 3/4, 12 1/2, 10 1/2 and 9 1/4.
- R. S. Best, 18, 15, and 12 1/2.
- C. R. Spivey, 18, 18 1/2, 10, 8 1/2 and 3.
- J. R. Holloman, 14 3/4, 13 and 9 3/4.
- S. W. Barber, 16, 14 1/4, 13 1/2 and 10.
- G. H. Hall, 16, 13 3/4, 11 3/4, 8 1/2 and 7 1/2.
- J. M. Martin & Holt, 14 1/4, 12 1/4, 9 1/2 and 8 3/4.
- Gary Lee, 14, 12, 10, 13 3/4, 15, 9, 10 and 5.30.
- James Bell, 16, 14 3/4, 13 1/4 and 10 1/2.
- R. L. Edgerton, 20, 17, 15 and 12.
- P. P. Youngblood, 13 1/4, 13 and 5.
- D. F. Peedin, 17 1/2, 15 1/2, 14 1/2, 12 3/4, 9 and 9 1/2.
- Manley Johnson, 15, 12 and 9 1/4.
- Mrs. Manley Johnson, 14 3/4, 12 and 8 1/2.
- H. E. Mitchener, 15, 13 3/4, 11 1/4 and 5.20.
- H. B. Moore, 14 and 9 3/4.

# BOYETT BROS.

Smithfield, N. C.