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THE ISTHMIAN CANAL PROJECT.

The building of the isthmi canal is a matter of immense importance to the South, and its commercial interests in the future, hence this project, which is now before Congress, is of intense interest and is being closely watched by the South.

The question to decide, as to the available routes for this canal, seems to lie between the Nicaraguan and the Panama.

Briefly summarized, the Nicaraguan route is some 180 miles in length, against 49 miles of the Panama route.

In distance from the United States, the Nicaraguan has some 400 miles in its favor, which is apparently the chief and only important factor urged in its favor, for in the cost of construction, its greatly added length, other things being equal, must far outweigh the distance saved.

The fact that the government must pay forty million dollars for the right to the Panama route, gives with this payment the effects and work costing four or five times this forty millions.

But another phase of this canal question, and a most important one in all future time, is that of the healthfulness of the two routes.

Dr. George A. Soper, a sanitary specialist, has written an exhaustive article on this question.

Dr. Soper's conclusions are that during the period of construction—both routes passing through areas extremely unfavorable to health and there being practically no difference in the nature of the diseases to be anticipated—the Panama route would be the more healthful because of its lighter rainfall; and that all the considerations of soil, topography and the nature of the engineering work to be done are also in favor of the Panama route. As to comparative healthfulness after construction and under active operation of the canal this expert's conclusions are:

"The difficulty of controlling health conditions along the line would be greater on the Nicaraguan route.

The shorter Panama route would cause passing vessels to be exposed to the possibilities of infection for a much briefer interval. The danger of the communicating diseases to and from Isthmus is fairly represented by the differences in time which it would take ships to pass from ocean to ocean by the two routes.

The likelihood of the canal becoming a disease focus, thus interfering with commerce, by requiring all healthy ports to quarantine against ships passing the isthmus, is much greater in the case of

Although the Panama health records are much deranged by heavy losses of life by disease, this is not to be construed as evidence of the existence of conditions favoring a greater immunity from sickness along the Nicaraguan line. More lives have been lost at Panama because most lives have been unnecessarily exposed. The experience of Panama is to be taken as a warning of conditions which are liable to be repeated on either route.

The fact that the Commission appointed to look at both routes, which favors the Nicaraguan in its report, notes the saving in distance, for this country's Atlantic and Pacific ports, as the only point in its favor, is not an altogether strong argument, when so many other things ought to be considered.

The single item of operating expenses, in the two routes, favors the Panama \$1,000,000 per year, a saving equal to the interest on \$40,000,000.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Lumber Kilns Burned.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 8.—Two dry kilns at the plant of the Angola Lumber Company, situated on the Cape Fear river were destroyed by fire today. In the kilns were over 150 thousand feet of lumber, all of which was more or less damaged. The total loss will not exceed five thousand dollars, almost wholly covered by insurance.

Dr. Bull's Pills for Liver Ills.

One pill a dose. Box, 50j pills, 10 cts. Cure Constipation, Liver Troubles, Biliousness, Impure Blood, Dyspepsia, Female Complaints, Stomach and Bowel Disorders. Dr. Bull's Pills never gripe.

California Grain Needs Rain.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Early snow grain in the southern districts of California needs rain badly.

Beat Out of an Increase of His Pension.

A Mexican war veteran and prominent editor writes: "Seeing the advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, I am reminded that as a soldier in Mexico in '47 and '48 I contracted Mexican diarrhoea and this remedy has kept me from getting an increase in my pension for on every renewal a dose of it restores me." It is unequalled as a quick cure for diarrhoea and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

To Supervise Tobacco Under Shade.

New Haven, Jan. 8.—G. T. McNeess with two assistants will be appointed by the National Government to supervise the raising of Sumatra or shade grown tobacco in this State.

Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup for Teething Babies.

Price, 10j cts. Cures Wind-Colic, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Griping Pains, Sour Stomach, Fever, Cholera Infantum. Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup promotes the digestion and soothes the baby.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gas on the stomach, relieving all distress after eating. Disting unnecessary. Pleasant to take. It can't help.

Prepared only by F. S. DUFFY & CO., Chicago. The 5c. bottle contains 3 1/2 ounces of the cure.

Americans Not Wanted.

New Orleans, Jan. 8.—Dr. Daniel S. Brogan, who went to South Africa as surgeon on a British horse and mule transport, returned here today. He offered his services as surgeon of the British army in the Transvaal, but they were declined on the ground that American degrees were not recognized in the British service.

Salvation Oil the Best Liniment.

Price, 15 cts; large bottle 25 cts. Greatest cure on earth for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Soreness, Sprains, Backache, Stiffness, Cuts, Bruises, Wounds, Swellings, Burns and Frost Bites. Salvation Oil kills all pain.

Schley at White House.

Washington, Jan. 8.—There was considerable comment over the reception accorded Admiral Schley at the diplomatic reception at the White House last night. President Roosevelt greeted him most cordially and Mrs. Roosevelt departed from her usual custom of merely bowing and extended her hand to him.

A Prominent Woman Speaks.

Prof. Roxa Tyler, of Chicago, Vice-President Illinois Woman's Alliance, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia, I tried different remedies but I seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was pleasant to take and it relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill, time and suffering, and I will never be without this splendid medicine again." For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

Oranges in Cuba.

The style of eating oranges in Cuba is to peel the luscious fruit round and round as an apple would be, care being taken to cut just through the yellow rind, leaving the white skin entire. It is then cut open through the middle and eaten from the hand, no spoons being used.

Pinds Way to Live Long.

The startling announcement of a Discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by editor O. H. Downey, of Churubusco, Ind., "I wish to state," he writes "that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for Coughs, Colds and Grip. It's invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having tried this wonderful medicine no one need dread Pneumonia or Consumption. Its relief is instant and cure certain." O. D. Bradham guarantees every 50c and \$1.00 bottle, and gives trial bottles free.

TAME FISH IN A RIVER.

A Traveler's Story of What He Saw in Upper Burma.

When in camp the other day, I was riding through a village when the village headman asked me if I would like to see "the fish." I, not knowing what the headman meant, at once went with him down to the banks of the stream, followed by several villagers with baskets of sassafras and paddy mixed together. Then the thug called "Lay, lay, lay, lay" for a few moments, when, lo and behold, a large herd of aquatic, or big short, flatfish, came up just under our feet and were promptly fed by the Burmese.

The fish were amazingly tame and tolerated being stroked and petted even by me. There were in all about thirty-three of them, varying in size from eighteen inches to three and a half feet long, the larger ones having a girth at the gills of about thirty inches. They would go away and come back whenever they were called.

The villagers told me—and I see no reason to doubt what they say—that these same fish come up against the monsoon food at the end of June and go away about October every year. They can recognize individual fish by marks, scars, etc., which they pointed out to me.

The mon is nearly dry in the cold and end of the hot weather, and the fact that these fish return to this one village landing stage every year regularly and never go to any other is quite worthy of remark. A villager who kills any of them has to undergo a penalty of 30 shillings by common consent, and great care is in consequence taken of them.

The natives of upper Burma is a very short, thick fish, tapering rapidly from behind the gills to the tail, has long feelers on both upper and lower lip and has no appreciable teeth. It makes very good eating and has few bones. I have often heard of some fish in tanks, but a herd of some fish in a monsoon river connected with the great Irrawaddy is a very curious phenomenon.—Borneo Observer, London Field.

FREE Return to your dealer five Virginia Brights cigarette FOIL wrappers, and he will give you one package of Virginia Brights Cigarettes. There is no better "Bright Virginia" cigarette.

STATE LINES.

Let Jersey incorporate a company, and she does not care where it operates.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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New Century Comfort.

Millions are daily finding a world of comfort in Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It kills pain from Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Bruises; conquers Ulcers, and Fever Sores; cures Eruptions, Salt Rheum, Boils and Felons; removes Corns and Warts. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 35c. at C. D. Bradham's drug store.

Shrinkage in Pullman Estate.

Redwood City, Cal., Jan. 8.—The will of the late George M. Pullman has been probated here, the petition fixing the value of the estate at \$500,000, but the evidence showed it to be worth only about \$300,000.

The Mother's Favorite.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the mother's favorite. It is pleasant and safe for children to take and always cures. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and is the best medicine made for these diseases. There is no less danger in giving it to children for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as confidently to a babe as to an adult. For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

Gorman Nominated.

Annapolis, Jan. 8.—Arthur P. Gorman of Howard county was nominated tonight by the Democratic caucus as United States Senator without a dissenting vote. This assures his return to the United States Senate to succeed George L. Wellington.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in 3 Days.

Merton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried the Myrtle Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by T. A. Henry, Druggist, New Bern.

Quill Pens.

Quill pens are prepared for use by sorting them, drying them in hot sand, scraping them so as to remove the outer skin and then hardening them in diluted nitric acid.

Former Soldiers.

Of the soldiers in the civil war 40 per cent were farmers.

Brass Should Never Ache.

Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. M. A. Wheeler, of Winona, Va., she writes: "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of this headache I had suffered from for two years." Cure Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, etc. at C. D. Bradham's drug store.

Commissioners Sale.

NORTH-CAROLINA, Superior Court, CRAVEN COUNTY, Nov. Term, 1901. W. H. Oliver, Trustee, The Griffin School Fund and State on Relation of L. I. Moore, Solicitor, on behalf of W. H. Oliver, Trustee.

The East Carolina Fish, Oyster, Game and Industrial Association and William Dunn, Trustee.

NOTICE: Pursuant to a decree of said Court rendered at said Term in the above entitled action, we will sell at the Court House door in New Bern, N. C., at public auction for cash, to the highest bidder, on Monday the tenth day of February, 1902, at the hour of twelve o'clock, M., the following described property to wit: Situate in the County of Craven and being in the City of New Bern, known and designated as follows, viz.—being in that part of the City of New Bern formerly known as Dryboro, and being lots numbers twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four and forty-five in the plan of said city, bounded on the north by Cypress street, on the east by George street, on the south by Pine street, and on the west by the public road connecting Pine and Cypress streets, known as the Griffin School property conveyed to the said East Carolina Fish, Oyster, Game and Industrial Association by John Devore, Trustee of the Griffin School Fund.

The Farmers & Merchants BANK.

Capital, Surplus and Profits \$68,450.00 APRIL 30th, 1901.

What We Have Done, Do, and Will Continue to Do.

This Bank conducts its business upon "up-to-now" methods. It is our purpose to deal justly and liberally with all.

We carefully safeguard the interests of our customers. Moreover, we frequently do it unknown to them; as opportunities often come to us in confidential ways, and you cannot over-appreciate such consideration.

We are not disposed to overlook the fact that the interests of the Bank and those of the people are closely bound together, and cannot by any means be separated.

This Bank acts as a repository for wills, and safely keeps them till the proper time of surrender. Will also act as the custodian of money or papers left with us in escrow. No charge for these services.

We promptly Letters of Credit for traveling travelers.

We aim to be prompt, progressive and liberal.

In the matter of accommodations, this Bank meets every requirement within the limits of prudent banking.

If you have never been identified with us as a patron, we ask you to consider the advisability of becoming one.

In the early future, we propose adding a novel yet substantial Savings Bank feature to our already progressive institution.

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A good roomy house for \$3.00 per month. Another for \$5.00 Both payable in advance. E. E. HARPER.

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J. J. Wolfenden,

New Bern, N. C. Lodge Directory.

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Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights in each month in Rountree's Hall, Pollock street, at 7:30 o'clock. J. J. Wolfenden, President; R. J. Dismorey, Sec'y; R. R. Hill, Financial Secretary.

To Merchants, Commission Merchants, Liquor Dealers, Liverymen and Hotels.

Office Register of Deeds, Craven County, New Bern, N. C., Dec. 31, 1901.

You are required by law to deliver or return to me, within ten days after the first day of January, in each year, a sworn statement of the amount of gross sales made by you in your business as a vendor or dealer in goods, wares, merchandise, commodities of whatsoever kind or nature, either wholesale or retail for the twelve months, or any part of said time, preceding the first day of January, 1902.

Prompt compliance with the law is earnestly requested, and for failure to do so you will be required to come before the Board of County Commissioners, and furnish the guilty of a misdemeanor.

HERBERT M. GREEN, Register of Deeds.



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The disinfectant that disinfects and deodorizes. We keep on hand a complete stock of Medicines, Toilet Articles, Perfumery, Tooth Brushes, etc. Physicians' Prescriptions a specialty.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of Stockholders of the National Bank of New Bern, N. C.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of its directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at their banking house, on the 2nd Tuesday of January, being the 14th day of January, 1902.

The polls will be opened at 12 o'clock M. to be closed at 1 P. M.

G. H. ROSSNEY, Cashier.

December 19 1901.

Mexican Mustang Liniment



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