THE WATCHMAN AND SOUTHRON, JANUARY 29, 1902.

Panama vs Nicaragua Route.

Report of the Isthmian Canul Commission.

Washington, Jan. 20.-The president sent to Conrgess, with a message simply of transmittal, the supplemental report of the isthmian canal commission, in which it is unanimously recommended that the offer of the new Panama Canal Company, to sell all of eigns equal in rank to the Chinese its rights, property and unfinished work to the United States for \$40,-000,000, be accepted. The senate ordered the report printed in the Congressional Record and also as a document. The report gives in full the correspondence which has passed between the commission and the Panama Canal Company at Paris, which includes a cablegram from the president of the board, dated January 9, as follows:

"The new Panama Canal Company declares that it is ready to accept for the audiences and remained stolid and impassive. Formerly the empethe totality, without exception to its ror replied to the ministers in property and rights on the isthmus, the amount of \$40,000,000, the above what he said. Today he appeared as offer to remain in force up to March 4, 1903.

The report states that the "totality" mentioned in this message included fifty-six parcels of land, amounting to 30,000 acres, which cover nearly all the ground required for the actual construction of the canal. It also includes 2,431 buildings used for officers' quarters, hospitals, store houses, .etc, also an immense amount of machinery, consistingg of floating plant, tugs, dredges, locomotives, cars, etc. It also includes all exacavation work accomplished upon the main canal line, amounting to 36,700,000 cubic yards. The value of the work already done is estimated at \$22,895,028, less contingencies estimated at \$4,579,005; making an aggregate of \$27,44,033. The offer also embraces all of the existing 77,000 shares of the Panama Railroad and Canal Company, except 1.100 shares held by individuals in Europe and the United States. Agianst this property are mortgage bonds amounting to \$3,439,000. Of this amount the Canal Company owns \$871,000. It also holds in the treasury \$1,064,000 subject to slae or cancellation, leaving in the hands of the public \$1,504,000. These bonds bear 4 1-2 per cent interest. There are also outsanding \$996,000 6 per cent sinking fund bonds. The transfer also will include the passenger and freight steamers of 2,000 tons each. The railroad company owns an undivided interest in the islands of Naos, Calebra, Perico and Flamence, in the Bay of Panama, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company being the joint REMARKABLE CURE OF CROUP. owner. Besides its right of way, terminals, wharves and considerable areas of land, it owns nearly the whole of the town of Colon, the houses there being constructed under leases. Summing up the commission finds the

value of the property to be as follows

TWENTY-ONE KILLED.

A Terrible Mine Disaster at Lost Creek, Iowa.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Jan. 24.-As the result of a terrible mine disaster at Lost Creek this afternoon 21 dead are in an improvised morgue, and eight are in a temporary hospital.

The explosion occurred at the noon hour and is what is known as a "dust" explosion. The miners had just fired their usual noon shots, one of which proved to be a fizzle. The burning powder ignited the gas and the explosion followed. Smoke and debris were blown out of the shaft 200 feet high. Part of the top works was torn away and the fans and cages were partially wrecked. This made the work-of rescue very slow and it was 3 o'clock before volunteer parties dared to venture into the east entrance, where the explosion occurred. When they found their way in a horrbile sight greeted them. The dead and injured were terribly burned and mutilated, some of them almost beyond recognition. Fire which at first was feared would prove destructive to the entire mine had broken out and this added terror to the spectacle. The flames were finally controlled and after several of the rescue party had succumbed to the fumes all the dead were found and carried to the top of the shaft. At the time of the explosion more than 100 men were in the mines, but all of these, except those in the east entry, escaped with only slight injury. The total property damage will be about \$10,000.

It was nearly dark tonight when the last of the dead was taken out, and the scenes of anguish among the families of the men were most pitiful. Nearly all of the men were married and leave families in poor circumstances. The mine is owned by the Lost Creek Fuel company of this city and has been in operation about one vear.

Danish West India Islands Bought. It is Said That \$5,000,000 Was institutions wisely regulated, it is certhe Price Paid.

Washington, Jan. 24.-The treaty of cession of the Danish West India islands from Denmark to the United States was signed at the state department today by Secretary Hay and Constantine Brun. the Danish minister. The treaty will be submitted to the senate for ratification immediately. Following the invariable rule in such cases, the state department officials decline to make public any of the details of the treaty, so that it is not possible to state positively the price. to be paid, though this is believed to be in the neighborhod of \$5,000,000. It is also is known that Denmark has abandoned the position she was innot praise it enough. I bought a bottle clined to occupy toward the conservaof it from A E Steere of Goodwin, S D, tion of the political rights of the island when I got home with it the poor and, and leaves the United States free

CAUSTIC GERSTER.

Comment the Singer Made on a Kiss That Patti Received.

While the rivalry between Patti and Gerster in San Francisco in 1884 was at its height it was made known that General Crittenden, governor of Missouri, had given Patti a kiss. Thereupon Mme. Patti was interviewed, when she spoke as follows:

"I had just finished singing 'Home, Sweet Home,' last Thursday evening when a nice looking old gentleman, who introduced himself as Governor Crittenden, began congratulating me. All of a sudden he leaned down, put his arms around me, drew me up to him and kissed me. He said. 'Mme. Patti, I may never see you again, but I cannot help it,' and before I knew it he was kissing me. When a gentleman, and such a nice old gentleman, too, and a governor of a great state, kisses one so quick that one has not time to see and no time to object, what can one do?"

The following dialogue on the subject between Mme. Gerster and a reporter who had interviewed her was afterward published:

Modest Reporter-I suppose, Mme. Gerster, you have heard about that kissing affair between Governor Crittenden and Patti?

Mme. Gerster-I have heard that Governor Crittenden kissed Patti before she had time to resist, but I don't see anything in that to create so much fuss.

Modest Reporter (interrogatively)-You don't?

Mme. Gerster-Certainly not. There is nothing wrong in a man kissing a woman old enough to be his mother .-Argonaut.

A Mediæval Psychologist. Professor Munsterberg of Harvard, whose specialty is psychology, relies to some extent on the point of a good story in enforcing his positions in abstract demonstration. He has one on the association of ideas that will illustrate. A mediæval magician-more accurately called "fakir" nowadays-announced that he bad invented and had for sale a magic pot. If certain rather common stones were mixed and placed in the pot, with a certain portion of water, and the whole shaken diligently for an hour, the stones would turn to gold provided that during the hour the operator should not think of a hippopotamus. The fakir sold a great many for fabulous sums, and not one of the purchasers ever demanded a return of the money. The fakir knew his business. He was in advance of his age in psychology, in his skill in permanently fixing in his customer's minds the association of that old pot and a hippopotamus.-Boston Herald.

ITALIAN VIOLINS.

Whiting. All whitings are made from chalk. The more common preparations sometimes contain considerable gritty matter, which scratches highly polished surfaces. These coarse particles may be removed in this manner: Mix the whiting with water to a paste and then add water until it is very thin. Strain through cheesecloth and let the strained mixture settle. Pour off the water and dry the whiting.

A Financial View.

Eustacia-I knew that man was a physician by the way in which he shook hands-his tender, delicate, considerate touch.

Edgar-Yes, of course; that's his five dollar touch .- Detroit Free Press.

A Mean Man.

"He is the most inconsiderate man. I understand." "How?"

"He refuses to give his wife any grounds on which to get a divorce with alimony."-Chicago Post.

Sweeping.

"I was just telling my daughter," said Mrs. Nexdore. "that it's a shame of her to play the piano on Sunday." "Huh!" exclaimed Mrs. Pepprey.

"Why Sunday especially?"

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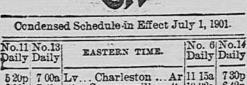
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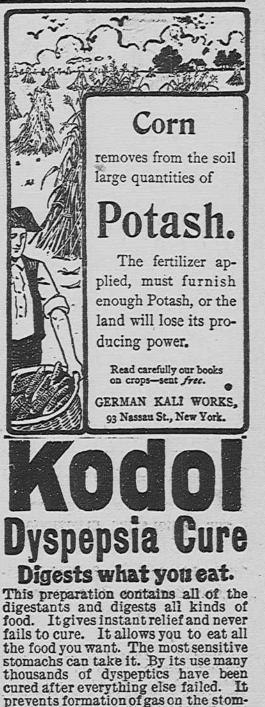
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Add 10 per cent to cover commis-sions, \$3,639,668. Total, \$40,000,000. The estimated cost of constructing the Nicaragua Canal is \$45,630,704 more than the cost of completing the Panama Canal. The estimated annual cost of maintenance and operation is \$1,300,000 greater at Nicaragua than at Panama. The Panama route would be 139.6 miles shorter than the Nicaragua route, from sea to sea, with fewer locks and less curvature, both in degrees and miles. The estimated time for a deep duraft vessel to press through the Nicaragua Canal was cial situation during the past week. placed at 30 hours, as against 12 hours for Panama, these estimtes being the accentuated as a rule, active manufactime of actual navigation and not in- turing plants becoming still more buscluding delays for winds, currents or darkness. If the passsage were made dency of prices was not checked. Re without interruption about a day tail trade is of immense volume, and could be saved by the Nicaragua over jobbers have immense spring orders to the Panama route by ordinary steamers fill. Western cities send the most sathandling commerce between our Paci- isfactory returns, but nearly all secfic ports and all Atlantic ports, and tions are enjoying wholesome activity, about two days by steamers of the even the south showing evidence of same class trading between our Gulf | improvement. Wages were voluntarily ports and North Pacific ports. The advanced at a number of manufactur-time advantage of the Nicaragua route ing plants, hours reduced at others. would be less in the case of fast, high-powered steamers, the use of which is while skilled workmen are in greater increasing. Between Atlantic ports and the west coast of South America the Panama route has the advantage of about two days, and between Gulf ports and the west coast of South America the Panama route has the advantage of about one day. The trade of the western coast of South America is a very important one, which has hitherto been in European hands. The offer received from the new Pana-ma Canal Company to convey all its tracts for office buildings, factories, property, including all its interest in track elevation, bridges and other conthee Panama Railroad to the United structive work. Staes. will make the estimated cost of the two canals as follows:

\$134,203,358.

the land now held by both the Panama Canal Company and the Panama Railroad Company, which covers nearexpensive.

The advantages of the two canal routes have been restated according to the findings of the former report. for staple products. There is no There has been no change in the views longer the reekless bouyancy so conof the commission with reference to spicnous a short time ago. Disaster any of the conclusions then reach to one prominent operator had a calmed, but the new proposition submitted by the new Panama Canal Company makes a reduction of nearly seventy milli a dellars in the cost of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama, according to the estimates contained in stocks on plntations being refuted by the former report.

The report concludes as follows: ditions that now exist, and all the year. facts and circumstances upon which its present judgment must be based, the commission is of the opinion that "the practicable and feasible route" for an isthmian canal, to be "under the control, management and ownership of the United States," is that known as the Panama route."

The report is signed by the entire commission.

baby could hardly breathe. I gave the hand to deal with them, without sure he was going to choke to death. We had to pull the phlegm out of his mouth in great long strings. I am positive that if I had not got that bottle of cough medicine, my boy would not be on earth to day.—Joel Demont, Inwood, Iowa. For sale by Dr A J China.

LECTURED THE SON OF HEAVEN.

Ministers of Foreign Powers Re-

ceived as Representatives of a

Sovereign Equal in Rank to

Chinese Emperor.

Peking, Jan. 23 .- The ministers of

the foreign powers here have attained the goal which has been their aim

since intercourse between China and

the powers began. They have been

received as representatives of sover-

The audiences yesterday between the emperor and the ministers were

held in the innermost large hall of the

Forbidden City. The emperor sat on a dais behind a table. There were

four princes at the back of his chair

The dowager empress was concealed

by a screen, according to the stories

of the attendants, and remained invis-

The emperor was silent throughout

Manhcu, and the princes interpreted

an automaton, and the secretaries of

the foreign ministers who were

present, report that he looked weaker,

less intellectual and more childish

than prior to the siege of the legations.

Sir Ernest Satow, the British repre-

"My august sovereign has charged

sentative, made the following address:

me to express to your majesty his

sincere desire to see the independence

and the integrity of the Chinese empire maintained intact and that the

prosperity of the Chinese people may

be hastened by the removal of ob-

stacles to the free exchange of commo-

dies, by the extension of manufac-

tures and by the utilization of the re-

"If under the enlightened rule of

your majesty, the barriers which in

mutually advantageous intercourse of

China with the rest of the world be

completely removed and her domestic

tain that China, advancing along the

path of progress, will attain to a

height of prosperity unknown in the

The ministers of the foreign powers

entered the Forbidden City at the

main gate, leaving their military es-

corts outside. At the second gate

they entered yellow chairs, like those

furnished for the princes and secre-

taries. They walked through the inner

courts of the Forbidden City and their

cortege retired from the city by the

A LITTLE BOY'S LIFE SAVED.

I have a few words to say regarding

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It saved

my little boy's life and I feel that I can-

past hindered the free and

sources of the soil.

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past."

east gate.

and a dozen officials at each side.

emperor.

DUN'S WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

New York, Jan. 24.--R. G. Dun & Co's. Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Little of a novel nature has deveolped in the business or finan-Conditions of the preceding week were ily engaged while the downward ten-

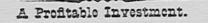
demand than supply. Conditions in the iron and steel industry are shown by record-breaknig production at many plants and rapid increase of facilities at others. When orders for rails cannot be taken because deilvery is desired before the last quarter of the year, it would seem that new figures of output were assured for 1902. Structural mills are

Textile markets are quiet, although reports of the jobbing trade are most Nicaragua, \$189,864,062: Panama, favorable except at some southern 134.253,358. Cotton mills are busy as a The transfer would give title to all rule, but uncertainty as to the future of the raw material tends to unsettled prices. Specialties have been put on the market with a fair degree of sucly all lands required for the construc-tion of the canal. The land held by private parties at Nicaragua must be acquired and its acquisition may prove expensive. Home buying of fine yarn goods in-creases. Print cloths are nominally 3 cents and scarce for near delivery.

Hesitation is general in the markets ing influence, and in the case of corn the insignificant exports cannot well be entirely ignored.

Cotton is not receiving the support anticipated, reports of exhausted undiminished reciepts. Failures for the week number 301 in

"After considering the changed con- the United States against 306 last



"I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half my time," says E Demick, Somerville, Ind. "I spent about \$1,000 and never could get anything to help me until I tried Kodol Progress of aerial navigation in 1901. Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken a few bot- Complete United States Census. tles and am entirely well." Yon don't live Anarchist statistics of the United

medicine as directed every ten minutes pledge of American citizenship or of until he "threw up" and then I thought free trade privileges. So it is assumed that the status of the Danish West India islands, politically and commercially, should the treaty be ratified, will be similar to that of Puerto Rico.

The treaty itself does not contain any reference to a plebiscite, but the Danish government has given notice that before it ratifies the treaty, it will submit the question of cession to the people of the islands. "Not much objection is expected here from these people, for the treaty is so framed that they are not called upon to surrender their Danish allegiance and they may remian Danes in fact and 'in name while enjoying whatever advantages in a commercial way may result from a transfer of the islands to the United States.

Children Especially Liable.

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A Little Book of Great Importance.

Do you ever wish for a book that can be relied upon to answer correctly all the little questions and knotty problems that present themselves day by day-a book that will quickly decide all arguments on all subjects? The 1902 World Almanac and Encyclopedia, which is now ready, is eaxctly this kind of book. It takes the same position in the world of facts and figures as does the dictionary in the world of words.

This little volume contains over 600 pages of well-printed agate type, every line containing some fact that you will sooner or later want to look

The World Almanac should occupy a prominent place in every progressive American household. The 1902 edition is more complete than vny of the former ones. It contains facts on many subjects that have recently been brought to the public notice and which every up-to-date person should have at his fingers' ends.

Among the features of the 1902 Almaanc are:

The millionaires of the United States-a list giviang the names of nearly 4,000 Americans who posses over \$1,000,000. The great American been doing for so long. A bill was introduced in Congress yesterday to trusts: full partciulars of 163 leading industrial organizations. Organized labor, enlarged statistics of the strength of labor unions and the present condition of the labor movement. The Nicaragua Canal and the Hay Pauncefote treaties with Great Britain.

The First "Strad" Sent to London Could Find No Purchaser.

Italian violins have not always held the supremacy they now enjoy. It was not indeed till the beginning of the nineteenth century that they came into vogue to any extent outside their native land. Previously Jacob Steiner (1621-S3) was the favorite maker, and his high model had been almost exclusively copied by his fellow Germans and the different makers in France and England. When the elder Corvetto. who had been a merchant before enter-ing the musical profession, came to London, in 1738, he brought with him some instruments by Stradivari. The result of this endeavor to introduce Italian work into England fills one with pathetic wonder. It is almost beyond belief. As he could not get as much as sively copied by his fellow Germans belief. As he could not get as much as £5 (\$25) for a violoncello he was obliged to send the instrument back to Italy for a bad speculation. Five pounds for a "Strad." and not a single purchaser to be found!

This incident in itself furnishes sufi cient testimony to the slavish following of the great German maker and the strong prejudice of the violinists of that period in favor of the high model It is indeed the players who are most to blame for the slow adoption of the flat model, for the creator must make what is necessitated by the demand: but the eighteenth century fiddlers, at any rate in England. France and Germany, seem for the most part to have been content that their violins should possess a small sweet tone, never real izing the lack of power and sonority .-Connoisseur.

A Model Child.

Dickie-Pa, wers you a gooder boy'n me when you were as little as me? Father-Yes, indeed, Dickie. I was always a very good boy, but somehow or other I had a great many serious and painful misunderstandings with my parents .- Detroit Free Press.

The Boy Who Wins the Day. When two boys start out in life, one with a copy of "Winning His Way" in his pocket and the other with a piece of natural elementary hustle in his head, the latter usually comes in first To at the post.-Washington Times.

Persons who really wish to become angels should make a start in that direction while they are yet mortals:-Notional Magazine

The rural letter carriers are already agitating for the increase of their salaries, just as the city carriers have raise their pay from the present rate of \$500 to \$600 for the fiscal year, \$660 for the second and \$720 for the third. A pay of \$60 month for the rural population will make the places eager-ly sought after, and will be an effective step on the road to the \$1,500 salary which Chairman Loud predicts will eventually be the pay of all letter carriers.-Courier-Journal.

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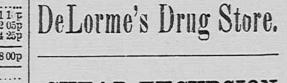
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ish all and singular the kindred and cred-

itors of the said July O'Cantey, late

