

Panama vs Nicaragua Route.

Report of the Isthmian Canal Commission.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The president sent to Congress, 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 its rights, property and unfinished work to the United States for \$40,000,000, be accepted.

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.

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.

Against 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 sale or cancellation, leaving in the hands of the public \$1,504,000.

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 offer received from the new Panama Canal Company to convey all its property, including all its interest in the Panama Railroad to the United States, will make the estimated cost of the two canals as follows: Nicaragua, \$153,864,062; Panama, \$134,233,358.

The transfer would give title to all the land now held by both the Panama Canal Company and the Panama Railroad Company, which covers nearly all lands required for the construction of the canal.

LECTURED THE SON OF HEAVEN.

Ministers of Foreign Powers Received 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.

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 and a dozen officials at each side.

The emperor was silent throughout the audiences and remained stolid and impassive. Formerly the emperor replied to the ministers in Manchu, and the princes interpreted what he said.

The ministers of the foreign powers entered the Forbidden City at the main gate, leaving their military escorts outside. At the second gate they entered yellow chairs, like those furnished for the princes and secretaries.

REMARKABLE CURE OF CROUP.

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 cannot praise it enough.

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 developed in the business or financial situation during the past week.

Conditions in the iron and steel industry are shown by record-breaking production at many plants and rapid increase of facilities at others.

Textile markets are quiet, although reports of the jobbing trade are most favorable except at some southern points. Cotton mills are busy as a rule, but uncertainty as to the future of the raw material tends to unsettle prices.

Failures for the week number 301 in the United States against 306 last year. A Profitable Investment. "I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half my time," says E. Demick, Somerville, Ind.

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.

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.

Danish West India Islands Bought.

It is Said That \$5,000,000 Was the 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.

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 neighborhood of \$5,000,000.

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.

Children Especially Liable.

Burns, bruises and cuts are extremely painful and if neglected often result in blood poisoning. Children are especially liable to such mishaps because not so careful.

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 World Almanac should occupy a prominent place in every progressive American household. The 1902 edition is more complete than any 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.

CAUSTIC GERSTER.

Comment the Singer Made on a Kiss That Patti Received.

While the rivalry between Patti and Gerster in San Francisco in 1834 was at its height it was made known that General Crittenden, governor of Missouri, had given Patti a kiss.

"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, 'Mine, 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 Medieval 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.

ITALIAN VIOLINS.

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.

This incident in itself furnishes sufficient 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.

A Model Child.

Dickie—Pa, were 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 at the post.—Washington Times.

Persons who really wish to become angels should make a start in that direction while they are yet mortals.—National Magazine.

A CURE FOR LUMBAGO.

W. C. Williamson of Amherst, Va., says: "For more than a year I suffered from lumbago. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave entire relief, which all other remedies had failed to do." Sold by Dr. A. J. China.

Whiting.

All whittings are made from chalk. The more common preparations sometimes contain considerable gritty matter, which scratches highly polished surfaces.

A Financial View.

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

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."

TO THE BOOKKEEPER:

Do you want a flat-opening, patent, flexible-back Ledger, Journal or Day Book? We can supply your needs in these particulars,

And also all other needs in the way of Blank Books, Office Supplies and Stationery. We buy direct from the manufacturers; our prices are right and quality guaranteed.

H. G. OSTEN & CO. Liberty St.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.



Condensed Schedule in Effect July 1, 1901.

Table with columns: No. 11, No. 13, Daily, EASTERN TIME, No. 6, No. 14, Daily. Lists train routes and times between various stations like Charleston, Summerville, etc.

Atlanta and Beyond.

Table with columns: Station, Time. Lists routes from Atlanta to Savannah, Lexington, etc.

To Washington and the East.

Table with columns: Station, Time. Lists routes from Washington to various southern cities.

Corn Potash advertisement. Includes illustration of a person and text: 'Corn removes from the soil large quantities of Potash. The fertilizer applied, must furnish enough Potash, or the land will lose its producing power.'

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure advertisement. Includes text: '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.'

J. S. HUGHSON & CO. Land Surveying advertisement. Includes text: 'I WILL GIVE prompt attention to all calls for surveying and platting lands.'

THE BANK OF SUMTER, SUMTER, S. C. City and County Depository. Includes text: 'Capital stock paid in \$75,000.00. Undivided surplus, 18,000.00.'

TURNIP SEED, Onion Sets-leading varieties. Includes text: 'Also assortment of Garden Seeds. Havana Segars. Large line of fine Havana Segars.'

Toilet Articles. A choice line of Toilet and Fancy Goods to which attention is invited at DeLorme's Drug Store.

CHEAP EXCURSION SCHEDULE. LEAVE ARRIVE LEAVE. N. C. C. 1 50. S. T. C. 2 00. O. H. G. 2 50. Today on all Fine Whiskey.

Special Low Rates. N. C. Corn Whisky \$1.50 per gal. Silver Top Corn Whisky 2.00. Pride of N. C. Corn Whisky 2.50.

E. A. LACKEY, Hamlet, N. C. dov 20-3m. The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER. By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said July O'Caney, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter C. H., on Jan. 26th, 1902, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.