

AT PANAMA.

Work Progressing on the Big Dam and Other Main Features. The work on the locks and dams at Panama has taken such shape that it is now possible to see something of their form.

Preparatory to the installation of pipeline dredges, by which more rapid work on the dams will be possible, the Charges River has been diverted from its main channel and dammed.

The general features, designs and details of the Gatun and other locks have been worked out, together with the general type and number of lock gates to be used.

Cost of Living in 1906. A summary of the report just sent to the printer by the United States Bureau of Labor, of which Charles P. Neill is the head, covering the year 1906, shows that the prices of food were generally higher during every month of that year than in the corresponding month of 1905.

The report deals also with the question of wages for manual workers, and gives figures showing that the advance in wages per hour over the preceding year was greater than the advance in the retail prices of food.

Open War Has Broken Out Between the so-called grain trust and the farmers of the Middle West. The farmers say they have paid \$1,000,000 a year tribute to the grain trust, and have been organizing, until now co-operative elevators are in operation all over Iowa and are being extended into Minnesota and Nebraska.

Why American Marriages Fail. Again a woman is finding fault with American wives and complaining of the failure of American marriages. This time it is Anna A. Rogers in the Atlantic Monthly, who says that "the excessive education and excessive physical cooing of young women" and their devotion to physical culture and sports, has evolved a hybrid feminine who is a cross between a magnified, rather unmanly boy and a spoiled, exacting creature who sincerely loves herself alone.

From Far and Near. A thousand dock laborers are on strike at Galveston, Texas. Traffic on the Southern Pacific is tied up.

Miss Helen Williams of Allegheny, Pa., was killed and four other persons were injured in an automobile accident in Pittsburgh.

William A. Culp, aged 24, awaiting trial for the death of his brother, Floyd C. Culp, last July at Turtle Creek, Pa., committed suicide in the county jail at Pittsburgh by hanging himself, using his suspenders as a rope.

Dr. Longstaffe, who is mountaineering in the Himalayas with two guides and a Gurkha officer has reached the summit of Triulzi, 28,400 feet. This is the record for the Himalayas.

OKLAHOMA GOES DRY.

Election Returns from New State Indicate Success of Prohibition. Oklahoma has ratified the enabling act and become a State so far as Oklahoma and Indian Territory are concerned.

All of the elements of a national campaign were at hand in the canvass. Secretary of War Taft was the chief representative of the Republican side and William J. Bryan was brought in to answer Secretary Taft and to lead the Democratic fight for the constitution and the Democratic ticket.

NEW CHARTER BEATEN.

Chicago's Proposed Measure Is Defeated Two to One. Chicago's proposed new charter was defeated at the polls Tuesday by a vote of more than two to one.

Knowledge had hardly been obtained that the charter was dealt that a movement was on foot to secure another instrument that will contain the good features of the defeated measure while holding none of the alleged defects that led the voters to turn it down.

The ward gerrymander, too, undoubtedly played an important part in the defeat. The political aspect it gave to the charter led many an independent voter to show his resentment by marking an adverse ballot.

STANDARD OIL PROFITS.

Earnings from 1899 to 1906 Show to Be \$400,315,934. Sensational disclosures regarding the fabulous earnings of Standard Oil were brought out in New York at the hearing in the suit of the United States government to dissolve the corporation.

Mr. Fay was also forced to admit that in 1899 the profits were nearly \$80,000,000 instead of \$34,000,000 as set forth on the books of the company. The Standard Oil managed to cover up its great earnings in that year by deliberately failing to credit the earnings of nineteen subsidiary companies that contributed vast sums to the parent corporation.

Blasting on Japanese Ship. Twenty-seven men killed by explosion on the Japanese battleship Kashima by the explosion of powder after target practice near Kure.

Photographing Thoughts. Dr. Hippolyte Barthelemy, a noted French physician, has recently published a series of photographs purporting to represent different thoughts or prayers, thus offering some confirmation to the theories of the Theosophists.

Land Swindlers Sentenced. Judge De Haven in the Federal District Court of San Francisco has sentenced John A. Benson and E. D. Perrin, leaders in extensive California land frauds against the government, each to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.

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THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



1402—English defeated the Scots at Homelund Hill.

1504—Columbus took final leave of the New World and sailed for Spain.

1609—Henry Hudson discovered the river which bears his name.

1640—Lord Stirling, to whom James I. gave a large section of what is now the United States and Canada, died in London.

1645—Covenanters defeated Montrose at Philiphaugh.

1742—Faneuil Hall completed and presented to the town of Boston.

1759—Wolfe landed troops at Quebec.

1775—Gen. Washington began to commission war vessels.

1778—Benjamin Franklin sent to France as minister plenipotentiary.

1781—Gen. Washington arrived at Williamsburg and assumed command.

1782—Congress accepted the offer of Virginia's western lands.

1788—Connecticut deeded western land to Congress.

1788—Congress made New York the capital city of the United States.

1789—Alexander Hamilton became Secretary of the Treasury.

1789—Henry Knox of Massachusetts became Secretary of War.

1803—Lord William Downs appointed chief justice of Ireland.

1814—Battle of Plattsburgh, N. Y. British made an unsuccessful attack on Baltimore.

1814—British abandoned their expedition against Baltimore.

1829—Treaty of Adrianople, ending war between Russia and Turkey.

1841—Walter Forward of Pennsylvania became Secretary of the United States Treasury.

1846—First Mississippi riflemen, under command of Company I, Jefferson Davis, charged the Mexicans at Fort Teanera.

1847—American army under Gen. Scott marched into the Mexican capital.

1847—Many lives lost in hurricane off Newfoundland.

1850—Jenny Lind first appeared on an American stage at Castle Garden, N. Y.

1850—Alexander H. H. Stuart of Virginia became Secretary of the Interior.

1858—Steamship Austria, Southampton to New York, burned at sea; 471 lives lost.

1861—President Lincoln revoked Gen. Fremont's emancipation order.

1862—Governors of fourteen States met at Altoona, Pa., and approved of emancipation as a war measure.

1862—Gen. McClellan appointed to command the defense of Washington.

1864—Gen. Sherman entered Atlanta, ending the four weeks' siege.

1864—Gen. Sherman ordered all civilians to leave Atlanta.

1869—National Prohibition party organized at a convention in Chicago.

1871—Henry Irving first appeared in "Fanchette" at the London Lyceum.

1871—Mont Cenis tunnel opened.

1872—Alabama claims against England decided in favor of the United States.

1873—Canadian Pacific railway telegraph line opened for business.

1873—Gov. William McKinley of Ohio opened his campaign for re-election with a speech at Akron.

1894—Hinkley and other Minnesota towns swept by forest fires.

1898—British forces defeated the Derwishes at Omdurman.

1906—Emperor of China issued an edict promising constitutional government.

New Life-Restoring Apparatus. E. C. Hall, writing in the August Technical World Magazine, asserts that Prof. George Poe of South Norfolk, Va., is able to restore life to apparently dead animals.

Flouring on a Capital Stock Now Outstanding—\$98,333,332—this is an annual profit of something over 70 per cent. Figure on the basis of the Standard Oil trust, which had a capitalization of \$10,000,000 when it was dissolved and reorganized into the present company without any additional investment on the part of Mr. Rockefeller and his associates.

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IMMUNITY FOR THE ALTON.

In Resenting Star on His Court Standard Oil Is Hit by Landis. Another broadside was directed against the Standard Oil Company by Judge Landis in the United States District Court at Chicago Tuesday.



JUDGE LANDIS.

Mr. Moffett was directed to appear before the special grand jury that was to have investigated the Alton road and "make good" charges made by directors of the New Jersey corporation.

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WU TING FANG RETURNS.

Restoration of Chinese Leader as Minister at Washington. The reappointment of Wu Ting Fang to his former post as minister of China at Washington is reported from Peking.



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GETS A LIFE TERM.

Chicago Jury Convicts Constantine of Murdering Mrs. Gentry. Frank J. Constantine was convicted in Chicago Saturday night of murdering Mrs. Arthur Gentry and his sentence fixed at imprisonment for life.

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Constantine's story on the witness stand was the most dramatic, the most sensational narrative ever recited under oath in a Chicago court.

In the pamphlet, distributed broadcast throughout the country, the Standard Oil Company takes the position that it is being persecuted rather than prosecuted by the government.

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LABOR TROUBLES.

What Secretary Straus Has to Say on Important Subject. Oscar S. Straus, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, has nothing to say concerning the status of the telegraphers' strike, but he expresses himself plainly as not regarding compulsory arbitration as the solution of difficulties between capital and labor.



OSCAR S. STRAUS.

The importance of establishing good relations between capital and labor," he says, "is recognized in all civilized lands. Economic conditions within a country, especially such as arise between industrial forces, have a far reaching effect and are often the cause of embarrassing international relations.

Major Sherman. Major Sherman, the American commander, fought and won the battles of Contreras, Churubusco, El Molino de Rey, Castle of Chapultepec, Vera Cruz, and last the City of Mexico.

By the treaty that closed the Mexican war, a territory over 700 miles north and south and 900 miles east and west, or 630,000 square miles, were ceded to the United States, California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico were added to our national domain.

For these reasons as well as others the 520 survivors of the Mexican war celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the crowning victory of our arms directed by our matchless general, Winfield Scott, under whom we fought and achieved such glorious results.

Candy and Alcohol.

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petite for candy are fundamentally the same, the choice of one or the other indulgence being determined by the temperament of the individual."

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Missouri Pacific Railroad Company claims in court bill that federal and not State authority is in control of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce.

WAR VETERANS CELEBRATE.

Only 520 of Gen. Scott's Mexican War Soldiers Are Still Alive. There are in the entire country just 520 veterans of the Mexican war, and these recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the fall of the City of Mexico in San Francisco.

Major Edwin A. Sherman of Oakland, Cal., is the president of the veterans' association. In speaking of the Mexican war Major Sherman said:

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