

THE NEW PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION.

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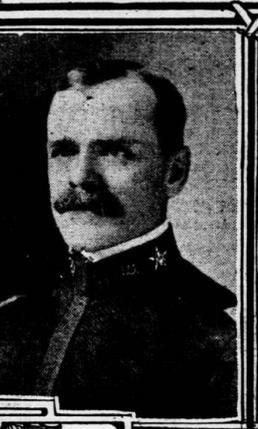
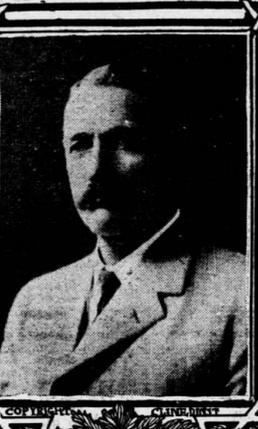
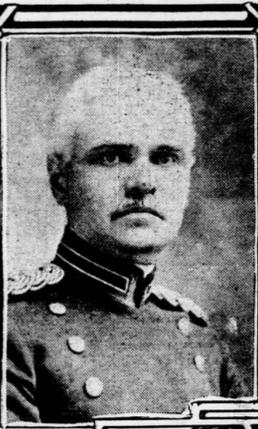


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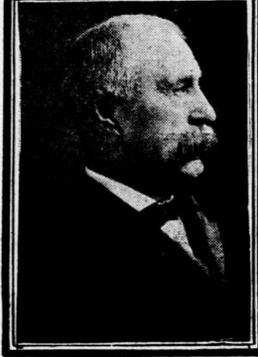
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Great things are expected of the reorganized Isthmian canal commission. As at present constituted it is designed as a practical, working body, and it is confidently predicted that, under its direction, the "dirt will fly" faster and in greater quantities than at any previous period in the history of the great undertaking.

Commission as Now Organized.

The commission as now organized consists of Mr. John F. Stevens, chairman; Lieut. Col. George W. Goethals, Corps of Engineers; Major David DuB. Galliard, Corps of Engineers; Commander H. H. Rousseau, U. S. N.; Col. William C. Gorgas, surgeon, U. S. A.; chief sanitary officer, Mr. Jackson Smith, head of the department of labor and quarters. With the exception of Commander Rousseau, all the members of the commission are now on the Isthmus, prepared to engage in the work intrusted to them.

It is the belief of the administration that if practical results are to be accomplished the work must be done on the Isthmus, and not in Washington. There seems to be no disposition to be other than fair to those gentlemen who were formerly members of the commission, but the President and his advisors have learned several things in connection with the digging of the big ditch since the purchase money was paid down and the organization of the great system was begun.



Ex-Senator Blackburn. (Copyright by Linedist.)



Col. W. m. C. Gorgas.



Jackson Smith.

of army engineers to the job has met with such seemingly universal approval. The army engineer is accustomed to being sent here and there at the will of his superiors. He is in the habit of making the best of things, not of finding fault with every detail that does not exactly meet his ideas and ideals.

Mr. Stevens, who has resigned the position of chief engineer, will remain on the Isthmus a few days longer, in order to assist the army engineers who have been assigned to work on the canal in becoming familiar with current constructive operations. Col. Goethals will succeed him as chief engineer and also as chairman of the commission, and will be the actual administrative head of the commission.

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for several months at a pretty fair rate, but it is the plan under the present idea to recruit the labor strength—whether the ditch is dug by contract or otherwise—up to the maximum and to keep things moving at a lively rate all along the line. It is expected that soon after the new commission gets together on the Isthmus that some improvement will be noted. That is the idea of the President and his advisors, at any rate, and they do not anticipate being disappointed.

The Problem to Be Solved.

One of the problems connected with the work engaging special attention at this time is the construction of test locks at the site of the Gatun dam. It has been represented that the soil at the proposed foundation of these locks is of such an insecure and treacherous nature that it will not be possible to build locks of sufficient strength to withstand the pressure to which they would be subjected.

The detail of army engineers to the Panama canal work has been highly commended by many people interested in the project, as it indicates to them the purpose of the authorities to prosecute the work steadily and continuously, and to avoid, if possible, the embarrassments of the past caused by frequent changes in the organization of the body charged with the work.

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HOW TO CORRECT PROOF.

Few states of bewilderment surpass the condition of mind in which a novice receives his proof sheets. And the experience in these days is not an unusual one. Practically every business man, even those whose efforts with the pen are substantially limited to the occasional advertisement, with their weekly announcements, tracts, pamphlets and sermons; lawyers with their briefs and countless forms pertaining to every branch of the work; physicians with their prescriptions and orders; club women, leaders of leagues, promoters of penitence, social and industrial enterprises

the house and confess they know nothing about the matter and "won't you please fix it up." And yet the entire matter of such constant and practical utility is very easy to understand and easier still to employ when once acquired. As for those whose work is of a professional nature—ministers with their weekly announcements, tracts, pamphlets and sermons; lawyers with their briefs and countless forms pertaining to every branch of the work; physicians with their prescriptions and orders; club women, leaders of leagues, promoters of penitence, social and industrial enterprises

with entertainments, lectures or investments on their hands—all and each at a moment's notice find themselves as much involved in the technicalities of proofreading as though they were professional contributors to papers and magazines or even book makers. One only need stop a moment to contemplate the magnitude and number of the great printing establishments, irrespective of the publishing houses, to obtain some idea of the amount of matter daily being ordered by the general public.

To acquire skill in the use of the proof reader's symbols it is only necessary to become acquainted with the characters, which are in the main self-explanatory. It is, however, much easier to fix the marks in the mind when examined in connection with piece of corrected copy than to do so without. There is nothing new and unexpected about the proof reader's symbols. In fact, every one has no doubt seen them casually in the appendix of large dictionaries, but what one wants is a handy card near at hand or in full view, small enough not to take up much desk room, and just such a card is now ready for distribution by the Evening Star Information Bureau, room 109, Star Building.

Why Farmers Grow Old Early.

From Harper's. Any one who has lived on a farm does not need to be told the reason, for he knows of the strain under which the American farmer lives during the five months of open season. His workday is from 4 or 5 in the morning until 8 or 9 at night, including chores—fifteen to seventeen hours of the hardest kind of physical labor, and every minute of it at high tension, especially during harvest. There comes a period of relaxation, but the time is so short that when he has just enough muscular exercise to keep him in health. Later, the winter season, approaching stagnation, in which he takes on "flesh, gets 'loggy," and then a furious debauch of hard labor through the spring and summer months. No wonder that by forty-five he has had a stroke and "can't stand the heat," or has a "weak back," or his "heart gives out," or a chill "makes him rheumatic," and when you add to this furious muscular strain the fact that the farmer sees his income put in peril and his very home every bad year, so that each unfavorable change in the weather sets his nerves on edge, it can be readily imagined that the real "peaceful country life" is something sadly different from the ideal.

An Ungallant Actor.

From Harper's Weekly. A well-known American actor, who is old enough not to consider himself a matinee idol, was in the city one time in the near past and pleased in a St. Louis hotel a short time ago, when a pretty girl stopped him in the corridor and presented him with a rose, without saying a word. He was more surprised and less pleased to receive a note the following day reminding him of the incident, and asking him to tender the girl the flower two seats at the theater in which he was playing "as a memento of the occasion."

Fear to Admit Identity.

From the Boston Herald. "It's really alarming how hard it is getting to be nowadays to get a person to admit his identity to a stranger," said a business man in a legitimate line which draws me to a middle class of people and those who are on the edge of so-called society. I go to their places of business. Some of them I know by sight. I go up to them and ask if Mr. So-and-so is in, knowing at the time he is the man I am looking for. Half the time he will reply, "No, he's out just now, but I'll take the message."

Pieric Acid for Burns.

From the Chicago Tribune. Put your finger in the fire and it need not burn. Chance led to the discovery of a remedy which instantly will cause burns to cease from being painful and also causes injured flesh to heal with miraculous speed. Dr. Thierry, a physician in the Paris Charity Hospital, was in the habit of using pieric acid as an antiseptic, so that his hands were impregnated with the solution. One day in lighting a cigarette he dropped a portion of the burning match in his hand, but instead of feeling it he noticed not the slightest pain.

Faint Hearted Modern Lovers.

From the Ottawa Citizen. The average modern young man cares only for "tame rabbit courting." He labors under some new-fangled delusion that it is undignified to woo unless you're more than half sure of winning. Naturally, the sport is dull both to pursuer and pursued. The dainty art of courtship is nearly forgotten.

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Early Northwest Voyages. From the Ontario. Beginning with the American discoveries of John Cabot in 1497, the search for the northwest passage was for many years the object of rival expeditions from Denmark, England, France and Portugal. It was Frobenius, however, who in 1576-78 first gave a distinct national character to the quest. John Davis of Davis Strait followed in three voyages, 1585-88, and then, in 1612, came the illustrious and hapless Henry Hudson, whose motto was that explorers should "achieve what they had undertaken or else give reasons wherefore it will not be."

Evils in High Hats. From the Philadelphia North American. A French physician has been making experiments to prove that the wearing of high hats is injurious. They cause an abnormal temperature in the head. To carry out his tests he has had thermometers inserted in the crowns of the high hats of a number of his friends, and also carried one in his own hat. The observations he made of the records of his own thermometer were borne out almost invariably by those in the hats of his friends.

Motor Bus. From the London Chronicle. The age of hurry appears to have aged the motor omnibus, and we learn that many scores of them are resting—having started life, as it were, too young. Dividends are obnoxious, and to the average waiter for the motor omnibus its temporary decrepitude is sinking. A night or two ago this writer waited (with a wife who is adamant against the horse-omnibus) for twenty minutes at a point where there is supposed to be a five-minute service. But from all eternity, one supposes, the omnibuses came in flights—like sea gulls pecking and squabbling. One would welcome a certain regularity.

Winter's Herring Catch. From the Ottawa Citizen. The Canadian commercial agent at St. John's, reporting to the trade and commerce department, says that the total catch of winter herring in Newfoundland was valued at \$422,144, of which the catch of American vessels represented \$288,506, and of the Canadian and Newfoundland vessels \$133,548, an increase on the part of the latter and a decrease for the Americans, as compared with previous years.

Queen Helen's Courage. From the London Telegraph. A little hunting incident of which Queen Helena of Italy was the heroine has leaked out some days after the event. She accompanied the king to Castle Porziano to shoot. The weather was intensely cold, so a big bonfire was built, around which the royal party gathered.