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THE NICARAGUA CANAL PROSPECTS BRIGHTENING.

It is reported from Washington that the secretary of state has been energetically at work in a design to straighten out the Nicaragua canal difficulties...

and bring the government more closely in rapport with that great enterprise.

It is hinted that Cleveland is desirous to atone for his unfriendly action when he withdrew from the senate, in 1885, the Nicaragua canal treaty, under which the work could have been prosecuted with the inestimable prestige of the government behind it.

This action of Cleveland has always been looked upon as an impolitic one in view of the importance of the canal to American interests, and it is now averred that the activity of the state department on the subject is somewhat in the character of an atonement for the mistake made eight years ago.

It is also said that the state department has accurate information on the rumors current that unless something be done speedily by our government foreign capital, with the backing of foreign powers, will try to possess itself of some of the material advantages which our own country and citizens are able to secure under the present concessions.

We are not yet advised of the particular course the state department will pursue at the present juncture; but we are assured in general terms that it will be a brilliant stroke of policy.

Let us hope that it will be not only a brilliant one but one of practical effects. It would be a most disastrous consummation, if the company's present embarrassments, due more to the want of sympathy on the part of our government than to anything else, should be taken advantage of by foreign capital so as to leave the United States in the position towards this canal that France finds herself towards the Suez canal.

It is a plain business proposition that the great advantages to accrue to this country from the opening of the Nicaragua canal should not be lost to our country by any neglect on our part.

It is essentially an American project, in which the interests of American commerce as well as the permanent interest of our geographical situation demand that we should not only assert but maintain control of the best and most practical inter-oceanic route of ship communication on the continent.

The public will anxiously await the developments which the state department will make upon this very important subject.

THE VANDERBILT EXAMPLE.

That the late William H. Vanderbilt did, on a certain occasion, give vent to an anathema upon his fellow countrymen—"the public be d—d," is a matter of public record that his heirs, executors and assigns could not successfully contradict, even were they so disposed.

But there was much to admire in the character of him who blasphemed the populace. He came to New York with no experience in the battle of life, beyond that of a Staten Island farmer. Inducted into railroading by his astute and clear-headed father, he gave the American people the best balanced and most uniformly excellent train service they have so far been able to enjoy in return for their money.

And there was another thing for which Mr. Vanderbilt was to be admired. It was his intense love for everything that was American. He saw other men who were his superiors in education, if not in wealth, running wild after European titles and half crazy to marry their daughters off to some bankrupt prince or blackleg peer, with a ready-made family and a backlog of gambling debts. So his love of American character led him to slam the door in the face of these titled paupers, that he might preserve his family circle free from their contamination.

Not a title is to be found among the Vanderbilt girls. They wedded not only men of good American families, but men who had proven their fitness to manage their wives' fortunes by accumulating considerable fortunes of their own.

In Offenbach's sparkling little opera, the Princess of Trebizonde, the comedy of the piece turns upon the fact that a title and a villa are to be raffled off; and a clown who runs an acrobatic show and has a collection of "wacks fliggers" as Artemus Ward would have put it, draws the villa and the title for the price of an admission ticket.

Many of our millionaires have had a similar experience in the lottery of life. They were clowns enough to go after a title and won without realizing that in this game they were the only losers after all.

Look over the list of American girls that have married titled foreigners and how many happy marriages do you find among them? About enough to count on your thumbs. Recollect pretty Jenny Holladay, who married that unrepentable maccaroni, Count Pourtales. She had not been eight months under ground when he married a woman with a blotched reputation because she had money. Then there was Lord Herbert Mandeville who wedded a beautiful New York girl and deserted her for a variety hall singer. And so you could go on till you come to the latest one, Princess Colonna, granddaughter of the Downsville barber, Dan Hungerford. She is the latest addition to the European colony of American miseries.

And still the mad search for titles goes on from year to year, regardless of the painful experiences of poor Eva Mackay. Nelly Grant and the score of American girls whose weddings were a fate worse than death. The "fanceral baked meats" could not have followed "the marriage festival," in most of these cases, one day too soon.

Looking all the ground over without

prejudice, on one way or the other, the man of American ideas must feel a secret admiration for the deceased Vanderbilts. He married his daughters in his head and he kept it where it did the most good. He married his daughters to American gentlemen, rejoicing in the honest prefix of "Mister," and therefore had no cause for regret in the premises. There have been no divorces in the Vanderbilt family, nor are there likely to be. The foundation of the fourth generation of that family has been well laid, and there was nothing but plain common sense at the bottom of it. Still there are many American millionaires who find the Vanderbilts example very hard to imitate, and more's the pity.

DISASTER ON THE SAN JOAQUIN.

Two Large River Steamers in Collision.

The Leader Runs Into and Is Sunk by the J. D. Peters.

Sixty Insane Patients on the Wrecked Vessel All Safely Rescued—Rare Presence of Mind of the Attendants.

By the Associated Press.

ANTIOCH, Cal., Dec. 12.—About 10 o'clock last evening the river steamer Leader was run into by the steamer J. D. Peters and sunk. The Leader was coming down the river with 60 male insane patients, in charge of Dr. Harsholt, en route from Stockton to the asylum at Ukiah, and a cargo of freight, consisting of 12 horses, 400 sheep and a quantity of produce and general merchandise. When the Leader was struck the insane were immediately released and all saved themselves by climbing into the Peters. The horses were driven overboard and swam ashore, but the sheep went down with the steamer. The insane were transferred from the Peters to the steamer Mary Garrett and taken back to Stockton.

HOW THE DISASTER OCCURRED.

STOCKTON, Dec. 12.—The collision between the steamers J. D. Peters and Leader occurred 100 yards below Pittsburg landing, and five miles from Antioch. The Leader was hugging the port bank and was moving rapidly with the strong ebb tide, at the rate of 10 miles an hour. The Peters, under the command of J. F. Peterson, who was also in the pilot-house, Pilot J. M. Andrews of the Peters blew one whistle and the Leader answered and gave two for the Peters to go to the left. Both steamers were hugging the same bank. The Peters then gave a single whistle, and as it was impossible for the Leader then to take the other bank her pilot rang the bells to back her and gave three whistles for the Peters to stop and back. The Peters crashed into the Leader on her starboard side, between the bow and the hurricane deck. The patients were removed, many without their clothing, to the hurricane deck and from there to the Peters. The Peters has two holes in her bow, one large enough for a small boy to crawl into. Tarpsauls were nailed over the breaks and the steamer arrived here at 10:30 with considerable water in her hold. Four hundred sheep and a lot of rye and potatoes went down with the Leader.

THE PATIENTS WELL-MANAGED.

The Leader left here yesterday afternoon. The patients were got on board without difficulty. At the time the start was made the patients were behaving very well, and there was no prospect of any difficulty on the way to Tiburon, which was the Leader's destination. The Leader was struck amidships by the Peters, which stove a tremendous hole in her side. The injured steamer began sinking at once. The patients were rescued by the attendants behaved with wonderful presence of mind. The patients were sleeping in the forward cabin, though many of them, as is the case with such unfortunate ones, were not able to sleep and had not made any attempt to get out. The attendants were not allowed to sleep, and they were ready to assist in the disembarkation. The patients gave no trouble, none of them seemed to clearly realize the danger of the situation. None of them made any effort to resist the attendants. Scarcely two minutes had passed before the patients were all safely put aboard the Peters. When the Garrett arrived she took the patients on to Tiburon. Nobody was hurt. The Leader sank within 10 minutes and now lies at the bottom of the river.

AMUSEMENTS.

LOS ANGELES THEATRE.—Chas. L. Davis will be here on Monday with his play Alvin Joslin, which has played with success for nearly 16 years. Mr. Davis wrote it to make people laugh, but it is more than a mere farce. The homely worth and inherent honesty of the Vermont farmer leaves an abiding impression for the better after the laugh which follows his quaint actions or speech has subsided.

Mr. Davis as "Alvin Joslin" is of course all that could be desired and his attractive playmate whose friendship ceases to spur to such demonstration. The plot is simple in itself, but has been elaborated. Alvin Joslin, a Vermont farmer, and Edwin Milton, his nephew, a New York broker, are both married. A stepbrother of Milton's and half uncle of Joslin's dies and leaves much property. It is to go to the nephew in case he don't marry, and if he does, to Joslin in case he don't marry. Both attempt to conceal their marriages and Alvin visits his nephew in New York. The play meets at a kind of adventures and this gives opportunity for the introduction of much good scenery.

LOS ANGELES THEATRE.—The Laughing Girl, a comedy by Mrs. F. Verdenal, will be again given this evening.

Miss Clara Lipman, who plays the leading role, is a very clever and attractive actress and makes the most of her part.

The comedy is preceded by a one-act comedieta of considerable excellence.

Largest Frame Orchard.

The Venturian: It is estimated that at least 3500 acres in San Luis Obispo county will be set out this spring to prunes. One gentleman from the east has recently purchased a large tract of land and has entered into a contract with a prominent horticulturist to cover it entirely with these fruit trees. The prune orchard of Baron von Schroeder in the same county has hitherto been considered the largest in the world, but this new enterprise will throw it into the shade.

The Bear Valley Receptiveness.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 12.—The bond of F. P. Morrison, receiver of the Bear Valley Irrigation company, for \$25,000, was approved by Judge J. N. Noyes, and filed with the county clerk last evening, notwithstanding such Grant Bros. contractors, have sued the company for \$3122.

Burglars Make a Rich Hunt.

NAVA, Cal., Dec. 12.—Burglars entered the home of George Andrews last evening while he was out at a neighbor's and stole over \$700 in cash, a gold watch and other valuables. No clue of them has yet been found.

guests were Misses Anita Carter, Ellen Gray, Jessie Reilly, Grace Huntly, Lottie Humphrey, Pearl Fritz, Hilda Humphrey, Julia Humphrey, Julia Carter, May Smith, Helen Mead, Andrea Sweet, Florence Tucker, Edith Humphrey, Mary Mead, Mattie Hatters, Virginia Blair, Maggie Dutsche, Gertrude Cook, Ethel Bowser, and Masters Sophus Jensen, Frank Gresham, Frank Hart, Geo. Thompson, Lowen Baldwin, Charles Terrie, Fred Vannier, Benny Sweet, Lewis Reed, John De Pancier, Fred De Pancier, Philip Blumer, Ray Sweet, Philip Carter, Irving Hobart and Howard Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Francis gave a delightful dinner party on Tuesday, at their main street residence, in honor of the "festa" of their sister, Miss G. M. Dominguez. The floral decorations were very effective and extremely beautiful, being entirely in white and yellow, the national colors of Spain. The guests were: Rt. Rev. Bishop Francis Mora, Very Rev. Father J. Adam, V. G. Rev. Father Liebens, Mr. and Mrs. George Carson, Mrs. Dolores Watson, Mrs. Anita Dominguez de Guyer, Miss G. M. Dominguez and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Francis.

Mrs. Richard H. Hall has issued cards announcing the wedding reception of her niece, Laura Crowell Browne and Col. Arthur Trumbull Palmer, on Thursday afternoon, from 1 to 3 o'clock at 4 North street, Binghampton New York.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Guiteau announce the engagement of their only daughter, Minnie Barnes Guiteau, to Mr. Ben Johnson, wedding to take place in February, at Immanuel Presbyterian church.

A joint ball will be given at Army hall on the 27th by the Signal corps, companies A, C and F and the band of the Seventh regiment.

Mrs. J. Wiley Wells has cards out for book party to be given on Wednesday next.

BUILDING A RAILROAD.

Enterprising Citizens of Arizona Loosen Their Purse Strings.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 12.—A plan was inaugurated today by several business men in concert with ex-Governor Murphy of the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix railroad, to facilitate the construction of the road and at the same time furnish employment for a large number of laboring men of this vicinity. The plan contemplates a popular subscription to a fund for grading 70 miles out of Phoenix, at a cost of not less than \$500 per mile, the subscribers to be reimbursed by first mortgage bonds of the company at par. Subscriptions have already been opened and the plan is enthusiastically received. Under its terms work is to begin on January 20th, at this end of the line. About 300 men are now employed on the northern end.

WILL START AGAIN.

The Olympia at Santa Barbara for Another Trial Trip.

SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 12.—The Olympia arrived this morning at 8 o'clock, after an uneventful trip down the coast. The officers report clear weather until Point Conception was reached, when they encountered a haze. There is a strong wind at the upper end of the channel, and it threatens to rain. The fog has risen but the sky is overcast. A strong wind is predicted by the local reporter. The cruiser will not attempt to run today. If the weather moderates she will start tomorrow morning.

ALL THE RAGE.

German's Jewelry Establishment on Spring Street.

The Show Windows Continue to Attract Large Crowds—An Enterprise That Will Keep Money Here—No Need to Send Abroad for Presents.

During the present holidays, when all the stores have done their best to make an attractive display, no show-windows in Los Angeles have drawn greater crowds than those of the jewelry and art establishment of M. German, on South Spring street, between Third and Fourth. These windows have presented an exhibit of beautiful and artistic goods, such as can seldom be seen in any other store, including vases of rare elegance and beauty, graceful statuettes, pictures in artistic frames, and a large assortment of fine watches, in case of the most modern and ornate design. Within the spacious store, which has a depth of 150 feet, could be seen, tastefully arranged, longlines of showcases and shelves, covered with these and hundreds of other beautiful articles, for ornamentation of the home, which is calculated to make a splendid fit of the most close-fisted individual.

Such an establishment as this, for which Los Angeles has to thank the enterprise, sagacity and sound business judgment of Mr. German, is of direct benefit to the city, for it is another of the first-class business establishments of Los Angeles, and cannot fail to have the effect of keeping more money in circulation at home which has hitherto gone to San Francisco or the east for its goods.

There is now absolutely no excuse for anyone to send money away for an exquisite piece of jewelry or art work. Here is a stock where such articles may be found in the greatest profusion and at prices which are no higher than are asked in New York. Those who are looking for holiday presents should take the hint.

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ORANGE GROVES FOR SALE.

20 acres, half in Washington Navels, one-fourth in Mediterranean sweets, one-fourth in Valencia Late Oranges and 100 lb. boxes of fruit, require one-third cash down on land and trees, balance paid over 5 years. One variety of oranges grown on 10 acres sold this year at \$1 per box, other variety at \$1.50 per box, and the crop now on the trees is already sold at same rates. When else can you invest your money to bring you so great returns?

10 acres 1 mile from Redlands, all in bearing oranges, \$4,200.

20 acres, oranges and olives, half mile from Redlands, \$12,000.

20 acres, Valencia Late Oranges, all in bearing, \$15,000.

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1 two-story house on Temple street, only 10 minutes' walk from the court house; it is one of the best built houses in the city, plastered and decorated, with good carriage house and stable; the price for 30 days will be, \$750.

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