

THE PANAMA CANAL.

Visiting Congressmen Well Pleased With the Work.

HAVANA, April 3.—The steamer Bluecher arrived here this morning from Colon, having on board Congressman McKinley and his party of guests, including Speaker Cannon.

In regard to the canal Mr. Cannon said: "We'll dig that ditch or bust."

Mr. McKinley said it would do any American good to see the progress of the work and the enterprise of their countrymen.

Congressman Olcott declared the project highly feasible, especially with such energy as now is being displayed.

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An Army Idol.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Senora Zelaya, wife of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, has made herself the idol of the Nicaraguan army by her active service at the head of the Red Cross in recent battles between the Hondurans and Nicaraguans.

Senora Zelaya rode more than 110 miles on mule back to reach the scene of military operation, said Mr. Deltrick, and she personally assisted in caring for the sick and wounded of both the Honduran and Nicaraguan armies.

An American Girl Deported.

LOS ANGELES, April 2.—Emma Culver, a young California girl who a month ago married Yee Lung, a Chinaman, started with the latter yesterday when, with 37 others of his race, he was loaded on board a Southern Pacific train bound for San Francisco en route to Hongkong.

Miss Culver is the niece of a missionary worker. She met the young Chinaman in Monroe via several months ago and finally they were married.

The party will be put on board the steamer Coptic at San Francisco and shipped to Hongkong.

Big Silver Discovery.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., April 2.—The discovery of a big vein of wire silver in the mountains south of this city by Dad Barrow, an old prospector, who lived on the Big Horn range for 15 years, has caused excitement in mining circles and promises to be the cause of the formation of another camp in northern Wyoming this season.

It is claimed by Barrow that this lead may be traced the entire length of the Big Horn range, and that the prospects indicate the same mineral deposits as those at Copper Mountain.

Warning to Stockmen.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The forest service issued a bulletin today calling attention to the recent decision of United States Judge Hunt of Montana, in which he declared that national forests need not be fenced to exclude stock, no matter what the state law on fencing may be.

take out grazing permits or themselves keep their stock off reserves. At present the treasury department is receiving an average of \$7,000 daily from sales of timber grazing permits and franchises through the forest service.

Investigating Postoffice Method.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Senator Carter, of Montana, during a conference with the president at the white house today, said that charges have been made that the postoffice is losing nearly \$1,000 a day through frauds committed in its money order department.

Senator Carter is a member of the commission to investigate the business methods of the department and to inject up-to-date business methods into its present faulty system.

"The charges have been made and while we know that there are serious faults in the postoffice system of business, we have not been able yet to substantiate any charge of fraud," he said.

The commission, which has been at work some time is expected to evolve an entirely new system for the transaction of the enormous business of the department and to prepare a system of checks by which it will be enabled to check one account against another and trace down shortages and frauds.

Harriman Wants to Be Senator.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary Loeb said today that there would not be any further announcement from the president bearing upon the issue between him and Mr. Harriman growing out of the conference and letters between the two in 1904, the details of which were made public yesterday.

It was authoritatively declared today at the White house that the real reason for Mr. Harriman's interest in the election of the state ticket in New York in 1904, reference to which was made in the communications which passed between him and the president, was that he desired to advance his own ambitions.

The inference from Mr. Harriman's attitude according to the White house statement, was that if Senator Dewey could be induced to go to Paris, that Governor Higgins was prepared to appoint him to the vacancy.

Under American Protection.

PUERTO CORTES, Honduras, March 28, via New Orleans, April 3.—The intention of the United States in landing marines upon the Honduras coast and the evident latitude granted them in protecting foreign life and property, is exciting much comment here.

The foreigners believe that this means the United States will not permit the ports to be bombarded. Inasmuch as 90 per cent. of the houses here and at Ceriba belong to foreigners, cannon shot fired into either place would do most damage to foreign owners' property.

Wants Negroes Colonized.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 3.—Governor Broward, in his speech, submitted to the legislature yesterday, says the relations between the two races are becoming more acute.

"I recommend," says the governor's message, "a resolution memorializing congress to purchase territory, either domestic or foreign, to provide means to purchase the property of the negroes at reasonable rates and to transport the negroes to the territory purchased by the United States, the United States to form a government thereon for the negro race; to prevent invasion and to prevent white people from living among them in the territory and to prevent negroes migrating back to the United States."

Water right blanks—only correct form published—for sale at the RIVER PRESS office.

The Scrap Book

Literal Obedience. A young teacher who graduated from the normal school last June was asked one day recently to act as a substitute in a higher grade than her own.

"I ain't goin' to attempt no ditty of fancy; I'm just goin' to write what's in me, and I got a hart, a liver, two lungs and some other things like that; then I got a stummick, and it's got in it a pickle, a piece of pie, two sticks of peppermint candy and my dinner."

Women's Reasons. Women have more of what is termed good sense than men. They cannot reason wrong, for they do not reason at all.

A DEED AND A WORD. A little stream had lost its way Amid the grass and fern. A passing stranger scooped a well, Where weary men might turn.

Thoughts Breed. Hatred, envy, malice, jealousy and revenge all have children. Every bad thought breeds others, and each of these goes on and on, ever reproducing itself, until a world is peopled with their offspring.

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Love and Business. In 1707 M. Peter Caesar Labouchere, then a clerk in the banking house of Hope & Co., Amsterdam, was sent by his patrons to Mr. Baring, the London banker, to negotiate a loan.

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Sociable With the Pig. A candidate on paying a second visit to the house of a doubtful voter was somewhat surprised at hearing him say that he would support him.

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ry consequence; but, as things are, it is the main concern. Our innate vanity, which is particularly sensitive in reference to our intellectual power, does not suffer us to allow that our position was wrong and our adversary right.

The Contrary Mule. A farmer in Kentucky sought advice from a veterinary about a sick mule. The doctor advised colamel, five times the dose for a man.

How can I make him take it? "You put a stick of wood three-quarters of an inch thick between his teeth, and then you take this rubber tube, put the colamel in it, insert it in the mule's mouth, which is held open by the piece of wood, and blow the medicine down his throat."

The farmer sighed deeply and spoke feebly. "That mule," he said, "that cursed, idiotic, fool mule! You see, I got ready just as you told me, got the tube in his mouth ready to blow, and then," he paused for breath, "then that infernal mule blew first!"

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Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. GREAT FALLS, MONT., March 9, 1907. Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notices of their intention to offer final proof under their entries, as described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Friday, the 19th day of April, 1907.

Desert Land--Final Proof. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. GREAT FALLS, MONT., March 15, 1907. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the Act of Congress approved May 10, 1853, and Act amendatory thereof.

Application for Patent. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. GREAT FALLS, MONT., March 15, 1907. Notice of application for United States patent.

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P. O. address—Whitlash, Mont. Note—Address is given wrong in brand book of H. T. Smith, Highwood.

GEORGE L. OVERFIELD. Cattle brand as shown on cut; also 1 on left hip only; 100 and 10-C on the right ribs.

Increased brand on left ribs or right from fall of 1894. Ear mark, overlap in left and right split in right.

Vent, 1 on the left shoulder. Horses branded R on left shoulder. Range, Shonkin and Arrow creek. P. O. address, Fort Benton.

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Also own brand on right hip called "square 2." Horse brand on left thigh.

Range from Bear Paw mountains eastward to Fort Peck between the Milk and Missouri rivers. Also south of the Missouri river, between Arrow creek and Belt creek, Shonkin res.