

THE CANAL.

Much Expected from the New Orleans Convention.

The Whole of the United States Interested in the Outcome.

History of the Nicaragua Canal Scheme—Length from Ocean to Ocean—One Hundred Million Dollars Required to Complete It.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 1.—The convention opened here Wednesday in the interest of the Nicaraguan canal, was the outgrowth of a healthy public sentiment prevailing all over the country in favor of the hastening to completion of an inter-oceanic water-way which not only promises to yield immense profits, but which, it seems to be almost uniformly conceded, ought to be under the control of the United States government as a political necessity and from a strategic standpoint. The convention promises to be abundantly fruitful in results and being of a non-political character and entirely disassociated from the private corporations at present engaged in carrying forward the project which it is intended to further, it ought to be, from its personal and its representative nature, a body of great public weight and wide influence.

The present convention is the sequel of a former similar gathering at St. Louis held in June last and which had its origin with the merchants of the Pacific. At their instance a convention had been held in California in March, as a result of which Gov. Markham requested the governors of the various states to appoint delegates to assemble in the Modoc city in convention to memorialize congress to contract with the canal company to secure government control in the construction and management of the canal so as to reduce the cost of construction to a minimum and to limit the capitalization to actual cost of construction. The convention at St. Louis was well attended, and was presided over by Hon. Geo. L. Converse. It had the effect of adding force to the growing public sentiment in favor of federal supervision and assistance in the building of the canal, and it adjourned to reconvene at a time and place to be determined upon by the chairman and the executive committee.

It was in pursuance of the authority conferred at St. Louis that Chairman Converse and the executive committee selected New Orleans and Wednesday as the place and date of the convention. Invitations were extended by Gov. Foster, of Louisiana, and the executive committee of the St. Louis convention to the governors of the various states and to all the leading commercial organizations and municipalities of the country to appoint delegates to represent their respective states or bodies here. The responses received have exceeded the anticipations of the promoters of the convention and the indications point to a large and distinguished convention.

The project of an inter-oceanic canal is by no means a new one, and for nearly half a century the United States government has been engaged in surveys and explorations of routes for a canal connecting the two oceans. Of all the routes suggested and surveyed an invariable preference has been shown by the army engineers for the Nicaragua route, of whose absolute feasibility no serious doubt has at any time been expressed.

The entire length of the canal from ocean to ocean is precisely 169 miles, of which distance it is only necessary to excavate and construct 36 miles of canal. Lake Nicaragua fills a cavity in the midst of a broken chain of mountains, furnishes a safe harbor, sufficient in capacity for all the navies and shipping of the world and inexhaustible supplies of water for lockage. It is 110 miles long, 30 miles wide and has a maximum depth of 350 feet. On one side is the San Juan river, ranging in depth from 10 to 100 feet, and emptying into the Atlantic at Greytown. On the other side of the lake is the Tova river. The channels and basins of these streams and of Lake Nicaragua will be utilized for a distance of 142 miles. The lift from the level of the ocean to the summit level of Lake Nicaragua is 110 feet and will be accomplished with the aid of a series of three locks situated near the respective oceans and at each end.

Including payment of interest during the progress of the work it is calculated that \$100,000,000 will cover the entire cost of the project and that a reasonable estimate of the time for the completion is five years. The work done by the company to the present time includes the completion for final surveys for location and construction; the subterranean examination of the strata, requiring removal by means of borings with the diamond drill; the restoration of the harbor of San Juan del Norte (Greytown), which had been closed for twenty years, to the extent of securing an easy entrance for vessels; the construction of extensive wharves and landing facilities; the erection of permanent buildings for offices, quarters for the men, storehouses; the building of a number of large camps along the line for accommodation of employes, the completion of all necessary telegraph lines, the clearing of the timber from the line of the canal; the completion and equipment of twelve miles of railway along the line of the canal; the purchase of the most valuable and powerful dredging plant in America; the fitting up and operation of the plant and the opening of nearly two miles of the canal.

The company has expended to date about six millions of dollars and the work done shows the sufficiency of the estimates for the harbor and canal dredging and railroad work. It is held that the building of the canal will wonderfully develop the fruit industry of California, increase the price of timber of the northwest, quicken mining and gables industries, open a short route for

southern cotton to Japan, increase population, enable the United States to compete with Europe in the coal and other trade of South America and that the tolls may be so moderated as to yield a handsome profit on the investment and yet fall lightly upon the shippers. At a rate of \$3 per ton, the same as charged by the Suez canal, it is estimated that the annual income would be \$13,000,000, and that the cost of maintenance would not exceed \$1,000,000 per annum.

BELIEVED TO BE INSANE.

New Move in Lizzie Borden's Case—The Attorney General Interposes in Her Behalf.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 1.—The Mercury Wednesday says: Attorney General Pillsbury believes that Lizzie A. Borden is insane. This is the secret of the adjournment of the grand jury in the case from November 21 to December 1. The Mercury says the evidence submitted to the grand jury was sufficient for the finding of an indictment, and the members were all ready to bring in a true bill, but Attorney General Pillsbury believed so strongly that the prisoner was insane that he ordered an adjournment so that Lizzie Borden might be examined by experts as to her sanity. The story of her actions at the time of the murder, as told by the witnesses, no doubt had great weight in influencing the attorney general. The investigation has been carried on since the jury adjourned, and when the jurors meet again in court, the Mercury says, they will be confronted by experts, who will testify as to Lizzie's sanity.

EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Two Thousand Dollars Taken From an Illinois Train.

DWIGHT, Ill., Dec. 1.—A daylight express robbery took place on the Illinois, Iowa and Indiana railroad, between Dwight and Buda Station. The amount taken was \$2,000, and the United States Express Co. is the loser. The package stolen was taken on at Dwight. The express messenger placed it in the safe and locked the same, but on arriving at Buda Station he had occasion to go to the safe, when to his surprise he found the safe door open and the package gone. The robber must have had a key to fit the safe, and watched his chance when the messenger was absent from his car.

A Blizzard on Long Island.

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Dec. 1.—The snow storm on Long Island is the heaviest since the blizzard of 1888, the fall being from eighteen inches to two feet. Heavy drifts have formed in many places, impeding travel on the roads. All trains on the Long Island railroad are behind time. The trains from Sag Harbor and Greenport are missing. Nothing can be learned of them because the wires are down all over the island. The drifts are packed hard and it is likely that several hours will elapse before any of the stalled trains will be able to get through.

The Florida Orange Crop.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 1.—With the orange crop beginning to move there is great anxiety in Florida regarding prices. Last year growers averaged only a few cents over \$1 a box. The supply exceeded 3,750,000 boxes. This year there are only about 3,000,000 boxes of oranges in sight, and experienced dealers express the opinion that prices will rule much higher. "I think growers ought to average \$1.50 per box on the tree for good marketable fruit," said a prominent member of the Florida Fruit exchange.

The Burglar Was a Boy.

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 1.—"Stubby" Jones, the seventeen-year-old son of a machinist at the Elgin watch factory, was shot dead while trying to rob A. N. Curtis' store. The store had been entered three times within as many months, and during the last month Mr. Curtis has slept in a back room. About midnight he was awakened by a noise. Seeing Jones crawling through a back window he shot him.

Good Money for McGinty.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 1.—A sensational case called McGinty (3-13), endowed with the same blood as Nancy Hanks, was sold for \$4,000 to Henry S. Hawes, and James Alexander of Johnstown, Pa. A year ago McGinty was bought for \$125 from Andrew McGinty, a farmer, south of Indianapolis, who had raised the animal. On the dam side McGinty is short-bred. His sire is De-emtor, 218, by Dictator.

By the Hacks.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 1.—Budd telegraphs to this city from New York that Nancy Hanks is to remain in Terre Haute next season. That means Debits to have charge of the great mare for another year at least, and that Mr. Forbes has decided not to take her to Boston and breed her to Arion. Nancy is now stabled at the Terre Haute track, with Axtell at Warren park for a neighbor.

Aged Couple Starve Themselves.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 1.—Wm. Kanagan and his aged wife have been committed to the insane asylum after having almost starved themselves to death. Six months ago they began to fast believing the food they had eaten was poisoned. When found by the neighbors Kanagan and the woman were both raving maniacs. They refused to take food, which had to be forced down their throats.

Two Farmers Fight.

COLD SPRINGS, Tex., Dec. 1.—An old feud has existed between two prominent farmers, M. F. Jones and E. T. Bryant, and Tuesday it culminated. Bryant drove past Jones' field and dared him out. He went out and a duel with knives began. Jones stabbed Bryant to death and he himself was injured. He was arrested and released on \$4,000 bail.

Must Answer to First Degree Murder.

CANTON, O., Dec. 1.—Coroner Openheimer has rendered a verdict of premeditated murder in the case of Robert Obernesser, charged with killing Scott Ellis in a saloon row. He found no evidence of a quarrel. Obernesser's trial for first degree murder takes place at the present term of court.

BANK FAILURE.

Business Houses and Poor Workmen Involved.

The Latter Intrusted the Bank With Their Hard-Earned Money.

It is Not Believed That the Bank's Condition is Beyond Resuscitation—There is Every Prospect That Its Affairs Will be Straightened.

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 1.—The Stone City bank, a private institution, suspended payment Wednesday on account of a run caused by the shutting down of the Enterprise Co., one of the departments of the big wire fence industry. The bank is operated by H. Fish & Sons, and was thought to be one of the soundest institutions in the state. The failure is a heavy one. The trouble began with the Enterprise Co. confessing judgment for \$188,175 and filing a trust deed to Mrs. C. A. Miller for \$136,813. The Fish brothers, sons of Henry Fish, with F. H. Connell, were the proprietors of the Enterprise Co., and the suspension of the bank of which they were in control soon followed. The deed to Mrs. Miller, who is a very wealthy woman, is for money borrowed to carry on the business. She is an aunt of the Fishes, who are also related to Mrs. John A. Logan. It is estimated that nothing less than \$500,000 will settle the firm's affairs. The bank's affairs are closely identified with those of the Enterprise Co.

Many of the business houses of Joliet kept their accounts at the bank, and its suspension will result in great embarrassment to them. The greatest sufferers, however, will be the laboring men. The bank paid interest on deposits, and a large number of the mill employes intrusted it with their savings. Now that they are out of work and money both great hardships will result to them.

The president of the broken bank was Henry Fish, and his three sons, Charles M., Henry and George Fish, conducted the affairs of the mill. Mr. Fish, sr., had the reputation of being one of the ablest financiers of the west. His credit was gilt-edged, and his career has been an unusually successful one. He was rated at \$500,000, and the sons at as much more. There has never been a rumor even affecting the solvency of either bank or mill until Tuesday night, and an inquiry at any commercial agency, even up to Wednesday morning, would have elicited a report of the most flattering nature.

It is not believed that the bank's condition is beyond resuscitation, but only that its assets are temporarily locked up, and there is every prospect that its affairs will be straightened out speedily. Its deposits ranged from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

As for the mill, it is not believed that there is any possibility of its resumption. It employed between 400 and 500 people, many of whom have worked in it for years. There was tremendous excitement when these men found out that there was no work for them Wednesday. They stood around bewildered, but when the news of the bank's closing reached them a riot was imminent. Quieter counsels prevailed, however, and after a time the excited crowd had dispersed.

OUR PENSIONERS.

There Are 876,068 Veterans on the Pension Rolls—\$139,035,612 Paid Them Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The annual report of Green B. Baum, commissioner of pensions, made public Wednesday, shows that there were on the pension rolls June 30, 1899, 876,068 pensioners—an increase during the year of 193,908. There were added to the rolls during the year 223,937 new pensioners, and 2,447 pensioners previously dropped were restored to the pension lists. During the year 25,306 persons were dropped from the rolls. The total amount expended for pensions during the fiscal year was \$139,035,612. For the present fiscal year \$144,956,000 is appropriated, and taking the cost of the pension allowances during the first four months of this fiscal year as a basis of calculation, the commissioner estimates that a deficiency appropriation will be necessary to supplement the year's appropriation.

An estimate of \$105,000,000 is submitted for the next fiscal year, but Commissioner Baum says that if as many allowances of pension shall be made during the fiscal year to come, as during the fiscal year ended June 30 last, this amount will not be large enough. He says, however, that it is difficult to forecast pension payments so far in advance, and that as congress will be in session, no embarrassment will arise if his successor, in the light of actual cost of the work for the first six months of the next fiscal year, finds that a further appropriation will be needed.

They Even Rob the Dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The thieves who are now infesting Chicago have begun to rob the corpses in the city morgue. Tuesday night they entered the office of that institution and carried off a big clock. Wednesday they got into where the bodies were laid and took a pair of trousers off the corpse of a negro who committed suicide two days ago. They also took the shoes off the feet of another corpse, and carried away a large amount of clothing which had been taken from the bodies of the unknown dead, and which was kept for the purpose of possible identification. There is no clue to the thieves.

The Extra Session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, says he does not see that there is an absolute necessity for an extra session of congress, but thinks that the matter can not be determined before February.

Heavy Defalcation.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 1.—It is reported that the agent of the Bank of British Columbia, at Nelson, is a defaulter to the amount of \$40,000.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

The Cree Indians have become self-supporting.

A terrific battle between a horse and a dog, the property of M. Grovier, New Bedford, Mass., resulted in the death of both.

At Wheeling, W. Va., John Cox, an old Etna mill-watchman, reached up to the mantel for his pipe, and fell back dead.

It is now understood among Charles S. Fairchild's friends that he will accept his old position in Cleveland's cabinet as secretary of the treasury.

Gov. B. R. Tillman, of Edgefield, S. C., and Lieut.-Gov. Eugene B. Gary, of Abbeville, were inaugurated at noon Wednesday in the hall of the house of representatives.

A telegram from Chicago received at Zanesville, O., Wednesday evening announces the death of Mrs. Carrie Richardson, of Zanesville, who killed herself and child in Chicago by turning on the gas.

Not guilty was the verdict returned in the Delong murder case at Binghamton, N. Y., Wednesday. Mrs. Delong shot and killed her husband, whom she found with a woman of low character one day in October last.

Atty-Gen. Richards rendered an opinion Wednesday morning to the effect that a building and loan association can not issue paid-up stock which shall draw a stipulated amount of dividends. The Ohio National of Toledo proposed to do so.

The official returns of the vote in Colorado for presidential electors was footed up Wednesday morning. The total vote was 93,275, of which the populist-democrats received 53,984; republicans, 36,514; prohibitionists, 3,677. The count has not been completed on the balance of the ticket.

The democrats of New Mexico propose to take time by the forelock. They have already held a meeting to consider the question of territorial patronage. Mr. J. C. Albright, editor and proprietor of the Albuquerque Democrat, is prominently mentioned for governor of this territory.

A call has been issued for the electors of Indiana to meet in Indianapolis on the 9th of January and cast the vote of the state for Cleveland and Stevenson. Albert Lieber, of Indianapolis, and Thomas Duncan, of the First district, are candidates for messenger in carrying the vote to Washington.

Digging an excavation for the cable road at the foot of Broadway, near Bowling Green, New York city, Wednesday the workmen unearthed a number of cannon-balls and old English gold sovereigns of the revolutionary period. During the revolution Bowling Green was the headquarters for Cornwallis and the royalist troops.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 1. FLOUR—Winter patent, \$1.75; fancy, \$2.00; family, \$1.50; extra, \$1.25; low grade, \$1.00; spring patent, \$4.35; spring family, \$3.00; Rye flour, \$3.00; Buckwheat, \$2.00; \$2.50 per 100 lb sack.

WHEAT—Millers and shippers were slow to pay more than 70c for good No. 2 red, and some ordering samples commanded little attention at that figure. No. 3 red was quotable at 65c/66c, according to quality.

CORN—The market was dull and weak at 44c/45c, selling for No. 2 white shelled, and 43c/44c for No. 2 mixed. Rates asked according to sample. Ear was dull at 40c/41c, as to sample. OATS—Cash No. 2 white scarce and wanted, being held at 32c/33c. No. 3 white also scarce and nominal at 27c/28c, as to quality. No. 2 mixed held at 26c/27c for good samples.

RYE—The market was quiet and easy. No. 2, spot, track, being held at 84c, but buyers' views were not above 83c.

CATTLE—Export steers, 14.75; 14.85; fair to good shippers, 14.00; 14.15; Oxen: Good to choice, \$3.00; common to fair, \$2.00; 2.25; select butcher, \$4.00; 4.25; fair to good, \$3.25; 3.50; common, \$2.00; 2.25; Heifers: Good to choice heavy, \$3.25; 3.75; fair to choice light, \$3.00; 3.25; common to fair, \$1.75; 1.90.

HOGS—Select heavy shippers and prime butcher, \$6.00; fair to good packing, \$5.00; \$5.25; common and rough, \$3.25; 3.50; fair to good light, \$3.25; 3.50; fat pigs, \$3.00; 3.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Wethers, \$4.00; 4.50; fat ewes, \$3.75; 4.25; common and rough, \$2.50; 3.00; lambs: Good to choice, \$4.00; 4.50; common to fair, \$3.00; 3.25.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. WHEAT—No. 2 red fairly active at 70c/71c; down: May and December most active; December, 75c; 73c/74c; March, 80c/81c; May, 82c/83c; June, 87c/88c/89c.

CORN—Quiet and weak; western, 53c/54c; HANLEY—Western, 52c/53c; No. 2 Toronto, 51c/52c.

CORN—No. 2, dull, and easier; December, 50c/51c; January, 51c/52c; OATS—No. 2, steady and quiet; December, 35c; January, 37c; state, 35c/37c; western, 35c/37c.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 1. CATTLE—Market firm; prime, 14.75; 15.00; fair to good, 14.25; 14.50; common, 13.00; 13.75; stockers and feeders, 12.50; 13.00; bulls, cows and stags, 11.00; 12.00; fresh cows 130 to 140; 1 car of cattle shipped to New York.

HOGS—Market steady; Philadelphia, 6.00; 6.50; mixed, 5.00; 5.50; Yorkers, 6.00; 6.75; 7 cars hogs were shipped to New York.

SHEEP—Market firm and strong on good, slow on common and medium, at yesterday's prices.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 1. WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, spot, November and December, 73c/74c; steamer No. 2 red, 74c/75c.

CORN—Steady; mixed spot and November, 49c bid, year, 48c/49c; steamer mixed, 47c bid.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 white, western, 32c/33c; No. 2 mixed western, 31c/32c.

RYE—Quiet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. FLOUR AND GRAIN—Cash quotations: Flour dull and prices nominally unchanged, but weak. No. 2 spring wheat, 73c; No. 3 spring wheat, 69c; No. 2 red, 71c/72c; No. 2 corn, 45c; No. 2, 42c; No. 2 extra, 41c/42c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 2, 34c; No. 3, 33c; No. 3 rye, 48c; No. 4, 45c; No. 5, 42c; No. 6, 40c; No. 7, 38c.

WHEAT—Active and easier; cash, 73c; December, 74c; May, 79c.

CORN—Dull but steady; No. 2 cash, 45c; May, 48c.

OATS—Quiet cash, 34c/35c.

RYE—Dull cash, 50c.

CLOVER—Active but steady; prime cash and December, 47c; March, 48c.



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CITY COUNCIL.
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The figures indicate the number of years each Councilman has to serve from January, 1892.

MASONIC LODGES.

Confidence Lodge No. 32—Meets first Monday night in each month.
Mason Lodge No. 10—Meets second Monday night in each month.
Mayville Chapter No. 9—Meets third Monday night in each month.
Mayville Chapter No. 10—Meets fourth Monday night in each month.

ODDFELLOWS.

DeKalb Lodge No. 12—Meets every Tuesday night.
Ringgold Lodge No. 27—Meets every Wednesday night.
Pisgah Encampment No. 9—Meets second and fourth Mondays in every month.
Canton Mayville No. 2—Meets third Monday night in each month.
Friendship Lodge No. 42, D. of R.—Meets first Monday night in each month.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Limestone Lodge No. 36—Meets every Friday night.
Mayville Division No. 6, U. E.—Meets first Tuesday in every month.

P. O. S. A.
Washington Camp No. 3—Meets every Thursday night.

G. A. R.
Joseph Heiser Post No. 13—Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.

M. C. Hutchins Camp No. 2, S. of V.—Meets first and third Wednesdays of the month.
Woman's Relief Corps—Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.

K. of W.
Mayville Lodge No. 278—Meets first and third Tuesdays in each month.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

St. Patrick's Benevolent Society—Meets every second Sunday.
Sodality of the B. V. M.—Meets every Sunday.

Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society—Meets first Sunday in each month.
Ancient Order of Hibernians—Meets third Sunday in each month.
Knights of St. John—Meets every Tuesday night.

German Relief Society—Meets first Monday night in each month.

COLORED SOCIETIES.

MASONIC.

Ancient Lodge No. 24, F. A. M.—Meets second Wednesday night in each month.
Mt. Hermon Chapter No. S. R. A. M.—Meets second Friday in each month.
Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T.—Meets fourth Friday in each month.

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Mayville Star Lodge No. 148—Meets first and third Friday night in each month.
Household of Ruth No. 37—Meets second Thursday night in each month.

DAUGHTERS OF THE TABERNACLE.
Congo River Tabernacle No. 50—Meets first Thursday in each month.

DAUGHTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.
Evans Lodge No. 2—Meets first Wednesday night in each month.

U. B. F.
Good Will Lodge No. 48—Meets first Saturday and third Wednesday night in each month.
Young's Temple No. 44