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**THE COAST CANAL.**

Engineer Boschke Returns From the East Greatly Encouraged.

San Antonio Express.

Mr. A. Poschke, general manager of the Texas Coast Canal Company, is in the city for a few days, having just returned from a trip to Washington, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis. He is very hopeful that capital and immigration is turning toward the coast hands of Texas, and he anticipates no difficulty in carrying out the project of making an inland waterway for the coast of Texas from Point Isabel to Galveston.

Mr. Poschke was seen yesterday by a reporter for the Express and when asked about his trip said he went East to establish immigration bureaus and land agents, and while there called upon the members of the Velasco syndicate to secure subsidies from them to aid in the construction of the canal and pointed out to them the important advantages the harbor and city of Velasco would derive from the construction of the canal. He was assured of liberal subsidies from the syndicate, which, he says, insures the immediate beginning of work. He said the first work undertaken will be the construction of the section from the Brazos river at Quintana to Matagorda Bay, a distance of about twenty five miles.

"This section," said Mr. Boschke, "will furnish a large canal traffic for the city and harbor of Velasco by the shipping of agricultural products of about 175,000 acres of land now under cultivation in Brazoria and Matagorda counties, besides the valuable timber that borders the San Bernard and Cany rivers and their tributaries, which is now unoccupied, but which would come into market at once. In addition, the inexhaustible supply of fish and oysters of Matagorda bay and its tributaries would give to the city of Velasco an industry of immense proportions. The canal will intersect the San Bernard and Cany rivers; and from the point of intersection these rivers are navigable to their mouth in Matagorda bay, thus connecting the Brazos river with the tidal waters of this bay. At the same time the outflow from this tidal reservoir will be largely augmented during the times the waters of Matagorda bay toward and into the canal, which, reinforced by the waters

of the San Bernard and Cany rivers, will cause a strong current toward the Brazos; increasing the outflow between the jetties at Velasco and creating an effective 'scour' which will do much toward maintaining the permanent depth which this new regimen creates.

"The syndicate which controls the Velasco harbor property informed me that they would complete, without delay, the jetties by rockfilling to raise them to surface grade, and dredging the former bar now within the jetties to a depth of twenty two feet, and, under certain conditions, to twenty-five feet at low water. "Since my return I have made a visit to Waco and Austin to interview the business men of those cities on the project of improving the Brazos and Colorado rivers, and obtaining information which will enable me to devise plans and make estimates of cost for these rivers that will largely increase the revenues of the canal. The exports and imports of the Brazos river alone amount to over \$50,000,000 annually, and it is impossible to calculate what the increase of traffic would be if these two rivers become tributary to the canal.

"A movement is on foot along the Aransas bay, Corpus Christi bay and the Laguna Madre to raise the funds required to put our dredge to work to construct a canal in that section. A canal from Baffins bay to Aransas bay would give the Aransas harbor a local horticultural products of great magnitude. Immigrants would flock into these southwest coast lands by the thousands if insured transportation."

Mr. Boschke will leave in a few days for the coast as work is expected to begin at Velasco next month.

**OVATION TO DIAZ.**

City of Mexico, Jan. 30—President Diaz on his arrival from the gulf this evening, was met at the Vera Cruz Railway station by an enormous crowd whose enthusiasm overflowed in demonstrations of rejoicing, the President being cheered continuously as he alighted from the train. The city is illuminated tonight and the principal edifices are decorated. There is a warm feeling toward the President, largely on account of the vigorous reform policy he has undertaken within the last few months. Public sentiment is strong for his reelection.

Typhus fever has broken out in Guadalajara.

The seventeen medical students, arrested in Des Moines, Iowa, recently, on the charge of grave robbery, were discharged, there not being evidence enough to hold them.

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Washington Star.

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"I had an order for 1000 dozen goose eggs, and my troubles arose in trying to fill that order. It is the first time I attempted to market any eggs, always heretofore relying on the sale of feathers and live birds for my profit.

"This is the laying and hatching season with us, and I thought I would have no trouble to get eggs enough to fill the order. Now, a hen, you know, will let you rob her nest right along, just so you leave one egg. It is supposed that a hen has no idea whatever of numbers. But this is not true of Mme. Geese as I found out to my sorrow.

"The first two or three days we secured a big batch of fresh eggs, but after that the 'find' began to dwindle down so fast that I determined to make a personal investigation. I went down to the river bottom next day and found that instead of being of attending to business all the geese which were not sitting had 'hatched' and were eating about feeding, just as if they were not intended to lay another egg. When I approached them, instead of running away, they all sat down and began to kiss at me.

"It was a clear case of strike, and I was at a loss to know how to settle the trouble. I tried putting half a dozen porcelain eggs in each nest, but it would not work. The geese came up, eyed them solemnly and walked off. Then, in despair, I told the boys to put the eggs we had gathered back, and see if that would break the strike.

"Well, sir, inside of two hours after the eggs were returned every goose was back on her nest, and for the next four or five days there were more eggs laid on the Floyd's ranch than there had been before in years; but I dare not undertake to fill the egg order."

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