

PRIVATE BIDDERS MAY GET CONTRACT

Bids for Private Construction
of Panama Canal to be
Opened Today.

U. S. TO SUPERVISE

While It Is Likely to be Let to Private Contractors, Government Retains Supervision of Sanitation.

Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—The isthmus canal commission today will open bids for private contractors for the completion of the Panama canal. In the opinion of Chairman Shonts this is the greatest task of modern times and it is in the highest degree exceptional in magnitude and complexity. The basis on which the contract will be awarded is a percentage of the cost of the completion of the work. Bidders are required to accompany their proposals with a certified check of \$200,000 and the successful bidder is required to give bond in the sum of \$2,000,000 to protect the government from loss. The government expressly reserves to itself the control of the sanitation, of engineering and in the matter of quarters and the subsistence department for they are directly connected with the health and well being of the canal employees. The right of rigid supervision is retained. "In no event," said Shonts, "can contractors be allowed to make their departments an independent source of profit."

W. J. Oliver, of Nashville, Tenn., and Anson M. Bangs, of New York, associated together, were the lowest bidders for the construction of the canal. They propose to do the work for 67 1/2 per cent upon the estimated cost. Four proposals only were received. The other bids were 71 1/2 per cent by George Pierce & Co., 12 1/2 per cent by Mac Arthur, Gillespie company and 25 per cent by the North American Dredging company. Oliver & Bangs, the lowest bidders have had much experience in contracting work. Oliver is one of the largest railroad contractors in America and at present is engaged in tunneling Lookout Mountain and other extensive works. Bangs was the contractor for the Suez canal locks.

Bowel Trouble



is a sure sign that your digestive organs are overworked—too heavily burdened—in a state of rebellion. Unpleasant condition, and if neglected will result in complications of the gravest character.

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Texas.

News From Canadian.

Special Correspondence.

Canadian, Texas, Jan. 12.—District court for Hemphill county convened at this place on last Monday morning, with Hon. H. C. Hendricks, the newly elected judge presiding, this term being the first court he has held since receiving his notice of election. His charge to the grand jury was an able presentation of the law and their duties were made so plain to them that they could not misunderstand them, and the stand taken shows that he is for law enforcement.

On account of the sickness of District Clerk C. R. McCormick, Mr. J. M. Shaw, the deputy is performing the duties of clerk during this term of the court.

Gilbert in New Production.

Brussels, Jan. 12.—Yvette Guilbert will appear in the first production of "L'Eau Trouble," at the Royal theater this evening. Rehearsals have been in progress for many weeks.

TO GIVE "ESTHER."

Musicians of the Town Will Present Famous Oratorio.

Unless present plans fail, Amarillo musicians, under a competent director will present within a few weeks, the celebrated oratorio "Esther, the Beautiful Queen." The suggestion for giving the oratorio comes from Professor A. G. Bixler, of Denver, who is now in Amarillo. Mr. Bixler's business is the training of choral societies and clubs in recital and oratorio work. In this work he has been signally successful and has a long record of artistic triumphs in all the important cities of the west and middle west.

Mr. Bixler's plan is to secure the co-operation of the musicians of the town and to organize them under his direction into the oratorio society. "Esther" is his favorite production and for this drama in song, he has the complete costumes and necessary stage properties.

The cast for "Esther" requires about thirty-eight good singing voices as a minimum and a chorus of a dozen or so more. This evening all musicians interested in such an enterprise are asked to meet at the Fillmore Street Presbyterian church that preliminary organization may be perfected. Rehearsals will begin at once and will be pushed rapidly.

The oratorio will be given for the first time at the auditorium and it is not known yet whether it will be given in the auditorium or not. The seating facilities there are better than could be obtained elsewhere but the stage is probably too small for the setting of the oratorio.

Builds up waste tissue, promotes appetite, improves digestion, induces refreshing sleep gives renewed strength and health. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents Tea or Tablets. J. W. McQueen druggist. 1-1m

JUST A FEW PLAIN ONES.

City Court Passes Three Fines Saturday and Monday.

Two plain drunks Saturday and one this morning is the extent of the finable business in the city court. The men made arrangements for the payment of the fines and were released.

At the present time many of the plain drunk and vagrant offenders are given light fines and sometimes escape paying the full amount in serving out time from the fact that the county jail is often crowded and the confinement of city prisoners there results in loss to the city. With the completion of the city jail next week there will be a considerable change in the punishment meted out to certain classes of offenders. Under the guard of competent horses the prisoners are to be set to work on the streets and on a stone pile which the city will provide for the further extermination of the boarders in the new lockup. The day "laying out" fines so far as the city is concerned is about over.

Three Women Frozen.

Successor qualifies. Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—Senator Haggard, who was at the White House today said he had received a letter from a friend at Minot, N. D., saying that three women had frozen to death and the facts kept out of the newspapers. He referred to this in a general talk about car shortage resulting in lack of fuel.

DISCUSSING MR. BAILEY

Representatives Are Discussing Senator Bailey's Right to Office.

Austin, Jan. 14.—The adherents of Senator Bailey had the floor all the morning in a debate about the resolution asking for an investigation into the charges made against the senator in connection with certain oil interests. Both sides claim a victory when the final vote comes.

WILL OPPOSE ALL CHANGES

Californians Up in Arms Regarding Change in the Chinese Laws.

Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—The House committee on foreign affairs granted a hearing today to Representatives Kahn, McKinley and Hayes, all of California, a committee named by Pacific coast representatives to oppose the efforts to modify the Chinese exclusion act and work for a Japanese exclusion act. It is stated by Californians that they will fight vigorously the bill under consideration by the committee to amend the Chinese exclusion act by having inspection of Chinese at ports in China from which they sail, as well as in American ports where they land. The bill is regarded by Californians as a relaxation of the exclusion act.

Bound Over for Grand Jury.

A. Moore and R. H. Shen, the two men who were arrested Saturday afternoon by Officers Bolton and Earnest Hughes, for theft of \$10 from a fellow workman had their examining trial in the justice court Saturday afternoon. The evidence warranted the charge against them and they were bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

Land Agent Sold Wrong Land.

Special to Daily Panhandle. Floydada, Texas, Jan. 14.—Because the friend with whom he purchased a league of Floy county land last fall, saw fit to place his half back on the market, R. M. Fletcher, of Benton, Ark. is obliged to go into litigation to save his own half of the league. The land agents from whom Mr. Fletcher purchased the land in the first place misunderstood the friend, who wished to list only his half on the market.

DO YOU GET UP

WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, uric acid, catarrh of the bladder and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for every thing but it will cure kidney, liver or bladder trouble if it is found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work and in private practice, and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper, who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root, and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this paper. Offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer, 501 N. 3rd St., Binghamton, N. Y.

The regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles are "Home of Swamp-Root," sold by all good druggists. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

EARTHQUAKE AT OPIA

Most Severe Quaking of the Earth on Record Reported at Opi.

Associated Press.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—A quaking of the earth's crust, more severe than any that has ever been recorded there, is reported felt at Opi on Dec. 21. According to reports brought here by the Australian liner Ventura, which has just arrived here. For three hours seismograph and tismograph of German scientists stationed at south Pacific islands recorded a shock that for violence never has been equalled so far as has been registered. It is estimated that the center of the disturbance was 900 miles south of Opi. The point was submarine.

PLEAD GUILTY.

Roy Thompson Given \$30 and Ten Days in Jail.

Roy Thompson, the young man in whose room the assortment of druggist's sundries was found Saturday, plead guilty in the justice court Saturday afternoon and was given a penalty of \$30 and costs and ten days in the county jail. Thompson was employed by the E. R. Roach wholesale drug company for about five days and took advantage of his opportunity to steal a lot of druggist's sundries such as cigars, chewing gum, perfume and whiskey. He gives his home as Buffalo, N. Y.

SETTLEMENT IS IN SIGHT

Settlement of Engineer Trouble With Illinois Central Is Near an End

Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—After more than two weeks spent in daily conference over the wage agreement, the locomotive engineers and general managers committee of the railroads are within sight of a settlement which will add millions of dollars annually to the income of the employees. I. G. Rawn, general manager of the Illinois Central said yesterday it was possible that negotiations would be closed today. It is understood the "eye sight" rules of the road and eight hour day contention of the men are practically the only subjects of difference remaining.

SLEEPER IS CREMATED

Several Seriously Injured in a Collision of an Engine With Sleeper.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Ten persons injured, several seriously, when the through train outbound on the Mo. non railroad collided in a fog with the sleeper at One Hundred and Twelfth street at midnight last night. All of the occupants of the wrecked car were in their births and had no opportunity to escape. The Webash engine was thrown from the rails into the ditch but coals from the fire box set fire to the sleeper which was destroyed.

New York Money.

New York, Jan. 14.—Money on call nominal no loans. Prime mercantile paper 6 1/2 per cent. Sil-

WANT A HOME?

We have assisted many people to homes, both in country and in town, who would not today accept an advance of 80 per cent on the cost price.

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LITTS WILL ANSWER HANDED OUT FLOWERS

Salesman Brought From Waterloo, Iowa, Must Square Things With Widow Whose Money He Took.

"Gosh, Mr. Officer, I wasn't ready for anything like this. I'm no criminal." Frank Litts, whom Sheriff Hughes brought back Saturday from Waterloo, Iowa, and shrank back in nervous fear when Officer Keeton began to make preparations for taking him up Saturday night. "Why," continued Litts, "thought I could get the thing squared up all right when I got here and I'm not ready to go to jail." Officer Keeton gave the man to the rather cold satisfaction of knowing that there was no way of helping matters till Monday and Litts has had to make the best of a hard proposition.

"No, don't you bring that man over here," stormed the other party to the case, the widow Franklin, who charges Litts with having defrauded her. She was in the sheriff's office but emphatically declared she did not wish to see Litts. "If you bring him over here, I think I'll eat him up or claw out his eyes."

Litts is the seed salesman who got acquainted with the widow in Lone Wolf, Okla., where she was the proprietress of a boarding house. The two got along famously and arranged to enter into a business and matrimonial partnership. The widow sold her property in Lone Wolf and prepared to go with Litts to start a boarding house in Roswell, N. M. He took charge of the cash amounting to \$600 and notes to about \$400. They came through Amarillo and then went to Canyon where Litts left the widow for a short business trip to the south plains. A few days later Mrs. Franklin received a telegram from him in Kansas City. She immediately set the officers on his trail for what she believed was an attempt to swindle her.

On advice sent out by Sheriff Hughes the man was finally arrested in Waterloo, Iowa. Sheriff Hughes found him in possession of most of the money and after paying the fifty dollars reward that had been offered, there still remained about \$500. Litts stoutly maintained that he was innocent of any design to defraud the woman and says that he simply went to Iowa to settle some business affairs and that he intended to return immediately to take care of the widow. He is unmistakably in earnest about wanting to square things but the other party to the transaction feels that her confidence has been tampered with and is not yet in a forgiving mood.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL SUED FOR EARNINGS

Associated Press.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 14.—A suit of the state against the Illinois Central for the collection of several million dollars which the state alleges has been withheld from the state's share of gross earnings of the railroad was filed in the state supreme court today.

Representative Bowman Does the Honors for Barker and the Panhandle in Nominating Speech.

Last week in the opening orders of business of the House of Representatives at Austin, "Panhandle Dick" Bowman in making the nominating speech for Bob Barker, of Bexar County, to the office of chief clerk, indulged in the following remarks:

Mr. Speaker: With the happiness attendant upon a consciousness of an opportunity thus early in the session of the Thirtieth Legislature to thus honorably serve my state and district, it gives me great pleasure to place in nomination for this all important office a gentleman whose gracious demeanor is unquestioned, whose unswerving devotion to duty is an axiom whose competency and fitness is a matter of record, and who has worn in former sessions with becoming dignity and splendid fitness the tabernacles of this office to which he again aspires.

As a Representative of a district magnificent in proportions and of illimitable resources best described as bounded on the north by immeasurable time on the east by the fertile valleys of the Pecos, on the west by Col. Burk Burnett and the five civilized tribes and on the south by Bob Barker and the day of judgment, I place in nomination for the Chief Clerkship of this house my warm personal friend Bob Barker of San Antonio, faithful, efficient, meriting your confidence and appreciative over of your consideration.

Barker had no opposition for this office and was elected by acclamation. Mr. Bowman also placed in nomination the name of Robert A. Higgins of Amarillo for the office of assistant sergeant-at-arms. There were five other candidates for this position and the Amarillo man's pull was not equal to that from down the state. After the second ballot, Ed. B. Willis of Denton county was declared elected.

For the office of Doorkeeper, Mr. Bowman placed in nomination, W. J. L. Sullivan, now of Travis county, but who is well known to all old citizens of Amarillo as the leader of the battalion of the Ranger force that was stationed here in the early days. There were three other candidates for this office and it required four ballots to give Ex-Ranger Sullivan a majority, after which he was declared elected.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PASSENGER WRECKED

Associated Press.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 14.—Passenger train No. 10, eastbound of the Southern Pacific was wrecked fifteen miles west of Monticello this morning killing Engineer Frank Nesley and severely scalding Fireman Ware. Of the eight cars in the train seven were derailed and only one sleeper remained on the tracks. A broken rail is believed to be the cause.