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WILL GAIN ONE YEAR

Time of Completion of Panama Canal Site for January 1, 1914.

It is probable, barring accidents, disease and possible troubles caused by Congress, that ships will be sailing from ocean to ocean through the Panama canal by Jan. 1, 1914—the year earlier than the official estimate—according to Isham Randolph, one of the seven engineers who accompanied President-elect Taft on his inspection tour.

He says:

"The chief trouble-makers for the lock canal idea, who are recognized as having information, are Lyndon W. Bates, a disappointed contractor whose work on the Chicago drainage canal was not highly satisfactory, and P. Bonon-Variella, the French engineer," said Mr. Randolph. "This engineer in London asserted that it would take seventeen years to do the excavating, and he added that only 3,000,000 yards a year are being taken out. The facts are that in 1908 37,136,000 tons were removed, which is about 25 per cent of the total excavation. That should dispel the fears of the French criticism, and the contractor need no reply."

"Now for the criticism of the lock canal, for while the arguments, in my opinion, are all in its favor, there is still some discussion of the subject over the country. When President Roosevelt called the thirteen engineers, eight Americans and five foreigners, to Oyster Bay in 1905 he said this to us: 'I want to see a sea level canal constructed, but I have selected you not to tell me what I want to know, but what I ought to know.' Five Americans reported in favor of a lock canal and three Americans and the foreigners in favor of a sea level canal. The secretary of War, the President and Congress adopted the minority report, and this trip more firmly convinced me that our former recommendation was best."

"It is argued that in time of war there is danger of blowing up the locks. I maintain that they can be properly fortified and protected. That would be easier than to keep torpedo boats out of a sea level canal. It is argued that a lock canal cannot handle the traffic. The Suez is a sea level construction, and in 1905 handled 11,000,000 tons of freightage in twelve months. The Sault Ste. Marie, a lock canal, handled 37,000,000 tons in eight months of the same year. In eight months of last year its freightage was 56,000,000 tons. In passing through the Suez Canal one ship must tie up. With the lake which will be part of the Panama Canal ships can go at sea speed for 90 per cent of the distance of the channel, while if it were a sea level canal the rate of speed would be limited to eight miles an hour. Then it is argued that the big floods of the Chagres River, when the water rises thirty feet in a few hours, will not aid the local style. The facts are it would be an enemy of the sea level and a benefit to the lock system."

We now have Compound Fig Syrup at 25c bottle. F. G. Frick & Co., Druggists.

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MOSTLY PANTS

We've been selling pants, mostly pants since we began our annual pant sale. Just 4 prices:

\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00

Best values we ever offered. All new goods. Mostly Dutchess. Wherever there were 1, 2 or 3 pairs left in a line we have put them in this sale, all sizes 29 waist to 56 waist. Come before they are gone. Bring the cash.

C. E. Wescott's Sons
Where Quality Counts.

A Sad Journey

J. G. Hanks returned yesterday morning from Quincy, Illinois, where he and his wife went last week in response to a telegram announcing the death of his sister, Miss Lizzie Hanks. Miss Hanks had been a sufferer for some time of cancer, and was just ready to leave the hospital in Springfield after a most successful treatment for her trouble, when she contracted pneumonia and survived but a few hours. Funeral services were held Sunday. Mrs. Hanks is spending the week with her daughter in Galesburg, and will return to this city the latter part of the week.

Pretty Fast Time.

Under the head of "Thirty Years Ago Today" the Lincoln News of the 22nd gives the following:

The quickest time made over any railroad track in this state, was a few days before when Judge Mason and Captain Logan Enyart, on a special engine of the B. & M. in charge of Ed. Bignell, made the run to Nebraska City in just one hour and thirty-five minutes, and the return trip in one hour and thirty minutes. Their mission was to get signers to a petition requesting the Otoe senators to support the amended capitol appropriation bill.

Thirty Years Ago.

The followin from the Council Bluffs Nonpariel of thirty years ago would seem to indicate that things were booming in this state of Nebraska about that time:

"On the incoming Burlington passenger train there were just 175 passengers for the Burlington & Missouri River road in Nebraska. Of this number there were but six who had land exploring tickets, the rest being actual settlers for Nebraska. There were 131 pieces of baggage belonged to the outfit."

Funeral of Adam Schanz.

The funeral of Adam Schanz, an account of whose death was announced in these columns last week, was held Monday afternoon from St. Paul's Evangelical church, the sermon being preached by Rev. F. J. Langhorst, the pastor. Many beautiful floral offerings attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The pall bearers were the Messrs. James Ptacek, Anton H. Koubek, William Hassler, Emil Droege, Henry Hesse and Charles Wilkins.

Back From Mexico.

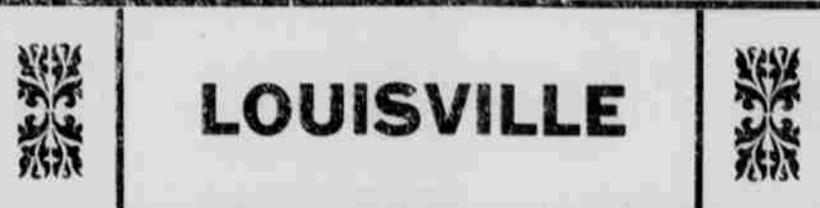
Charles C. Parmele and son Pollock F. G. Egenberger, A. S. Will and Frank Schlater have returned from their trip to old Mexico. The party reports many interesting reminiscence of their trip though all were tired and glad to get back. The NEWS-HERALD did not learn whether or not any of the gentlemen contemplate making any investments in that section of the country.

Twenty-four Dollar Pension.

Mr. Samuel Parker is in receipt of a notice from Congressman Pollard notifying him that his pension bill allowing him \$24 per month was signed by the President on February 18th. Mr. Parker feels very grateful.

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LOUISVILLE



Gamble in Chicago.

Prof. J. W. Gamble left the first of the week for Chicago where he will attend the national meeting of superintendents and principals of public schools. After the meeting he will remain in Chicago several days investigating the methods in vogue in the school rooms of that city and gathering such information as may be of use to him in his work here. Prof. Gamble is recognized as one of the foremost educators in this section of the country.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our relatives and friends for the floral offerings, attendance and kind expressions of sympathy in our sad bereavement in the death of our beloved son and brother, Adam Schanz, and wish to thank the cigar makers' union and the employees of the coach shop for the kindness shown during the death of our son and brother.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SCHANZ,
GEORGE SCHANZ, JR.

A Handsome Display.

Johnnie Bauer is making a handsome display Majestic stoves and ranges this week, including all the necessary accoutrements consisting of skillets, pots, pans, etc. This most excellent range has been on the market a long time and has invariably given the best of satisfaction. In fact the name Majestic has come to be a standard of excellence, and anyone contemplating the purchase of a range will do well to call and see Mr. Bauer.

Beautiful Home Wedding.

Monday evening at the home of Emil Ptak in this city occurred the marriage of Andrew J. Snyder and Miss Barbara Ptak, Canon Burgess of the Episcopal church performing the ceremony.

Both of these young people are well and favorably known in this community and they have the best wishes of a host of friends on this gladsome occasion. It is understood that they will continue to reside in this vicinity.

A Deserved Promotion.

Word has reached this city of the promotion of Dean Burton to the position of chief draughtsman for the McKeen Motor Car Company of Omaha. Dean is an old Plattsmouth boy and his many friends will rejoice to hear of his prosperity. The motor car people are building a handsome new factory in Omaha to accommodate their rapidly increasing business.

The following morning we called at the bank to see our old friend, T. E. Parmele, but as he had made a visit to Plattsmouth the evening before and had not yet returned, we found Mr. Woods, his bookkeeper, who is a very clever and agreeable young man. We found the two blacksmith shops of the city operated respectively by Fred Brandt and W. F. Krecklow, both former residents of Plattsmouth. They were both happy and apparently doing well. The livery business of the city is ably taken care of by Mr. Farrell, of the City Livery, and Walter Blake and Martin Ossenkop, who have a barn further up the street.

Drs. Worthman and Lewis are looking after the portions of the community needing medical assistance, while Dr. Daily attends to the dental work. Miss Daisy Twiss is the competent and clever operator of the Plattsmouth Telephone company at this place.

We were very favorably impressed with this city as one having an abundance of life and virility, emerging from the cyclone of last summer when it suffered almost total destruction, to a position of proud eminence among the thriving towns of the state, and are proud of the people who did not sit down and bemoan their loss but made the best of it, and that best is a city prosperous in every respect, and one truly American.

Married in California.

The many friends in this city of Leon Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. S. Burton, will be pleased to learn of his marriage on the 16th inst. to Miss Edna Elliott, a most estimable young lady of Los Angeles, Calif. It is announced that the young couple will arrive in this city shortly for a honeymoon visit.

Package Sale.

I will have a package sale Friday and Saturday of this week. Packages will be sold at ten cents each. Every package contains value to the extent of the price while many are worth double. Miss Mary Troop, Sixth St., near post office.

A New Correspondent.

The NEWS-HERALD desires to call the attention of its readers this week to the Louisville letter. We have been fortunate in securing a correspondent in that hustling little city and from the newsworthy nature of the first letter we feel like congratulating our readers upon the acquisition. We hope to receive these letters regularly, and feel sure that they will be appreciated by our readers.

Weeping Water Man Weds.

Harry Massie, of Weeping Water and Miss Alma Wortman were married at Ashland Monday at the Baptist Emmanuel church in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.

LIGHT PROPOSITION

Only One Bid Submitted and Council Decides to Reject and Re-Advertise.

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday night Mr. D. O. Dwyer was initiated as one of the "city dadda." Now it is Alderman Dwyer.

The Finance committee reported the following bills, which were ordered paid:

A. P. Frederickson, rent.....\$34.00
Phil. Harrison, work.....1.75
John Waterman, coal.....6.25
Neb. Lighting Co., light.....2.50

The judiciary committee reported that the city attorney had been requested a number of times to proceed to collect on the Earl C. Wescott bond which was given for the faithful performance of a city lighting contract. No excuse was given as to why suit has not been commenced on this bond, except the gross lack of initiation on the part of City Attorney B. S. Ramsey.

The bids for city lighting were opened, but through the negligence of some one the published notice was not exactly in conformity with the wishes of Acting Mayor Sattler, so the notice must be re-published, and the dear taxpayers must foot the bill. The "hot air" expended on the light question if properly applied would doubtless have saved vast sums spent for heating purposes. If some scientist would come forth with some method of converting "hot air" into light, we are convinced there would be no difficulty in lighting the entire city. It is up to the scientist.

A Ripe Old Age.

A. Mast of Nehawka was in the city the first of the week to pay his taxes, and incidentally called at the NEWS-HERALD office to get acquainted with the new management. Mr. Mast is now past seventy-nine years of age, older, as he expressed it, than any other man of his family, but he is still hale and hearty and will probably live yet for many years.

Marriage License Issued.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Mr. Philip A. Meisinger, a son of Conrad Meisinger, and Miss Martha Steppat, a daughter of Martin Steppat. These young people are well known and have a host of friends who extend their best wishes.

Hurrah for the 6th day of March!

THAT'S THE DAY FOR

THE BIG UNCOVERING

AT PLATTSMOUTH

Somebody there wants to get acquainted with you. You're coming? All right we'll expect you. Watch the newspapers, they'll tell it all.