PANAL A CANAL

The United States Will Undertake the Project.

It Involves a Great Undertaking at Which France Failed-Means Much for the World's Commerce-Ratified by the U. S. Senate.

With but five votes against it the Panama Canal treaty was ratified in the U. S. Senate Monday afternoon just as it was agreed to by the diplomatic representatives of the United States and Columbia. As had been expected, after trying in vain to obtain the adoption of amendments, the democrats voted almost solidly for the agreement.

The Senate has practically completed its work, and an adjournment will be taken by Thursday certainly, and, possibly, earlier. The Cuban reciprocity treaty, with the provision that it shall not become effective until it has been approved by the House and Senate, will be discussed in the meantime.

The only real achievement of the exsession is favorable action upon the canal treaty. This, it is believed, removes all obstacles in the way of the construction of the great waterway. There is a general feeling of relief now that the long struggle has ended. The President is highly pleased, and with very few ex ceptions Senators are satisfied that the proper route for the canal has been decided upon, and that no further chance for error remains.

The only doubt which disturbs in the slightest degree the more ardent of the canal advocates is the possibility of unfavorable action by the Colombian Congress. This is so remote a possibility that it is causing no real uneasiness. The Colombian government, except the Congress, is pledged to the treaty, and as the country will be greatly benefitted by States, it is believed popular sentiment will sweep aside any opposition to favorable action.

The Colombian Congress will meet next month and as soon as it acts the President will appoint the canal commission, and preparations for beginning work will be made immediately.

HISTORY OF THE TREATY.

The Panama canal treaty between the United States and Colombia, which was ratified was signed at Washington on January 22, 1903. It was negotiated by Secretary Hay on the part of the United States, and Thomas Herran, charge d'affaires, on the part of Colombia, who signed the document. On January 23, it was sent to the President, and by shim sent to the Senate on the same date. It was referred to the committee on foreign relations on the same day and reported back on February 3. The treaty was discussed at some length during the last Congress. On March 5, the day the special session of the Senate convened. the treaty was again refered to the committee on foreign relations, and on March o was again reported to the Sevate, since which time it has been under discussion. Neither in committee nor by the Senate was the treaty amended and it was ratified as first negotiated by a vote of 67 to 5.

Approval by the Colombian congress is expected, but not until after much debate. The Colombians favor the enterprise, for it means much to that republic, especially during the actual time of construction, and the \$10,000,000 to go to its treasury is a regular bonanza. Then \$40,000,000 is to be paid the French company of which the famous DeLesseps was the head, owning the concession. By July I all the preliminaries are expected to have been concluded, and rock, a monument to the persistency of when the dry season of early winter opens the real work of digging will be She will be rapidly prepared for action. started. The French company has done Meanwhile the American boat has prolittle actual digging, but the surveys and general estimates of the entire scheme have been finished, and are of inestimable value. Modern methods will be employed on the canal work, and the United States will have another chance of astounding foreign countries with the

manner of handling a great undertaking. The construction, it is estimated, will but American push and invention will action. probably reduced the time period. This undertaking is one of the greatest engineering feats in the world's history, the value of which is beyond present calcula-

Commission's Report on Saturday. Judge Gray and Carrol D. Wright, president and recorder, repectively of the anthracite coal strike commission, Wednesday handed to President Roosevelt the report of the commission on the recent strike. The president says the report will be given to the public on Sat-

WHERE THE PASTORS GO.

ASSURED United Ev. Appointments for the Williamsport and Centre District.

The following are the appointments in full for the Williamsport and Centre districts as made by Bishop H. B Hartzler at the Central Pennsylvania conference UNITING THE TWO OCEANS of the United Evangelical church at SPARR

> First church, M. F. Fosselman; Williamsport St. Paul, W. M. Sanner; Williamsport Newberry, G. W. Currin; Williamsport Grace, A. C. Price; Williamsport circuit, J. M. King; Warrensville, W. N. Fulcomer; Hughesville, J. J. Lohr; White Deer, C. H. Goodling and H. C. Walker; Lycoming, P. C. Weidemeyer; Jersey Shore, C. L. Sones; Salladsburg, H. S. Basom; Lock Haven, J. F. Dunlap; Lock Haven circuit, W. N. Wallis; East Point, W. J. Dice; Liberty, M. T. Crouch; Grover, M. J. Snyder; Wayland, L. M. Dice; Steuben, H. C. Guthrie; D. W. Miller and R. Young, members of First church, Williamsport, quarterly conference, C. W. Guinter, member of Warrens-

ville qarterly conference. Centre District -- Altoona, M.I. Jamison; Bellwood, C. F. Garrett; Milesburg, W. K. Shultz; Bellefonte, W. H. Brown; Howard, D. A. Artman; Nittany, J. M. Price; Jugar Valley, A. S. Baumgardner; Rebersburg, S. Smith; Centre Hall, J. F. Shultz; Spring Mills, W. C. Bierly; Milland E. I. Confer; Mifflinburg, C. C. Mizener; Buffalo, L. Dice; New Berlin, S. E. Koontz; Centerville, N. J. Dubs; Midleburg, J. Womeldorf; McClure, A. D. Gramley; Port Treverton, H. T. Searle; lege, member of New Berlin quarterly conference; George Josephs, member of Lewistown quarterly conference.

THE BIRTH RATE.

There is no dispute as to the fact of the falling off of the birth rate. The census the work to be undertaken by the United | the size of families in various sections of

the United States.		
Average si	te of	famil
New England	4.8	4
New York Pennsylvania	4.9	. :
South Atlantic States	5.2	1
Ohio	5.0	4
Indiana.		35.00
Illipois		4
Michigan		4
Wisconsin	5.2	4
Minnesota	5.2	
lowa	5.2	4
Miosouri		4
North Dakota		4
South Dakota	4.3	4
Nebraska	5.1	4

There are reasons for a low average in some parts of the Union newly settled; but even in Utah there has been a decline in the size of families from an average of 5.1 to 49, only one point ahead of Pennsylvania.

DECISION BENEFITS COUNTIES.

The Superior Court ruling affirming the decision of the late Judge Albright, of Lehigh county, in the case of the city of Allentown against former County Treasurers S. J. Hartman and James M. Sechler, affects many counties in the state and will add thousands of dollars to their treasuries.

The city of Allentown contended that County Treasurers are not entitled to commissions for paying into the treasuries of cities, boroughs and townships their share of liquor license fees. Suit was brought against former Treasurer Hartman for \$410 and former Treasurer Sechler for \$588, which they had deducted as fees. The local court decided in favor of the city, and the Superior Court sustained this opinion.

After the Cup. The yacht that has challenged for the America's cup is affoat. The third Sham-Sir Thomas Lipton, has left the ways. gressed so far as to be given a name. She is to be called the Relfance, but she will not be in the water for about a month yet.

It will not be forgotten that the first Shamrock was beaten by the Columbia; that the Herreshoffs made something of a failure out of the Constitution, and that n the contest with the second Shamrock require ten years time and \$200,000,000, the Columbia again had to be called into

> The new Shamrock is heralded as something fast, but that is largely a greater speed can be gotten out of a craft | wise the woodchuck, is a fraud. than has already been shown. For some years the best expert knowledge has been brought to bear without startling results. It is not improbable that we have about reached the top notch of merine architecture.

-We have placed our first order now for 3000 cut flowers with one of the best growers in Pennsylvania and will guarantee every other first grade. Teaman's. | going to waist.

LARGE TIMBER DISAPPEARING

Very Few Rafts are Being Floated this Year

Williamsport district-Williamsport Our Forests are Depleted and Mountains

islation Needed.

Shorter Every Year-Forestry Leg-

RAFTS ARE GONE

There was a time, not many years ago, either, when hundreds of raft floated down the Susquehanna river. In one year one thousand rafts were tied up at Clearfield on their way to the market. Now the sight of a square timber raft is almost as rare as a white blackbird. No one now sends to tidewater rafts of spars, those big sticks which twenty years ago were the admiration of river men. A quarter of a century ago lumbermen scorned to send down to their mill at Williamsport logs of less than a foot in diameter. Now much of the timber that reaches Lock Haven is half that diametor and some of the sticks scarcely make 4x4 scantling. The thousand of men who made a good living in the woods cutting timber or on the river have been within sight.

That there has been wanton destruction of the forests of the state is undeniable, says the Williamsport Sun. This waste of valuable timber began when Lewistown, N. Young; Paterson, S. S. the owners of lands at the head of the Mumey. Dr. A. Gobble, of Albright col- river sent to market only the larger timber sticks-the 36x40x80 and frequently large squared timber. It has continued cent growths of timber have been entirely denuded. A few tracts of forest lands were held by their owners for some years, but finally the enhanced value of tables show the decreasing average in lumber because of its scarcity induced down by the Superior Court of Penna. the owner to permit the woodsman's axe there was one of importance to numerto cut the tree down. If a similiar sys- one citizens in this county : The appeal tem of forestry preservation to that of J. H. Reifsnyder vs. Elmer W. Moore, which has been recently inaugurated had Receiver of the Iron City Mutual Fire been in practice even twenty-five or Insurance company, of Pittsburg, Pa. rivers and large streams.

Still Hot on Myers' Trail.

Myers, the man wanted for the murder of Mrs. Payne, at Trowbridge, Pa., has been in Wayne county, this state, since last week. Monday he was shot by a farmer named Hartman about five miles from Honesdale, and he ran into a swamp and evaded his pursuers. An Eate company. hour later Sheriff Van Dusen, of Tioga, and a dozen deputies searched the swamp, but Myers had gone. That night he is said to have slept in a hollow

A bloodhound was put on the trail of Republican.

Frightful Death in Mill.

Adam Henry, who had worked in saw times a minute, caught his clothing and Everybody is invited. whirled him around, like so much paper. The machinery was stopped and the mangled remains of Henry removed from the shaft, a crushed and bleeding pulp. Every bone in his body was broken, and about 30 years of age and unmarried.

Groundhog a Failure.

The year 1903 must mark the everlasting elimination of the ground hog from the list of trustworthy weather prophets. Six weeks have elapsed since he came out from his hole, saw his shadow reflected by the bright sunlight all day long and retired with the ominous prediction that six weeks more of winter must be endured, and with an inadequate coal supply. The six weeks have gone by and only one of them has been a very wintry week, the rest have been mild, some of matter of opinion. We doubt if much them balmy. The ground hog, other-

Miss Annie M. W. Pennypacker, daughter of Governor Pennypacker, who has pursued a three years' course in nursing at the Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia, will be graduated this Thursday from that institution. She expects to continue nursing after gradua-

Tight lacing will prevent things from

VALUABLE COAL LANDS.

Five Thousand Acres of Four-Foot Coal Have Been Secured.

A dispatch from Brookville, Jefferson county, says: An aggregation of capitalists representing \$100,000,000 are interested in the developments on one of the finest fields of virgin coal in the United States lying in Beaver, Oliver and Rose townships, Jefferson county. Options on upwards of 3.000 acres have been secured are Bare—The Supply is Growing by the representatives of this giant company at a very good price from the farmers' point of view. In this block are three veins of fine bituminous coal that, for steam and heating purpose, is unsurpassed. The vein that underlies the entire section and the most valuable in point of quality, quantity, heat, units, etc., is known as the Freeport vein and averages about four feet in thickness. In addition to this vein, two other veins underlie the surface that can be worked from drift. In these 3,000 acres, taking the three veins together, there is an amount of coal equal to a four foot vein covering 5,000 acres; a quantity almost beyond computation.

Back of the project to develop this field are the U. S. Steel Co., the P. R. R. Co., the Buffalo Iron Co., and the Frank Williams Coal Co. Surveyors have been at work for some time and have comreplaced by a few hundred, whose ranks pleted the survey for the railroad from grow smaller year by year. The end of a point on the Pennsylvania railroad at heim, I. N. Bair; Millmont, S. Aurand the lumber industry in that valley is Heathville station, and funning along Beaver Run on an easy grade to the heart of the fields at or near the dividing line of Oliver and Beaver townships. A diamond drill has been at work for some time on the Andy Smith farm, two miles from Coolspring, and Mr. Williams, geologist and general buyer of lands for the company, pronounces everything satisfactory and expresses on down through the years until now the himself as highly pleased with the beds hills which were covered with magnifi. of coal there which he says are among the finest in the United States.

Judgment Affirmed.

Last week, among the cases handed

thirty years ago there would today be a Mr. Reifsnyder held a policy in this different story to tell respecting the for- company and after its failure found that ests and destructive freshets would not an enormous assessment had been made now alarm the people residing along the upon him, and other policy holders. He resisted payment and the receiver brought an action against him, which was tried in May, 1902, in our courts and secured a judgment of \$500 25 against Mr. Reifsnyder from which he appealed. The Superior Court in its decree affirms the verdict of the lower court, which is adverse to Mr. Reifsnyder, as well as the other policy holders in this unfortu-

The Outlook for Timber.

Pilots and rivermen are of the opinion that the run of timber and prop rafts tree at Fortina, and Tuesday he went to this spring will be very small compared the school house, three miles west of with former years. So far as can be Honesdale, and demanded food. Ella learned less than 50 square timber rafts McDermott, the teacher, was frightened are being made and the number of prop and gave him some lunch. His clothing timber rafts will be considerably less was bloody from the wound given by than 50. All told there will be less than 100 rafts reach this market.-Clinton

The Passion Play.

Rev. F. L. Bergstresser, of Tyrone. will deliver an illustrated lecture on the mills in Clinton and adjoining counties, | Passion Play in the Odd Fellows Hall at met with a dreadful death a few days Pine Grove Mills, Friday evening, March ago while employed in a saw mill in 20th, for the benefit of the street light West Virginia. A shaft revolving 1,000 fund. Admission 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Bad State of Affairs.

It is said a man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife. In looking over our subscription accounts we are led to the flesh had been completely stripped believe that some awfully good women from the bones of his face. He was in this section are not getting the pressure they deserve .- St. Mary's Herald.

Oldest Civil War Pensioner Dead. Mrs. Sarah O'Rourke, the oldest per-

son in DuBois, and the oldest pensioner carried on the Civil war pension roll of the United States, died. Deceased was born in Ireland, August 27, 1799, and was therefore over 104 years old.

Can't Get Together.

As we go to press the news from the Altoona convention is that the operators and men are still as far apart as ever, both sides absolutely refusing to yield on the 8 hour point, even if this precipitates a strike. The outlook is a gloomy one.

Annual Meeting of Odd Fellows. The Odd Fellows' association of Central Pennsylvania, which includes the lodges of Lock Haven and Clinton county, will hold its annual meeting this year at Milton on Tuesday, April 28th.

The Pennsylvania railroad has been adding one locomotive a day to its equipment for two years.

OUR HISTORICAL

Continuation of Companies in the Civil War

COMPANY H. 56 PENNA. REG.

Captain Brown's Famous Company-Left Bellefonte, Dec. 19, 1861-Contains many Familiar Names of Officers and Privates.

The roster below completes the list of names of members of military organizations in the civil war from this county; in our next will be given a miscellaneous list, containing the names of soldiers from Centre county in organizations from other parts, but whose names were not contained in the company rosters previously printed in the Centre Democrat's Historical Review. Persons who have preserved those issues of the Democrat, or as many did, clipped the rosters of the Centre county companies for pasting in scrap-books, have a complete and valuable record of all our soldiers, by regiments and companies, and those classified as miscellaueous, will be printed in our next.

Company H, Fifty sixth Pennsylon the young man who wastes his time vania. This company left Bellefonte kissing ber hand. Dec. 19, 1861, for Harrisburg.

Captains.

William W. Brown, Bellefonte; resigned lucky right from the start. John T. Jack, Harris; 1st lieut. July 25. '62;

maj May 9, '63 Robert E. Barger, Bellefonte; 2d lieut, April 16, '63; capt. May 25, '63; wounded May 18, '64. Alexander, D. Tanyer, Harris; sergt. Jan. 17, 64; wounded at Cold Harbor May 8: capt, Oct.

S. H. Bennison, 1st sergt. May 10, '64; capt.

Pirst Lieutenants. James H. Rankin, Bellefonte.

William T. Brisbin, Harris. Henry E. Eby, Harris; wonnded at Gettys burg July 1, '63; 1st lieut. April 28, '64; killed in the Wilderness May 6, '64.

William P. Curwiu, wounded at Laurel Hill May 12, '64; 1st lieut. June 8, '65.

Second Lieutenanis. James J. Brisbin, Bellefonte.

S. H. Williams, Half-Moon; 1st sergt, Oct. 16 61 : capt, March 30, '65.

Sergeants.

David R P.Gill, Huston; wounded at South cranks. Mountain Sept 14, '64. James M. Perdue, Bal-Moon.

John Halderman, Harris: sergt, March 20, '64; wounded May 6, '64.

Adolph Singleton, Patton: wounded at North | lead pencil for some time. Anna July '65.

Cytus Strickland, Bellefonte: wounded Rappahannock Station, Jan. 23, '63.

burg; wounded and captured May 5, '64. Elisha J. Smith Rush: wounded at Gettys-

burg and at North Anna. Corporals.

H. P. Biair, Harris; appointed corp. Sept. 1,

John Steere, Union. Joseph Piper.

John H. Faber, Half-Moon; sergt. April 11,

63; wounded Nay 10, '64; killed at Dabney Mills Feb. 6, 165.

Daniel O'Brien, Ferguson; died of typhoid fever at Acquia Creek May 30, '62.

Theodore Lucas, Union

James F. Lucas, Union George Swinehart, Harris corp. Dec. 12, '63.

Privates. Banks, John ; wounded at North Anna May

Barr, Samuel, Harris.

Beatty. Josiah, Worth; killed near Petersburg, June 18, '64

Bennet, William T., Potter: wounded at Gaines' Mill Aug. 29, '63 Blair, Robert F., Harris.

Blake, Henry, Union. Blake, James H., accidentally wounded July

, '62; died Oct. 5 '62 Bucker, William L , Harris.

Calhoun, Harrison, Unionville. Campbell, John, Harris.

Campbell, Milton, wounded with loss of leg.

died May 30, '64. Cowker, David, Worth.

Culver, William, Harris.

Curvin, Lewis, Harris. Dewitt, William, Sr., Boggs.

Dewitt, William, Jr., Boggs. Eckley, George, wounded June 18, '64 Petersburg, died July 14, '64.

Emerick, John, Harris. Fauver, Henry, Half-Moon,

Frain, John, Wounded at Gaines' Mills, with loss of hand, Aug. 28, '62.

Fry, William H., Ferguson; wounded at Laurel Hill May 12, '61; died May 16, '64,

Gingher, John, Boggs. Gfibert, Joseph, Harris; wounded at Gaines'

Mills Aug. 20, '62; to Vet. Res. Corps. Gill, James, Worth; wounded at Spottsylvanta May 10, '64.

Hahn, Charles H., Harris; wounded and dis-

Hall, Robert, Union. Harner, Samuel, Harris; absent, sick, in

Hoop, Charles, Harris. Hoover, John T., Worth : trana. to Battery

Koon, David, Harris; killed at Gettysburg

Koon, Samuel, Harris. Kreamer, William, Worth; killed at Peters-

burg June 18, '64.

Lightner, Thomas, Ferguson; killed in a rall-road collision at Fredericksburg, Jan. 18, '63. Lucas, Benjamin, Boggs.

Lucas, Orlander C., Union; accidentally founded, and trans, to Vet. Res. Corps. McAfee, Thomas, Patton, died Dec. 21, '62.

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McKinney, Perry, Gregg. Markle, John, Patton; died April 20, '63. Martin, Charles, Half-Moon.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

REVIEW Bright Sparkling Paragraphs-Selected and Original.

WHAT MAW SAYS. Maw says I'll never mount to much , An' gen'rally maw's right. I never seem to get in touch With things, jest like I might. Maw says to me the other day:

(Maw's sixty-in her prime)

A-fisbin' all the time? Maw says to me: "How old be your" I sorter hung my head. You know I'm nearly forty-two An' Maw knows too. She's fed

An' clothed me now for quite a spell.

"What makes you fool your time away

I never earned a dime, A felier can't do nothin' well, A-fishin' all the time.

An' loafin' ain't no crime.

Some day I'm goin' to go to work, An' make a lot o'money. Well, say, you needn't smile an' smirk; It ain't so gol derned funny.

Worse folks than me has made their pile,

An' when I'm rich I'll rest awhile, An' fish the whole derned time.

The leader of the orchestra always has to face the music. The person who stutters doesn't neces-

sarily speak broken English. Some men would dodge around a corner to avoid meeting their obligations. The wise girl doesn't waste her time

It may be better to be born lucky than rich, but the man who is born rich is

It is a poor consolation to the girl who has been stung by a bee to know that bees are partial to sweet things. Stepping on a squeaky doll in a dark

room is said to temporarily relieve the worst case of chronic rheumatism. This country has turned out some great men-and there are a lot of others

in office that should be turned out. When a married man makes up his mind to practice economy he begins by

cutting down his wife's allowance. Trace back the bistory of men who have accomplished something and you will discover they were once called cranks.

have accomplished something, and you will discover they were once called The gentleman who writes the State-

Trace back the history of men who

hood plank of the next Republican National platform will chew the end of his The bachelor is heavily taxed in one

of the provinces of the Argentine Repub-Frederick Censor, Union : wounded at Gettys. lic. Between the ages of twenty and thirty he must pay \$5 a month; after the age of thirty, \$10; when he is between" thirty-five and fifty, \$20; between fifty and seventy-five, \$30. When a widower has been three years wifeless, he must remarry or pay the tax: If he can prove that he has been thrice refused as Thomas Ammerman, Boggs; wounded May a husband within one year he is not

AFTER DOCTORS.

Some investigations of the Philadelphia detectives have led to the discovery that a negro "herb man" and hoodoo doctor has in all probability been furnishing poison to customers to get rid of undesirable husbands and wives on whose lives were heavy insurance. His books indicate that he had more than thirty patrons of this kind. One woman whom he told the detective about, who was to have paid him \$100 but only gave him \$51, is under arrest and her husband's body has been taken up and chemical analysis will be made for poison. Other

bodies will be raised. An old "Hex" doctor at Reading, who sold charms containing scriptural incantations for curing diseases of man or beast, recently sued the Phila. North American for ubel for exposing his method of practice. At the trial the paper so completely overwhelmed the doctor with a mass of proof that his own attorneys abandoned the case. These doctors had a stiff fee bill and knew how to secure the coin.

Two large elk were reported as having been seen in Clinton county about a month ago, feeding with a herd of deer They were quite fearless and were seen a number of times. About a week ago Dr. Jacob Kalbfus, secretary of the Pennsylvania game commission, heard that one of these elk had been chased into the Susquehanua river and killed. Game Warden Joseph Berrier was sent to investigate and Secretary Kalbfus said that the violators of the law would be arrested in a few days. The elk are. supposed to have strayed from Pike or Monroe counties, and but for the illegal killing might have meant the formation of a herd in Clinton county.-Clinton Democrat.

Carrie Nation, the Kansas smasher, sold a business building in Kansas City last week for \$6500 cash. It was built and paid for by Mrs. Nation with the proceeds of her lecture tours in the