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PITTSBURG, MONDAY, FEB. 17, 1891.

THE CANAL ONCE MORE.

The discussion of the Lake Erie Canal project, which is resumed in an article elsewhere, presents several interesting issues with regard to the practicability of the project.

In the discussion of these important questions it seems to be taken for granted that the canal must contain fifteen feet of water because that depth is about what is obtained on the Sault and St. Clair Canals.

But while it would be very valuable to have that depth in the new canal, it should be regarded as a maximum and not a minimum. It would be useless to make it more than fifteen feet, unless the upper canals were deepened; but it would not ruin its usefulness to make it less than 15 feet, if such a diminution were necessary.

Other screws loose. The report which is published elsewhere of the commitment of an unmarried woman to jail for examination as to her sanity, and her refusal to leave that institution after she has been there three months, contains several singular features.

High license and prohibition. The active organ of the prohibitionists, the "Pica," devoted a large amount of space to a detailed review of the failure of high license.

The ideal and the real. We observe that the Kentucky Legislature has taken steps to sterner reform, within the jurisdiction of Kentucky, at least, one of the social wrongs of the day.

Jefferson county oil lands. Numerous leases made and test wells to be drilled in a few days. SPECIAL NOTICE. BROCKWAYVILLE, February 16.—In addition to the prospects of a gas field at Brockport, on the east side of this place, negotiations to open up the oil fields in this county have been in progress.

The Senate committee's report seems to be inspired by the necessity of making a better showing for the Pacific railways than the commission did. In doing so it reports that the present management of the Union Pacific is doing its best to make a honorable adjustment of its debt to the Government.

Deaths of a day. Captain John Landers. Ex-Rep. February 16.—Captain John Landers, the deceased was a soldier in the Mexican War and was an officer in the late war. He was a wealthy and popular citizen.

Protection is composed of the sugar planters. Their claim is not a very strong one; but, so far as it goes, it has some status in view of the protective principles. The one interest which has violated the great protective idea of increasing domestic competition in this industry is the Sugar Trust.

FRANCE has swelled her debt to \$6,300,000,000, which is the largest in the world. It looks as if there might be a conspiracy in Europe to make republican government impossible by sending it into bankruptcy.

BACK-ACTION BALLOT REFORM. Quite an enthusiastic movement is being agitated by such leading exponents of independent and Democratic sentiment in the State as the Scranton Truth, Harrisburg Patriot, and the York Gazette, in favor of a Constitutional Convention to do what they consider necessary to make ballot reform possible.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE. WILLIAM D. HOWELLS is writing a novel of Washington. It is gravely asserted that Lord Randolph Churchill has never crossed London Bridge nor visited the Tower.

EMPEROR WILLIAM of Germany has been dissatisfied from publishing a volume of poems which he wrote as a young man. It is a literary curiosity to play Juliet in English on her next tour to this country.

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THE CRITIC'S REVIEW. Paper-covered Foreign News That Come in Daily Free—Lord Carnarvon, With a Plot Laid in the Days of William of Orange—Conversation on Misses—Ancient Literature and Other Books.

long one. Prof. Quekener, the author, is a professor in Columbia College. Text, diagrams and maps have been carefully revised in accordance with the latest scientific discoveries.

THE CYCLOPE SNOW FLOW. A Big Track-Clearer That Runs Through Drifts Very Rapidly. From the Sacramento Union-Record, Feb. 6.

A BILL FOR SECURING A HUSBAND. A Broker Helps Make a Couple Who Kick Against Paying Him.

AWARD ENGLISH WORDS. Expressions That Show the Need of an Improved Vocabulary. From the Nineteenth Century.

NOT TOO YOUNG TO MARRY. License Refused a 40-Year-Old Woman Who Said She Was 14.

DEFENDING THE CRUSADERS. Temperance Advocates to Speak a Good Word for Lethrop Ladies.

STIMULATED BY SNOW. Business of All Kinds Improved by Recent Storm. BROCKWAYVILLE, February 16.—Jefferson county has probably never had a more welcome sign than the snow storm last week.

A STRIKING SPECIMEN. Mr. Neidig Responds to His Critics.—Points Discussed—His Iron Track System Sustained and the Opposition Challenged to a Comparison of Facts and Figures.

Mr. Neidig responds to his critics with the following points: "The undersigned, in discussions with his fellow men, always endeavors to meet propositions that are more tangible than 'what they seem to think.'"

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS. A steam-plow is now plowing 120 acres a day near Merced, Cal.

A Kalamazoo grocery man gives away a top of "Stacy's Travels" with every pound of cheese purchased.

A Santa Rosa, Cal., furniture man last week filled an order for a mattress. It was made by the machine and will be used by a newcomer from Missouri.

A Hedgeway, Pa., physician says that olive oil is an antidote for rat poison. Half a dozen table-spoonsful are sufficient, he claims, to cure a case of mad dog.

Several big snowstorms may yet come along. An old farmer, interviewed by the Mount Joy, Pa., Star, remembers that in April, 1857, a heavy snowfall covered the country.

It is pleasing to note that Allegheny Councils, by an overwhelming majority, have vetoed the absurd ordinance by which the City Property Committee sought to make the Carnegie Library a simple job for the trustees.

AS YOU LIKE IT. Still Making a Fair Record.—"Was Pitt's record in the Senate good for anything?"

Little Boy—When are you going to the circus?—The boy—When I get to be a man, I'll go to the circus.