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1 mis sut at the meeting. We now reach salt water through the St. Lawrence river, but it belongs to the Canadians, and in the event of war would be useless.

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up until late in the spring and too much time is lost. The New York people are talking of a number of projects, but one that meets with considerable favor is to that meets with considerable favor is to build a canal around Niagara Falls and run boats down to Oswego, where they would strike the Erie Canal going across the State. I have looked over the ground a little, and, while this plan avoids obstructions in one place, it raises them in others. Men who understand the importance of our internal commerce realize that such a connection with the ocean should be made. The traffic in a short time would pay the expense of con-

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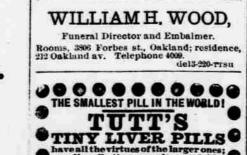
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