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There is no present prospect that work will be renewed on the Panama Canal.

The New York Telegram concludes that the Cherokee Nation is not likely to sell its lands.

It has been calculated that the railroads of the world are worth nearly \$300,000,000,000.

The Louisiana lottery has offered to assume the State debt of \$12,000,000 for an extension of its license for fifty years.

The balance of trade against Canada during the last fiscal year was \$17,000,000, or \$6,000,000 worse than the previous year.

The New York Sun is started at discovering that the internal revenue of the United States is increasing more rapidly than the customs revenue.

The Massachusetts Legislature has done well, thinks the New York Commercial Advertiser, in making it a penal offence to dock the tails of horses.

The startling and highly important information that the Shah of Persia has taken to wearing a silk hat instead of a jeweled turban has recently been cabled from Europe to America.

Before the recent Presbyterian General Assembly in New York the Rev. L. L. Coffin said that 2700 brakemen were killed and 29,000 injured every year on the railroads of this country.

The Alaskan seal fisheries must be protected, declares the New Orleans Times-Democrat, or they will be totally destroyed within a few brief years, and thus a great and unique industry annihilated.

Dogs are to be enrolled and trained in the British Army. They are to act as auxiliary sentinels, as scouts on the march, as despatch carriers, as searchers for the wounded and as auxiliary ammunition carriers.

The New Haven (Conn.) Register will give \$100 for a properly authenticated case wherein the cucumber ever did anyone harm. "The vegetable has been shamefully maligned and injured," this champion claims.

"If some museum man wants a chamber of horrors," says the Minneapolis Tribune, "why doesn't he hire Chicago?" Or if he wants a deserted village, retorts the Chicago Times, why doesn't he make a date with Minneapolis?

President Carnot, of France, is very fond of Americans, and is cultivating sedulously the society of our countrymen now in Paris. At his receptions more Americans are to be found than in any drawing-room in Europe.

Various bodies have petitioned the Pennsylvania Legislature for so many legal holidays that, according to the Detroit Free Press, each day in the week, including Sunday, would have been a holiday had the petitions been granted.

Dr. Rosenberg, a New York chiroprapist, tells the Epoch of a little patient that he was called upon to treat. It is a year and a half old and has three corns and two in-growing nails, although it has never walked. By the aid of cocaine the operation on its tiny feet was rendered painless.

Illinois has a new compulsory education law under which children between the ages of seven and fourteen years are compelled to attend school at least sixteen weeks a year, and attendance on any private day school teaching reading, writing, arithmetic and United States history in the English language, which is approved by the Board of Education, will be accepted as in compliance with the law.

"During the last sixteen months," says the correspondent of the London Times at Cairo, "only four slaves were imported into Egypt, and there have been only two cases of dealing between private persons. The slave trade may be reckoned as extinct in Egypt. The number of slaves in the possession of private families is decreasing rapidly, thanks to the Slaves' Home, which is a most effectual method of doing away with this class of slavery."

Work is at last to be begun in earnest on the Nicaragua Canal, a large force of civil engineers having left New York for the Isthmus. It may be that operations were delayed owing to the belief that the uncompleted works of the Lesseps Company might be bought cheaply enough to make it better worth while to finish the Panama waterway than to construct a wholly new one in Nicaragua. But if such a plan were at one time entertained, it now seems to have been given up. Only the Panama bondholders and others could not be induced to sell interests for the very moderate sum which they would now be valued.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

Table with 2 columns: Ad type and Rate. Includes One Square, one inch, one insertion; Two Squares, one year; etc.

SHE SWEETLY SLEEPS.

Night wind that grieves and sweeps Along the dark, deserted streets, While Nature's heart in pity beats...

DOWN IN THE GRASS.

All night long the low summer wind had fanned the dewy grass, and stolen with a subdued murmur around the rude board structure that nestled in the high grass on a broad stretch of level prairie...

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Good glue is best for picture scrap-books, as it is not so apt to warp the page or to "soak" the paper. For reading scraps book-binder's paste, or any good cooked paste, is better than mucilage.

MAKING WOODEN INDIANS.

A Maker of Signs Tells the Secrets of His Trade—Splendor, Rather Than Fidelity to Nature, His Object. "There, Pop, I've got all done but the top. What color shall I paint that?"

ART OF BOTTLE CLEANING.

Most medicine-bottles can be cleaned by washing thoroughly in hot soap-suds and rinsing in cold water; but there may be some that will require different treatment.

TO CLEAN ENGRAVINGS.

Put the engraving on a clean board and cover it with a thin layer of common salt, finely pulverized; then squeeze lemon-juice upon the salt until a considerable portion of it is dissolved.

LOVE ROMANTIC, YET MOST TRUE.

Three men, who were good and great, Favored by fortune and fate, Loved one woman; but she Loved none of the three.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A rash intruder—Measles. Not a religious stick—The post chaplain. Well-made men—The oleo-millionaires.