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in excellent trim, while there were board In excellent trim, while there were board sidewaiks leading from building to build-ing. In other camps the kitchens or cook sheds had not been mored, and the sidewaiks had not been put down, while in one camp the bathhouses were not yet up. In each case, however, every effort was heling made to hurry on the construc-tion, and I do not believe that the delays had been greater than were heavitable in had been greater than were inevitable in such work.

LIVES OF MARRIED MEN.

LIVES OF MARRIED MEN. I was struck by the superior comfort and respectability of the lives of the mar-ried men. It would, in my opinion, be a most admirable thing if a much larger number of men had their wives, for with their advent all compaints about the food and cooking are almost sure to cease. Thad an interview with Mr. Mailet, the British consul, to find out if there was any just cause for complaint as to the treatment of the West lindin negroes. He informed me most emphatically that there was not, and authorized me to give his statement publicity. He said that not only way the condition of the laborers far better than had been the case under the old French company, but that year by year the condition was improving under our own regime.

RECREATION AND AMUSEMENT.

One of the greatest needs at present is to provide amusements both for the white even and the black. The Young Men's Christion association is trying to do pood work and should be in every way encour-aged. But the government should do the main work. I have specifically called the attention of the commission to this mat-ter, and something has been accomplished already. Anything done for the weifare of the men adds to their officiency and money devoted to that put ose is there-fore properly to be considered as spent in building the canal. It is imperatively nec-essary to provide ample recreation and materity. I call the special attention of Congress to this need. They now dealt with the hygenic con-ditions which make it possible to employ after a force of laborers, and with the fast of gathering, housing, and feeding the set alwork which has to be done in the actual work which has to be done in the actual work which has to be done the work because of which they alborers and neating. This is under the di-terent of the chief engineer. Mr. Stevens, who has already shown admir-able results, and whom we can sately to true. Dur people found on the istimus a cer-One of the greatest needs at present is

trust to achieve similar results in the future. Our people found on the isthmus a cer-tain amount of old French material and equipment which could be used. Some of it, in addition, could be sold as scrap (ron. Some could be used for furnishing the foundation for filling in. For much no pessible use could be devised that would not cost more than it would bring in.

THREE BIG PROBLEMS.

THREE BIG PROBLEMS. THREE BIG PROBLEMS. The work is now going on with a vigor and efficiency pleasant to witness. Tie three big problems of the canal are the La Boca dams, the Gatun dam, and the Culebra cut. The Culevra cut must be made, anyhow; but of course changes as to the dams, or at least as to the locks adjacent to the dams, may still occu. The La Boca dams offer no particular problem, the bottom material being so good that there is a practical certainty. not merely as to what can be achieved, but as to the time of achievement. The Gatum dam offers the most serious prob-lem which we have to solve; and yet the abest men on the isthmus believe that this problem is certain of solution along the lines proposed; although, of course, if nec-essitates great toll, energy, and intelli-kence, and although equally, of course, there will be some little risk in connec-tion with the work. If the huge earth dam now contemplated is thrown across from one foothil to the other we will have what is practically a low, broad, mountain ridge behind which will rise the uland lake. This artificial mountain will probably show less seepage, that is, will have greater restraining capacity than the average natural mountain range. The ex-act locality of the locks at this dam-as at the other dams-is now being deter-mined. In April next Secy. Taft, with three of the ablest engineers of the coun-try-Messrs. Noble, Steams and Ripley-will visit the istimus, and the three en-gineers will make the final and conclu-dive examinations as to the exact site for ane duited to the is not offer such reach lock. Meanwhile the work is going anead without a break. The Culebra cut does not offer such reach lock man while the damaes liable So much for honest criticism. There re-mains an immense amount of as reckless siander as has ever been published. Where the slanderers are of foreign origin I have no concern with them. Where they are Americans. I feel for them the heartiest contempt and indignation; because, in a spirit of warton dishomesity and mallee, they are trying to interfere with, and hamper the execution of, the greatest work of the kind ever attempted, and are seeking to bring to maught the efforts of their countrymen to put to the credit of America one of the giant feats of the ages. THE CONTRACT PLAN. After most careful consideration we have decided to let out most of the work by contract, if we can come to satisfac-tory terms with the contractors. The whole work is of a kind suited to the peculiar genius of our people; and our people have developed the type of con-tractor best fitted to grapple with it it is of course much better to do the work in large part by contract than to do it all by the government, provided it is possible on the one hand to secure to the con-tractor a sufficient remuneration to make it worth while for responsible contractors ach lock, heanwhile the work is going ahead without a break. The Culebra cut does not offer such freat risks; that is, the damage liable to occur from occasional land slips will not represent what may be called major lisasters. The work will merely call for ntelligence, perseverance, and executive apacity.

been made in machinery during the past quarter of a century. No doubt a quarter of a century hence this new machinery, of which we are now so proud, will sim-itariy seem out of date, but it is cer-tainty serving its purpose well now. NEW RECORDS FOR EXCAVATION.

NEW RECORDS FOR EXCAVATION. As soon as the type of canal was de-cided this work began in good earnest The rany season will shortly be over and then there will be an immense in-crease in the amount taken out; but even during the last three months, in the rainy season, steady progress is shown by the figures; in August, 242000 cubic yards; in September, 25,000 cubic yards. In October, 25,000 cubic yards. In October new records were established for the output of individual shovels as well as for the tonnage heaul of individual locomotives.

CRITICS AND DOUBTING THOMASES.

ing of cost.

RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS. RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS. The most advanced methods, not only in construction, but in railroad manage-ment, have been applied in the zone, with corresponding economies in time and cost. This has been shown in the handling of the tonnage from shops into cars, and from eats into ships on the Panama rainroad, where, thanks largerly to the efficiency of General Manager Bierd, the saving in time and cost, has been noteworthy. My examination tended to show that some of the departments had (doubless neces-sarily) become overdeveloped, and could now be reduced or subordinated without impairment of efficiency and with a sav-ing of cost.

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longed to a mighty army in a great war for righteousness. Our fellow country-men on the isthmus are working for our interest and for the national renown in the same spirit and with the same ef-deincy that the men of the army a navy work in time of war. It behowes us in our turn to do all we can to hold up their hands and to aid them in every way to bring their great work to a uf-umphant conclusion. umphant conclusion. THEODORE ROOSEVELT. The White House, Dec. 17, 1906. Appropriate Gifts. Beautiful Plano Scarfs, Go-Cart Robes and Toy Bissel Sweepers-Z. C. M. I. Carpet Dept. SOCIAL AND PERSONAL Next Friday Miss Veda Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones, and Ray Bradford will be married, the ceremony to be performed in the temple. . . . Tomorrow Mrs. Mark L. Requa will give a large tea at her home, the affair being in the nature of a farewell, beore leaving to make her home in Callfornia.

Miss Elanora Silver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum Silver, and Robert Runswick will be married on Wednes-day in the temple, and a large recep-tion will follow in the evening at the bride's home,

TAYLOR.-Charles A. Taylor, aged 54 years, in this city, Sunday, Dec. 16. Notice of funeral later.

CONNOR.-At Park City, Utah. Dec. 14, 1996, Thomas F. Conner, a native of San Francisco, aged 33 years. Funeral services was held this after-noon, at O'Donnell's funeral chapel. In-terment Calvary cemetery. Cause of death, pneumonia.

OSWALD.-At Sacramento, Cal., of ty-pholo fever, Robert H., son of Mrs. Mary Oswald, of 364 Seventh street of this city. The remains will be shipped to this city for burial next Wednesday. Time of fu-neral will be published later.



will run up to Wednesday evening. Lyric-The new bill at the Lyric which will run out the week with the usual matinee is "Why Women Sin."

been expended in the accumulation and arranging of the facts and figures giv-en. Utah and her sister states, Idaho and Nevada, their industries, resources and general activities, are given liberal advertisement. In its mechanical appearance the edi-tion is a delight. Typographically, it seems very nearly perfect, and the re-

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IN CULEBRA CUT.

IN CULEBRA CUT. The main work is now being done in the culebra cut. If was striking and impres-sive to see the huge steam shovels in full play, the dumping trains carrying away the rock and they dislodged. The implements of French excavating max -mery, which often stand a little way from the line of work, though of excellent con-struction, look like the veriest toys when compared with these new steam shovels, just as the French dumping cars seem like toy cars when compared with the long trains of huge cars, dumped by steam plows, which are new in use. This rep-resents the enormous advance that has

of the best kind to undertake the work; and provided on the other hand it can be done on terms which will not give an ex-cessive profit to the contractor at the ex-pense of the government. After much consideration the plan already promulgat-ed by the scoretary of war was adopted. A SINGLE COMMISSIONER.

SLANDERERS AND LIBELERS.

So much for honest criticism. There re-

THE CONTRACT PLAN.

A seven-headed commission is of course a clumsy executive instrument. We should have but one commissioner, with such heads of departments and others officers under him as we may find necessary. We should be expressly permitted to employ the best engineers in the country as con-sulting engineers.

ULTIMATE SUCCESS.

It is a stupendous work upon which our fellow countrymen are engaged down there on the isthmus, and while we should hold them to a strict accountability for the way in which they perform it, we should yet recognize, with frank gener-osity, the epic nature of the task on



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