LIKES VANCOUVER BEST

COLONEL M'CREA'S COMPLIMENT TO ARMY POST.

He Has Been Stationed at Many Important Posts—Returns After Six Years' Absence.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 28.—Colonel Tully McCrea, of the Sixth United States Artillery Corps, who was recently appointed commander of the artillery post at Fort Flagler, Wash., arrived at Vancouver Barracks yesterday. Colonel McCrea was in command of the fortifications at Sandy Hook, which guard the mouth of New York harbor, during the Spanish-American War. About a year ago he was ordered to the Philippines, going by way of the Suez Canal. He has just returned by the Pacific route, having made the circle of the globe within the year. He is very well known, having been stationed here twice. He was at one time a Major in the Fifth Artillery. He was ordered away about six years ago.

Colonel McCrea, in the course of a conversation today, said:

"I have been away from Vancouver for more than six years. I have just completed a circuit around the world, and have been stationed at many important and favorably located Army posts in the United States, but have no hesitancy in saying I prefer Vancouver Barracks to any other place I have ever been. I am glad to get back."

Colonel McCrea will remain at the barracks for some time before actually assuming command at the Puget Sound station. Being the ranking Colonel, he will be in temporary command of the department during the absence of General Randall, who will leave for Washington, D. C., to resume his place as a member of the military board of general Army officers, which will reconvene January 10.

ALASKA ESCAPED IT.

Recent Storm Did Not Extend That Far North—News From Dawson.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 28.—The recent storm did not extend as far north as the Alaska Coast, according to reports brought by the steamer City of Seattle, arriving this morning. The Seattle left Skagway in the evening of the 24th, and during the entire trip down experienced moderately good weather.

Among the passengers on the Seattle were a number from Dawson, who came up the river on the ice, having made the trip to White Horse in nine days. They report the ice in good condition, and daily both dogs and horse-sleds are leaving Dawson with passengers for White Horse. The weather along the river has been very cold. At White Horse, the temperature was about 20 degrees below. At Skagway, the ground is covered with snow, and the heavy rain falling made the ground slushy.

Kid West, the convict who was lent to the British authorities to testify in the O'Brien murder case at Dawson and afterward pardoned, is causing the authorities at Skagway considerable trouble. He has been notified to leave that place, and he was to have come down on the Seattle, but failed. He will be placed aboard the next boat sailing from the north for Puget Sound.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION ENDS.

Resolution Favoring Universal Alphabet Bill in Congress Adopted.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 28.—The Washington State Teachers' Convention meeting came to a close here late this afternoon. Resolutions of condolence were sent to the family of the late Governor Rogers. The Teachers' Association also adopted resolutions for the establishment of a universal alphabet, as suggested by Major Terry, of the Puyallup Indian reservation, the author of a bill in the United States Congress, introduced by Representative F. W. Cushman. The bill directs the President of the United States to invite other nations to send their most distinguished scholars to attend an international conference to formulate an alphabet for the use of all nations. Copies of this resolution were sent to Senators A. G. Foster, George L. Turner, Representatives Jones and Cushman.

Professor R. E. Friars, of Everett, was elected president of the Western State Teachers' Association. Vice-presidents were elected as follows: Principal Pease, of Tacoma; Professor Reeves, of the State University; Superintendent Saylor, of Spokane, Professor J. G. Lawrence, of Seattle, was chosen treasurer, and W. W. Montgomery was re-elected secretary.

TURNS UP IN SAN FRANCISIO.

Brooklyn Man Who Disappeared, and Was Believed Drowned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Frank Holburn, 40 years old, of Brooklyn, who disappeared from his home in November of last year, and whose body was supposed to have been found in the Hackensack River, is alive and well in San Francisco. A body taken from the water was identified as that of Frank Holburn, and was buried by his father last March. William Holburn, brother of the missing man, has just received a letter dated San Francisco, and signed by Frank Holburn. The writer did not explain why he left, but said he was about to go to San Jose, Cal., and would write again when he was settled. He said he would secure a home for his wife and two sons.

Holburn, who was employed by a well-known jeweler, was insured in the Brooklyn Council, Legion of Honor, but the insurance was not paid. He wrote that he had nearly circled the globe, and it is supposed he boarded some ship at the time of his disappearance.

FEARED HE IS DROWNED.

Boat of a Missing Tillamook Man Found on the Beach.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 28.—It is believed George Hanley was drowned in Tillamook Bay Thursday. He left Garabaldi in a small sailboat that morning, where he had gone to play for a dance Christmas night. The boat was seen in the bay about noon by the mailcarrier, with a small sail up. The weather was boisterous. As he did not return to his home, some anxiety was felt about him, as a boat had drifted ashore at Bay City. Friday it transpired that this was not Hanley's boat, but a search was made and a gum hat was found on the beach. It is reported this evening that Hanley's boat has been found on the spit and is smashed up some. Hanley is the Justice of the Peace for this district and is a son of Attorney T. B. Hanley. He is a married man with a wife and two children.

New Oregon Corporations.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State this week, as follows:

Golden Reward Mining Company, Baker City; $1,000,000; James H. Graham, A. H. Huntington, J. B. Titus.

Baker City Auction Company, Baker City; $10,000; James H. Graham, A. H. Huntington, J. B. Titus.

St. Helens Gold & Copper Company, Portland; $500,000; William Eccles, R. L. Darrow, P. L. McKenzie, O. C. McLeod.

Levens' Ledge Gold Mining Company, Portland; $600,000; F. McKercher, T. T. Burkhart, F. H. Dunham, Charles H. Gaylord.

Portland Shoe Manufacturing Company, Portland; $20,000; C. J. Hibbard, J. H. Coltes, M. J. Smith.

Eastern Oregon Standard Oil Company, Baker City; $100,000; J. B. Bowden, C. A. Hoslers, G. W. McConnell.

Sampson Gold Mining Company, Baker City; $1,000,000; Fred S. Lake, John Schmitz, Seymore H. Bell.

American Laundry Company, Portland, $15,000; H. R. Long, R. B. McClung, C. E. Hoyt.

Bohemia Seven, Corvallis; $100,000; A. K. Milner, D. M. Smith, J. D. Mann, O. J. Blackledge, Lewis Hartley, Virgil E. Waters, George E. Lilly; object, mining.

Yeon & Pelton Company, Portland; $150,000; John R. Yeon, D. C. Pelton, J. F. Boothe; object, logging and lumbering.

Franklin Mercantile Company, Portland; $10,000; F. D. Franklin, Franklin Chandler, A. P. Tifft.

Explorers Back From Sumatra.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—A. C. Harrison, Jr., and Dr. H. M. Miller have arrived here after extended explorations through the Island of Sumatra. They are on their way to their homes in Philadelphia. As a result of their work, they have an extensive and valuable collection of birds and other fauna, and of anthropological and ethnological specimens. The ethnological collection will be given to the University of Pennsylvania, and the natural history collection to the Academy of Natural Science in Philadelphia.

New Mining Company.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 28.—Articles were filed in the County Clerk's office this afternoon incorporating the Oregon City Mining & Milling Company. The incorporators are J. M. Tracey, J. W. Noble and Elmer Dixon. The capital stock is $30,000, divided in to 30,000 shares. The principal office is to be in Oregon City. Half of the capital stock has already been subscribed by 10 men, who, about two years ago purchased five mines in the Deer Creek mining district, near Sumpter. Besides the incorporators the men interested in the company are: County Clerk E. H. Cooper, George T. Howard, A. Robertson, P. G. Wells, Fred J. Meyer, George Broughton and William Howell. Mr. Wells will manage the affairs of the new company.

Counterfeiting Outfit Located.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 28.—Upon information from owners of nickel-in-the-slot machines that lead nickels were being used in this city, the Sheriff's deputies yesterday located a counterfeiting outfit in the room of a late lodger in a local hotel who registered under the name of Beekley. It was also discovered that Beekley, alias Johnson, had been in town several days, but had taken French leave. A quantity of lead, plaster-of-paris, etc., besides some clothing, remained in his room.

Twenty Japanese Missing.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28. — Twenty Japanese are missing from Steveston, and are supposed to have been killed or drowned in the destruction of a Japanese boarding-house between Steveston and Point Roberts on Thursday morning. The boarding-house stood out on piles, and not a vestige of the structure now remains. The place was two miles from Steveston, and it was impossible to reach it during the storm.

Chehalis Shows Its Regret.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 28.—Flags are at half-mast all over town on account of the death of Governor Rogers, and there are many expressions of sincere regret. The pupils of the State Reform School raised a neat sum with which to purchase a floral offering, as the Governor was always recognized as a strong friend of the institution.

Claim for Riotous Acts of Soldiers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Mayor Phelan has requested the City Attorney to provide him with a statement of the cases where judgments were returned against the city for damages accruing from the riotous acts of soldiers during the past four years. It is the Mayor's intention to present a claim through Congress.

Gets Three Years in Penitentiary.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Frank Fleming, recently convicted of manslaughter for killing John Keeler in a drunken fight at Port Hill, Idaho, was sentenced at Rathdrum this morning to serve three years in the Idaho penitentiary. The evidence showed that Keeler began the fatal fighting.

Push Club Rally Postponed.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—The Greater Salem Commercial Club has been planning a grand mass meeting rally at the Armory on the evening of January 2, but owing to the fact that the holiday week has been filled with entertainments, the executive committee has decided to postpone the rally for the present.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, Dec. 28.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy	4¾	5¾	Prin. Maud	2½	2¾
Blacktail	10½	11½	Quilp	26½	28½
Crystal	...	6¾	Ramb. Car	60	70
Deer Trail	2½	2¾	Republic	3½	...
Gold Ledge	1¾	2¼	Rose, Giant	2½	3¾
L. P. Surp.	5¾	6½	Sullivan	8½	10½
L. Dreyfus	...	4¼	Tom Thumb	16½	18
Min. Lion	22	28	Trade Dollar	5½	6¼
Morn. Glory	1¾	2¾	N. A. Marble	2	...
Morrison	3¾	3¾			

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Mexican	$0 60
Belcher	13	Occidental Con	4
Best & Belcher	17	Ophir	85
Caledonia	24	Overman	10
Challenge Con	15	Potosi	4
Choliar	5	Savage	5
Confidence	66	Sierra Nevada	22
Con. Cal. & Va	1 60	Silver Hill	37
Crown Point	3	Standard	3 40
Gould & Curry	9	Union Con	22
Hale & Norcross	18	Utah Con	6
Justice	6	Yellow Jacket	10

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 18	Little Chief	$0 12
Alice	48	Ontario	8 00
Breece	16	Ophir	90
Brunswick Con	75	Phoenix	5
Comstock Tunnel	6	Potosi	5
Con. Cal. & Va	1 65	Savage	5
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	24
Horn Silver	1 90	Small Hopes	40
Iron Silver	60	Standard	3 50
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 20 00	Parrott	$ 31 50
Allouez	3 00	Quincy	145 00
Amalgamated	71 12	Santa Fe Cop	3 50
Bingham	24 50	Tamarack	275 00
Cal. & Hecla	620 00	Trimountain	35 50
Centennial	13 50	Trinity	14 25
Dominion Coal	49 00	United States	14 50
Franklin	13 00	Utah	24 00
Isle Royale	22 00	Victoria	5 50
Mohawk	32 00	Winona	1 62
Old Dominion	24 25	Wolverines	52 50
Osceola	84 00		

NEW WAY TO OPEN RIVER

NOVEL PLAN HEPPNER MAN SUGGESTS TO CHAIRMAN BURTON.

He Wants the Present Generation to See The Dalles-Celilo Obstructions Removed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Chairman Burton, of the river and harbor committee, has had laid before him by A. M. Gunn, of Heppner, Or., a most novel plan for overcoming the obstructions in the Columbia River at The Dalles and Celilo. The proposition of Mr. Gunn was carefully forwarded by special delivery to the chairman of the committee, and is highly prized by him as one of the most unique ideas for river improvement yet devised.

"That this generation may receive some of the benefits of an unobstructed waterway for the transportation of freight on the Columbia River," says Mr. Gunn, "I suggest that your honorable committee recommend to Congress that a competent engineer be detailed to investigate and report on the feasibility and cost of overcoming many of the obstructions in the Columbia River by the following method:

"Where the bed of the rapids is rock, to have a channel or groove, cut, during low water, lengthwise of the stream in the bed of the river, 15 feet wide and four feet deep, more or less; that a wall be built on each edge of the channel or groove, the walls to be 15 feet wide and six feet high, more or less, to be built with steel ribs and covered with steel plates, and to be filled in with rock and cement; the top of the wall to be whaleback in shape, to admit of complete inundation during high water, thus forming a lane lengthwise in the river, provided at intervals with canal gates or locks, and, where required, to be connected with the river banks by bridges. This would provide a cheap opening of the river for freight craft of shallow draught."

Mr. Burton has read this suggestion with a great deal of interest. If time permits, it is not improbable that he will lay the scheme before the committee, and Mr. Tongue will have a chance of expressing an opinion. However, with their hearts set on a canal and locks, it is not probable any new projects will be seriously considered by the members of the Oregon delegation.

Newcomers Buy Land.

CORVALLIS, Dec. 28.—Three land sales to newcomers have been reported in the last day or two. N. B. Peterson, late of Nebraska, bought the 75-acre J. D. Johnson farm from the State Land Board for $3000; D. A. Ish and E. B. Priest, of Washington, paid $3000 for the farm of C. P. Fullerton in Alsea, and Mr. Everett, of Nebraska, bought the 10-acre tract owned by Dr. Farra on College Hill for $1300.

Dallas Brevities.

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—At a meeting for the permanent organization of the Anti-Saloon League last night, the following officers were elected: President, Professor D. M. Metzger, of Dallas College; vice-president, Rev. W. T. Matlock; secretary, W. P. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Reynolds.

Six carloads of prunes are being boxed in Dallas for shipment. The price paid for the fruit was 2½ cents per pound.

Northwest Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Pensions have been granted as follows:

Oregon—Increase, restoration and reissue—Jacob A. Bradford, Latourell Falls, $12; Charles H. Lansing, Hilgard, $8.

Washington—Original widows, special act of December 9—Eunice B. Leach, Vancouver, $8.

Idaho—Original—Lafayette M. Crosby, Weiser, $8.

Elgin Masons Install Officers.

ELGIN, Or., Dec. 28.—With the usual ceremonies, Elgin Lodge No. 98, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, installed the following officers last night: Charles Hollgarth, W. M.; E. Tuttle, S. W.; J. Christianson, J. W.; Dan Sommer, secretary; Henry Proctor, treasurer; W. R. Logan, S. D.; Henry Hug, J. D.

$500,000 Damage by Storm.

TACOMA, Dec. 28.—Captain Clift, surveyor for the underwriters, who has just returned from the Straits, estimates the damage done by the recent storm at nearly $500,000. He says the greatest loss will fall on the British side, as both buildings along the shore and shipping have suffered very severely.

Loss by Storm Grows.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Reports coming in today tend to increase the estimated amount of loss, rather than to decrease it, from the figures obtainable last evening. The storm and its results were the worst in the history of this part of the Coast for many years.

Miner Accidentally Killed.

WHATCOM, Wash., Dec. 28.—News reached here of the killing of Ike Gorrivieu, in the Mount Baker mining district by the premature discharge of a blast on the Great Ledge Mining Company's property.

Sheriff Returned With Prisoner.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—Sheriff Durbin returned today from Baker City with J. M. McCown, who was arrested on a charge of seduction. McCown was today committed to jail under $500 bonds.

Granted a Life Diploma.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—The State Board of Education today granted a life diploma to Robert T. French, of Monmouth, who holds a similar paper issued by the Department of Education in Massachusetts.

Registration Books Secured.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—County Clerk W. W. Hall has procured registration books for the purpose of registering voters in this county, beginning January 6. The books will be opened on that date.

Dairymen's Convention Closes.

EVERETT, Dec. 28.—The annual convention of the Washington State Dairymen's Association came to a close this afternoon. H. L. Blanchard was re-elected president—his fourth term; G. M. Brown, of Spokane, vice-president, re-elected, and D. S. Troy, of Chimacum, secretary. Resolutions of condolence were sent to the family of the late Governor Rogers.

OREGON PIONEER OF 1848 LAID TO REST

MRS. THOMAS M. HINES

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 28. — The funeral of Mrs. Thomas M. Hines, an Oregon pioneer of 1848, who died here Thursday, occurred today. Mrs. Hines was aged near 83 years. She was born in Green County, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1819, where she spent her girlhood. Her parents then moved to Ohio, and lived until 1841 near Cincinnati, when they moved to Missouri. The daughter, whose maiden name was Mary Buckingham, was married the following year to T. M. Hines. They crossed the plains to Oregon, arriving in Yamhill County September 28, 1848, where she spent the Winter, then came to Washington County, and resided on a donation land claim on a branch of the Tualatin for eight years. The family then moved to Forest Grove, and has resided here since. Mrs. Hines leaves a husband and two sons—Cicero and Charles Hines, of Forest Grove.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Funeral of W. B. Richards.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The body of Lieutenant-Colonel Richards, Seventh Infantry, who died at Vancouver Barracks, about two weeks ago, will arrive here Monday at 10:30 A. M., and will be removed to a vault at the Arlington cemetery, where the interment will be made with becoming military ceremonies Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Ex-Foreman State Printing Office.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—News has been received here of the death of David E. Ashbaugh on December 26 at Butte, Mont. Deceased was about 40 years old, and left a wife and two children. He was formerly foreman of the State Printing Office.

Well-Known Commercial Traveler.

PACIFIC GROVE, Cal., Dec. 28.—Adrian C. Rosendale, a commercial traveler, well known on the Pacific Coast, died very suddenly at his home in this city this morning. Death was caused by a clot in the left auricle of the heart.

Miss Frances Zielinski.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 28.—Miss Frances Zielinski, aged 22 years, died at her home near Chemawa last night of typhoid fever.

HIS LIFEWORK IS A CLOCK,

After 24 Years of Toil This Marvelous Timepiece Is Complete.

London Telegraph.

A poor German watchmaker has just achieved a wonderful work of ingenuity and art, consisting of an astronomical and calendar clock. Twenty-four years ago he was fired to attempt the task by a study of the famous horological monument at Strasburg cathedral. He immediately began to execute his design to excel even this surprising piece of ingenuity. For 19 years he devoted all his time to the project. At one time, his means being of the scantiest character, he had no alternative but to sell by degrees everything he could spare. His wife, being extremely indignant at this procedure, brought her complaints before the local magistrate. He promised her his help, being convinced that a man's mind must be deranged who thought he could make an astronomical calendar clock even surpassing that of Strasburg. His mental activity and financial and domestic troubles told upon the patient worker, and at last his friends declared him insane. At the thought of parting from his clock he became more excited. He was forthwith put into a straight waistcoat and sent to a lunatic asylum. At length he managed to regain his liberty, on the understanding that he remained under police surveillance. He found that his home was no place for him, so he journeyed to Carlsruhe (Baden), taking his clock and his tools with him. In this town he obtained, with the assistance of a privy councillor, free board and lodgings at the permanent industrial exhibition. After a stay of 18 months he lost this place of refuge and fled with his work by night to his son in Switzerland. In Carlsruhe he had been able to make some small savings, and a few friends gave him assistance. The German Emperor, though His Majesty thought his task hopeless, sent him a sum of money. At last the clock, however, was finished, but the constructor had no funds for the case. On this occasion a parish priest came forward with generous and unselfish help, and the project was completed.

It is claimed that this clock is as wonderful for its artistic beauty and workmanship as for its ingenious mechanical arrangements. It is enclosed within glass, so that its every movement can be seen. It consists of 2200 parts, 112 of which are wheels. Every detail is the watchmaker's own handiwork. The clock indicates the seconds, minutes, hours, dates, the days of the week, month and the seasons of the year, the pictures of the signs of the zodiac, the sun, moon and stars, and the rising and setting, as well as the exact position of the celestial bodies. It shows, besides the moon phases, all the eclipses of the sun and moon. Its calendar, it is urged, will last forever, with minute accuracy. At the beginning of the year it fixed by itself the statements of the astronomical practitioners in explanation of the everlasting calendar, as well as Easter, and the changeable festival days for the coming year. A glass ball, representing the spherical globe exactly, shows the movements and positions of the planets Mercury, Venus, earth and moon, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus.

The work is beautified by over 100 movable pictures and figures. Every quarter of an hour the figure of a guardian angel appears on the left side of the principal field. The striking of the quarters is done by two angels, standing in the second recess on the left, while in the sixth recess two figures at a time, representing the four ages of men, are changing alternately. On the right side of the principal field the Angel of Death advances, pointing with his scythe to the dial plate. When the full hour strikes the center angel of the second recess appears, holding an hour glass, whilst the angel on the right side above is sounding a trumpet. Under the roof an allegorical figure represents the right season of the year, whilst above in the principal field the guiding star of the year appears. On the left side of the cabinet stands a cock, which, five minutes before noon, beats its wings, stoops its neck, opens its beak and crows three times.

When the picture shows "Spring" there appears a cuckoo above. With the season "Summer" a quail comes forth on the left side, both calling seven times. When the picture "Autumn" appears, a bull lying at the feet of the Evangelist St. Luke roars, and when "Winter" is indicated a lion, which lies close to St. Mark, raises its voice. Every time the clock strikes 12, Christ, bending his head, appears with his 12 apostles and a monk, standing in the portal below, rings his "Ave."

The work contains also a small chime, which plays five minutes after the striking of an "even" hour, the melodies changing and each lasting one minute. This work has 12 little bells, and on the roller there are 997 pins, which make the music.

Now that this patient worker has finished his task, he has been unable to find anyone to buy it from him.

A Late Arrival

Of those long-cut black and Oxford mixed Overcoats. They may be just what you have been waiting for. The cut is the latest---Loose back, wide shoulders, vertical pockets, in all a very handsome garment.

For Next Week **Special Hat Offer**

To clear out before stock taking---FALL DERBYS, FEDORAS, GOLF SHAPES, $2.50 and $3.00 values, at

$1.85

ALL NEXT WEEK

Sam'l Rosenblatt & Co.

THE RELIABLE POPULAR-PRICE CLOTHIERS
COR. THIRD AND MORRISON STREETS

IT IS IMPORTANT.

To Know What You Are Taking When Using Catarrh Medicines.

Catarrh is the short route to consumption, and the importance of early and judicious treatment of catarrh, whether located in the head, throat or bronchial tubes, cannot be too strongly emphasized.

The list of catarrh cures is as long as the moral law and the forms in which they are administered, numerous and confusing, from sprays, inhalers, washes, ointments, and salves to powders, liquids and tablets.

The tablet form is undoubtedly the most convenient and the most effective, but with nearly all advertised catarrh remedies it is almost entirely a matter of guess work as to what you are taking into your system, as the proprietors, while making all sorts of claims as to what their medicines will do, always keep it a close secret as to what they are.

The success and popularity of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, is largely because it not only cures catarrh, but because catarrh sufferers who use these tablets know what they are taking into their systems. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are composed of red gum, blood root and similar valuable and antiseptic ingredients, and are pleasant to the taste and being dissolved in the mouth they take immediate effect upon the mucous lining of the throat, nasal passages and whole respiratory tract.

The cures that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have accomplished in old chronic cases of catarrh are little short of remarkable, and the advantage of knowing what you are putting into your stomach is of paramount importance when it is remembered that the cocaine or morphine habit has been frequently contracted as the result of using secret catarrh remedies.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets meet with cordial approval from physicians, because their antiseptic character renders them perfectly safe for the general public to use and their composition makes them a common sense cure of all forms of catarrhal troubles.

All druggists sell them at 50 cents for full-sized packages.

PEARLS IN ARKANSAS.

Thousands of Persons Find Employment in Hunting for Them.

Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Within a few years the pearl industry in the vicinity of Memphis has assumed such enormous proportions that it has even attracted world-wide notice, and yet there are a number of persons in Memphis who do not realize that annually these fisheries in Arkansas turn out not only some of the finest and most valuable pearls in the world, but at this time an army of many thousands of persons is engaged in this pursuit, and fortunes are made from the industry by dealers, hunters and button factories.

The best of the Arkansas fisheries are in White and Black Rivers, and while the latter stream has yielded many thousands of dollars' worth of marketable gems, it has of late been scarcely as popular with the hunters as the former stream, and many of the hunters have moved their operations, in consequence, to the magnificent river that has its source in the foothills of the Ozarks, on the extreme western border of Arkansas, and flowing entirely across the state into the Mississippi River a few miles above Rosedale, Miss.

In illustration of the great proportions of the industry, it is estimated by J. M. O'Hara, a dealer and pearl expert of this city, and a man who has done much to foster the industry, that the past season over 12,000 persons found profitable employment in the pearl and kindred industries of the Arkansas fisheries on White and Black Rivers and the lakes in the western portion of the state.

Incident to the pearl fever has been the development of the button industry in Arkansas and the shipment of large quantities of shells from the state to button factories elsewhere. At first the shells were cast aside as worthless by the hunters in their mad rush for wealth, but it was soon found that the saving of the shells was almost as profitable as the pearls and had the added advantage of assuring the hunter of at least making something for his work. Shells sell for from $5 to $7 a ton, and the hunter averages from $1 50 to $2 a day from this source alone. Button factories have been established on White and Black Rivers, and the shells are sold to these or shipped in carload lots to the factories in other states. As the shell beds of the Mississippi River, the source of principal supply in former years, are practically exhausted, the Arkansas shells are in ready demand, and it is claimed for them that they excel the Mississippi shells in many respects.

EARLRUSSELL'SCONFINEMENT

He Talks Entertainingly of His Experiences at Holloway Jail.

London Chronicle.

For an hour and a half Earl Russell, who was accompanied by Lady Russell, entertained the members of the Pharos Club with an account of his recent prison experiences. When he reached Holloway, he said, he learned that his cell had been prepared for him before the case was even heard. He was weighed, and he admitted that when he was released he was fatter, though he did not consider that he was in better condition. The officials asked him what was his religion. He said he was an agnostic, and they entered him on the card as a Protestant. He went to the chapel for variety until the parson, whom he could not see from the little pen in which he and the other prisoners were confined, treated them to a sermon one day. The substance of the sermon was that there must always be rich and poor and all other classes, and that it was a fine sight to see the poor peasant creeping to church, but a nobler sight to see a king at prayer before the altar. He did not go to the chapel any more after that.

He had newspapers and books, and received about half a dozen novels a week from Mudie's. He spent some part of his time in writing, although he was not allowed to write a line about his prison life. Being denied a razor, he used to shave as well as he could with a pair of nail scissors. It was annoying at first to be without tobacco, but after the first week he ceased to desire it. "If any of you ever go to Holloway," said Earl Russell, "I advise you to make friends with the doctor, because you can get anything on a doctor's order." The warders, he continued, had been very polite, and he told several amusing anecdotes about them and some of the prisoners. The outcry against the vermin occurred during this period, and although he believed the nearest they got to him was two cells off, he was startled one afternoon by the door being flung open with the cry, "Home office inspector!" The inspector put his head in with the sharp query, "Any bugs?" He was told "No." "Don't conceal them if there are," the inspector jerked out. To which the prisoner replied that he had no desire to conceal anything connected with the affair.

With all the alleviations allowed to a first-class misdemeanant, prison life was astonishingly dull. You had nothing to think of, nothing to begin and nothing to finish all day long. It was very wearying, and he was sure it must get on the nerves of prisoners under long sentences. Under the monotony of it ordinary prisoners were bound to deteriorate mentally very much.

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HELD UP BY A DEER.

A Maine Man Has a Surprising Adventure in a Highway.

Augusta (Me.) Journal.

The latest highway hold-up is reported from Dexter, and is a little out of the ordinary, even in this game-infested state. It happened about three miles from the village, and Henry Allen tells the story as follows:

"I was passing along, my thoughts upon other matters than my surroundings, when I was startled almost to a point of a panicky feeling by the loud snort of a deer. Very naturally I jumped, and as I looked ahead of me, there, standing on the road, I could see the outline of a large buck deer in the twilight. I threw my ax at him, and the weapon failed of hitting the mark.

"I thought when I threw the ax that would come near ending the incident, but not so. The buck was not so easily frightened. He stood there, his body erect, and would bring down first one forward leg and then another with a stamp which sounded pretty loud on the hard road. I advanced toward him, thinking he would turn and run, but when I started forward he made for me, and with something of a rush. Before I could realize what the deer's intention was, he struck me with one of his forward legs, striking my hand.

"When he did this I made up my mind that he intended to kill me, and that it was time to yell. I presume in my fright I yelled out pretty loud, anyway I felt like it, and when I did so the big buck gave another snort, as did a half dozen more deer that were apparently lying down in the woods close by the road, and then all of the animals rushed off through the woods as fast as they could go."

Washington After Field Meet.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 28.—Charles E. Gaches, manager of the University of Washington track team, who was visiting here this week, is anxious to arrange a dual field meet between Stanford and Washington, to be held here early in May. He wishes to arrange for a meet with the University of California also. Last Spring the Berkeley athletes met Washington in a dual meet at Seattle, Berkeley winning by a score of 82½ to 33½. If negotiations for the track meet prove successful, Mr. Gaches will endeavor to arrange for a series of baseball games between Stanford and Washington.

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