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PERSONAL MENTION
 James Hare is in the city.
 L. H. Sprauer and wife are in Portland.
 J. O. Hawthorn spent yesterday in the city.
 C. C. Clark was in the city yesterday from Seaside.
 C. W. White was in the city yesterday from Warrenton.
 Will Dean was in the city yesterday from the west side.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wirkala have returned from their wedding trip.
 Miss Laura Harrison of Warrenton was in the city yesterday.
 Tom Ross is in the city spending the holidays with his mother.
 Mrs. T. T. Geer is in the city and will remain until after Christmas.
 Mrs. Benedict of Anacosta, formerly Miss Laura Nichols of Astoria, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. M. Stuart.
 Captain M. C. Hackett left up last evening to spend Christmas with his family. His son Earl accompanied him.
 Miss M. Leona and Lulu Townsend were in the city yesterday from their home in Warrenton.

RUSSIANS ARE GRATEFUL.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The enduring nature of some of the friendships formed at the World's fair held in Chicago has been illustrated by the sending of a joint Christmas greeting by four Russian delegates to the fair, Paul Gloukhovsky, N. Karmarov, M. Grunwaldt and Professor A. Kroupsky, to about 300 Americans, including all the former fair officials. Proposals have been made to the municipality of St. Petersburg looking to the utilization of the water power of the falls of Imatra and the Volkhov river for electric lighting and transportation purposes.

VETERINARIANS TAKE DISEASE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Henry F. Turner, state cattle commissioner, and John F. Pollard, state veterinarian, who have been working to stamp out the foot and mouth disease prevalent

here have, according to the World's Providence, R. I., correspondent, been attacked by the disease. Large blisters have appeared on their tongues and other symptoms have been observed. Neither patient, however, is confined to his house and both are believed to be out of danger.

JUDGE RELEASED FROM JAIL DURING HOLIDAYS
Official to Spend Christmas With His Family and Then Return to His Prison.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Judge Thomas Nevitt of St. Clair county, Mo., who has been in jail in Maryville for failure to obey a mandate of the United States court was released today by Judge Phillips so he could spend his Christmas with his family. After the holidays he will return to jail. He has been in jail ever since he was elected.

For many years the judges of that court have refused to vote money to pay railroad bonds for which judgment was obtained in the federal court and Judge Phillips has kept them in jail.

DEATH OF WYOMING PIONEER
Frozen to Death While Helpless from Paralysis.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 23.—John Donovan, a pioneer resident, veteran of the Civil war and Indian fighter during the early days in Wyoming, is dead at his home in this city. He had been ill for some time with paralysis and his wife being away at the time, he made an effort to attract the attention of neighbors by throwing a pall through the window. He was unable to get back to bed and froze to death on the floor.

MOSBY'S BODY GUARD DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The funeral of Aaron Burton, the colored body guard of Colonel John F. Mosby, the well known Confederate cavalry leader, has been held at the home of his daughter in Brooklyn.
 Burton, who was more than 90 years old, had lived for seven years in Brooklyn. He was born in Charlottesville, Va., and belonged to Miss Jennie McCaren, who became the wife of Colonel Mosby. During the Civil war, Colonel Mosby placed the utmost confidence in his body guard and frequently sent him on important missions.

CHOLERA IN MANILA.
Thirty Cases Reported Daily and Disease Raging Unchecked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The transport Thomas brings news of a new cholera outbreak in Manila. When the Thomas left there 30 cases of cholera were being reported daily. Army surgeons arriving on the

Thomas say the disease is raging unchecked in the southern provinces. In Hollo the death rate is very heavy and the authorities seem powerless to check the epidemic.

ROBBERS SECURE JEWELS
Lord and Lady Carnarvon Lose \$25,000 Between Paris and London.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Another big jewelry robbery on trains between Paris and London has upset society, cables the Herald's London correspondent.

The Countess of Carnarvon was robbed of \$25,000 worth of her jewelry while on the way from Paris to London on Sunday. So far no trace of the thieves has been found.

CROWN PRINCE WORSTED.
Fought With His Brother-in-law, the Arch Duke Leopold Ferdinand.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Tageblatts Dresden correspondent says:
 It is reported here that the crown prince's recent accident, ostensibly breaking his leg while hunting near Salsburg, was an invention, the fact being that he had a fight with his brother-in-law, the Arch Duke Leopold Ferdinand, and that the crown prince was so badly handled that he had to take to his bed.
 The crown princess is expected to give birth to a child in May.

FIRE DESTROYS LIFE.
Three Young Children Meet Sad Fate in the Flames.

SALMON, Idaho, Dec. 23.—Three children of B. E. Van Houten, a boy aged 12 and two girls aged 7 and 5, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed Van Houten's dwelling on Phil Sheno's ranch 10 miles from this place last night. Van Houten is foreman of the ranch. His family consisted of his wife and six children. The survivors had narrow escapes.

UTAH MARSHAL IN TROUBLE
Jailed for Stealing Overcoats in Denver.

DENVER, Dec. 23.—Thomas Tracey, who claims to be marshal of Stockton, Utah, is under arrest here charged with grand larceny. He is alleged to have secured two overcoats from clothing stores in this city through trickery, one of which was found in a pawnshop.

TOBACCO TRUST GROWING.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 23.—The Courier-Journal says: The Harry Weissinger's Tobacco company's plant in this city, one of the largest independent tobacco plants in the country, has practically been sold to New York capitalists, who formerly were interested in the Universal Tobacco company, for \$2,500,000.

SCHLEY IS ILL.
Famous Admiral Is Suffering From Lumbago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Schley is ill, suffering from an acute attack of lumbago.

DEWEY IN PORTO RICO.
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 23.—Admiral Dewey arrived on board the Mayflower this morning.

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