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tic and Pacific oceans will be completed and thrown open to traffic within five years. The Culebra cut, he acknowledged, was the greatest obstacle in the path of the canal engineers, but work on that, he said, was progressing fa-

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cursionists an opportunity of viewing the various points of interest about those cities. The daylight ride through the heart of the Rockies-God's art allery of nature-is the grandest across the American continent.

vorably, and its difficulties would be surmounted. The plans for the entire canal are now being prepared, and as soon as they are completed work will be pushed.

Colonel Harrod thinks it will not be necessary to employ such a large force of workmen as has been suggested, no matter on what scale the operations are conducted. The reason for this is the more extensive use of labor-saving ma- | • ing up, • Goethe. chinery than under French management. Not more than 5000 men will, in his opinion, be necessary at any one time. Only about 700 Jamaica negroes and native Panamans are now at work, principally on the great cut at Culebra, but even with the French machinery, more is accomplished and at less cost than under the old engineers.

With the modern American machinery, especially the great steam shovels, which have already been ordered, the unit cost will be smaller, and the progress more rapid.

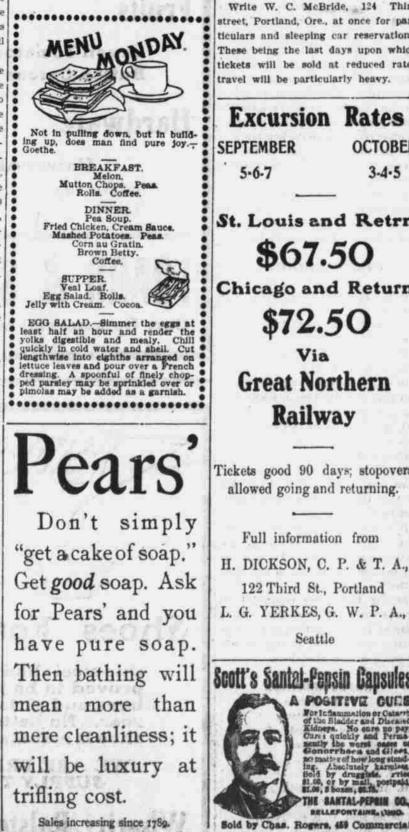
Colonel Harrod thinks there will be no inducement for negroes to go from the United States, as there will be no demand for them, and the wages paid are not high, considering the cost of living.

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Director of Mint Roberts Says It Is Rich, but Methods Too Costly.

George E. Roberts, director of the United States mint, who has been investigating the gold dust output of Alaska for the past nine weeks, has returned to Washington. He reported that mining at Nome is unusually quiet. Lack of activity is due to the limited water supply of the present year. There has been little rain and the snow last year was not heavy enough to make up the deficit. When Mr. Roberts left, however, rains were beginning.

He has great confidence in the permanency of the camp. "Mining is done there," he said, "under great difficulties, and the country is handlcapped by lack of capital. There is now considerable money going in, though. Expensive ditches are being dug and arrangements are being made to carry on hydraulic mining there somewhat on



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