IN ICY CLUTCHES.

A British Ship's Narrow Escape.

DEEP-WATER FLEET ARRIVES

Departure of the Alliance for Nicaragua—Oliver & Co. and the Steamer Sirius.

Advices from Liverpool give an account of the strange experience of the British ship Loch Rannoch on her voyage from Melbourne to England.

Nothing of importance was jotted on the Loch Rannoch's log until February 16, but thenceforth some items of interest were recorded.

On the morning of the 16th the ship sighted icebergs, and by sunset she was completely surrounded by ice masses of enormous size and height. The largest were from 300 to 500 feet high and several miles in length. The tallest berg was flat-topped, with sides as straight as an arrow. There were smaller ones of all sizes and shapes.

Till daybreak of the 18th the ship was hedged in on all sides by the icefloes. At 7 A. M. an opening was discovered to the northward, and it was decided to steer for this.

Numerous bergs and floating ice were passed. Some of the former were breaking up, while top-heavy ones were turning over and assuming all sorts of shapes. By sunset not a single berg was in sight from the royal yard.

The Loch Rannock was in 51 deg. 10 min. south and 40 deg. 20 min. west when the floes were encountered. Her mainyard struck against one berg which was nearly run down, then her mizzen topgallantsail yard caught; her rigging was slightly damaged and showers of broken ice fell on her decks.

Yesterday was a good day for deep-water arrivals. Some valuable foreign and domestic cargoes were brought into port.

The British ship Cedric the Saxon arrived in the afternoon and reported having a rough experience off the Horn. On March 29 heavy head winds and nasty cross seas were encountered; water filled the vessel's decks and everything movable was washed away, including her poop ladders and harness casks.

The ship was hove to in the hurricane, but not before she had lost her foretopsail-yard and the sail.

The Cedric the Saxon is 72 days from Newcastle, N. S. W., with coal.

The deep-water arrivals included the American ship William H. Starbuck, British ships Torridale, Cawdor and Falkland. The Starbuck is from Philadelphia with a cargo of general merchandise.

The United States sloop Alliance put to sea in the afternoon, much to the amusement of the old salts of the naval service, who declare that she will never get to Nicaragua under steam, but will be obliged to use her sails, as her engines are somewhat ancient and untrustworthy.

"What will the Alliance have to fight in Nicaraguan waters?" was asked of an old mariner yesterday.

"Well," he replied, "in case she has to chastise the Nicaraguans for encroaching on the rights of American residents in their country at Corinto, she will have one Krupp gun and six smooth-bores to silence."

"Nothing else?"

"That's all I know of, and I've been on the Nicaragua coast a dozen times within the past twelve years."

So, according to this seaman's statement the dignity of the stars and stripes can be upheld by the Alliance even if she is a fit candidate for rotten crow.

Messrs. Oliver & Co., who bought the steamer Sirius yesterday, are one of the most enterprising firms in San Francisco engaged in the Central American trade, and the chances are that the "hoodoo" steamer will be furnished with a mascot and sent south to get some of the coffee which the Pacific Mail steamers are not getting and which is waiting on the Central American docks for the North American Navigation Company's steamers or the vessels of any energetic competitor of the dying monopoly.

Speaking of Central American trade, the Mail Company's steamer Colon arrived in the forenoon with a diminutive cargo from Central America, which is so small that a few lines of space can be spared to mention it in detail.

2524 bags of coffee, 11 cases of merchandise, 108 mahogany logs, 1021 bags of sugar, 7 bags of silver slabs and $1400 in gold.

Besides there were several packages of merchandise from Mexico, not much over a couple of tons in weight.

Now that the Torrisdale has arrived safely in port conjecture is rife concerning the derelict sighted by the British ship Gretna near Honolulu. The guessing is in two lines of the liveriest, the pile a fair minority favor the King James.

One of the boats cut adrift from Vallejo-street wharf has been picked up at Lime Point, and is recognized as the property of Henry Lewis. It is badly cut to pieces by an axe and is not fit for further use.

The steamer Eureka sails tomorrow for San Pedro, where she will go into the business of transporting passengers to the adjacent islands.

The ship Tacoma sailed yesterday afternoon. This is the vessel whose anchor chains were cut by an unknown miscreant some time ago. She took a nine-man crew at noon without any trouble.

The bark S. C. Allen sailed for Honolulu yesterday with cargo valued at $14,000, the principal items of which were 76 centals of wheat, 25 barrels and 10 half barrels of salmon, 300,000 shingles, 20 barrels of vinegar, 3700 pounds of lard, 51,726 feet of lumber, 980 centals of oats, 200 barrels of flour, 50 tons of fertilizers, 27,000 brick, 640 centals barley, 256 centals corn and 1900 sacks of bran.

Captain Fred Jessen yesterday took command of the steamer Rockaway, vice Captain Charles Luckey.

Two British ships, the Airlie and the Montgomeryshire, cleared yesterday for Europe with wheat cargoes. The former has on board 46,420 centals, valued at $61,787, shipped by Eppinger & Co., and the latter 48,160 centals, valued at $63,200, shipped by G. W. McNear.

NOE VALLEY'S LIGHTS.

The Committee Discretely Draws In Its Horns.

The Committee on Lights has apparently taken warning by the united action of the Noe Valleyites, and will not attempt to recoup its ebbing fund by shutting down the electric lights in the valley. With great malvete the committee now denies that it ever meant to do such a thing.

Christian Reis, the chairman of the Committee on Street Lights, says the people of Noe Valley are disturbing themselves unnecessarily. The Supervisors have not advised the removal of their electric lights.

"We have not even discussed the matter, so far as I know," said Mr. Reis yesterday.

"There is only one thing I can think of that would start the rumor that has caused so much excitement. Two weeks ago we ordered the removal of the last of the high masts.

"But in its place we have had eight 2000 candle-power lights erected.

"There were originally 21 of these high masts in the city. Eight of them were in Noe Valley. Each consisted of four 4000-candle-power lights. They did not light a single street in the district, or we had them removed. Each one was replaced by eight single lights of 2000 candle-power.

"We are not going to reduce the number of lights in Noe Valley or any other part of the city. There was reason to place them three years ago. There is more necessity for them now than then, because the suburbs of the city have been constantly growing."

There has been a slight deficit in the fund for street lights this year. Ordinarily the lights are not lit on three nights during the month—the night of the full moon, the night previous and the night following.

By an agreement with the Electric Light Company and the gas company the lights are to be out for four additional nights in April, May and June. By this action the board will so reduce the bill for lights as to be able to meet all demands.

This is the only method of recouping to be resorted to, as far as is acknowledged by the committee at present.

Society Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Michalitschke will give a reception this afternoon and evening at their residence, 2102 California street, to celebrate the betrothal of their daughter, Miss Josie Michalitschke and E. F. Gutschaw.

The floral show at the Mechanics' Pavilion will open this evening.

Miss Rosa Block, the talented young soprano, will give a concert this evening in Metropolitan Hall. Nathan Landsberger and other artists will assist her.

Mrs. Joseph Roeck will give a recital in the Hotel St. Nicholas this evening at 9 o'clock.

The Western Addition Literary and Social Club will give its regular monthly entertainment this evening in Odd Fellows' Hall.

The Women's Auxiliary will give a dinner in the Second Unitarian Church from 5:30 until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 2 will give an entertainment and dance in Union-square Hall this evening.

Professor and Mrs. Anderson will give a musicale this evening in Hopkins Academy, Oakland.

THE STOCK MARKET.

The market was weak yesterday morning. Considerable stock said to have been held by the defunct Bank of Santa Clara was thrown on the market by the brokers to protect themselves, the sales on this account reaching many thousands of shares.

The northend stocks were the greatest sufferers, and prices were put very low. Potos, however, failed to get it as badly as the balance of the list and many thousands of shares changed hands during the day. The Pacific Board brokers were quite lively sellers, and the sales of Kraus, through Gauthier & Walls, amounted to several thousand shares. As the day advanced the signs of panic were succeeded by a demand for all the leading stocks at market rates. No news of any importance was received during the day, and the market is now in such a peculiar position that any little improvement anywhere along the line would have a very beneficial effect.

On the early call, Ophir sold down to $1 90, Mexican $1 60, Curry Sec, Best & Belcher $1 10, Sierra Nevda 90c, Union 90c, and Con. Cal. & Va. $1 95 to sales of 1100 shares. Potosi was quite strong at $2 55. Chollar broke to $5c under sales of 1700 shares. Norcross sold at 75c, Savage 90c, Belcher 95c, Crown Point 75c, and Jacket 70c. After the call the market was very lively; Prices were a shade higher in a few instances, and sales of Potosi were made down as low as $2 40 under sales of 4900 shares, and the market had a very heavy appearance at the noon recess.

On the 2 P. M. call of the Pacific Board, Hirschfeld was an active buyer. On the 2:30 P. M. call of the big board, Marks, Epstein and Staut were active buyers of all the leading stocks at advanced prices, and a much healthier tone was imparted to the market. A further advance was to be seen after the call, and the market closed strong and active.

NOTES.

The assessment on Bullion is delinquent in office to-day.

H. M. Yerington, the mining and railroad operator, is in the city.

Silver made quite a drop yesterday and sold down to 82½c in New York and 37⅝d in London. The delinquent assessment sale of the Con. Imperial takes place to-day.

The assessments on Chollar and North Belle Isle are delinquent in the board to-morrow.

BOARD SALES.

Following were the sales in the San Francisco Stock Board yesterday:

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—9:30 A. M.

400 Alpha....05|600 C C & V.2.00|300 Ocean....10
1200 Alta....10|500 .....1.95|200 Overm....15
200 Andes....30|200 Comd....90|800 Potosi..2.55
500 Belcher..1.00|800 C Point..70|20 .....2.55
700 .....95|100 Exchequer..60|300 Savage....95
700 B & B..1.15|250 Ophir....2.05|50 90
750 .....1.10|600 H & N....75|300 S H & M....10
100 Bodie....25|700 Kentuck..15|250 S Nev....95
200 Bullion....55|400 Lady W..08|650 90
100 Bulwer....15|1400 Mexican 1.20|100 S Hill....95
500 Caledonia..10|100 Occidental..2.00|800 Union....90
50 Chollar....1.20 .....1.95|1600 Utah....10
1200 Chollar..90|570 .....1.90|350 Yellow Jacket..70
500 85

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30.

300 Alpha....05|1000 C Point..75|1000 Potosi..2½
600 Andes....10|800 C & C....80|400 Savage....95
1400 Belcher..10|300 .....85|500 90
400 B & B..1.15|700 H & N....80|100 S H & M....10
200 Bullion....55|100 Kentuck..15|300 S Nev....95
500 Chollar..20|1000 Mexican 1.15|50 .....1.00
1250 Chollar..90|50 .....1.20|700 Union....1.00
500 C C & V..2.05|800 Ophir....2.05|100 Utah....10
20 .....2.00|100 Overm....15|750 Yellow Jacket..80
50 Confid....1.00|

Following were the sales in the Pacific Stock Board yesterday:

REGULAR SESSION—10:30.

700 Belcher..1.00|230 CC&Va..1.95|400 Potosi..2.45
450 B & B..1.10|50 .....2.00|150 .....2.50
550 .....15|50 .....1.90|250 .....2.60
300 Bullion....55|100 Confidence..1.00|600 .....2.55
50 .....57|700 C Point..71|350 Savage..93
550 .....58|350 .....72|150 92
250 .....59|200 C & C....80|100 90
700 .....53|50 .....88|50 85
500 Chollar..95|150 H & N....72|600 Scorpion..03
1150 .....90|100 Justice....06|200 S Nev....1.00
1150 .....92|100 Kentuck..17|50 S Nev..1.00
700 .....93|500 .....15|250 95
100 .....87½|400 Mexican 1.20|100 90
600 .....91|150 .....14|350 Union....95
700 .....85|50 .....1.15|150 95
700 .....84|250 Ophir....2.00|250 90
200 .....83|100 .....1.95|100 92
250 Cleveland..08|250 Potosi..2.45|300 Utah....11
1250 .....50 .....2.50|200 Yellow Jacket..75

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30.

200 Belcher..97|50 C & C....77|600 Potosi..2½
500 B & B..1.15|150 H & N....80|600 .....2.45
150 .....1.10|50 .....85|400 .....2.55
150 Chollar..85|200 .....80|100 Savage..87½
100 .....87|100 Justice....05|100 92
100 .....87½|100 Mexican..1.20|100 93
500 .....90|100 Mexican..1.25|50 95
50 C C & V..1.95|200 .....1.40|100 93
50 .....2.00|100 Ophir....1.95|100 S Nev....95
250 C Imp....02|150 .....2.00|100 90
250 .....03|50 .....2.10|100 Union....95
500 C Point....75|250 .....2.05|300 Utah....10
100 .....76|100 Overman..15|100 Yellow Jacket..80

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

TUESDAY, MAY 16—4 P. M.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Alpha Con.	....	10	Justice	—	20
Alta	10	15	Kentuck	10	20
Andes	25	35	Lady Wash	—	05
Belcher	1.00	1.10	Mexican	1.20	1.25
Bodie Isle	—	15	Mono	10	20
Best & Belcher	1.15	1.20	Navajo	—	10
Bodie	25	30	N Belle Isle	—	05
Bulwer	15	20	N Comstock	10	—
Bullion	.50	55	Nev Queen	—	15
Caledonia	55	1.00	Ophir	2.05	2.10
Challenge Con.	20	25	Occidental	05	10
Commonwealth	—	05	Overman	15	20
Confidence	85	95	Peer ess	—	05
Con Cal & Va	2.00	2.05	Potosi	2.45	2.55
Confidence	90	1.00	Potosi	2.45	2.55
Con Imperial	—	05	Savage	85	90
Con New York	05	10	S B & Mides C	10	15
Crown Point	75	80	Scorpion	—	10
Exchequer	05	10	Sierra Nevada	95	1.00
Eastern Sec	—	05	Silver Hill	—	10
Eureka	—	1.00	Summit	10	15
Grand Prize	—	10	Union Con	90	95
Gould & Curry	80	85	Utah	10	15
Hale & Norcrs	75	80	Yellow Jacket	75	80
Julia	....	05			

MISCELLANEOUS SECURITIES.

TUESDAY, MAY 16—2 P. M.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U S Bds 4	112¼	—	S V Water	98	98¼
Cal-st 5 C 5	108½	—	Blue Lakes	20	—
Cnta Co W 5	101½	102½	Capital Gas	—	65
Dpt-st 7	145	155	Central Gas	—	100
Oak Ctr 6	—	—	Oakland Gas	—	43
F & C Ilse Ry 6	—	104	Pac Gas Imp	80¼	81
L A Lt Ctr 6	100	104	Pacific Lighting	62	64
Ho, ex-strp 6	105	107	S F Gas Light	—	72¼
Mkt-st R Bds	122¼	—	Sikin G & H	24	30
Mnrpy Ave 6	5	20	Cen-st R R	—	115
N C R R 5	115	—	F & C Hsdy	—	100
N P Cst R R 6	100	—	Geary-st R R	—	40
N P R R 6	—	—	N B & M R	50	—
Ryan Cal 6	100	110	Omnibus R R	47	48
S Ryof Cal 5	—	100½	Presidio R R	—	12
Oak G L H 5	100	102	Fireman's Fd	—	170
Oak Water 6	114½	115	Interbnkgtm		
Pal Roll Mill 6	104	—	Atlantic Pow	46¼	—
Po, ydiss 6	101	—	Cal Powder	100	165
S F G & E R 6	—	95	Giant Pow Cn	34	34¼
P & C H Ry 6	—	94	Vigorit Pow	1⅝	2
Pwl-st Ry 6	—	117	Bik Dis C M C	25	—
S P R R Ar 6	97	99½	Cal Cotton M C	—	47½
S P R R Ct 6	111½	—	Cal Electric L	22¾	22⅞
S P R R Cal 5	—	98	Cal Elec Wks	4½	6
S P R R Ry Cal 6	—	101	Hawaiian Com	5	—
S V Water 6	120¾	—	Hutchinson S P	8⅞	9
S V Water 4	93½	—	Judson Mfg C	—	17
Anglo Cal 6	70	71½	Merch Ex Assn	107	—
Nev Nat 6	—	252½	Occidental C	—	90
Cal Safe Dep	50	—	Pax Ry Fre A	50c	2
First Nat Bnk	—	195	Pac Cost B Co	92½	97½
Nev Nat Bnk	—	140	Pac Nat Gas	—	20
L & S F Bnk	—	40	Pac Roll Mill	50	70
Pacific Bank	—	155	Pa Woodnwe	30	—
Merch Exch	—	75	Paraffine Paint	—	60
Cntra Cos W	100	101	Pac Trans Co	—	35
Marin Cow	—	55	United C Co	—	75

MORNING SESSION.

Board—85 Cal Electric Light, 22¾.
Street—50 Hutchinson S P Co, 8¾; 50 do, 8⅞.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board—50 Atlantic Dynamite, 48; 100 Cal Electric Light, 22½; 100 Hutchinson S P Co, 9; 50 do, 8⅞; 20 S V Water, 98; $12,000 S V 4½ Bonds, 93⅝.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PALACE HOTEL.

W Hollis & w, Tex — Mrs E Hells, Brooklyn
C Taylor, Stanis — H Jermyer, Penn
J B Mars, Chicago — W Downing, Susun
J W Armstrong, Cal — H Platt, Chicago
J L de Spain, San Diego — H Beker, Germany
A Bolo, Ohio — F Gabel, N Y
G P Bengaman, N Y — Mrs J E Howard, N Y
M P Goldsmith, N Y — F Friedlander, Portland
E M Stout & w, Chicago — J Newman, N Y
A M Tinker & w, Mass — Mrs C B Cotrell, Mich
C Cottrell, Mich — Mrs G Hebbington, Iowa
L T Garnsey, Cal — A Blanchard & w, Cal
Dr W Schmidt, Me — Dr Schallier, Hamburg
J M Baker, N Y — F McLaughlin, Oroville
G W Cramer, Denver — W H Copeland Chicago
J W Whitman, N Y — F Stahle & w, Japan
C Grinner, N Y — A F Gilbert, London
W G Pratt, Detroit — W C Johnson, N Y
A J Rowe, N Y — D L Rosenbaum, Cal
F K Quinn, F Y — E L Smith Detroit
W W Thomas, San Diego — W Foster, Oakland
J W Knowles, Portland — W Wright & w, Minn
T J Field & w, Cal — B Howard & w, N Y
Miss K McGrene, Cal — F S Hill, Winnipeg
C P Braslan & w, Minn — F Bartelden & w, Kans

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

G W McCutchen, Tipton — D E McLeod, Colo
J W Mitchell, Canaras — D Morrison, Colo
M Kavanaugh, Chualar — D D McLeod, Colo
L Criss & w, Bolckow — G Small, Colo
Mrs Thomas, San Jose — W M Ayres, Idaho
R Henderson, Merced — C Austin & fm, N Y
Mrs Ivers, Santa Ana — H Haupt, Europe
Mrs M Ward, Oakland — D Cullen, N Y
G Moon, Sacto — H Lee, Livermore
M J Lee, Sacramento — C E Welker, Benicia
F C Lynn, Fresno — J H Groves, Yuba City
G W Scruby, Fresno — B Gaussan, Victoria
H S Beaman, Beaman — F B Lander, Chualar
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TELEPHONE EARS.

One of the Many Curious Ills of Man.

HELLO GIRLS' BETE NOIR.

A Disease That Affects Only a Small Portion of the Inhabitants of a Great City.

There is a disease that is at present quite prevalent in the city of which very little is known by the outside world.

It is called, for want of a better name, the "telephone ear," and only attacks the operators in the "centrals," the ones who answer you when you give two rings to your telephone-bell and ask to be connected with your butcher or baker.

These long-suffering mortals, who do nothing but strain their ears for eight or nine and sometimes ten hours a day, are beginning to feel the effects of the constant application to their work, which they are compelled to give to satisfy their employers and the public.

This disease first makes its approach felt by severe headaches. Nearly all the operators have these when they first enter the service, but those with a strong constitution soon overcome this and do not feel any evil effects from their work.

Those, however, who are not as strong as they might be, especially the girls, who form a large force of operators, soon find their headaches followed by a peculiar buzzing sound in their head when they go home at night. It steadily becomes worse, and at last the operator is obliged to take a day or two off work to recover.

But this day or two seems of no permanent benefit to the sufferer, and at last the "hello-girl" gives in to the inevitable and goes steadily on with her work, until at last an abscess forms in the ear and almost painful and sometimes dangerous operation has to be performed.

This latter has been the case with several of the young ladies who are at present operators in this city. Several of them were seen yesterday by a CALL reporter, and gave their opinions as to what caused their trouble.

Miss Mamie McCloskv, who has been an operator for the Pacific Telephone Company for some years, and is now chief operator at the central office on Bush street, said:

"I have been an operator for a good many years, and numbers of cases of 'telephone ears' have come under my notice. You see, the operator has to sit for eight hours a day with the rubber earpiece in her ear, and it gets hot by a feverish heat, and at first the unnatural pressure makes one very nervous and subject to headaches. When this first nervousness wears off, as of course it does when one becomes accustomed to the work, the headaches also wear off and do not come with it.

"Whether it is the almost constant talking and bell-ringing that goes on in our ears, or whether the fact of the steady pressure on the outer ear causes it, it is a fact that nine-tenths of our girl operators are affected with some kind of ear trouble. Usually pain in the ear, constant earache and a buzzing in the ears when off duty is the extent of the injury, but frequently it is a more serious matter. I myself, a short time ago, found that my ear was giving me constant trouble, and consulted an aurist. The consequence was that I found an abscess had formed in the inner ear, and it was only removed after a most painful course of treatment. Of course, I had to take a vacation for a time, as my ear was so sore that I could not stand the pressure of the ear-trumpet."

Julia Valentine is another sufferer from this most peculiar disease. She has only been doing telephone work for a year and a half, and already the evil effects of her employment are making themselves felt.

"So you call it a telephone ear, do you?" said she. "I am glad to hear what it is, for I had it several months now and didn't know what it was.

"Of course, when I first started to work I had the usual headaches at first, and have them yet, but they have become so common now that I pay no more attention to them. In fact, I am more worried when my head does not ache than when it does, for it has become my normal condition once more.

"But this telephone ear is another matter. I have never had any serious trouble with it, such as an abscess forming, but it constantly annoys me, and at times my left ear, over which we operators usually wear our cap, as the ear-trumpet is called, becomes so sore, both inside and out, that I have to change and use my right ear for a time.

"The only effect that this has is to make the right ear as sore as the other, and then it is a case of taking a week or so to recover.

"We also find that after a few years' service we are gradually becoming deaf. Why this is I can't imagine, but it is so.

"I have known ever so many girls who have had to take several days off to allow their ears to regain their former condition. I have not been without a peculiar buzzing sound in my ears, such as one has when one takes too much quinine, for a longer time than I care to remember, and time and again I have decided to consult a physician. But I suppose I won't till I get so sick I can't work at all."

The above is the condition of a great majority of the "hello-girls." Not one in twenty escapes the disease, if such it can be called, and no wonder, with the hard work they are called on to perform.

One of the most prominent aurists was spoken to on the subject, and said he had seen and treated several cases of it.

"We have no special name for the disease at present," said he, "except that of the 'telephone ear,' which seems very appropriate.

"It is cause is rather hard to state. It may be brought on by the pressure of the ear-trumpet on the outer ear, causing a corresponding pressure on the tympanum, or the constant and intense straining of the nerves to catch every sound that passes over the wires.

"The ear, as every one knows, is one of the most delicate organs of the body. Next to the eye, there is probably no part so easily affected and deranged. Indeed, I think I can safely say that it is more sensitive than the eye and more likely to damage.

"Being so sensitive, you can readily see that it does not take much to put it out of its usual working order. When this occurs, even in the slightest degree, serious effects are almost sure to follow.

"I had one case a few months ago of a young man, who was an operator for the Pacific Telephone Company. He had been steadily at work for eight years, and had paid no attention to the fact that his ears were giving him almost constant trouble. The consequence was that when at last he was compelled to consult an aurist I found that a large abscess had formed in the drum of his ear.

"He told me that for three years he had not missed a day at his table, except the regular day off. In all that time there had been a constant buzzing in his head, as though owing to the presence of a set of clock-works which had been mislaid there, had got out of order and were steadily running down. Of course, in time this became worse, with the result that he was housebound for ten weeks. He is now at his table again, but will be careful about getting another case of the 'telephone ear.'

"As for the fate of the constant use of the telephone causing deafness, I think that it is almost purely imaginary. If persons have been accustomed to hearing well for years and suddenly find that they do not hear as well as formerly, it is not because they are becoming deaf, but usually that they miss half the out that they did not hear as well as they thought they did. This may sound strange, but I will try to explain it to you.

"Our senses are given us to perform their natural duties only. If we strain them, or abuse them in any way, they soon lose their natural acuteness. Take the Indian, for example. You will never find one near-sighted, for they do not strain their eyes by reading at close quarters, as their Caucasian brothers do.

"So it is with this telephone deafness. The ear is under a constant strain, trying to catch sounds at long range, and when, after a year of such work, an operator finds that he has trouble in distinguishing other sounds it is not because of deafness, but that the ear has been used for purposes other than those that nature intended.

"But the 'telephone ear' is making rapid headway among the operators in this city, and also all over the country. Whether it will become more prevalent in the future depends wholly on whether those affected take proper care of themselves or not."

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The Bunnell Trouble.

With regard to the matter of the action of the classical alumni, on the request by the regents for Professor Bunnell's resignation, Charles S. Greene said yesterday: "The meetings held have both been small and not unanimous. In the first meeting the test vote stood 21 to 12 in favor of acting at all, and after many had left the meeting, 17 to 5 on the adoption of resolutions, which were afterward recommitted and reported back yesterday. The vote then taken stood 14 to 7 and the resolutions were adopted. But it should be mentioned that there are more than a hundred classical alumni, and that while, doubtless, many that would have supported the resolutions were not present, because kept away by distance or business, many others stayed away because they could not approve of any action that might seem to reflect on the doings of president and regents, and yet were reluctant to appear to oppose their old professor.

"In view of this, an indorsement by resolutions on fourteen, or even twenty-one, affirmative votes is little indication of the general opinion of the university alumni or even of the classical alumni."

HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

Clan MacLean Will Gather in Force in Chicago.

The many MacLeans in San Francisco and the thousands of friends of that great Scottish clan will be interested in hearing that there will be a great gathering of the MacLeans at Chicago next month.

According to the invitation this will be a unique occasion. The invitation reads:

HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

The fiery cross has not been sent over the mountains or hills of Mull, Inervern, Coll, Tiree or Islay summoning the MacLeans to respond to the call of their chief since 1745, when their slogan—Bas na Beatha—been heard. The plaided warriors of MacLean sleep in their Island graves.

By these presents all the MacLeans, and those related by direct descent or married into the clan, especially those residing in the United States and Canada, are summoned to assemble in the city of Chicago during the week commencing June 12, 1893, to welcome the hereditary chief of the ancient and great Clan MacLean, Colonel Sir Fitzroy Donald MacLean, Bart., who has positively promised to be present, and will leave Liverpool on the steamship Majestic Wednesday, May 31, and will be the guest of the MacLeans of North America at the World's Columbian Exposition.

Then follow the names of other notables to be present, with some outline of the "gey guid time" to be expected.

The committee suggest that all ladies and gentlemen should wear MacLean tartan and direct them how to procure it.

The invitation urges: "Let us help to make this a great occasion. Remember, this is the only instance of a Highland chief having been invited to this country by his clansmen. Let us unite to renew the ancient ties of clanship."

The corresponding secretary is J. P. MacLean, Morrison, Ill.

MARKET REPORTS.

TUESDAY EVENING, May 16.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Flour firm.
Silver lower.
Wheat easier.
Wheat Freights slow.
Barley futures firmer.
Oats continue to rise.
Heavy arrivals of Corn.
Rye steady.
Advance in Hay.
Mustard Seed weak.
Dried Peas nominal.
Beans inactive.
Good Potatoes firm.
Red Onions large supply.
Butter dull. Cheese and Eggs weak.
Hens doing better. Game nominal.
Honey quiet.
Cherries steady. Strawberries weak.
Apples and Pears dull.
Citrus fruits quiet.
Dried Fruits, Nuts and Raisins neglected.
California Lard higher.
Bacon and Hams firm.
Hops neglected and nominal.
Tallow less dull.
Wool weak and neglected.
Hogs higher. Mutton weaker. Beef steady.
Grain Bags nominal.
Future sales of Canned Vegetables.
Sale of future Canned Apricots.
Coffee in moderate request.
Coal steady.

English Wheat Market.

LIVERPOOL, May 16.—The spot market is lower at 6s 1d. Cargoes are weak at 30s 6d for off coast, 31s 6d for just shipped and 30s 9d for nearby due.

FUTURES.

The Produce Exchange cable gives the following Liverpool quotations for No. 2 Red Winter: May, 5s 8½d; June, 5s 10½d; July, 5s 11½d; August, 6s 3¼d; September, 6s 1½d; October, 6s 2½d; November, 6s 3½d.

SECURITIES.

LONDON, May 16.—Consols, 98¼; Silver, 37⅝d; Rentes, 96f 82½c; bullion into Bank of England, £35,000.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The stock market was extremely erratic in course early in the day, and as a rule lower prices were touched, but the declines were less important than of late. Fresh business was not on call, as the war-trumpet is called, because so sore, both inside and out, that I have to change and use my right ear for a time.

"The only effect that this has is to make the right ear as sore as the other, and then it is a case of taking a week or so to recover.

"We also find that after a few years' service we are gradually becoming deaf. Why this is I can't imagine, but it is so.

"I have known ever so many girls who have had to take several days off to allow their ears to regain their former condition. I have not been without a peculiar buzzing sound in my ears, such as one has when one takes too much quinine, for a longer time than I care to remember, and time and again I have decided to consult a physician. But I suppose I won't till I get so sick I can't work at all."

The above is the condition of a great majority of the "hello-girls." Not one in twenty escapes the disease, if such it can be called, and no wonder, with the hard work they are called on to perform.

One of the most prominent aurists was spoken to on the subject, and said he had seen and treated several cases of it.

"We have no special name for the disease at present," said he, "except that of the 'telephone ear,' which seems very appropriate.

"It is cause is rather hard to state. It may be brought on by the pressure of the ear-trumpet on the outer ear, causing a corresponding pressure on the tympanum, or the constant and intense straining of the nerves to catch every sound that passes over the wires.

"The ear, as every one knows, is one of the most delicate organs of the body. Next to the eye, there is probably no part so easily affected and deranged. Indeed, I think I can safely say that it is more sensitive than the eye and more likely to damage.

"Being so sensitive, you can readily see that it does not take much to put it out of its usual working order. When this occurs, even in the slightest degree, serious effects are almost sure to follow.

"I had one case a few months ago of a young man, who was an operator for the Pacific Telephone Company. He had been steadily at work for eight years, and had paid no attention to the fact that his ears were giving him almost constant trouble. The consequence was that when at last he was compelled to consult an aurist I found that a large abscess had formed in the drum of his ear.

"He told me that for three years he had not missed a day at his table, except the regular day off. In all that time there had been a constant buzzing in his head, as though owing to the presence of a set of clock-works which had been mislaid there, had got out of order and were steadily running down. Of course, in time this became worse, with the result that he was housebound for ten weeks. He is now at his table again, but will be careful about getting another case of the 'telephone ear.'

"As for the fate of the constant use of the telephone causing deafness, I think that it is almost purely imaginary. If persons have been accustomed to hearing well for years and suddenly find that they do not hear as well as formerly, it is not because they are becoming deaf, but usually that they miss half the out that they did not hear as well as they thought they did. This may sound strange, but I will try to explain it to you.

"Our senses are given us to perform their natural duties only. If we strain them, or abuse them in any way, they soon lose their natural acuteness. Take the Indian, for example. You will never find one near-sighted, for they do not strain their eyes by reading at close quarters, as their Caucasian brothers do.

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