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WILL STUDY BIG SKY PROBLEM

The Mc Cormick observatory of the University of Virginia will take up the problem of solving the fundamental position of the equator and ecliptic in the sky, on which depend the primary co-ordinates—the astronomer's right ascension and declination. Its 26 inch telescope is the fourth largest refractor in the western hemisphere and is one of the few in the world which can be utilized for such an important investigation. In size it is only exceeded by Yerkes (40 inches), Lick (36 inches) and Alleghany (30 inches) in America. It is equipped for photographic work and also has a micrometer for measuring the position of stars, comets, asteroids etc. The observatory plans to make a long investigation to determine the relative brightness of the stars surrounding the celestial pole.—*The Pathfinder*, Oct. 21st.

PRESS BUTTON AND WORMS ANSWER

Peter J. O'Keefe, chief storekeeper of the Portsmouth navy yard, won a prize with his device for pinging earthworms for poultry and fish bait. His process consists in pushing two brass rods in the earth, several feet apart, a wire being attached to each rod and the ends being connected with an electric current. When the current is turned on all shapes and sizes of worms come to the surface. The vibration and tingling effect of the shock causes them to do this.—*Ibid.*

NOTICE

La Bega's { AERATED SWEET SODAS in glass-stoppered bottles @ 4c. per bot.
do do do "crown-stoppered do @ 5c. "
per dozen bottles will be quoted to retailers.

At No. 54 King Street, just in front of Government House.

P. L. LA BEGA,
Manufacturer.

POLICE USE PAPER BULLETS.

The Detroit police department purchased a number of machine-guns to be used in dispersing mobs, but the kind-hearted commissioner couldn't bear to see a crowd of people fired into with steel-jacketed bullets just because they happened to be disorderly. So he suggested using paper bullets containing minute charges of fine bird shot. Although this shot will not cripple a person it is very effective in breaking up an undesirable assembly.—*Ibid.*

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that according to the scheme of mortization for St. Thomas Harbor 4% Loan of 1910, the drawing by the Notary Public, St. Thomas, of twelve bonds at Francs 1,000 has taken place, resulting in the drawing of the following bonds:

Numbers
79
129
185
205
282
370
397
413
434
442
461
489

These twelve bonds are hereby called in for redemption on 11 December, 1922, after which date the bonds will cease to bear interest.

ST. THOMAS HARBOR BOARD,
2 November 1922.

J. J. GAFFNEY,
Acting Chairman of the
Harbor Board.

Notice of Auction.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROSABEL BENNERS, DECEASED.

AT the request of A. E. STAKEMANN, administrator of the above entitled estate and pursuant to an order of the District Court of the Virgin Islands dated THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1922, the real estate belonging to the decedent's estate, situated in the Town of Christiansted, Island of St. Croix, Virgin Islands of the United States known as No. 1 Letter C. in Little " " Street,

with all appurtenances will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at the undersigned Vendue Office in Christiansvæns Fort (Police Office) in the Town of Christiansted on

FRIDAY
the 17th of November 1922
AT 3 O'CLOCK
IN THE AFTERNOON.

Conditions and terms of the sale will be made known at the time of the sale.

Christiansted's Vendue-Office, St. Croix, this 18th day of October 1922.

Fee Fr. 10. }
Say ten Francs. }

C. H. PAYNE,
Vendue Director.

Quebec Steamship Co.
THE S. S. "GUIANA"

is expected to leave York on Thursday the 9th inst.

ROBT. L. MERWIN & CO. INC.,
Agents.