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SITKA, ALASKA.—In 1880 gold was discovered in the vicinity of Juneau, but the first discovery of gold in this part of Alaska was made near Sitka in 1873. Considerable excitement followed, and miners from the Cassiar regions in British Columbia and the northwest territory began to invade the southeastern coast of Alaska, and prospecting was actively prosecuted. Since then the growth of Sitka has been steadily progressing, and instead of assuming the proportions of a big city of mushroom growth, its life is everything that could be wished in the way of building up a representative city, and it thoroughly merits the honor of being the capital city of Alaska.