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From The Organist of June 4, 1862.

It is said that the miners around Florence City take out daily 2500 pounds of dust.

The news from Caribboon, as published in a late number of the Colonist, is not very encouraging. Grub, when it was to be had, was selling at the following prices: \$1.25 per pound, bacon, \$1.75; beans, \$1.50. Price of meals, \$1.50 above and \$1 below Lillooet.

The Confederate Congressmen have voted themselves \$2000 a year and mileage; and to the soldiers for doing the work of treason they have voted \$12 a month.

The City of Washington is turning its attention at last to local improvements, and no city needs them more than the National Capital. The street directions are to be made more legible, the fire department more efficient, and certain streets and squares more signi-

From the British Colonist:—Yesterday Captain John T. Wright, Jr., purchased the mining interest in the British Columbia Steam Navigation Company for the sum of \$12,500, paid over in gold and silver coin to the late owner, Mr. J. H. McLeod. The coin filled a common-sized cedar cask to the brim, and in being carried from McDonald & Co.'s to Ridwell's building nearly carried away the bottom of the pack.

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It is rumored that Victor Smith, United States Collector of Customs for Port Townsend, T., is a defaulter to his Government! His accounts amount to one account says \$17,000.

The camels.—These animals are to be sent above Lillico Pass shortly to pack provisions, etc., on the new line of road. The heaviest load yet placed on any one of them is about 250 pounds. It is said that camels when in good trim, each animal will pack nearly double that weight.

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We are pleased to know that our city fathers are fully alive to the credit, importance, health and general

benefit to be derived from clean streets, well graded or planked.

Hon. William Pickering, Governor of Washington Territory, arrived in this city on the Sierra Nevada, and immediately went over to Vancouver. Also Mr. Charles McCarther, and wife, who have been absent in the East for several months. He has evidently done well, having gone away single and returned double.

As "Ed" Howe Sees Life

Your working hours have been reduced to eight. In return for the favor, don't waste time during the eight hours you are on duty.

When the guests at a dinner are well acquainted, they eat 30 per cent more than they do when they are strangers to each other.

A farmer's idea of real high living is an oyster stew.

When a man begins telling a long, tall story, a good way is to say: "I've heard it," and hurry on.

People leave things out in the rain, and then complain that nothing is as well made in these degenerate days as in the good old times.

It always makes a furniture man mad for loafers to sit in the chairs displayed in front of his store.

A girl visitor never has better clothes at home than she has with her.

People always say that while their other plans don't work very well, it has a very sweet tone.

Some men are polite when you bother them, even though they are very busy; they hate you just the same for bothering them.

Nothing pleases a woman quite so well as to look at sweet that a man wants to kiss her, and then abuse him for his impudence.

PLAN FOR NON-SINKABLE SHIP.

Writer Would Have Double Half Divided Into Compartments.

DEER, Or., June 4.—(To the Editor,)—Because the Titanic was considered unsinkable and yet sank, it seems to be given up for lost an unsinkable ship can be constructed.

While I am no marine architect and am not even a seafaring man, I have given the subject some thought since the awful Titanic disaster, and I am absolutely convinced that a ship can be built so that it will be unsinkable and so constructed that any reasonable person would know it. I am sure I would not care to have the decks cumbered with life-saving apparatus of any kind.

Most would be considerably greater, it is true, but unless I am much mistaken the financial loss sustained by the sinking of the Titanic would have made two or three ships of her class safe, to say nothing of the loss of life, which is incalculable.

My plan is, briefly, that instead of trusting to a single compartment, shell, and a few large watertight compartments, that the hull be double, with sufficient air space between the two hulls to allow of the compartments being by steel partitions, to make the required buoyancy to keep ship and con-

men may under all circumstances, even if ripped from the stem by an iceberg or any other accident that can be imagined.

There you would have a ship that might be disabled, even waterlogged, but could not sink.

C. W. BURGESS.

Again the Squirrel and Hunter.

TYGH VALLEY, Or., June 2.—[To the Editor.]—To settle a dispute, will you please answer the following questions? Is it possible for a squirrel to climb 10 feet away is a hunter on the opposite side. They both move round the tree keeping on opposite sides. When the hunter reaches the place he started the squirrel will have gone round the tree?

G. C. STAKELY.

The man describes a squirrel difference with 15 feet radius. The squirrel describes another circumference with a radius of half the tree's thickness. Both circumferences have the same center and the squirrel's lies wholly within the man's. The man necessarily goes round everything which is inside his circumference. Hence he goes round the squirrel. But on the other hand man and squirrel always occupy the same relative positions and as far as relations to each other are concerned are always exactly the same as if they had not moved at all.

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AMERICAN FALLS, Idaho, June 4.—[To the Editor.]—Under the new pen-

Union law are the Confederate soldiers entitled to a pension the same as the Union soldiers? W. L. M.

Cut Flowers By Express Train.
London Telegraph.
A "cut flower express" runs every day in the year between the flower market of Topley and the City of London.