SUNDAY

D. C. IRELAND

#### Canal or Railway.

It is unfortunate for the friends of inter-oceanic navigation that divisions should arise as to which route shall be selected. In most cases, without doubt, these divisions arise from an honest desire to select the best. So far as this coast is concerned, any practicable route will be satisfactory. If Capt. Eads' ship railway project were net so entirely experimental, publie opinion would undoubtedly settle upon that as the best that is offered. But while there is a very general opinion that a ship railway is feasible, it is still only an experiment. There are canals in working order, but no ship railways. A recent article in the New York Herald intimates that the movement in congress in favor of Capt. "Kads' ship railway is not made in good faith. In fact, the intimation is that railroad interests are playing one route against another, with a view to prevent the construction of a canal railway at all. The Herald refers to the ship railway as "a wild impracticable is right. A state government such scheme," but emits to give any grounds for its opinion. A project which has secured the indorsement of the best engineers in the country, can scarcely eration was very carelessly and inbe brushed aside on the say-so of an unprofessional. The proposition is plain with our population will greatly diminish present knowledge of engineering, within the next few years. The compared to almost any of the Comstock is nearly exhausted, and various great discoveries which our stock ranges are nearly all have been reduced to practice grazed out, and there is nothing in within the last fifty years. Still, the state to attract an increase of as we have said, it is an experi-population. We are conducting a ment, and as such, there will be a difficulty in raising the \$75,000,900 than that of the state of New York; which the project calls for. The our sources of revenue are shrink-Nicaragua canal project is com- ing every day; heavy taxes are paratively plain sailing. There is coming directly on the shoulders no question but money and ordi- of the people, and unless there nary engineering skill will make should be a miraculous change for expen that project a success. At least, the better, it will not be long till it will accomplish the work it is the only profitable industry in the designed to do, whether it proves state will be office-holding, and all a profitable financial venture or the people will be working to supnot, and there is no reasonable port the officers. Many of the doubt of its financial success. The Nevada papers ridicale the Bee's business of this coast demands an proposition to return this state to interoceanic canal, or a ship rail- a territorial condition. They are way that serves the purpose of a actuated by what they are pleased canal, and is not inclined to cavil to term state pride. "Pride goeth

There is considerable interest taken in trade circles of New York over the report that Messrs. Wm. Pickardtt & Kuttroff, of that city, have applied for a patent for a process to manufacture sulphate of quinine from coal tar. It is stated that the firm have been interested with a chemist to accomplish this for several years, and with favorable results. Of course, if quinice can be manufactured from coal tar, the fact will revolutionize a large and prosperous trade. During the year 1879, as much as \$2,000,000 worth of Peruvian bark, from which quinine is made, was imported, and though the duty was abelished some time ago, yet the principal manufactures, who have had the trade almost entirely in their own hands, will be loth to have their business rained by such invention as this. Something to take the place of quinine has long been sought after, especially as little has been done to cultivate the cinchona.

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-The prophesies of that mythical character "Mother Shipton" aided by the astute and profound observations of scientists and the conjunction of the planets have filled some minds with indistinct dread and awe of that solemn and awful morcent when this earth should be "rolled together in a scroll." On last Monday night a famliy of Seattle, having become satisfied that the final crash would take place that night, and wishing to see as much of the fun as possible staid up all night long in a condition of allowed large quantities of fresh Stoves, Tinware, and harrowing suspense. After all the r water to run into the pits, and expectation and trouble they must when it became brine have pumped have felt very much disgusted to wit- it out and crystalized it. This was Lead and Iron Pipe, Pipe Fittings, ness the awakening of the following morning attended by no unusual physical disturbances.

#### The World's Exhibition.

Possibly it would be well to wait and see whether the projected ....FEB. 27, 1881 world's fair is to come off at New York city in 1883, before making extensive preparations, for the matter is not reduced to a certainty yet. The committee on the selection of a site consumed so long a time before they made a choice, that public interest in the fair in the meantime partially died out, and it will require to be again stimulated before much progress will be effected. Several states, taking it for granted that the fair will be held, are making preparations to become exhibitors. A writer in the Galveston News argues that Texas will be benefited as much, if not more, than any other state by a full display of her products at the fair, and urges the legislature to make a liberal appropriation for that purpose. This is a conclusion which will apply also to every state and territory in need of immigration. If the fair is held at all, it must be attractive in order to subserve the object intended.

#### State Pride.

Nevada Tribune, January 22. The Sacramento Bee thinks Nevada should be returned to a territorial condition, and the Bee as that of Nevada is a farce. The census gives us 62,000 population. though it may run two or three thousand over that, as the enumcompletely made. The prospects are that, instead of increasing, our state government more elaborate at the selection of Nicaragua or before a fall."

## Killed by Spirits.

The quantity of alcoholic liquor that is sufficient to kill, if taken at a single draught, is being determined satisfactorily by actual experiment. The other day an aged colored man in Texas drank three pints of whisky and fell dead. A German paper now tells of a woman who has made a similar experiment in a tavern in the village of Wirrwitz, near Breslau, where she and her husband, being engaged jointly as traveling venders of lampblack-a business that is a recognized specialty in Germany-had put up for the night. The feat was occasioned by a boast made by her in the course of conversation with a number of tavern loungers, that she could drink a pint of brandy at a single draught if any one of her hearers had the ability to pay for it. The offer was taken up and she stowed the brandy away as proposed without winking. Then, however, she sat down and covered her face with her bands, and when, after some time, her husband, becoming alarmed, tried to arouse her, it was discovered that she was slead.

## A Whole Town Likely to Sink.

Boston Herald A very singular trouble has overtaken the producers of salt in Cheshire county, England. It seems that for some time past, instead of digging out the salt from the mines, the salt men have in one way a dangerous operation, Engineers Supplies, Sheet Lead. Iron, as the ground underneath the town

of Norwich was honeycombed with mines, and the water gradually sapped away the foundations. However, the process was a slow one, and it would have been years Wholesale and Retail Dealer before it produced bad results. But, a few weeks ago, a tall and heavy chimney fell to the ground with a sufficient jar to crack open a gap in the brook that supplied the mines with water, and into this opening the water flowed ustil the mines were wholly filled. The fear now is, and it is well founded, that, as the water will eat away the salt supports, the whole town will sink, demolishing all the buildings that it contains.

#### NEW TO-DAY

### Sealed Proposals.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RE for the construction of a two story frame ling corner Giger and Court streets, is and specifications may be seen at my ers. The right to reject may or all buds recky reserved.

LOUIS KIRCHHOFF.

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the County Clerk, for Building and completing a two story frame-buffing on the corner
of West-eighth and Water streets. Plans
and specifications are in my hands for inspection. Blos will be opposed at 2 o'clock, P. M.,
Tuesday, March 18, 1881. The right to reject any and all index is height preserved.

2. JAS. W. WELCH.

#### Last Call.

TO TAN PAYERS OF SCHOOL District No. 1: You are hereby notified that the Tax list will remain in my hands until the 7th of March. All supoid taxes on that day will be returned to the County Clerk as delin-quent, and casts will accrne.

#### Annual School Meeting Notice.

A ANNUAL MEETING OF THE legal A VANNUAL MEETING OF THE legal voters of School District No. 1 will be held at the school house on Main street, in Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, on Monday evening, March 7, 1881, at 7 o'clock 1. M for the purpose of electing one Director for three years and one Clerk for one year Abso to bey a fax to support a school for the ensuing year in said district, and also a fax to pay interest and incidental expenses of said district, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting worker of the Board of Directors. ess as may properly some before the meeting. By order of the Board of Directors, J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk, Astoria, Feb. 23, 1881.

#### Notice.

LL PARTIES AREHEREBY NOTIFIED JOSEPH HUME

School Taxes. A 1. TAXES DUE SCHOOL DISTRICT n county, the new ore February 28th, le A. G. SPEXARTH, Clerk District

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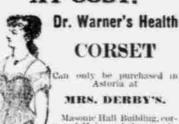
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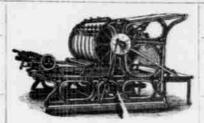
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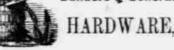
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