

COMMUNICATIONS

WEST COAST TELEGRAPH LINE.

To the Editor: We have some evidence this week (reports of wrecks on the West Coast) as to the disorganized state of the telegraph line...

What is absolutely needed is that a powerful tug boat should be ready at either Alberni or San Juan harbor...

I believe some years back this plan of having a government tug boat was suggested by the government...

There seems to prevail in this city some peculiar notions of etiquette in regard to the sending of letters to the press...

WITCHORAPT SCHOOL IN PARIS. Three Years Required to Learn the Secrets of the Black Art.

According to the Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail, a school of the occult arts is being opened in Paris to-day.

Some three years back a petition was got up, and signed by residents in Victoria to obtain a meteorological office...

A petition now is ready for signature, to be signed by any parties who are interested in the local shipping...

THE WAR. To the Editor: A day or two ago some remarks were made at a social gathering...

Any true Briton is a friend of the Boers, as of all other men whose instincts and finer feelings have been cultivated...

Any one who would say or do anything to delay the termination of this war is an enemy to Britons, to the Boers, and to humanity.

THE FIRST SNOW STORM. Precursor of cold winter's dreary reign, how slowly it falls on things around...

Where solitude and death's cold shadows brood, And nothing vernal comes the sky between.

Full down the blinds and stir the sea cool fire, No more thy death-like pall shall vex the sun.

What is done is done; has already blended itself with the boundless, ever-living, ever-working universe.

been the sword unjustly wielded, but her wise, generous treatment at a moment of those who have fallen under arms...

THE MOST COSTLY CRADLE.

The Marlborough Children Are Rocked In It.

In the drawing-room at Blenheim is exhibited the wonderful golden cradle in which each first-born son of the house of Marlborough is rocked during his infancy.

The two children are very closely guarded by nursery maids, who are of the most charming suite of rooms in the palace.

MULES IN WARFARE. Next to the horse, he is the fighting Tommy's best friend.

Next to the horse the mule is certainly the most useful of all animals employed in war.

When loaded heavily the mule can carry a load of 300 pounds.

AFRID OF BULLER. An Incident in South Africa in 1879 That Shows His Character.

In one of his letters sent home from South Africa, in 1879, Mr. Forbes tells a story that will be read with interest just now.

Jack, old mate, I must have some one to talk to. These weeks ago, three weeks of utter loneliness!

The death is announced in Dublin of Prof. J. W. Glover, the eminent musician.

The main building of Buchel College, Akron, Ohio, including all the laboratories, library, men's and women's dormitories...

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THE DEAD FINISH.

Story of a Gold Find in the Mid-Australian Bush.

The hour of sunset was approaching. The shadow from the shelter of boughs, becoming more and more elongated, had gradually shifted its position...

So magnificent a palace is the Paris Opera, that the Parisians long ago ceased to consider whether other nations have good music or good artists.

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LONDON'S STREET NAMES.

They Are Curious in Many Cases, and in Some Unpleasant.

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