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PERSONAL MENTION

Robt. Mays, Jr., returned yesterday from a trip to Portland. Messrs. Ed M. Williams and John Weigel went to Portland yesterday.

IT RAINED ELEPHANTS.

The Drummer's Story Topped by the Usual Quiet Man in the Corner. Everybody in the smoking compartment of the sleeper had told a story except one quiet, inoffensive sort of a man in the corner, and the drummer eyed him with suspicion as he finished what he considered to be the corker of the entire combination.

"I remember," he said, without further prolegomena, "a queer circumstance which happened to me during a summer visit I made some years ago in Kansas. I am reminded of it by the story our friend here—nodding toward the drummer—told of a shower of fish falling from the sky. I can readily believe his story—the drummer would not contradict—and I hope he will believe mine. One afternoon we were sitting at dinner at my friend's house, some three or four of us, noticing the peculiar shape, color and movement of the clouds, when all at once, as the drummer has said, an elephant, alive and kicking, dropped right down in front of us out of the sky, and it came down so fast, landing with a crash that I never saw it."

The drummer sat spellbound, and everybody else stared in amazement. The quiet man had an air of an auditor.

"It is as true as my name," the drummer said, "and I can give you the particulars. It was raining hard and there were horses and automobiles and people, and tent pins for miles around the biggest things of nature, coming down so fast."

A LAKE WITH A ROOF.

A Body of Water in the Sky That is Crusted Over with Ice. A correspondent of the Geographical Magazine described a peculiar lake of Siberia. At first view it was a vast plain, surrounded by high, jagged peaks of snow, and the scene was magnificent.

Our guide, who is an old man, said that he could remember when the salt crystals first began to gather upon the surface of the water. Year by year, owing to the evaporation of the water, the crystals became more numerous, and then came together till this great roof formed.

In 1875 the water beneath this salt-crystal roof found an underground outlet into the River Obi. This lowered the lake's surface about three feet, leaving that distance between the water and the roof.

Looking down through one of the openings made for the purpose in the roof, we saw a low-land small boat. Our guide put us one at a time into the boat. We lay flat on our backs and looked up at the enormously beautiful salt ceiling overhead. We propelled the boat by pushing with our hands against the irregularities of the roof.

The guide held a long rope attached to the boat to prevent our going too far and getting lost—a thing he said it was easy to do. It was like a palace of enchantment, with the sun shining down through the salt crystals, the colors were so rich and wonderful.

Many springs surround this lake. Their water flows over the roof and evaporates there, and thus continually adds to its thickness. After many years the springs will probably become choked with their own deposits, and then the whole will gradually become covered with earth, and so a great salt mine will be formed—a treasure for the Siberians hundreds of years to come.

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AN UNSTABLE BOUNDARY LINE.

How Some Guileless Tillers of the Soil

"You have heard of smuggling, I presume," remarked a great one of the hotels to a Cleveland leader man. "Well," he continued, "I ran against the most suspicious scheme in that line last summer I ever heard of. You are doubtless aware that ordinary everyday smugglers are content to transport their goods over the line from one country to another, the object being, of course, to evade the payment of the customs duties. The people with whom I came in contact were superior to such common methods, which might do for low pirates and outwitted Indians, but not for a live, wile-a-like Yankee, and especially a Canadian Yankee. They didn't move the goods. They moved the line."

"In the furthest eastern part of Maine there comes a place where Maine and New Brunswick begin. That is the boundary line between the two countries. That is also where the Canadian Yankees speak of have their homes. They are naturally given to farming, some of these people, and even if McKinley did put a duty on grain, poultry and other things it didn't make any difference with some of the sturdy goodmen who live alongside the line. The publication of the news of the passage of the tariff bill didn't cause them a moment's uneasiness."

"They simply went on raising their Canadian wheat and their Canadian oats. At the same time they kept their eyes on the boundary line—that they could see of it. The visible portion of this remarkable boundary consisted of upright iron posts, set at intervals of one mile through the land. Not being clinched on the other side of the earth, these posts are responsive to influence placed on them on the Canadian side. In other words, they can be taken up and reset."

"About the time these upright and honest farmers over the line have their crops in condition to harvest a peculiar thing happens. Some dark night a half dozen of them go 'moon-hunting, and when they return to their farmsides they are on American soil, they and their grounds and with them the crops. The boundary line has moved and is located a half mile or so further toward the Arctic ocean. These guileless tillers of the soil then dispose of their products at United States prices, and some time during the winter in some unknown manner, the boundary line takes a backward leap, leaving them again on Canadian soil."

MADE FOR A KING.

A Turnip-sized Timepiece That Weighs Two and a Half Pounds.

A ponderous watch of antique pattern displayed in the window of a San Francisco jewelry establishment on Montgomery street, attracts the attention of the curious. The timepiece is four inches in diameter and is declared by the Bulletin to weigh two and a half pounds. Its case looks like old gold, but is a composition of base metal. The chain attached to this watch is proportionately ponderous and bears a real ring-hinge enough for the finger of a giant. The watch was made by John Biddleman of London, two centuries ago. It was, no doubt, a marvel of workmanship in those days, and is still a timekeeper. It probably cost about one hundred pounds sterling, or five hundred dollars in our money. The hands upon its simple dial mark seconds and fifth of seconds, as well as hours and minutes. The dial also shows the phases of the moon. The remarkable rate is not for sale. It is owned by a gentleman of this city, who has a collection of such curiosities.

The old watch has a history of some interest. About two hundred years ago an English sea captain obtained from the King of a table of provisions in the south seas some valuable trading privileges. The King showed him many favors, and one day the captain asked the monarch to have sent to him from London. It pleased his royal highness to intimate that a big watch would suit him well. Accordingly a watch was made to order, with a simple dial marking seconds and fifth of seconds, as well as hours and minutes. The dial also shows the phases of the moon. The remarkable rate is not for sale. It is owned by a gentleman of this city, who has a collection of such curiosities.

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NOTICE-SALE OF CITY LOTS.

Notice is hereby given that by authority of ordinance No. 292, which passed the Common Council of Dalles City April 10th, 1897, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for the sale of certain lots belonging to Dalles City," I will, on Saturday, the 15th day of May, 1897, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, all the following lots and parts of lots in Gates addition to Dalles City, Wasco county, Oregon, to-wit:

Lots 9 and 10, jointly, in block 14; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, jointly in block 15; lots 7, 8, 9, and 10, jointly in block 21, 7, 8, 9, and 10, jointly in block 21, known as butte; lots 10, 11 and 12, in block 27; lot 9 in block 34; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 35; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in block 37; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in block 42; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, in block 43; lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11 and 12, in block 41, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, in block 46.

The reasonable value of said lots, for less than which they will not be sold, has been fixed and determined by the Common Council of Dalles City as follows, to-wit:

Lots 9 and 10, in block 14, \$150; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, jointly in block 15, \$200; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, jointly in block 21, \$200; lot 10, in block 27, \$225; lot 11, in block 27, \$225; lot 12, in block 27, \$300; lot 9, in block 34, \$100; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 35, each respectively \$100; lots 6 and 7, in block 35, each respectively \$125; lots 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 36, each respectively \$100; lot 12, in block 36, \$125; lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 37, each respectively \$100; lots 6, 7 and 12, in block 37, each respectively \$125; lots 2, 3, 10 and 11, in block 41, each respectively \$100; lots 1, 7 and 12, in block 41, each respectively \$125; lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 42, each respectively \$100; lot 6 and 12, in block 42, each respectively \$125; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, in block 43, each respectively \$100; lot 1, in block 43, \$125; lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, in block 46, each respectively \$100; lots 1 and 6, in block 46, each respectively \$125.

Each of these lots will be sold upon the lot respectively, and none of them will be sold for a less sum than the value thereof, as above stated. One-fourth of the price bid on any of said lots shall be paid in cash at the time of sale, and the remainder in three equal payments on or before, one, two and three years from the date of said sale, with interest on such deferred payments at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, payable annually; provided that the payment may be made in full at any time at the option of the purchaser.

The said sale will begin on the 15th day of May, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, and will continue from time to time until all of said lots shall be sold.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1897. GILBERT W. PHELPS, Recorder of Dalles City.

For Sale. Lots A, B, K and L, block 30; A B, block 72; A, B, C, D, E and F, block 82, and A, B, C, D and E, block 25. Apply to W. M. SHACKELFORD.

Proposals for Constructing Water and Sewer System.

U. S. Indian Service, Warm Springs Agency, Or., May 7, 1897. SEALED PROPOSALS, endorsed "Proposals for Water and Sewer System," and addressed to the undersigned at Warm Springs, Crook County, Oregon, will be received at this agency until 10 o'clock p. m. of May 27, 1897, for furnishing the necessary materials and labor required in the construction and completion of a water and sewer system, including plumbing for the boarding school plant to be erected on this reserve, in strict accordance with plans and specifications, which may be examined at the office of the "Nourishment" at Portland, Or., "THE CHRONICLE," The Dalles Or., and at this Agency.

Bidders will state clearly in their bids the length of time required to complete the work. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, or any part of any bid, if deemed for the best interest of the service.

The attention of bidders is invited to the act of Congress approved August 1, 1892, entitled, "An act relating to the limitation of the hours of daily service of laborers and mechanics employed upon the public works of the United States and of the District of Columbia," and to the act of Congress approved August 13, 1894, entitled, "An act for the protection of persons furnishing materials and labor for the construction of public works."

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or draft upon some United States Depository or solvent National Bank in the vicinity of the residence of the bidder, made payable to the order of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for at least FIVE PER CENT of the amount of the proposal, which check or draft will be forfeited to the United States in case any bidder or bidders receiving an award shall fail to promptly execute a contract with good and sufficient sureties, otherwise to be returned to the bidder. Bids accompanied by cash in lieu of a certified check will not be considered.

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Under the new time card, which goes into effect tomorrow, trains will move as follows:

No. 4, to Spokane and Great Northern arrives at 6 p. m., leaves at 6:05 p. m. No. 2, to Pendleton, Baker City and Union Pacific, arrives 1:15 a. m., departs 1:20 a. m. No. 3, from Spokane and Great Northern, arrives 8:30, departs 8:35 a. m. No. 1, from Baker City and Union Pacific, arrives 1:20, departs 1:25 a. m. Nos. 23 and 24, moving east of The Dalles, will carry passengers. No. 23 arrives at 6:30 p. m., departs 12:45 p. m. Passengers for Heppner will take train leaving here 6:05 p. m.

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