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THE LINE

FROM MICHIGAN TO ALASKA

HOW THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN AMERICA AND BRITISH TERRITORY IS MARKED.

New York Herald.

Not one in a thousand, perhaps, of the fifty millions of people living in the United States knows how their country is bounded on the line between the United States and the British territory. It will be interesting, therefore, to know how the northern boundary has been traced and marked. The work is now completed, except as to the territory of Alaska, ceded by Russia to us under the treaty of 1867. Ever since the treaty of Ghent we have been establishing our northern boundary with Britain until a year or two ago, when the work was finally completed by a joint commission, consisting of Maj. Donald R. Cameron, Royal artillery; Capt. S. Anderson, Royal engineers, and Capt. A. C. Ward, Royal engineers, for Great Britain, and Archibald Campbell and Capt. W. J. Twining, United States army, for our government. The commission experienced considerable difficulty in discharging their duties from the errors committed by former commissioners. In April, 1870, while engaged in locating a military reservation for

A Post Near Pembina

Our engineers discovered that the commonly received boundary line between the British possessions and the United States at that place was 4,700 feet south of the forty-ninth parallel, and if run on west from such an initial point, would throw the fort of the Hudsons bay company at Pembina into the United States. Here was indeed a difficulty, and the officers at once communicated the facts to the government. The President, Gen. Grant, sent the information to the British government, and Great Britain requested the consent of the United States to occupy the fort of the Hudsons bay company until the matter could be determined. Of course, such a reasonable request was at once granted. The President then sent a message to congress recommending the establishment of a joint commission to fix the true boundary-line between the two countries, and congress assented, appropriating $100,000 by joint resolution to carry out the work. The appropriation was not available until 1872, when the work was begun, as above stated, by a joint commission of the two governments.

The Northern Boundary

Is marked by stone cairns, iron pillars, wood pillars, earth mounds and timber posts. A stone cairn is seven and one-half feet by eight feet, an earth mound seven feet by fourteen feet, an iron pillar eight feet high, eight inches square at the bottom and four inches at the top, timber posts eight feet high and eight inches square. There are 328 of these marks between the Lake of the Woods and the base of the Rocky mountains. That portion of the boundary that lies east and west of the Red river valley, is marked by cast-iron pillars at even mile intervals. The British placed one every two miles and the United States one between each British post. Our pillars are hollow iron castings, three eights of an inch in thickness, in the form of a truncated pyramid, eight feet high, eight inches square at the bottom and four inches at the top. They have at the top a solid pyramidal cap, and at the bottom an octagonal flange one inch in thickness. Upon the opposite faces are cast in letters two inches high the inscriptions, "Convention of London," and "October 20, 1818." The inscriptions begin about four feet six inches above the base and read upward. The interiors of

The Hollow Posts

Are filled with well seasoned cedar posts, sawed to fit and securely spiked through spike holes cast in the pillars for the purpose. The average weight of each pillar when completed is eighty-five pounds. The pillars are set four feet in the ground, with their inscription faces to the north and south, and the earth well settled and tamped about them. For the wooden posts, well seasoned logs are selected and the portion above the ground painted red, to prevent swelling and shrinking. These posts do very well, but the Indians cut them down for fuel, and nothing but iron will last very long. Where the line crosses lakes, monuments of stone have been built, the base being in some places eighteen feet under water, and the top projecting eight feet above the lake surface at high water mark. In forests the line is marked by felling the timber a rod wide and clearing away the underbrush. The work of cutting through the timbered swamps was very great, but it has been well done and the boundary distinctly marked by the commissioners the whole distance from Michigan to Alaska.

Cultur-Geschichte.

Good Literature.

The Nation inserts the following edifying paragraph from Karl Faulmanns Illustrirte Cultur-Geschichte. The column headed Amerikanisch is given in all earnestness as a specimen of the English spoken in America, while opposite is placed what the author considers the correct English equivalent. The italics are ours:

AMERIKANISCH.

I hat von funny leedly boy
Vot gomes schust to my knee,
Der queerest schap, der createst rogue,
As efer you dit see;
He runs and schumps and schmashes dings
In all barts off der hause—
But vot off dot? he vos my son,
Mine leedle Yawcob Strauss.

ENGLISCH.

I have *one* funny little boy
What comes just to my knee,
The queerest *shape*, the greatest rogue,
As ever you did see;
He runs and jumps and smashes things
In all parts of the house,
But what of that? he *was* my son,
My little Jacob Strauss.

News or Not.

Walla-walla Statesman.

In its brags that in regard to news Seattle is ahead of Wallawalla twenty-four hours the Post makes what is known to be a mistake. The Statesman publishes all the dispatches which are of any account the same day as the Oregonian. Trash we leave out. What does it interest the people to know that a horse fell into the Missouri river at New Orleans and was nearly drowned? Yet such is the stuff that the Post and Oregonian boast so much and attempt metropolitan airs about. Make a newspaper, gentlemen, by giving your readers plenty of home news, etc., and you need not care for dispatches so much.

Raw Meats

Peck's Sun.

A celebrated German physician has advocated a new theory, and that is that all food should be eaten raw instead of being cooked, and he claims that if his instructions are carried out, and meat and vegetables are eaten in their natural state, there will be no more sickness, and that people will die of old age rather than disease. The thing looks feasible, but we should like to see the German doctor trying his own theory, for instance on bologna sausage, and have to catch his dog.

Peruvian Bitters.

Cinchona Rubra.

The Count Cinchon was the Spanish Viceroy in Peru in 1630. The Countess, his wife, was prostrated by an intermittent fever, from which she was freed by the use of the native remedy, the Peruvian bark, or, as it was called in the language of the country, "Quinquina." Grateful for her recovery, on her return to Europe in 1632, she introduced the remedy in Spain, where it was known under various names, until Linnæus called it Cinchona, in honor of the lady who had brought them that which was more precious than the gold of the Incas. To this day, after a lapse of two hundred and fifty years, science has given us nothing to take its place. It effectually cures a morbid appetite for stimulants, by restoring the natural tone of the stomach. It attacks excessive love of liquor as it does a fever, and destroys both alike. The powerful tonic virtue of the Cinchona is preserved in the Peruvian Bitters, which are as effective against malarial fever to-day as they were in the days of the old Spanish Viceroys. We guarantee the ingredients of these bitters to be absolutely pure, and of the best known quality. A trial will satisfy you that this is the best bitter in the world. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and we willingly abide this test. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers. Order it.

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A BOLD SPECULATOR.

How a Fortune Was Acquired in Thirty Days in the Oil Region.

Titusville (Pa.) Herald.

During the first oil excitement a young man came to Oil city with $25; but he wore good clothes, had a good education and plenty of check. After surveying the situation for a day or two he concluded to speculate, and finding a farmer who had not yet leased or sold his land, he represented himself as an agent for a wealthy company, with instructions to buy up land. The farmer was rather reluctant about selling, but finally terms were agreed upon and the papers were drawn up and signed. Twenty dollars were paid down to bind the bargain; $5,000 more were to be paid in thirty days, and $5,000 more in six months. He had but $5 to meet an obligation of $10,000, but not despairing, he quietly awaited the completion of a well that was being drilled near his new purchase. The well was finished in five days after the sale and proved to be a good one. He was offered $20,000 for the farm; but $10,000 clear gain in five days did not tempt him to sell, for another well was being drilled on the adjoining farm, and should it prove to be a big producer his land would be very valuable. On the other hand, should it be a duster, he could not even get as much for the farm as he had agreed to pay for it. Still, he did not sell, and the time passed rapidly away. Only a few days remained before he would have to pay $5,000, or the sale would be canceled. Twenty-eight days had passed and the well was not down yet, although they expected to reach the oil rock every hour. On the night of the 29th day he sat up in the derrick with the drillers, for they knew they were within a few feet of the sand. Midnight came and the hands were relieved by another force. His last day had come and was wearing away, and he knew that the farmer would not wait one minute longer than the law required him, for he had several times been offered a larger amount for the land. At two o'clock the sand was reached, and the well proved to be the largest producer yet struck in the new field. The news of the new well rapidly spread, and by noon the next day a number of wealthy oil men were on the ground, anxious to secure the adjacent territory. That day the young man sold his farm of 110 acres for $1,000 per acre, clearing in thirty days $100,000, with a capital of $25 to start on.

Mr. Choirs Work.

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