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A ROAD TO ASIA.

The secretary of the interior has sent to Senator Sherman, chairman of the Senate committee on foreign affairs, a letter transmitting a very complete report made by Major Powell, superintendent of the geological survey, on the Senate bill introduced some time since "to facilitate the settlement and develop the resources of the territory of Alaska, and to open an overland commercial route between the United States, Austria, Russia and Japan."

THE marriage of the President was not well managed in details, and the President has displayed his characteristic obstinacy without occasion and to his own discomfort. The White House wedding in the presence of the cabinet, and a band of music, with cannon booming at the arsenal, was inconsistent with the notion of privacy, quietude and family mourning and all that sort of thing.

TO the older generation of sporting men the news that Bell's Life in London has suspended will be received with regret. It was the best by far of all the sporting papers published.

SOME of the cities of the south are having booms equal to those of the northern cities. In Montgomery, Ala., real estate has advanced 500 per cent, and rents have doubled in a great many instances within two years because of the great increase in capital and business.

THE fact that Herr Most goes to the penitentiary for one year and is sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 shows that talk is not always cheap.

A RIVAL OF THE TELEPHONE.

Remarkable Discovery Made by Professor Bell and His Cousins.

Professor Alexander Graham Bell and his cousin, Dr. Chichester Bell, have recently made a very remarkable discovery, which they think is quite as important as the transmission of the tones of the human voice through the telephone.

To a reporter of a local paper Professor Bell showed a glass disk, upon which appeared a spiral streak composed of tiny little shade lines, placed together or farther apart to make up the variation of intensity. The surface was one of depression and elevation. This, Professor Bell said, represented sound waves.

The great object of the inventors was to record by photography or otherwise the vibrations in the jet of water which correspond to sound waves; the result of words spoken in the vicinity; to keep the voice on record, bottled up, as it were, for any length of time, and then, when called upon, to let the record speak.

A Mountain Path in Guatemala. The path is very steep and gains its way with loops backward and forward on the face of the cliff. At the head of many of the turns the eye looks down sheer depths over which the head of your mule hangs with a sleepy indifference quite sufficient to shake one's nerves.

Mr. Joseph Leville, superintendent of pilots at this port, has just completed a design for an additional or auxiliary ship's rudder. The invention, which will be patented, consists in converting a portion of the after-lower part of a ship's keel into an additional rudder, worked by the regular rudder lines.

The following is a curious Creole remedy for sore throat: In swelling of the glands of the throat the swollen gland should be well rubbed with tallow, and the tallow smeared on thoroughly melted by holding close to the skin without actually touching it, the blade of a knife heated in the flame of a lamp or candle.

Examples of Curious Mimicry. During his expedition to Mount Killmanjaro Mr. H. H. Johnson noticed a singular resemblance or "mimicry" between the appearance of the tall red-brown antelope and the mounds built by the white ants.

In the course of an inquest in London lately Mr. Wakely, the coroner, observed that it would be well to acquaint the public with the fact that if persons in a house on fire had the presence of mind to apply a damp cloth or handkerchief to their mouth or nostrils they could effect a passage through the deepest smoke; but the surest way would be to envelop the head and face completely in the damp cloth.

A California farmer sent \$5 to a man in the east in exchange for six gourd seeds warranted to produce gourds of a capacity of forty gallons. After waiting long for the seeds to sprout, he investigated and found that they were artistically carved out of basswood.

An Altogether Unreliable Moon.

Mr. Hale, the astronomer, writes that in observing the planet Jupiter with a 3-inch reflector, he saw that but three of the moons were visible, a fact confirmed by others who had come to look into the telescope. They were advised to wait until the fourth moon appeared from behind the planet and after an hour the fourth moon did appear—coming out clear from Jupiter's disk, so clearly as to leave a space of separation between the planet and the moon.

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