

OREGON MAN IS HERO OF ICY TRIP

J. R. Dodson Hopes Steamers Will Soon Run Between Portland and Alaska.

Traveling 480 miles over the ice and snow by stage and sled, using on the trip 98 horses, and spending 16 days on the journey is an exhilarating experience, but if people want to get out of interior Alaska at this time of the year some such arrangement is necessary. J. R. Dodson has just come down from Alaska to renew acquaintances, and, as business reasons made it impossible for him to come out in the early fall, when the passage can be made by boat, he was forced to take this trip from Circle City.

Mr. Dodson has been in business in Circle City since 1896. A good many here remember Mr. Dodson, formerly of Portland and Pendleton. He owns the general merchandise store of Circle City which does between \$70,000 and \$80,000 worth of business a year. In addition he has just purchased the North American Trade & Transportation company, which has boats running from Seattle along the Alaskan coast and up the river to St. Michaels and over to Circle and Dawson, a trip which consumes from 35 to 50 days, and along another route from Seattle to Skagway to Dawson, consuming about 18 days.

Should Be Done From Portland.

Mr. Dodson's chief hope is that Portland will in time establish a direct line

to Alaska that merchants may have a slight inducement to buy their stores here. All traders are tired of dealing with Seattle, he said, for the latter city has beaten them out of so much money and takes advantage of every opportunity to do so. Mr. Dodson said that he has presented the question to various business men and organizations in town, but no action has been taken. As conditions are, it costs too much to buy provisions in Portland, ship them to Seattle and then to Alaska, but if the direct line were established the cost would be less than from Seattle, considering the exorbitant profit Seattle people demand. Even as it is, some Alaskans have had their ire so aroused that they are planning to incur the extra expense of buying in Portland, and Mr. Dodson plans this year to do all his buying and shipping from San Francisco, where he will go in about a week.

If the new Iditarod mines turn out rich, it will occasion the biggest stampede in the spring ever known in the Alaskan country, according to Mr. Dodson. A prospector struck gold there this fall and already over 3,000 people have gone there to wait for the spring weather to permit them to sink shafts. No definite news can be heard till March, but if it is favorable the Dawson, Fairbanks and Nome stampedes will sink into insignificance because of the far greater number of people now in Alaska. The Iditarod country is on the lower Yukon, and the lucky strike is near the former find on the Inok river in the same territory, which turned out to be a false alarm.

Dodson Well Informed.

Mr. Dodson is full of information about Alaska. His own town of Circle, where he has spent the past 13 years, is 630 miles inland from Valdez, on the Yukon, in Central Alaska, and 18 miles from the Arctic circle. About 30 people live in the town and some 300 in the neighboring mines, which are rich and are now being bought up largely by big companies. Some of the inhabitants

of the small town he says he has not seen for two or three years, because they shut themselves up in their cabins and don't come out all winter, never take exercise or do anything but eat and sleep. This, he said, is the reason that so many people go insane in the ice-country.

The travel rates and accommodations up there would astonish even the Southern Pacific patrons. Stage fare is 35 cents a mile, meals at the roadhouses are 45, even if you take no more than a cup of coffee, and "bunks" are \$1. By stage the horses, usually working four at a time, are changed every 20 miles. Provisions are laid by in the summer when freight rates by boat are only four cents a pound from Seattle to Circle. The unlucky man who finds himself provisionless in the winter must pay 20 cents a pound transportation from Valdez to Fairbanks and must do his own hauling to Circle. A railroad is being built from Cordova on the coast line to the copper mines a little inland which when completed sometime next summer will be one of the finest equipped roads in the world and will open to Alaska the control of the copper market of the world. Incidentally, it is interesting to know that Circle City has the finest wireless station in the world.

Mr. Dodson has nothing favorable to say about the Indians in Alaska, opining that they merely cater to laziness. He said there is a mission at Circle, that the building cost about \$5,000, and that there are two dirty little natives there as pupils with two salaried teachers to instruct them. As long as the natives are left alone they hunt and fish and keep themselves comfortable, but those that have once been taken care of and have received provisions from the mission become lazy and think the mission will provide food for them.

Recently-granted patents covered an electrically-driven saw driver, an electric portable hammer and an electric window washer.

SETTLERS LOOK FOR \$250,000

Passage of Bourne's Bill Appropriating That Amount Would Greatly Help Them.

Many in Oregon are interested in the introduction of a bill in congress by Senator Jonathan Bourne for the appropriation of \$250,000 for the relief of 200 or more settlers of the Sherman county overlap, who were ousted in 1900 following a decision of the supreme court giving title to the The Dalles Military Road company.

Based on estimates made by T. E. Neuhausen of Portland, then chief inspector for the west, representing the secretary of the interior, Senator Bourne's bill follows several others introduced by Oregon congressmen. Former Senator John M. Gearin submitted a bill appropriating \$1,250,000 for relief.

History of the Sherman county overlap shows the injustice done to settlers on the 10,000 or more acres comprising the tract, now one of the richest wheat growing sections in the northwest.

Grants Overlap.

When the Northern Pacific, intending to build down the Columbia river, filed its map of location, a land grant, 20 miles wide, was made by congress. Some time later, and before the Northern Pacific finally decided to use another route, The Dalles Military Road company filed its map of location, its line overlapping that of the Northern

Pacific grant in the northern part of Sherman county.

Litigation followed between the Northern Pacific and military road company, the railroad company withdrawing its map of location and selected another route. Then the question arose as to whether the Northern Pacific grant, including the land in the overlap, should be thrown open for settlement, or whether the overlap should be given to the military road company. Hoke Smith, then secretary of the interior, decided to throw the land open for settlement. Two hundred or more settlers rushed in, resided upon and improved the land and the great majority proved up. But, in the meantime, the military road company had brought suit in the United States court, and in 1900 the United States supreme court reversed Smith's decision and ordered the ousting of settlers. Patents to the land were cancelled.

Many forms of relief for the settlers thus ousted were offered, and in 1903 Mr. Neuhausen spent three months in the overlap, appraising the land. He made a detailed report, giving the land values as they were at the time the settlers were ousted. Sixty dollars an acre was the average valuation made.

Many of the settlers have now left the land, but the majority, according to Mr. Neuhausen, are still living on their original homesteads as tenants of the military road company.

Wife Murderer to Hang.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 6.—The first of the year's hangings in Georgia is scheduled to take place in this city tomorrow. The condemned man is George Burge, who was convicted last summer of murdering his wife, from whom he was separated, by cutting her throat with a razor.

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CITY GETS NEW TEST LABORATORY

Health Officers Soon Be Able to Make Satisfactory Tests of Milk and of Water.

"Portland will soon have a laboratory worthy of the city," Health Officer C. H. Wheeler said yesterday. "We will be able then to make satisfactory tests not only of milk but of water and food sold here. A laboratory has long been an essential thing with us. Portland is far behind other cities in the way of equipment."

Dr. Wheeler says that as the new milk ordinance is now going into effect he would like to see the whole matter of its enforcement reduced to a rigid system. To stipulate that milk shall not contain more than 200,000 bacteria to the cubic centimeter and then fail to provide the necessary apparatus for testing, he says, hardly looks reasonable. At the same time he insists that a chemical test of milk in addition to the bacteriological count, should be made, in order to determine with most justice to the producer and most safety to the consumer, the exact purity and quality of every pint of milk sold in the city.

Dr. Wheeler said yesterday that he anticipated no trouble in obtaining not only the consent of the council to install a laboratory, but feels sure the body will vote the necessary funds for its maintenance. Mayor Simon has expressed himself as much in favor of the plan. Dr. E. D. Smith, a graduate

of several schools, will make tests of milk in the laboratory of the state dairy and food commissioner until the city laboratory has been equipped.

\$17,925 TO BE SPENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS

The following building permits were issued:

Mrs. R. Frazier, erect one story frame dwelling, Villard street between Alingworth and Holman, builder H. Steiner, \$350.

A. Johnson, erect one story frame dwelling, Tibbets street between East Thirtieth and Thirty-second, builder same, \$140.

Emil Christenson, erect two story frame store and flats, Mississippi avenue between Felling and Shaver, builder same, \$1100.

Mr. Reed, repair four story brick store, Fourth street between Fannin and Morrison, builder M. J. Reiser, \$30.

A. Berg, repair two story brick theatre, Washington street between Park and West Park, builder Tilton Bros., \$150.

A. M. Jensen, erect one story frame dwelling, McKennan avenue between Houghton and Dawson, builder same, \$1000.

L. P. Parker, repair two story frame dwelling, 740 Beach street, corner East Ninth, builder same, \$60.

C. F. Gordon, erect one story frame garage, 1004 East Twentieth street between Wygant and Going, builder same, \$50.

James Muckie, erect two story frame flats, Belmont street between East Seventh and East Eighth, builder J. C. Garrett, \$5500.

James Muckie, erect two story frame flats, East Eighth street between Belmont and East Morrison, builder J. C. Garrett, \$2950.

E. J. Daley, repair one story frame store, Washington street between Twelfth and Thirtieth, builder E. Melton, \$200.

H. L. Pitcock, repair three story brick store, Front street between Stark and Washington, builder Ferrell Roofing Co., \$250.

Oregonian Publishing company, repair nine story brick office building, Sixth street between Alder and Washington, builder same, \$25.

Clearance Sale—Reduced Prices in All Depts.

Dressing Combs—19c and 25c Values at 10c

A Bargain Friday sale of 1000 Dressing Combs, shown in assorted colors; full 8-inch Combs, in fancy carved designs, good heavy back; sell regularly at 19c and 25c each, clearance sale price..... 10c

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THE BEST IN QUALITY

Reduced Prices in All Depts.—Clearance Sale

Tooth Brushes—Our Best 25c Vals. at 15c

A Bargain Friday sale of over 1000 fine French Tooth Brushes, made of finest bristles, fancy back Brushes. They come in medium sizes and sell regularly at 25c each, clearance sale price only..... 15c

Special Reductions Tomorrow for Our 530th Bargain Friday

Manufacturer's Clean-Up Sale of Embroideries

Over 150,000 Yards Beautiful New Embroideries on Sale at Half-Price and Less

UNQUESTIONABLY THE GREATEST AND BEST EMBROIDERY SALE EVER HELD IN THIS CITY—GREATEST IN ASSORTMENTS—GREATEST IN QUANTITIES, GREATER IN SAVINGS—We urge our patrons not to overlook the splendid opportunities for great savings presented here. We were fortunate in securing the entire surplus stock of a prominent manufacturer at liberal reductions from the regular mill prices, and at this sale you have choice from the finest collection of high-quality imported Embroideries ever shown in this city, at HALF AND LESS THAN HALF PRICE. Thousands and thousands of yards of beautiful NEW EMBROIDERIES, suitable for every purpose in which embroidery is used. The patterns are beautiful, from 1 1/4 to 45 inches wide, made on fine sheer swiss and nainsook allovers—Edgings, Insertions, Flouncings, Bands and Medallions. They come in both separate widths and matched sets—in fact, the offerings in this sale surpass all previous events—the quantities are greater, the styles better and the qualities are the best productions from the leading manufacturer of St. Gall. NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO BUY A GENEROUS SUPPLY. BE ON HAND EARLY AND SECURE THE BEST PATTERNS.

TABLE NO. ONE
Embroideries Worth to 20c 9c

This assortment consists of hundreds and hundreds of yards of fine Cambric and Nainsook Edges and Insertions, in widths from 3 to 8 inches wide; an unlimited assortment of choice new patterns to choose from; all fresh, clean and most durable in every way; usual 15c to 20c qualities are priced for this sale at..... 9c

TABLE NO. TWO
Embroideries Worth to 35c 15c

This table is filled to overflowing with beautiful new Embroidery, Edges and Insertions, in a full showing of the new season's patterns, in widths from 6 to 17 inches. Here you will find Embroideries suitable for every purpose, in regular 25c and 35c qualities, specially priced for this sale at..... 15c

TABLE NO. THREE
Embroideries Worth to 60c at 23c

The most beautiful St. Gall 6 to 18-inch Embroideries, made of excellent quality swiss, nainsook, cambric and Hamburg, hand-embroidered in choice patterns; also all over Embroideries of fine swiss and nainsook, suitable for all styles of yokes or waists. Regular 50c to 60c qualities are priced for this sale at..... 23c

TABLE NO. FOUR
Embroideries Worth to \$1 at 33c

Flouncings and Insertions, 10 to 18 inches wide, made of the best quality swiss, nainsook, cambric and Hamburg; the finest patterns that can be made on hand machines, from the neat, small, dainty effects to the large scroll and eyelet patterns. You have unlimited choice from regular 75c to \$1.00 qualities, at this sale for..... 33c



COME EARLY—All our center aisle tables devoted to the display and sale of these Embroideries. Extra salespeople to serve you promptly. See our big double window display and be sure to attend. COME EARLY.

TABLE NO. FIVE CONTAINS
Corset Cover and Flouncing Embroideries, Values to \$1.25 at 48c

Exquisite New Designs and Rich Patterns—18 to 22-inch Flouncings and corset cover Embroideries, in an unsurpassed showing of exquisite new designs and rich patterns, made on the finest quality materials, the kinds in greatest demand for children's dresses, petticoats, waists, etc. The showing includes the latest novelties in blind, open and eyelet work, cut effects, Baby Irish, filet and St. Gall weaves. Regular \$1.00 to \$1.25 qualities, 48c specially priced for this sale at.....

TABLE NO. SIX CONTAINS
Baby Flouncings and All over Embroideries in Values to \$3.50 at 98c

Over 5000 Yards in This Assortment—The values in this showing will tempt the needy. Never before have we offered such wonderful values. Included are 27-inch Baby Flouncings and 22 to 32-inch all over Embroideries of the finest quality materials, shown in hundreds of choice patterns in blind and openwork and neat, dainty designs, finished with hemstitched and scalloped edges; in fact, the newest and most beautiful Embroideries you ever saw are here at less than one-third real worth; values up to \$3.50 yard are priced at.....

TABLE NO. EIGHT
Embroideries Worth to \$1.25—at 59c

27-inch Embroideries of fine swiss, with small and large scalloped edges; shown in extra deep patterns that are unusually attractive; the kind that sells regularly at \$1.25 yard, priced for this sale at 59c

TABLE NO. NINE
Shirtwaist Fronts Worth to \$1.50 at 69c

Embroidered Shirtwaist Fronts, shown in hundreds of patterns, in beautiful panel and all over effects. They come in fine swiss and French lawn, and can be matched with plain goods for sleeves and back; the best regular \$1.50 values, priced for this sale at..... 69c

Muslin Underwear Specials

The garments that go on sale tomorrow represent the best values it is possible to give. Come and see for yourself if this isn't so. There are many other offerings not told of here.

\$1.25 Muslin Skirts 68c

These Skirts are made of good quality cambric, with flounce of rows of Val lace insertion, with ruffle to match; other styles have deep embroidery flounce. All made good, full width and finished with cambric underpiece. Regular \$1.25 values, specially priced at..... 68c

39c Muslin Drawers 25c

A special offering of Muslin Drawers, made of good quality muslin or cambric, with plain hemstitched ruffle or trimmed with laces and embroideries. All well made and neatly finished. Regular \$1.25 values, Bargain Friday price only..... 25c

Corset Covers, Best 35c Values 18c

For Friday we are offering an extra special on Corset Covers, made of fine nainsook, trimmed with embroideries, laces and ribbons. A large assortment to choose from. All styles 34 to 44. Regular 35c values, specially priced for Bargain Friday at..... 18c

Muslin Gowns, Best 75c Values 49c

A fine line of Gowns, made of good quality cambric, nainsook or longcloth, trimmed with embroideries, laces and ribbons. They come in the high or V-shaped neck, with long sleeves; also low neck slip-over style with short sleeves. They are made good, full size and neatly finished. Regular 75c values, specially priced for Bargain Friday at..... 49c

Low Prices Ready-to-Wear Dept.

The special values offered in our Suit Room tomorrow will be of such a nature that you will be able to spend a few minutes in this popular section very profitably. To make room for incoming spring stocks we find it necessary to dispose of a large number of lines immediately, hence these most unusual bargains:

Women's & Misses' Suits
\$17.50 to \$25.00 Values at \$15.00—A special Suit reduction for tomorrow—regular \$17.50 to \$25.00 Suits now selling at \$15. Materials are all-wool serge, fancy worsted and chevrons, plain or fancy weaves, in black, navy, tan, green, gray and other colors. Coats of good length, in an exceptionally neat, plainly tailored effect. Skirts are in the new pleated effects. On sale Bargain Friday at this special low price..... \$15.00

Women's Long Coats
This offering for Bargain Friday only. About forty women's and misses' long coats in the choicest of the late styles. Full length, fitted and semi-fitted effects; black, broadcloths, tan, covert, and worsted coatings of various colors. Examples of perfect tailoring. Bargain Friday only..... \$9.50

\$1.25 Wrappers for 98c

A special Wrapper offering for tomorrow. Wrappers of fine quality percale, in black, blue, gray and red striped and figured designs. An extremely neat effect with ticked yoke, belt and flounce. Regular price \$1.25, Bargain Friday at..... 98c

Women's Raincoats at \$7.50

One of the best coat bargains of the season. An absolutely waterproof coat of rubberized, mercerized poplin in black, navy, brown and gray. Full length, semi-fitted and loose effects, with cuffs and storm collar. Sold everywhere at \$10.50 and \$12.50. Sale price only..... \$7.50

Silk Petticoats \$3.95

Fifty petticoats in black and all the most desired colors, including navy, brown, green, gray, tan, old rose and others. Made of good dependable silk taffeta, with deep sectional flounce, deep underlay and dust ruffle. \$5 and \$5.50 values. Bargain Friday..... \$3.95

Women's Dress Skirts \$1.98

We shall place on sale Bargain Friday about fifty women's Dress Skirts of excellent quality worsted percale, in black only. They are made in the latest plated styles and are positive bargains at the price mentioned. Bargain Friday at..... \$1.98

Women's Knit Underwear, Silk and Wool Vests and Pants, Best \$1.25 Values

69c

Fine winter-weight garments, all sizes. It is clearance time in the Knit Underwear Section and the values we are offering during this sale have never been equaled before. Here is one of the most important items for tomorrow: A sale of women's fine silk and wool Vests and Pants, in all sizes. They come in all the good styles; the Vests are hand-trimmed with silk and the Pants are finished in equestrian top style. Garments that are fully worth \$1.25, on sale 69c Bargain Friday at.....

Women's Hose 11c

A very special offering of women's heavy fleec-lined black cotton Hose, made with full seamless leg and foot, all sizes. Regular 20c value, on sale sale Bargain Friday at..... 11c

Woolen Gloves, 35c Values at 19c

Women's fine, all wool Golf Gloves, shown in all sizes, in plain colors, black, navy, gray, brown, etc.; also fancy mixtures, in neat colorings; good, warm Gloves that always sold at 35c, on sale Bargain Friday at..... 19c

