

## CENTRAL OREGON

### WONDERFUL COAL FIELDS AND FOSSIL BEDS.

Farmers Gathering Drift Coal From John Day River for Years Without Inquiring into its Source—Richest Fossil Beds on the Continent Hidden in John Day Hills.

Central Oregon, speaking in general terms of portions of Sherman, Morrow, Gilliam and Wasco counties, is one of the most resourceful and wonderful districts in the West.

For years, farmers along the John Day river have gathered good, merchantable coal from the river bed, after the spring freshets, without becoming deeply enough interested in the wonderful fact to investigate and develop the supply from which those fragmentary floats came. Every winter, for years, at points on the Upper John Day river, tons of this coal has been loosed by the high water from the ledges clinging above the river bank, and, after being washed and tumbled down by the turbulent current of the mad little mountain stream, would lodge on sand bars and islands in the stream, from where the farmers would haul it in wagon loads for fuel. The people took this as a matter of course, and until the last year had not actually hunted up the source of the coal supply and only replied to inquirers that it "came from up the creek."

People from all over the West were going wild over the Heppner coal fields last fall, while the John Day farmer was gathering from the river beds fragments of what must be a monster ledge, worth millions, when properly developed, and not over thirty miles from the coveted Heppner fields.

The recent discovery of the ledges of the John Day coal field opens up another important industry in that wonderful district, and introduces more fully to the world the hidden resources of the domain of Oregon.

In that same John Day district are some of the richest fossil beds on the earth. In fact, the only well defined skeleton of the three-toed antediluvian horse ever discovered has been unearthed in the John Day fossil beds. Skulls of prehistoric and ante-flood animals, of different descriptions, have been found by scientists there, but not one man in twenty living in the vicinity of the beds realizes the wonder attached to them, and the possibilities of geological research among the scientific treasures of those fields.

The high table land inclosing the fossil remains was evidently the last remaining high point of land, left on the mighty continent that has some day extended from the Rocky mountains across the Pacific ocean, to the Philippines and Malay Peninsula, peo-

pied with its rare and wondrous forms of primeval life.

As the terrific convulsion of nature which sunk that wonderful continent, and created the Pacific ocean, drove animated creation higher and higher to escape the climbing floods, all the forms of life that could flee before that terrifying tide sought the mountain peaks and huddled together in fright and confusion until the ocean overwhelmed them, and left their remains in one heap on what is now the John Day fossil beds.

Noted scientists from Europe have visited these fields and have pronounced them the most rare and wonderful of any on earth today. Not a season passes that does not see a new visitor in the John Day delving among the fragments of prehistoric bones and carcasses, searching for a new link in the baffling chain of natural history and geology.

The wealth of the central Oregon domain is not yet half understood. As it becomes developed and its untold possibilities are more widely investigated it will become the richest spot in Oregon.

#### ESQUIMO CURIOS.

Collection Valued at \$5,000 Now on Exhibition in Spokane.

A wonderful exhibition of Esquimaux curios is on exhibit at the Hotel Spokane today in charge of W. E. Dickenson of Nome, Alaska, says the Spokane Press.

The exhibit is being taken to the St. Louis world's fair and is being put on exhibition on the way there.

Mr. Dickenson is a typical northern man and gives an interesting account of the Esquimaux and his work. The curios consist of baskets made of grass, articles from fur, skins and ivory, and were made by the natives of Alaska and Siberia. The collection is valued at \$5,000, one piece alone being a fur seal rug of 5,000 pieces and valued at \$1,000.

"Kom-oo Oseok, my Esquimaux, who is accompanying me on the trip, took sick at Seattle and will not reach Spokane until tonight," said Mr. Dickenson, as he told of the habits of the Esquimaux of Alaska.

"The citizens of Nome are providing a home for the old and feeble ones at Penny creek, about twelve miles above Nome. Most of the natives, however, can very well look after themselves, but there are some who are helpless with old age and the kind people of Nome will not allow them to want for anything if they can help it.

Both the men and women of the tribes are hard workers, the men devote much of their time to their carving, while the women weave baskets and do the fur work.

Their cleverness is a surprise, and their goods cannot be bought for a song, either, as they always want a big price for everything and positively refuse to cut the first price they set. This is a habit with all of them."

Instead of hiring a rainmaker when there is a drought, let the whole country turn out to a picnic and leave all umbrellas at home.

Saturday, Dec. 5th, to Saturday, Dec. 12th.

# Slaughter Sale

ROOM WANTED. GOODS MUST BE MOVED

We need room so badly that we are going to sacrifice profits to get it. We are piled up now with Winter goods that we do not know where to put our new goods arriving, our Spring stock will begin to come in about thirty to sixty days from now and our present stock must be reduced to make room. With your help we can make a big hole in our stock in the week above mentioned, and we guarantee to make you a big saving on any other prices to be found in town.

### Clothing.

Good reliable clothing at wholesale prices will be one of our specials for this sale.

Mens' Suits, dark woolen material, for this sale . . . . . \$4.00  
 Mens' Suits, dark color, good wearing, woolen goods . . . \$5.50  
 Mens' Suits, all wool black clay worsted, \$8.50 regular for this sale . . . . . \$7.00  
 Men's heavy wool melton Suits, splendid value, only . . . \$6.50  
 Men's fine worsted Suits, regular \$10.00 suits, for this sale \$8.00  
 Men's mixed worsted Suits, \$12.00 and \$15.00 regular, for this sale . . . . . \$10.00

### Overcoats.

Men's heavy Overcoats, high storm collar, for this sale . . \$4.25  
 Men's Overcoats, good grade Kersey, worth \$10.00, for this sale . . . . . \$6.75  
 Men's Oxford gray Overcoats, all grades, special, 20 per cent off.

### Boys' Clothing.

Every suit of Boys' clothing will be reduced for this sale 20 per cent. This means we are going to sell lots of boys' clothing and sell it quick.  
 Boys' suits worth \$2.00 will sell for . . . . . \$1.60

Boys' suits worth \$2.75 will sell for . . . . .  
 Boys' suits worth \$3.50 will sell for . . . . .  
 Boys' suits worth \$4.00 will sell for . . . . .  
 All other suits and overcoats reduced 20 per cent for this week.  
 Don't let this week pass without buying your suit or overcoat.

### Furnishings.

Furnishings of all kinds reduced to make quick more room.  
 Ladies' coats and suits, special reduction of . . . . .  
 Misses' coats, special reduction of . . . . .  
 Ladies' dressing saques, special reduction of . . . . .  
 Men's heavy fleeced underwear, good for cold weather . . . . .  
 Men's extra heavy all-wool underwear, \$1.40 wear, special . . . . .  
 Children's heavy fleeced underwear, special reduction of . . . . .

### Staples for Saturday.

Calico, for Saturday only, 10 yds for . . . . .  
 Outing flannel, for Saturday, 10 yds for . . . . .  
 Bleached muslin, for Saturday, 10 yds for . . . . .  
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