

## Trip to Alaska

President Harding in all his addresses in Alaska, called it an empire and it impressed the writer when hearing that term, for one cannot but feel it to be an empire for the future, when you observe the coast range of mountains clad with snow along the coast, and to penetrate behind them you find back of them from Cook Inlet a country similar to Montana for a thousand miles to beyond the arctic circle all rolling fertile soil, to the left of the government railway, exists a solid mountain of copper that will not be touched for years, acres of red and yellow ochre, tin found in placer conditions and many gold and silver properties that are only in the development stage. This summer, two gold stampedes happened, one to the Cassiar district, another to the Valdez creek, the latter one I saw men leave Anchorage on railroad land cars in order to be first on the ground, these stampedes happen every year. Last year a stampede was made to Nuka bay and this year I visited the bay and saw a mine in operation that was producing \$30,000 for the season with five men.

Prince William Sound had only four fox ranches four years ago, now it has thirty-four and supplied last year \$1,000,000 of pelts and when you travel from there to Unalaska and the Aleutian Islands you find all island occupied by fox ranchers.

Fishing industry in 1924 reduced in halibut, herring and salmon amounted to \$40,000,000, copper produced in 1924 was \$9,703,721, gold, \$6,285,724. In one year of the war two mines produced a total of \$35,000,000 in copper. At Hyder one gold mine in galena formation, carrying gold and silver where I had the good fortune to visit June 10th, I found 480 men working, the ore is carried 14 miles by cable, the second longest cable in America, and this mine capitalized at \$5,000,000 three years ago, has already paid back to the shareholders \$5,400,000; this is the richest mine in America. The United States paid \$7,200,000 for Alaska and today enough Reindeer exist to pay back the above amount if figured at only \$20 per head. Few people know the size of Alaska in comparison with the U. S. It is one-fifth the size of the United States, has 7,200 miles of sea coast can you picture that. Why it is more than the combined Pacific and Atlantic coasts of the U. S.

On the St. Paul and St. George and Pribiloff islands the fur seal exist, protected by the government, and have revenue cutters to protect them when migrating from their southern quarters in the spring from

south of California to the Behring sea.

Towns are all modern in ever, detail, both grammar and high schools and a college of mines in Fairbanks experimental farms exist at Sitka, Matanuska, Kodiak, Fairbanks, everywhere wild fruit prevails, blueberries, red currants, red raspberries, wild strawberries, thousands of acres of cranberries. Vegetables that cannot be excelled anywhere are cabbages, turnips, parsnips, beets, potatoes, cauliflowers, lettuce celery, peas, common to see 30 pounds cabbages, and strawberries cannot be grown better in the States. It is the intention to ship strawberries to Seattle this month as an initial trial.

This has been one of the biggest years for tourists, thousands coming from far eastern points, almost impossible to get reservation as tourists are provided for first, as they have return tickets, their fares cost from \$300 to \$400 each, while three years ago not a single tourist made the Fairbanks trip via Chitina Glacier, Fairbanks, Mount McKinley, Anchorage and Seward, this summer for one month I saw tourists turned away from hotels in Seward and had to remain aboard the boat until the train left the next morning, one party of 90 tourists direct from Texas paid \$750 each for their tickets personally conducted as a special party.

Airplane service exists at Fairbanks. Last year carried the mail 346 miles to McGrath, and this year to Nome, and in addition takes miners to their diggings, and often carries sick to the hospitals. Last week, carried a corpse 200 miles, when I was there my friends Mr. Carter went to McGrath, 346 miles it was to cost him \$375 for the trip one way.

Boat service exists to Seward the year around, a boat leaves every Saturday from Seattle, making Seward in seven to ten days according to stops and freight. Five passenger boats run to Seward, four American boats run as far as Skagway and five Canadian boats as far as Skagway, and two run to Nome, in addition to many carrying freight only.

The Standard and Associated Oil companies are drilling at Kanatak in Wide Bay and are now down 4150 feet, and at Katalla the Chilkat Oil Co., operate having seven wells, all producing each in small quantity and supplying local markets, the moment oil is struck in quantity at Kanatak you will see another boom or stampede like 1898.

Climatic conditions are wonderful having warm summers and dry cold winters. Dr. C. J. Wight.

### "BILL" CONGDON WILL START CAT FARM

Here is a proposition that I have had put up to me, and I may organize a stock company

The object of this company is to operate a large cat ranch in or near Vernonia where land can be purchased cheap for this purpose. To start in with, we will collect about, say, one hundred thousand (100,000) cats. Each cat will average twelve (12) kittens a year. The skins run from ten cents each for white ones, to seventy-five cents for the pure black. This will give us twelve million skins a year, to sell at an average of thirty cents (30c) apiece, making our revenue about ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) a day gross.

A man can skin fifty cats a day for two dollars (\$2). It will take one hundred men to operate this ranch, the net profit will therefore be about nine thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$9,800) a day.

We will feed the cats on rats and will start a rat ranch next door. The rats will multiply four times as fast as cats. If we start with one million rats, we will have, therefore, four rats per day for each cat, which is plenty.

Now, then we will feed the rats on the carcasses of the cats, from which the skins have been taken, giving each rat a fourth of a cat.

It will thus be seen that the business will be self-supporting, and automatic all the way through. The cats will eat the rats and the rats will eat the cats, and we get the skins.

But the chances for making the money is just as good as in the days of the gold rush in '49. Here is the proposition and I may organize a stock company in the near future. I have the promise of some of the best and most influential men of the city. One is Mr. McGraw of the Bank of Vernonia, he is a go-getter and full of the fertility that goes to make up a good man. He is one

of the head men of the Bank of Vernonia and also one of the heads of the new enterprise, the large new shingle mill that is now under construction and I think he will be the right party to take this plant in hand also Mr. Wm. Pringle, the big financiers of the city. They both have promised to take hold of the plant.

### WANT ADS

FOR SALE-OR RENT-Four room house and two lots on Rose Ave. Payments like rent. J. C. Lindley at bank. 3-2\*

FOR SALE-At a bargain, Dining Room set. House No. 15, Millview. 3-2t

Labor Day-Sept. 7th.

Who will ride in the new Sedan? School, a week from Monday.

Miss Thelma Olsen spent the week-end with friends at Seaside.

Several from Vernonia are attending the circus in Portland.

Fair time-don't forget your own County Fair.

Mrs. J. C. Lincoln is on the sick list.

Everybody is talking auto contest. Just watch the returns. The girls are going after it.

First quality Diamond ring, \$175 value \$125 cash. Terms to responsible party. Inquire Eagle office.

Mrs. Frank Hartwick is at Rockaway this week, enjoying a vacation with her parents.

"Happy" Thompson looks that way because his wife and children are away on a weeks visit.

Every vote counts. The girls are digging in. New votes are being turned in, daily by the hundreds. Who is your choice?

Attorney Sheeley is in exception-

ally good humor this week. Reason: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sheeley on Friday, August 21, a baby girl.

On Rose avenue the residents are building a new sidewalk running north from the residence of Mr. Cleveland's.

Our merchants are arranging to give you some real bargain news in next week's Eagle. Watch for next week's advs.

Pick out your favorite candidate for the big car and when you pay your back subscription see that she gets credit for the votes. Help her to win.

Mrs. S. R. Turk from near Timber, called Saturday and ordered the Eagle for a year. Mrs. Turk is an acquaintance of all the Nehalem valley old timers.

In printing the list of high school teachers in last week's paper we left out the name of T. P. Graham. Prof. Graham will be with us again this year.

Mrs. A. Stephenson and little daughter, Wilma, of Portland, will spend several weeks with Mrs. Stephenson's sister, Mrs. E. L. Cloose at Vernonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Richardson are now citizens of Vernonia, moving over from St. Helens Monday. Mr. Richardson is employed in the mechanical department of the Eagle.

A. W. Petersen was in Portland Monday selecting and ordering a large new stock of fall and winter goods, some of which are now arriving.

The Annual Hop Picking rains fell this week. It settled the dust, put out the fires, made wet camps and hop yards, and now we expect several weeks of bright warm weather before the rainy season.

J. C. Lindley has purchased the Fellman home and corner on north Rose Ave. Rose avenue is one of the best resident sections of our city the property just purchased is a very desirable home.

The American laundry, known as the "Laundry of Service" is incorporating into a stock company in order to enlarge and properly take

care of the fast increasing business throughout the county.

The newly born baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swan died last Sunday morning. The funeral and burial of the little one took place Monday. The parents have the sympathy of all in the sad bereavement.

Which lady in the Eagle Auto contest will get the Sedan? All candidates are proving extremely popular and their friends are mighty sincere in their declarations that their favorite will win. They are all working hard and votes are coming in fast every day now.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harbaugh with Mr. Harbaugh's mother and sister, were out from Portland Sunday calling at the home of the editor. The Harbaughs are old friends of the Robinsons and the visit was certainly enjoyed. Mr. Harbaugh is one of the Portland Oregonian's force.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown motored over to Vancouver Sunday and visited at the Pythian home, one of prettiest places of the state. They visited some time with the people residing there and returned through Kelso and Longview. In Longview they found a real city.

Raymond Lindsay and Roy Reburg of Portland were Vernonia sight-seeing Wednesday. The two young men are employed as managers of the shipping department of the W. P. Fuller Paint company in Portland and this is their first visit to the Nehalem valley, which they are greatly enjoying.

Onlast Thursday night about fifty friends of Rev. Mathis met with baskets of lunch, as a farewell surprise party for the minister. Rev. Mathis will leave shortly for the south, and songs, music and talks with refreshments whiled away the night. The many friends dislike to see Rev. Mathis leave but are wishing him God speed and success in his new location.

Richard J. Millo of Scappoose, district manager for the West Coast Life Insurance company, accompanied by Charles F. Temple of Salem, agency organizer for the company, were looking over the local field on Tuesday. They engaged G. C. Olsen of the Vernonia Realty

# More Thrilling News!

## FOR ECONOMICAL PEOPLE

IN THIS GREAT MASTER MERCHANDISE MOVEMENT

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

ALL WHO COME WILL BE AMPLY REWARDED BY THE MARVELOUS VALUES THAT AWAITS THEM. SEVERAL NEW LINES OF SHOES AND MORE LADIES READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS ARE ADDED FOR NEXT FEW DAY'S SELLING.

### Mens--Womens SHOES

**MEN'S DRESS SHOES**  
Black, Goodyear welt, stylish, good fitting lasts. All sizes—  
—SPECIAL—  
\$4.75

**MISSES and GROWING GIRLS**  
School shoes of Calf Skin, solid leather and good fitting lasts—  
Sizes 1 1/2 to 2  
\$2.98

Sizes 2 1/4 to 7  
\$3.49

**LADIES' DRESS SLIPPERS**  
Kid leather, all sizes, \$2.50 values  
\$1.59

**CHILDRENS PATENT LEATHER PUMPS**  
Mary Jane style, reg. \$2.50 values  
\$1.39

**WOMEN'S HIGH-GRADE PUMP**  
Very new and snappy in tan only  
Medium heel, reg. \$6.00 values  
\$3.98

**WOMEN'S PATENT LEATHER ONE STRAP PUMPS**  
Good looking and all sizes. \$4.00 sellers—  
\$ 2.98

**WOMEN'S KID OXFORDS**  
High-grade leather and style,  
Cuban heel, all sizes, worth \$4.50  
\$2.95

**MEN'S WORK SHOES**  
Good and heavy built solid leather  
all through. \$4.50 values—  
\$2.98

**MEN'S 6-IN. PACK SHOES**  
This is some bargain. These shoes are built for looks and wear and easy on your feet. Regular price \$6.50—  
\$3.98

### FREE--Saturday Morning at 9 o'clock

WE WILL GIVE TO THE FIRST 50 CUSTOMERS ENTERING THE STORE, AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING CASH OR A MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATE (no blanks).

ONE ENVELOPE WILL CONTAIN A CRISP \$2.00 BILL—MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATES 5c to \$1.00

CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONTEST.

Men's Dress Shirts, collar attached good quality, a small lot only, \$2.00 values—  
\$1.25

Men's Dress Sox, a better grade in black and brown—  
19c

Men's Union Suits, athletic style plain and stripe madras—  
89c

Men's Union Suits, Porosknit—  
59c

Men's heavy weight cotton ribbed union suits, sizes 36 to 42—  
\$1.39

## Haltom Merc. Co.

DRY GOODS, READY-TO-WEAR, ETC.  
Vernonia, Oregon

### Womens Ready-to-wear Garments

#### WOMEN'S DRESSES

These garments are all new and of the latest materials and styles in all shades and combinations. Beautiful designs. You will appreciate them when you see them. Values \$18.00 to \$20.00—  
\$10.00

Values \$25.00 to \$30.00—  
\$17.50

#### WOMEN'S COATS

A new fall line. Wonderful designs. Latest materials and trimmings in many different colors. All sizes—  
\$20.00 values—  
\$14.50

\$25.00 values—  
\$19.50

\$35.00 values—  
\$24.50

Women's All-Silk Hose, colors: nude, atmosphere, sunburn, blonde etc., good clear weave.  
98c

Women's Mercerized Hose in black and brown—  
49c

Children's Hose, fine and heavy-ribbed, good weight—  
19c

Women's Cotton Hose in black and brown, very good quality—  
19c

4 to 8-inch Satin Ribbon, assorted colors, black and white, selling regular to 75c per yard, yard—  
19c

Kloster Crochet Thread, white and colors.—  
5c

Co., to represent the West Coast main in Vernonia hereafter. Mr. Life here. Mr. Temple and Mr. Millo are having the "Eagle" sent to their address for a year.

F. J. Waltmon, plaining mill foreman for the Oregon-American Lumber Co., has resigned his position to accept a better one as Northwest manager for A. A. Simonds, Dayton Co., with office and headquarters in Portland. He regrets leaving the O. A., inasmuch as they are such good company to work for, and he is leaving with the very best wishes for the management and all concerned. He also has a warm spot in his heart for Vernonia and his many friends.

Most of the Eagle subscriptions expire in August and September. When paying up see that your choice of the ladies working get the credit for the votes each payment is good for. Old subscriptions count as well as new ones. It is a real contest now and the friends are working with blood in their eyes. Bets are about even, however, and so far it is any body's prize. Another week of two will make changes in the count.

E. T. Haltom, proprietor of the Haltom Mercantile store in Vernonia we are giving our service for a arrived last week and expects to re-worth cause.

Mr. Haltom has sold his large store in Tillamook and will have more time to devote personally to his Vernonia business. He has added large shipments of new goods of late and has enroute new fall styles to be displayed. The Haltom store here anticipates a large business this fall. We are glad to see Mr. Haltom become one of us.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the sympathy and kindness tendered us by the I. O. O. F., lodge and friends during our recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hatte, and family.  
Mr. Charles Bafford and family  
Edd Bafford.

#### APPRECIATION

We, the Vernonia Volunteer fire department, wish to thank the business men of Vernonia for buying tickets to the Firemen's Ball, and we also wish to thank Mr. Coyle for giving us the use of the hall for \$20.:

We believe every business man should help the fire department for a worthy cause.

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