

SNOW TRAINS WILL START.

THE COMPANY TO SEND STEAMER FROM SEATTLE JANUARY 1.

Promoters Have the Indorsement of Secretary of War Alger, and Are Confident They Can Deliver Passengers and Freight at Dawson.

The powerful engines which have been found practicable in transporting over snow and ice heavy loads of logs in the pines of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin will be utilized to haul passenger and freight trains in Alaska. The Klondike Snow and Ice Transit Company, of which Joseph Ladue, founder of Dawson, is president, will send a steamer from Seattle between January 1 and 5 with everything requisite for fitting up the "pioneer train," which will leave Fort Wrangel for Dawson before January 15. The route chosen is up the Stikine river to the head of navigation, one and one-half miles above the mouth of Telegraph creek. From there the Talton valley trail will be followed for thirty-five miles, and thence the Canadian government has constructed a trail to Lake Teslin, over the Blue mountain pass, a distance of about eighty miles more. By connecting waterways formed by the Hootalinqua and Lewis rivers the Yukon river will be reached, and over its frozen surface the train will go to Dawson.

The pioneer train, which is scheduled to arrive in Dawson about February 1, 1898, as has before been told in the Post-Intelligencer, will consist of six locomotives and twenty-four cars, divided into six sections. The first and second sections will carry tons of petroleum fuel for emergency, and a full outfit of axes, picks, crowbars and auxiliary machinery to meet all requirements. The third and fourth sections will have accommodations for 200 passengers, who will be received under the conditions that they shall work at all times when necessary for clearing the way, etc. The fifth and sixth sections will carry 200 tons of supplies.

On arrival in the Klondike four of the engines and trains will be kept there to transport passengers and food and supplies to the mining camps on the Yukon and in the surrounding country. The two remaining engines and trains will return to the coast over the line opened up, and along which regular stations will have been established. On returning to Fort Wrangel two additional trains will be made ready, with stores, supplies and passengers sufficient to load the four trains for another trip to the Klondike country.

**To Take in Food.** The principal object of the first train will be to relieve the food shortage in the Klondike. The company has the indorsement of the government as offering the best known means of sending relief to the Klondike, and on the first train the government will send a quantity of provisions. In a letter to George T. Glover, superintendent of the motive power in the company, Secretary of War H. A. Alger said: "Of course, the government does not wish to go into the transportation business, but is looking out for the possible emergency in case it should be necessary to get supplies up the Yukon to Dawson after navigation closes. I thoroughly believe your locomotive would accomplish the purpose and hope a company may be organized to undertake to do the work with it. We suppose Capt. Ray is at Dawson about this time, September 30, and on his return shall know something of the situation, when we may want to communicate with you as to future operations."

**The Motive Power.** The company owns the exclusive patents on Glover's snow and ice locomotive. The locomotive is very simple in construction and principle, consisting of a boiler, twin engines, driving wheel and other necessary appurtenances, supported in a steel frame. The frame rests upon runners,

fore and aft, and the locomotive proper is hinged to the frame by steel beams. The great feature of the machine is a huge traction wheel between the runners. There is a drum in the wheel. The latter is rotated by an engine with a horse power ranging from twenty to sixty, geared from five to nine to one. All the heat from the boiler furnace and from the exhaust steam is utilized in the drum, into which it is conveyed through the runners. By this means the wheel is kept hot all the time. The action of the heat from the toothed cylinder prevents the snow from clogging it, and at the same time compresses, with the aid of its weight, the snow underneath into a solid mass of snow ice, thereby giving sufficient resistance to enable the teeth to pull a train burdened with a 200-ton weight.

The cost of each locomotive is about \$4,000; the necessary cars attached will cost about \$3,000, and the freight bill for the engine and cars from Seattle, where they will be built, to Fort Wrangel, will be about \$1,000, or \$3,000 in all. It will take two months to build or put together a train. Glover calculates that with two locomotives to climb grades, the first trip can be made from Fort Wrangel to Dawson in eight to twelve days, carrying eight cars with fifty to one hundred tons of freight. The time will be gradually reduced until the trip will be made in four days. It is a part of the general plan to also run trains over the Dalton trail.

ANOTHER YUKON COMPANY.

A Former Johannesburg Capitalist Advertiser for Proposals for Two River Steamboats.

H. J. Speer, formerly of Johannesburg, Africa, is senior member of the firm of H. J. Speer & Son, which proposes to build and operate a line of steamers on the Yukon river. The head office of the company is located in this city, and here two river boats will be built and shipped to the mouth of the Yukon.

Up to the time of the rich discoveries in Alaska Mr. Speer was engaged in business in Johannesburg, where he conducted a large drug and general merchandise business. The inducements for safe and profitable investments brought him to this city. He has advertised for proposals for the construction of two stern-wheel steamers intended for the Alaskan transportation service, and it is expected that the line will be fully equipped and in operation by March 15, 1898. Plans for the boats have been prepared by E. L. McAllister, of this city. The boats are designed to combine durability with light draft. The machinery will be of the latest pattern.

"Great care has been taken," said Mr. Speer yesterday, "in the selection of officers for the boats. They will be fully acquainted with the Alaska coast and the Yukon river. To make connection between Seattle and St. Michael, or Fort Get, there, a sailing vessel of 1,000 tons will be dispatched from here March 15. The steamer will be taken to the Yukon on the sailing vessel.

"In dimensions the largest of the Speer boats will be 138 feet long by 26 feet beam, and it will provide for 200 passengers and 200 tons of freight. The smaller boat will be 116 feet long by 24 feet beam, and it will carry 125 passengers and 150 tons of freight. These boats will go up the river together and assist each other as the occasion may require. Sufficient coal will be taken to run both boats to Dawson and back. I expect that the sailing vessel will make the voyage to the mouth of the Yukon and return in fifteen to twenty-two days."

It is understood also that Mr. Speer contemplates putting up in Dawson a corrugated iron building, 100 by 50 feet ground dimensions and 25 feet high, for use as a theater. He will also establish a drug store in Dawson.

THE ROBBERS ARE HERE.

Owners of Dogs Will Soon Have to Keep Them in Ties to Bait the Thieves.

Lucky is the man who yesterday bought a dog for a house pet or for hunting purposes, and who wakes up today and finds that the animal is still with him. Time was when if a man had his dog, he could go to the dog pound and get it. The dog catcher was almost sure to have the animal penned up and was willing to release him. But now things have changed. Bares and vacant buildings have been turned into dog pounds. A few days ago a Seattle man who owned a beautiful mastiff lost his dog. He felt sure that he had gone to satisfy the Klondike dog trade. There was an investigation. The owner located his animal in a well-known barn in this city, where with about twenty others he was howling for his liberty. The man in charge of the private dog pound referred the owner of the mastiff to the proprietor of the establishment. The latter gave the dog up after some hesitation. "I pay men for getting these dogs for me. They bring them here. I cannot tell if they have been stolen. But I don't pay my dog catchers until several days have elapsed. Then, if no owner shows up, I settle. Now, in this case of yours, the man that caught your animal will lose the \$30 I promised him, simply because you say the dog is yours and compel me to give him up."

And then the proprietor of this private dog pound, who was really guilty of receiving stolen property, assumed the role of the injured man, and was so angry because he had to surrender the mastiff that he kicked a newsboy who came up and offered to sell him a pug dog for \$5. It is expected that there will be a good many legal and illegal battles and considerable human blood spilled before the coming Klondike rush is over, and all because the man who has no dog to do his thinking that it is legitimate to enter a private house and take therefrom the family pet, or to lasso on the public highway any choice hunting dog that may be so unfortunate as to bob into view. Things are slowly, but surely, reaching a crisis in the local dog world and trouble is anticipated. If any one has lost a dog let him or her get a list of the private dog pounds of the city, visit them, and if the dog is not found it is safe to assume that he has died.

A few days ago a man from a country spot in the city came to the city three days. He wanted to sell them. He went into a restaurant to get something to eat. A friend whom he had just met agreed to look after the three dogs while he enjoyed his repast. When he came out he found his dogs, but they were in the custody of another man. "Those dogs are mine," said the man from the country. The man with the dogs told his country friend that there was a fight, but the countryman did not get his dogs. He threatened to complain to the police, but did not do so and the failure, it is said, was due to the fact that he himself had originally stolen the dogs.

Any day that one cares to stand on the corner for twenty minutes he may witness a dispute over a dog. There are so many dogs in the city at the present time that it is almost impossible for a person to establish the identity of a stolen animal. If you say you know that this dog or that dog is yours because he has no tail, or only one eye, or has lost a couple of his front teeth, the fellow who has him can bring forth a half dozen other animals that look the same and possess the same charming defects.

MANY PHANTOM SCHEMES.

The Klondike Excitement Brings to Light All Sorts of Projects for Gold Getting.

It is in times of a general excitement such as has been precipitated by the Klondike gold discoveries that the ubiquitous crank is seen at his best. Letters are daily received in this office proposing schemes of all grades of feasibility or utter impracticability. Among the Utopian schemes sug-

gested for the reformation of existing conditions in the Klondike is the following, received yesterday:

"Editor of the Post-Intelligencer: Sir—I have a Plan for Mining I wish to state, via relating to the Klondike gold placers, the Plan I will propose would require all Klondike owners to be United in the Scheme, which is: Drive one Main tunnel through the center of the Fay Streak of the gulch or Basin, driving sufficient feet for Drainage, this tunnel should be large enough to admit of handling Cars and sluices. Sluice Boxes would be placed against the Side of the tunnel. Side Claims could be worked out the main tunnel. This you will see will admit of Working in the Gulch and year around for the work would be Done under ground in continuously frozen earth which would not admit of being troubled with Water though a River of water may be flowing over the Workings, to carry out this Project I would tap the Main tunnel at the extreme upper end Letting in enough Water for Sluicing and conveying it to the Sluice Boxes by flume. Placed against the Side of the tunnel, the Cars used in Driving the tunnel would also be used to carry out Debris and tailings. No water for washing could be had in Winter so when space was filled within the Fay Dirt would have to be run out.

"Thousands of claims could be Worked on this Plan and save the Sinking of Shaft on Each Side of the Gulch, and would not be Worked in Summer and would have to be Cleaned out in the fall to renew operations again to be run out.

"In Summer the Workings could be moderately flushed with Water from the tap. Before mentioning this plan to you I would like to know if you would like to be Worked in Detail I will give it.

"S. Should you consider this worthy of notice I would like to be the Subject matter pub. I shall discuss it Publicly every opportunity."

FURS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Nothing makes a more appropriate or acceptable gift to a lady than a fur garment. Such a gift combines use and sentiment. Fine fur garments and fur goods of every description may be secured at very moderate prices from R. Petkovits, Marion street, between First and Second avenues. At this establishment is the largest and finest stock of high quality furs in the Northwest. Fur garments made to order in the very latest style. Remodeling and renovating a specialty.

CHRISTMAS sale Ladies' Aid Society, Plymouth church, commencing Tuesday afternoon, continuing until Thursday afternoon. Dinner Tuesday and Wednesday, Lunch Wednesday and Thursday noon. Elegant Christmas gifts; moderate prices.

Sweet pickled spare ribs, choice, 4c, at the Fulton, Yakima and Seattle markets.

ALASKA dog feed. Frye, Bruhn & Co.

The city jail at Genesee, Idaho, was erected on private property some years ago. R. Jackson, a saloon man, has recently bought the lot and is preparing to convert the building into an ice house.

FACE HUMORS

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THE NEW STATE CODES.

BALLINGER'S WORK ISSUED TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

The Distinguished Jurist Completes the First Thorough Compilation of the Statutes and Codes of Washington—A Home Product.

Several attempts have been made to secure a thorough revision of the statutes of this state, but they have all fallen short of the needs of the profession. Legislative aid has been afforded compilers in the past, but the need of a more complete codification urged the Bancroft-Whitney Company to undertake the work as a private enterprise and the result is the production of two handsome volumes. The people of this state generally are interested in, and will be proud of the fact that all the work and material were furnished by home talent and industry. The great work of compilation was done by ex-Judge R. A. Ballinger, formerly of the superior court of Jefferson county, but now of Seattle, who had acquired a national reputation by his mastery work on "Community Property," which at once took supreme place as the standard work on general law. The typesetting, which speaks for itself, was done in the Post-Intelligencer office, the paper was manufactured by the Everett Mill Company, and the press work and binding by the Calvert Company.

Excellent as the mechanical work is, however, it is subordinate both by intrinsic merit and method to the faultless editorial work of the compiler. Only lawyers who have laboriously pored over the old statutes and the compilations can appreciate the marvelous accuracy and the intelligent harmonizing of the arrangement. Ballinger's Codes and Statutes sweep away all previous publications, and the book is by its own virtue the state authority. The constitution of the state is published with cross references to the codes of every other state and is separately indexed and annotated. A table of cross references with Hill's code connects the new work with the older compilation, showing what laws are continued and what are obsolete, repealed or superseded.

Under each section a legislative reference is given, showing when the law was first enacted and subsequent amendments are referred to by the session laws. Where any provision had been adopted from the code of another state that is indicated, together with the interpretations given by other state courts. To these exceptionally good features are added a most thorough system of indexing and cross references so that where a particular point of inquiry is not clear to the lawyer the titles are made suggestive, and the old-fashioned "wooden" style of limiting the index to the actual words employed is made so elaborate that no practitioner of ordinary experience is at a loss.

The future has been provided for also. Section numbers are left in blank to afford space for additions, but even more important is the comprehensive system of generic titles and sectionization, which permits of later legislation being brought under them in a logical manner and with great convenience.

A comparison of Ballinger's Codes and Statutes, suggested by a fairly wide experience, justifies the claim that it is not surpassed by the codification of the laws of any other state in the Union.

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Mrs. Caroline Morse runs the custom house elevator in San Francisco. She is the widow of a sailor, and she cares for and educates her family by means of her work. She was appointed under ex-President Harrison's administration, and was deposed during Cleveland's second term, but San Francisco demanded her reinstatement at once.

Cut Glass Sale

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

Three Days of Bargains in Cut Glass.

Owing to our having a large line of Cut Glass which will be opened the latter part of the week and our lack of room for same, we have concluded for the three days to sell at greatly reduced prices our present stock, including such makes as

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Water Bottle, \$1.35.

Dorfinger Cut Sugar and Cream, \$5.85. Cut Glass Sugar and Creams, cross and diamond pattern, \$1.15. Cut Glass Sugar and Cream, diam and cut, \$1.25. Cut Glass Water Bottle, straw diamond and fan cut, \$1.95. Cut Glass Water Bottles, elegant designs, \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Cut Glass Berry Bowl, \$3.50. Cut Glass Vases, 9 inches high, good cutting, \$3.00. Cut Glass Vase, 12 inches high, cut cut, \$2.13. Elegant Cut Vase, 15 inches high, full cut, \$3.85. Dorfinger Cut Vase, fine flared, \$1.10. Cut Glass Rose Bowl, 6 inches, \$1.10. Cut Glass Rose Bowl, 4 inches, \$1.10. Elegant Large Bowl, \$10.00.

Sterling Silver Novelties.

Our cases are full of bargains in Sterling Novelties. Sterling Nail Files, 20c, 40c, 50c. Sterling Glove Buttoners, 25c. Sterling Button Hooks, 40c, 45c, 80c. Sterling Paper Knives, 20c, 35c, 45c. Sterling Mounted Combs, 50c, 60c, 75c, 80c. Meerschmum Pipes, Gold Mounted, \$4.50 to \$5.50. Sterling Silver Hair Brushes, \$1.00. Gold and Silver Mounted Pipes, \$1.00, \$3.50, \$4.00. Sterling Hat Pins, 12c. Sterling Mounted Rabbit-foot, 50c. Umbrella Clasp, 10c. Manicure Scissors, \$1.10. Embroidery Scissors, 30c.

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