DOUGLAS ISLAND DEPARTMENT

OLDTIME BOOSTER RETURNS ON VISIT

M. J. O'Connor, Dozen Times Mayor of Douglas, Comes From Bellingham on Trip

Looking as neat and trim as a freshly laundered snowflake, M. J. O'Connor, for twenty years leading citizen and many times mayor of Douglas, arrived Tuesday evening on the Northwestern and will remain in this part of Alaska three or four weeks. He went to Tenakee on the Earl M. Thursday morning and will return in a week for a longer sojourn amid the scenes of former triumphs.

Mr. O'Connor began boosting for Alaska within ten minutes after he landed at Dyea the fall of '97 and has been at it ever since. He operated a store in the tent town of Dyea for a few months and when the operating was good. In '98 he went to Douglas and opened a general merchandise store which he continued to run with pleasure to himself and profit to the town until after the "celebration" at Treadwell in 1917, when he disposed of a considerable portion of his property and went to Seattle. The Seattle Spirit pulled on him and after a few months he went to Bellingham, where he purchased a large and well established grocery business which he has continued to conduct and which has materially increased in volume at business under his ownership. He is still a booster for Alaska the strongest booster for Alaska the strongest booster for Alaska the strongest