

HOW DO YOU GET THERE?

We will suppose your starting point to be east of the Rocky Mountains. You will go to Portland, Oregon, undoubtedly by the Northern Pacific R. R. That line offers the inducements of through trains from St. Paul with a deservedly popular Dining Car service. The ride from St. Paul to the Pacific Coast on the N. P. R. R. is replete with interest and combines the maximum of comfort, safety and speed. At Portland you can take the steamer between the first and third day of each month, direct to all points in Alaska.

If you desire to avoid the bar at the mouth of the Columbia River, as well as several hours of open ocean, you can go by rail to Tacoma, thence by boat on Puget's Sound to Port Townsend, where you can await the arrival of the steamer that you might have taken at Portland. By leaving Portland the same day that the steamer sails, your stay at Portland will not be tedious, having to remain there only about twenty-four hours. This steamer carries the Alaska mails and takes them on at Port Townsend, so there is no danger of one's missing the boat; and the trip from Tacoma to Port Townsend across Puget's Sound is a very delightful one. The fare in both cases will amount to about the same thing. (See table of fares). If you desire a short stay at Victoria on Van Couver's Island, instead of stopping at Townsend, continue your journey to Victoria by the same boat. A visit to this delightful island will fully repay any one, and the Alaska steamer can be taken at that point, as it stops there after leaving Port Townsend. The fare from Port Townsend to all points in Alaska is the same as from Victoria, and the latter place is by far the pleasanter of the two.

Should you make a stop at Victoria, by no means fail to call at the "Driard." The excellence of its table is famous the entire length of the Pacific coast, and the name of its proprietor, Redon, is a synonym for all that is hospitable, gracious and polite. Its charges are the same as other first-class hotels in the States.