

lating flashes of light as though the Big Dipper had upset on a cloud and was spilling her glittering diamonds across the bay. Lights were twinkling from the little village. Coming home a strong wind blew the spray into our faces as we rode high against the big waves. It brought to mind those old sayings of the Psalmist: "The Heavens declare the glory of God; the sea is His and He made it."

Alaska is a land of enduring realities. If there be among you, therefore, any who would not read, and re-read, the self-same faces, and the self-same places, let him visit Alaska and behold the rocky cliffs of the gods, and the sea of big and little fishes.

THE WRECK OF THE "SUTHERN"

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ABOUT 1850 a revenue cutter(?), the "Suthern," was damaged at sea in a storm; and, to save the crew, the captain ran the vessel ashore in the old mouth of the Quillayute River near what is now the Indian village of LaPush, Washington. Immediately on grounding, the vessel was taken possession of by the Quileute (Quillayute) Indians. The savages boarded her and emptied her supply cargo into the sea. The dried fruits and the flour they knew not how to use as they had never seen such things before. So they emptied the fruit overboard to get the pretty boxes. They also poured the flour into the surging surf that they might get the sacks to make into clothes. The money of the ship also fell into their hands. It was gold. They had never seen gold before. They knew not its value or purpose. So they rolled the double eagles around on the beach and used them as disks in their gambling games. They also made prisoners of the crew; and for a time all were ill treated very much(?). Finally, Chief Howeattle, who was up the river at the time of the capture, compelled the Indians to release them. By this time the storm had pounded the vessel beyond repair. At that time there was no communication from the Olympia peninsula with the outside world. So Chief Howeattle had houses built for his now guests. He also furnished the houses as best he could with his meager means. He also gave the the single men of the crew Indian wives that they would be more contented in their forced home; two of his sisters married members of the crew. For a considerable time the strangers were compelled to stay there, At last a note was got out to civilizatton by an Indian