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THE GOLD FIELDS OF ALASKA AND THE YUKON.

Geography, Climate and Resources of the Now Famous Region of the Far North-Great Extent of Ground to Be Prospected.

Special Correspondence.]

Purchased from Russia in 1867 for \$7,200,000, Alaska was a portion of the United States for 30 years without attracting the attention its resources and wealth merit. Everywhere apathy and ignorance preaviled in regard to this latest territorial acquisition. Suddenly this was changed. In a single day the eyes of the entire world were turned to Klondike, and there they remain fixed. On the 17th of last July the steamer Portland sailed into port with \$800,000 the earth was telegraphed the story of Then began that rush to the new mines the press with its varied experiences for four months. Ten thousand men the trails from the coast to the Klonand Skaguav, awaiting a more favorable time for the journey, while not a few have returned to civilization, sata fresh start under better circumstances. Great and exciting as was side of the line, this first rush, it was but the advance ripple of the great wave of gold hunters that will roll in upon the Alaskan Yukon next year, and possibly four times this number may go. For this reason a clear and succinct description of Alaska and its resources, with a be of interest even to those who have wilderness.

In the first place, it must be understood that the Yukon river flows partly through Canada and partly through the United States, and that the Klondike region is on the Canadian side of the boundary line, though good placers, possibly as good as those of the Klondike, exist on the American side of the line. Beginning at the Arctic ocean, the boundary line runs due south along the 141st meridian as far as Mt. St. Elias, 10 marine leagues from the Pacific, whence it follows the coast line, preserving a distance of 10 marine leagues from it, in a southeasterly direction to the latitude of 54 degrees and 40 minutes, which becomes the southern limit. All east of that line belongs to Canada, part being in the Northwest Territory and part in the province of British Columbia, the dividing line run ning east and west across both lakes Bennett and Teslin. The present gold discoveries are all north of the British Columbia line, but no one can tell what may be revealed in the future.

That portion west of the boundary constitutes Alaska proper, and contains a total area of 617,703 square miles, of 300 working in the Forty-Mile district. which 37,596 square miles consist of e islands adjacent mainland that settlements have been made and industries developed, except the gradual development of gold placers along the Yukon, ending with the recent startling discoveries. The towns of Alaska consist of but half new places on the Yukon. They are Sitka, the capital, Juneau, Wrangel, New Metlakahtla, Kodiak and Dutch Harbor. Sitka is on Baranoff island, off the southeast coast, and has a popu lation of about 500. Juneau is on the mainland, about 100 miles further north. It is the chief commercial city and during the winter season its popuis a mission and trading point near the southern extremity, and Wrangel is a trading point on the coast at the mouth of Stickeen river. Kodiak is on the island of the same name south of the Alaskan peninsula, and is the seat of the salmon packing industry. Dutch of the Aleutian group, where vessels pass from the Pacific into Behring sea. Alaska is a region of mountains, there being no great valleys nor plains. Along the coast a high range of mountains rises almost abruptly from the water's edge, deeply indented with long arms of the sea. These present a series of Alpine peaks of the most picturesque description, the highest being the Fairweather alps, exceeding 15,000 feet, St. Elias and Logan exceeding 18,000 feet, and Wrangel, further to the northwest, said to be still higher. Down the canyons of these coast mountains many tremendous living glaciers flow steadily to the ocean, filling the bays and inlets with great masses of floating ice. Beyond this coast range the mountains are lower, but almost continuous as far north as the Arctic, and as far east as the great plains of Mackenzie river region. Yet there are many fine mountain valleys, with occasional stretches of rolling table land, in summer time brilliant with a carpet of grass, mosses and flowers. The coast mountains divide the cli- river steamers. mate of Alaska into two distinct classes. A branch of the warm Japan current skirts the coast, its influence modifying the climate of the islands United States. The same causes produce copious rains or continuous drizmit of the coast range conditions are having sprung up.

by the high mountains, and the warm ocean air is not felt. From November to April the mean temperature remains continuously below the freezing point, often remaining for weeks at a time below zero and occasionally going as low as 60 or 70 degrees below zero. It snows about one-third of the time in winter, but the snow does not become excessively deep, though frequently the storms are very severe,

The mean temperature of the interior during the summer months is 60 to 70 degrees, there being many very warm days. The Yukon region, being so far north, has the long summer days and long winter nights of that latitude. though, being south of the Arctic cir cle, it just misses the continuous day and continuous night of the Arctic summer and winter.

Aside from gold, the chief resources of Alaska are timber, fish and fur-bearing animals, including the famous fur seals which are giving the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan so much trouble. Salmon are of gold on board, and to the ends of plentiful in all the streams of the islands and mainland, and millions prethe rich placer diggings discovered annually packed for market. Halibut along the Klondike and its tributaries. and cod, herring and smelt, or colachon, abound and have become of great which has filled the news columns of commercial importance. The seal and sea otter in the water, and the fox, bear, lynx, otter, beaver, etc., on land, joined in it. Some are now at the contribute thousands of their skins anmines; others are scattered all along nually to the world's fur supply. The fur trade is handled by the Alaska dike; still others are at Juneau, Dyea Commercial Company and the Northwest Trading and Transportation Company, both of which have headquarters on St. Michaels island, near the mouth isfied with their experience or to make of the Yukon, while the Hudson's Bay Company operates on the Canadian

Coal and coal oil have both been discovered and may be of future value. The timber of the coast and islands coast the coming spring. Probably not grows very large, owing to the humid less than 50,000 men will start for the atmosphere. It is chiefly cedar, spruce and hemlock. It has been little used thus far, though several small mills have cut it for local purposes. The timber of the interior is much smaller. brief review of its routes of travel must and is found only along the lakes and water courses. It is chiefly spruce, no intention of seeking the northern alder, cottonwood and willow. Several small mills have been taken in for cutting this timber. Agriculture is as yet an experiment, but little having been attempted. Conditions on the islands are favorable for grass and such vegetables and cereals as mature quick-

ly. Even along the Yukon region summer vegetables may be grown and possibly wheat. A few years will show what can be done in agriculture and stock raising.

The great interest in Alaska at the present time centers in the Yukon placers on both sides of the boundary line. Prospecting on the Yukon began in 1881. In the fall of 1883 the first gold was brought to Juneau from the interior. The next year 300 men crossed the mountains and the number of miners steadily increased each year. The first work was on Stewart river and then Big Salmon, both in Canada. In 1886 the Forty-Mile creek placers, also in Canada, were discovered, and the next year the famous Franklin gulch, on the same stream. In 1892 the Miller creek diggings were found, also a tributary of Forty-Mile, and on the Canaline and belonging to the United States | dian side of the line. The next year there was a large influx of miners, fully

In 1893 the first important discoverislands along the coast. It is only on ies on the American side of the line and a narrow strip of the were made on Birch creek, and the town of Circle City, now having 500 log houses, was started on the Yukon as a to have seen no more than twentysupply point. The next year over three summers." "He may have seen \$400,000 were taken out along Birch but twenty-three summers, but the creek and Forty-Mile. In 1895 Eagle number of summer girls he has met and Porcupine creeks began to produce runs up to the hundreds."-Indianapolis a dozen of any prominence, besides the in the Birch creek district. The total Journal. output of that year exceeded \$700,000. In August, 1896, it was reported at Forty-Mile and Circle City that wonderfully rich placers had been discovered on the Klondike, a small tributary of the Yukon entering that river about 50 miles southeast of the international boundary and on Canadian territory. There was a great rush to the new diglation exceeds 3,000. New Metlakahtla gings, the older ones being nearly deserted. In a few days \$1,000 were taken out on Bonanza creek, a tributary of the Klondike. By January 1, 1897, 400 claims had been located on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, and 200 on Hunker creek, and later many others on Bear. Gold Bottom and Too-Much-Gold creeks Harbor is on the island of Unalaska, one | and their tributaries. Fully \$1,400,-000 were taken from the Yukon placers in 1896. It was not so much the amount of gold brought out by the first steamer to never gives him a chance to get a word come down last summer, as the news that this was the result of but a little work in a few claims only, and that there would have been many times as that some persons carried their fondmuch had the hundreds of other claims been worked in time to send the gold like to know what there was in that obout, which caused the excitement. The method of working these mines is to say, 'Sir!'" "Great Scott! Don't you sink a shaft into the frozen ground in winter, taking out the rich gravel near bed-rock and piling it up to be washed out when the water runs in summer time. For this reason the gold washed out last summer could not be sent away, and will not be brought down until next July, when it is expected that several millions of dollars will come out as the result of the first year's work along the Klondike. The commercial point for the Klondike district is the new town of Dawson City, situated on the Yukon just below the month of the Klondike and reached by The Yukon gold fields extend for a thousand miles along the stream, with a width of 500 miles. In this vast area there are hundreds of streams and go in search of something to eat, leavand adjacent mainland. The average gulches, offering ample room for the temperature for July at Sitka is but thousands of gold seekers to prospect for 55 degrees, while the mean winter tem- new diggings. The new discoveries reperature is as high as 32 degrees. This ported this year are on Dominion creek is the most equable climate in the and on the tributaries of the Stewart river, on the Canadian side, and on Munnook creek and its tributaries on zles, there being but an average of 66 the Alaska side, near the mouth of the tor's wives?" "Madam," he replied, clear days in a year. Across the sum- latter the new town of Rampart City "were you the director's only wife, I



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When a girl is worried about the kind of necktles a young man wears she loves him.-Somerville Journal.

The difference between the astronomer and the chorus g'rl is that one studies the stars and ...e other understudies them.-Philadelphia Record.

"These lake excursions seem so lone-"Lonesome? Why, I am with some." you." "Yes, I know, but I couldn't bring my wheel along."-Chicago Record.

She-"The Sanfords contemplate taking a trip to Europe. 1 wish we could He-"Why, there's afford to do it." nothing cheaper than contemplation." -Puck.

Watts-"Getting a little rest out your way since the plano girl took to the wheel, aren't you?" Potts-"Naw, Her bleycle suit is louder than the piano was."-Indianapolis Journal.

Fuddy-"I understand that Wigley spends most of his evenings here at your house?" Duddy-"I had an impression that it was my evenings that he spends here."-Boston Transcript.

The Judge-"Didn't I tell you the last time that you were here that I wanted to see your face in this court no more?" Weary Watkins-"You did, yeronner, and that is exactly wot I tore the cop.' There's the bicycle face and the bicycle back,

With its queer, altitudinous curve; And the bicycle tongue, in the middle

hung. And the scorcher's bicycle nerve, -Queensland Wheel,

Customer-"Do you guarantee these porous plasters to be good for a weak back?" Druggist-"Yes, sir; they are good for a week back-and for a month to come after you put them on."-Judge. A Remarkable Woman .- Mr. McCorkle-"My wife has a better memory than any other woman I know." Mr. McCrackle-"Indeed?" Mr. McCorkle -"Yes; she always remembers what's trumps."-Judge.

"I told her I was afraid to kiss her while we were on the tandem for fear we would both fall off." "What did ie "She said she hoped I didn't sav?" call myself an experienced wheelman.' -Chicago Record.

Fuddy-"They say you have a liking The woman is insupportable." Fuddy -"That's just it. You won't have to

support her. She's got enough for two."-Boston Transcript. Gent (solicitously)-"Sir, I have here some indestructible pieplates." Mr. Hall Bedroome (grimty)-"Well, you have come to the right house to sell them. That's the sort of pies Mrs. Skinner gives us."-Puck.

"I understand their engagement has been broken." "Yes. She says she was deceived. He had only six century runs to his credit instead of sixteen, and as she had fourteen herself, he was clearly out of her class."-Chicago Post,

Advice from the Heart.-Barrow-That's a dandy wheel you have there. old man. I'll take a little spin on it some day. By the way, what kind of a wheel do you think I ought to ride?' Marrow-"One of your own."-Brooklyn Life.

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O'd Moore's almanac, which won notoriety the past year by predicting the Paris fire, predicts for 1898 a terrible civil war in the United States, the death of the czar and the kidnapping of the young king of Spain, and that about the second week of November of that year communication will be opened up with Mars.

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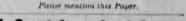
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"It's surprising how impractical some very learned men are." "Yes, there's Prof. Lingwist, for example. He spent over half his life in acquiring fluency in nine or ten different languages and then went and married a wife who in edgeways."-Truth.

"I happened to remark a little while ago, in the presence of aliss Billmore, ness for cycling to extreme lengths. I'd servation to cause her to turn red and know? She is engaged to a young bicyclist nearly six and a half feet high." -Chicago Tribune.

A man had been up for an examination in scripture, had falled userly and the relations between him and the examiner had become somewhat strained. The latter asked him if there were any text in the whole Bible he could quote. He pondered and then repeated: "And Judas went out and hanged bimself." "Is there any other verse you know in the Bible?" the examiner asked. "Yes, 'Go thou and do likewise.' " There was a solemn pause and the proceedings terminated.-Argonant.

A gentleman had left his corner seat in an already crowded railway car to ing a rug to reserve his seat. On returning he found that, in spite of the rug and the protests of his fellow passengers, the seat had been usurped by one in a lady's garments. To his protestations her lofty reply was: "Do you know, sir, that I am one of the direcshould still protest."-Argonaut.

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For the benefit of readers of The Century an unusual combination offer is made for this year. There has been issued "The Century Gallery of One Hundred Portraits," made up of the finest engravings that have appeared in the magazine, and representing a total expenditure of nearly \$30,000. These are printed on heavy plate paper, with wide margins, like proofs. The retail price of the gallery is \$7.50, but this year it will be sold only in connection with a subscription to The Century, the price of the two together being \$6.50.

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