













Queer Klondike Things.

Charles Steekler, the lawyer and politician, has just returned from a two months' trip through Alaska...

"I went from here to Victoria and there embarked for a trip through Alaska on the steamer Queen. We went to Wrangel, which has become about as desolate and gloomy looking a place as I ever saw."

"They've got about 2,000 people in Juneau now and there is a whole lot doing all the time. The city is an up-to-date mining town, had but three hours of darkness out of each day when I was there and keeps things humming all the time."

"There are hundreds of Indians in Juneau and all they do is make baskets and sell them to tourists. They sold the men and women on the Queen over 2,000 baskets and some of the travellers could scarcely get into their staterooms after we left Juneau, they were so full of baskets."

and the mine is making lots of money. The noise of the stamp mills is simply deafening. As I said, they are going night and day. It was 4 o'clock in the morning when I went through the mills and the noise was so great that if any one had fired a pistol alongside of my ear I do not believe that I would have noticed it.

"At Skagway, the gate to the Klondike, we found a company of the Twenty-fifth Coloured Infantry. This is a part of the regiment that fought so gallantly at San Juan Hill. The company is stationed there to keep the peace, and the men seem fairly well satisfied. Skagway is another wide-open town. There are some pretty good restaurants and barrooms in Skagway, but you have to pay \$10 for a quart of champagne and \$1.50 for a bottle of ale or porter."

"The innocence of some of these old fellows is incredible. They are shrewd enough in many ways, but having been out of the world for so long they are as simple as children. I met one fellow, named Jim Hall, who came from Missouri. Jim came out of the Klondike for the first time since 1886, this year, and landed in Skagway from Dawson about the same time that I got there from Juneau. We became quite friendly and he told me about himself."

"I would have liked to make a book on that man's chance of coming up with his wife at Seattle, but the whole thing was so touching that I could not bring myself to jest about it with anybody. It's a good thing that I didn't stake any money on the proposition, too, for later I went down to Seattle on the same steamer with the old man, and there on the docks waiting for him was his wife. The old man could hardly contain himself for joy, and I left them on the pier together, wrapped in one another's arms."

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"I find the same complaint everywhere I went in Alaska, and that is that Canada is grabbing too much, and that she has already taken to herself territory that rightfully belongs to the United States. The miners say that conditions are getting worse every day and that unless this Government does something soon it will be impossible for the American miner to protect his interests in the Klondike."

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