

ALASKA

means of getting there, the cost and length of time required to make the voyage—the following facts and information will be of interest to those who intend to stay at home as well as those who intend to make the excursion.

The name "Alaska" is a corruption of Al-ay-ek-sa, the name given by the native islanders to the mainland, and signifies "great country." It contains nearly 600,000 square miles of territory, or is nearly one-fifth as large as all the other states and territories combined. It is larger than twelve states the size of New York.

There are probably few people on the Pacific slope, or elsewhere for that matter, aware of the fact that San Francisco is several hundred miles east of midway between the eastern and western most shores of the United States; yet such is the case. It is nearly 4,000 miles from the longitude of the most western of the Aleutian Islands directly east to San Francisco, while it is not over about 3,500 miles from San Francisco directly east to the longitude of the east coast of Maine.

WHAT TO TAKE

A gossamer for a lady and a mackintosh for a gentleman, and heavy shoes, and coarse, warm and comfortable clothing for both, should be provided. There is no use for a swallow-tail or a court dress or Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes in Alaska. Ladies' skirts should be short, so they will not draggle over the wet deck of the steamer or over the damp grass or moss on shore. You need not take any eatables; these are furnished without any extra charge in abundance and of the best quality on board. You are allowed to take one hundred and fifty pounds of baggage free.

WHAT THERE IS TO ADMIRE

You will most likely see the ship surrounded by a "sea of ice," which is the prettiest you have seen, and which you will be sure to admire and never forget. If you have never visited a mining camp and seen the miners with their picks and shovels and blue shirts, you will doubtless be pleased at the