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practical miners in the interior of Alaska are considered good, compared with other portions of our country. It is strictly a mining country, and no one should go there unless physically fitted to cope with the obstacles and hardships of the country and determined to become a miner, and provided with sufficient means after reaching the country to live one year, by which time they will have become acclimated and acquainted with the country and work, and after that their success depends entirely upon their own exertions.

If you are physically fitted for the hardships of an Alaska mining camp, have the energy and staying qualities so necessary to a successful prospector and miner, sufficient means to cover the expense of reaching the country and supporting yourself until you can get some returns from your labor, then the interior of Alaska offers a good opportunity; all others we would advise to give Alaska a wide berth.

The influx of miners and prospectors the coming season will in a mild way resemble the "stampedes" of the past of other newly-opened gold fields; yet this country is so vast, covered with a network of virgin streams, all of the known mineral wealth that the opportunities are almost unlimited, and no hardy, energetic man, physically fitted and financially fixed, who has the courage and determination to face the particular hardships and privations of prospecting and mining Alaska's interior, need hesitate for fear that the field will all be taken.

There is positively no opening in the interior for professional men, such as lawyers, doctors, etc., nor for clerks, book-keepers, salesmen, etc., and very little, if any, for mechanics, carpenters, etc. Every practical miner is fairly handy with tools, and with the help of his friends can do all the necessary work in building his log cabin.

There is no opening in the mercantile line, owing to the difficulties of transportation. At our trading posts we have large stores, well stocked with all kinds of general merchandise, and supply the miners with everything they can possibly need, and at very reasonable prices, by means of our superior transportation facilities, which cost thousands of dollars to secure.