

wide but of a low grade of ore. It is most favorably situated in relation to tide water and pays net, about \$6.75 a ton, turning out per month from \$70,000 to \$100,000. The property is owned by San Francisco parties.

About three miles back of Juneau is the Silver Bow Basin, phenomenally rich in gold bearing quartz and placer claims.

About 60 miles beyond Juneau is the Chilcat country. From this place the miners and Indians have a trail some 35 miles in length, to a chain of lakes about 300 miles long which connect with the lead waters of the Yukon River. This river is not only one of the largest on this continent, but one of the largest in the world, and from the point at which miners strike it, to its mouth, is a distance of two thousand miles. Valuable mineral discoveries have been made on the banks of the river and I have reliable information that one miner has staked a claim on a vein of gold bearing quartz, six hundred feet wide.

From Juneau the steamer makes its way 180 miles to the southwest to Sitka, the capital of the territory and located on Baranof Island. The population of Sitka is as follows: 60 native Americans, 240 Russians, and from 500 to 1,200 native Alaskans. The native American population of southeastern Alaska probably does not exceed 1,000 souls, though the white population of the entire territory is estimated by Gov. Swineford in his annual report at 1,900.

Tourists who have seen every harbor of note on the globe declare the Sitka harbor, in point of beauty, to have its equal only in the harbors of Rio Janeiro and Nagasaki, in Japan.

The government buildings are located at Sitka, also a Greek church and a Presbyterian Mission School. There are five trading stores, which do a considerable business, and a photograph gallery, and an establishment for the exclusive sale of Alaskan curios will be opened this coming spring of 1886. A United States man-of-war is generally found lying either at Juneau or Sitka, and at the latter place a body of marines are quartered under the command of a United States naval officer. The present commandant is Lieut. Bar-