

Will Stay Here-Numads Take the Outside Route.

the outside over the ice in February, returned yesterday, being a passenger down from Whitehorse on the steamer his trup, but expresses himself as being pleased to get back to Dawson

visited his children, all of whom are

and Whiteherse bound for Dawson; that at both Skagway and Bennett the hotels are filled until cots and bunks are at a premium at every lodging house in either of the places. The greater part of those coming are not coming this way en route to Nome, but are coming here to stay, this being their destination.

and many thousands are going as rapid ly as they can procure transportation; that people there prefer to go by the all water route, thinking it more speedy than that via the Yukon. As to business in Seattle, he says it was never etter than at present, the Nome rush bing fully as much for the commercial dike rush in the spring and summer of

In speaking of Skagway, Mr. Lancaster says the business, aside from that of the hotels and restaurants, appears to be very dull. He remained there an entire week on his way in and, thereat Skagway, Bennett and Whitchorse there are probably from 1500 to 2000

similar to those of Skagway, with the stels crowded. Scow building is thprincipal industry at Bennett and fabulous prices are being paid for anything and everything that will float and

There is considerable building, Mr. Lancaster says, at Whitehorse, lumber being in great demand and very scarce that freight will be landed at White-

meat dealer who arrived here a few days he found ready sale at \$600 per head on foot, will start for the outside at once and return later with cattle, sheep and hogs for the Dawson market. His recent sale was one of the neatest cleanhis cattle, all of which were in fine condition, must be had regardless of price.

seem extravagant, but when one reflects that it travels three-fifths of the distance around the globe in completing the journey, pessing under the direction of half a dozen companies, the cost

