

SEATTLE OPENS THE GATEWAY TO THE KLONDIKE GOLD FIELDS

All Big Steamboat Lines but One Have Headquarters in This City. THAT ALONE TELLS SEATTLE'S STORY.

How the Rush Trade of 1897 Was Handled by the Merchants of the Gateway City.

SEATTLE AS SEEN BY TRAVELERS FROM THE EAST.

Seattle is the best point in the world in which to secure an outfit for Alaska of the Klondike country. It is not a mushroom, milk-and-water town with only...

Look at the map. Get the location of Seattle firmly fixed in your mind's eye. Seattle is the natural point for Alaskan travelers to reach. It is the terminal...

But why should you come to Seattle?

THESE ARE THE REASONS:

Seattle is the greatest city on Puget sound, commercially, numerically and...

Seattle is headquarters for nine out of ten of all the steamboat companies...

Seattle has taken care of the Alaskan trade for years, has absorbed it from...

Seattle merchants are honest, as was proven during the big rush of this year...

Seattle is the natural gateway to the Klondike, over 3,000 miners and prospectors...

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Alaska. There is no other way to state the fact—the control is complete and absolute. The outfitting houses here have been...

Some Valuable Hints.

The merchant can give the armateurs some valuable hints on the selection of...

Another requisite is a small assortment of medicines, for even the healthiest man...

Every minor article into the country should carry from thirty to fifty pounds of...

Next Spring's Work.

Conservative estimates of the number of people that have gone to Alaska from...

Some of the British Columbia towns have been anxious to make it appear that...

The Victoria merchants recognize that as the gateway to the Klondike district...

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Eight Thousand for Klondike.

That Number Outfitted in This City in 1897.

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It Carried Three-Fourths of All the People Going to Alaska.

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This is three-fourths of all the people going into the Klondike and Alaska in 1897, and should be proof conclusive of Seattle's claim that it is the great outfitting point for Yukon and Alaska, and that it is so recognized by the miners themselves.

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