

MORE ABOUT ALASKA.

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF ITS EARLY SETTLEMENT.

A Territory of Vast Extent and Wonderful Resources—The Yukon a Rival of the Mississippi—Lushness of Gold Mines, Coal, Marble and Petroleum.

Alaska is a territory of vast extent and wonderful resources. The Yukon a rival of the Mississippi—Lushness of gold mines, coal, marble and petroleum.

As early as 1775 some of the Spanish explorers sailed up the coast and reached the place now called Sitka, but they made no settlement.

The first settlement was made at St. Ignace, Bay St. Lawrence, in 1741, by two boats loaded with Russians.

Here Baranoff established his headquarters and ruled with an iron hand. In 1811 he sent out a colony and established a settlement at Fort Ross on the Russian coast.

When the sale was made there was no doubt but that the czar and his ministers believed that they had got a round price for the property, more in fact than Uncle Sam would ever get out of it.

about 3,000 miles west of San Francisco and far from the coast. It is a broad expanse of Alaska reckoning east from this island is 4,000 miles, from north to south it is 2,000 miles, and the area is nearly 600,000 square miles making it three as large as France.

Alaska is divided into three natural divisions. One extends from the Yukon north to the coast, another from the Yukon south to the coast, and a third from the Yukon east to the coast.

The principal island group lying off the coast of southeastern Alaska, the Aleutian Islands, extends from Dixon entrance to Cross sound, a distance of about 75 miles. There are over 1,100 islands in the group, and they are larger than some of the Eastern States.

Probably no feature on the face of nature is so magnificent as the glaciers. They are here in Alaska in greater numbers and vaster extent than elsewhere on the face of the earth.

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