

America. As such, it would center the interest and the activities of the fur-hunting days.

In his foreword, the author says: "When Chicago was but a blockhouse in a sedgy swamp on the banks of a sluggish reedy river, and when San Francisco was but a mission and a presidio of sun-burned bricks, the Russians maintained in Sitka a community of busy people who were casting cannon and bells, and were building ships for commerce."

Besides adding a valuable item to the growing literature about Alaska, Mr. Andrews has rendered two worthy services in this volume. He has gathered facts and fixed historic locations for those who know and love the town and, he has prepared a readable and useful document to guide tourists, such of them as appreciate struggles and triumphs of the past.

The volume has a number of good illustrations and a map of the town as it was in October, 1867, at the time of the transfer of Russian America to the United States.

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