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One of the places I really enjoyed most on the town-tour was a visit to the Alaskan oil-pipe line. Truly an engineering masterpiece. Our local guide was very knowledgeable about it. We also visited a gold digging operation.

Here I really finally got a picture of the beautiful lavender fox-tail which has been everywhere we have gone including Vancouver. In some places there were whole fields of this flower.

The thing that struck me at the pipeline is the ability and ingenuity of man to overcome obstacles that confront him in his environment. The engineers who designed the pipeline had to cope with permafrost - extreme temperatures - especially cold ones - expansion & contraction, and ~~also~~ even the migration of the reindeer. Population control is a big issue in modern ~~times~~ world thinking, & in many countries population is ~~so~~ accelerating so rapidly that ~~the~~ social and industrial facilities including housing can't keep pace. However, the Lord said "multiply, replenish, and subdue the earth," which to me means he gave man the possibility of providing far & from the earth those things necessary for the "multiplying." The "replenishing" is really coming to the fore in modern society as we realize the earth does not have inexhaustible minerals and resources and we must ~~not~~ replace those resources we use when possible, and find substitutes for those we exhaust.