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Diary 1, 1900 calendar title page	[written diagonally over printed calendar:] <u>James Wickersham</u>
Diary 1, 1900 cover	[Printed on cover: Daily Reminder 1900 WICKERSHAM.]
Diary 1, 1900 january01	[Jan Mon 1] Debbie reached home from Annapolis yesterday. Plan of permitting Darrell to resign and be re-appointed in time to take the May examination adopted. Received letter from Congressman Cushman today saying that he would carry out our wishes in that matter. Darrell will now reenter Wilmer's Prep. School. until May. Have been endorsed for Judge District Court of Alaska by Senator Foster, and at his request have sent in endorsements from the following members of the Bench and bar of Washington. Pierce County Delegation in last Legislature. Wilson R. Gay, U.S. Atty. Hon. John B. Allen. Hon. John L. Wilson Judge John P. Hayt Hon. Edward Brady. John P. Hartman E. P. Kingsbury, U.S. Sur. Gnl. Fremont Campbell. Judge Frank Allyn. Williamson \ Sup. Judges Carroll } of Pierce Co. Kean. / Judge Elmon Scott. Judge T. L. Stiles Hon. S. A. Perkins Judge Wallace Maint [?] Hon. Ira P. Mylehart Banks of Tacoma. [second column:] Hon. D. J. Crowley " B. S. Grosscup. " P. C. Sullivan " W. H. Pritchard " W. H. Snell " C. C. Gose " John B. Cromwell. Judge B. O. Dunbar " Reavis. " Fullerton " Gordon. " Supreme Ct. There is a contest – a scramble for the office on act. gold dis

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	=coveries at Cape Nome – it may come to Washington & it may not. I declined to be a candidate, but yielded on request of Foster & delegation
Diary 1, 1900 january02and03	[January Tues 2] Sent pictures of house &c to Darrell. Sent him Cape Nome pictures and also Fifty dollars Charly Joynt called and talked a long time about Skagaway, Lake Bennett, and the White Pass Ry. for whom he has been working. He says the chances for investments are good in that country, and urges me to go up there as judge if appointed, as attorney if not. John. P. Hartman, Jr. of Seattle called also, and is anxious to assist me in Judgeship. He is against Humes, and is going to Seattle this afternoon and then to Washington, where he will do what he can for my appointment. Hughes telegraphed to Perkins who will go over to see him tomorrow; Hughes, McMicken and Wilson control the "P.I." with whom Piles & Humes are at war – under the new management They are inclined to support Humes for Judge to get him out of Seattle, and also to induce the Humes-Pile faction to enter into trial of peace. They cannot win by surrendering to the enemies. [January Wed 3] Saw Judge Hanford today, who gave me an endorsement for Alaskan Judge ship, but with some reluctance. It seems hard for Seattle to realize that Tacoma has a Senator and she has none. Brought suit for News Pub. Co. v. Lewinstein. Ledger this Surveys of Farrague claim at Gig Harbor show his house off land about ten feet, but improvements on his claim.
Diary 1, 1900 january04and05	[January Thur 4] Forwarded several endorments To Senator Foster in the matter of the District Judge of Alaska. Ledger this morning says probability that Foster will name the man – dispatch from Washington. I learn from Grosscup that Hughes came over to see him & said that as owner of "P. I." &c. he desired to see Humes receive the appoint =ment as Judge in Alaska. He urged Gross =cup to assist – but G_ told him no, he was in favor of my retaining my stand and would

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	<p>not consent to endorse Humes at all. Hughes abused Foster.</p> <p>[January Fri 5] Ledger this morning contains an extended notice of my candidacy for District Judge of Alaska. – it is ostensibly friendly, but really hopes to stir up opposition. Forward Judge Hanfords endorsment which arrived Last night too late for the mail.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january08and09	<p>[January Mon 8] Received back from Senator Foster all endorsements sent him, with a letter saying to gather them all together, index and brief them, and return them when ready. That no appointment would be made until in February or March & then only a <u>Stephen T. Fields</u>. – I regret to see the West barred out which it must be if that ideal is insisted on.</p> <p>Honeyman v. Rudnick Bros. defendants want me to appear & Crowl who appears for Fisher came to office & wants me to assist him & fees are to be evenly divided between us. I consented to do so on those terms</p> <p>Ezra Meeker & Dr. Goble are objecting to Foster & Cushman against my appointment.</p> <p>[January Tues 9] Devlovich v. Dorotich: hearing. Hearing in above case: court held with me on barring all inquiry into fraudulent conveyance of real estate in this proceeding & in the absence of the persons who claim to be owners.</p> <p>Amended answer served in case of Beggs Co. v. Perkins. No return from deposition of Beggs.</p> <p>Beggs v. Perkins decided in our favor.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january10and11	<p>[January Wed 10] Beggs v. Perkins. trial Beggs v. Perkins tried before Judge Carroll and decided in our favor.</p> <p>Received telegram from Louis D. Campbell asking me to forward briefs in Million Dollar Sent to him at Philadelphia – care Jones & Carson. – sent them as requested. He desires to use them in talk with Atty. Genl. Grosscup send me copy of a strong letter</p>

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	<p>written to the Hon. Daniel S. Lamont, asking him to help my candidacy – Lamont is the N.Y. [?] head of the N.P. Ry.</p> <p>Perkins threatened by suit from C. McDaniels Fletcher says he served papers on Perkins 2 yrs ago. Telephoned to court house & asked Judges Carrol & Williamson to be notified before signing judgment. Frazier, bailiff</p> <p>[January Thur 11] Dictated finding, conclusions, & decree in Beggs v. Bomery [?].</p> <p>Went to Seattle on 11 o'clock train. Saw Gay, who promised to write personal letter to Atty. Genl. about Judgeship- Exhibited Woods, Port Townsend, letter to Hughes. Saw Wilson and had long talk with him. Gov. McGraw pleased me very much by saying that he would endorse me for Alaskan Judgeship “if every [?] man in Seattle wanted it,” &c. he was very kind – he evidently has not forgotten that the old Harrison Republican Club was organized in my office, when he was the nominee for Governor, & how I worked for him then, almost at a risk of personal violence.</p> <p>Perkins was in Seattle & came home on 6 p.m. train with me. Service of Garnishment on News Pub. Co.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january12and13	<p>[January Fri 12] Astonished this morning to find judgment entered against Perkins yesterday in McDaniels suit for \$12,599.50 by order signed by <u>Judge Kean</u>. \$17,951</p> <p>Filed findings of fact & conclusions of law in Beggs case, & gave Christian notice. Filed affidavit & demand security for costs in Honeyman v. Rudnick.</p> <p>[January Sat 13] Began suit today to vacate judgement rendered 11:00 in suit of C. McDaniels v. Perkins. Served papers this day: George served & reports personal service on both.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january14and15	<p>[January Sun 14] Visited U.S. Transport “Sheridan”. Received fine letter from Darrell. He evidently feels better now that he has a breathing spell.</p>

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	<p>[January Mon 15] Prepared endorments in shape requested by Senator Foster, with an index on front pages, fastened them together and returned them to him this day – that matter is now off my hands</p> <p>Compromised the suit of Baird <u>vs.</u> Ledger Pub. Co: received \$2000.00 from Shultz, dismissed suit &c. Baird kicks about paying us the amount due – on his note.</p> <p>Did not send endorments to Foster, because Judge Hanfords is not yet received.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january16and17	<p>[January Tues 16] Received letter from Senator Foster today containing Hanfords letter, and I attached all letter, briefed them on front page, and sent them back to Senator Foster by Registered Mail Wrote Dr. House, Port Townsend, that I would not ask Senator Foster to endorse Wood for Shipping Commissioner</p> <p>[January Wed 17] McDaniels v. Perkins. Above case came on for hearing today & we won, in that the court struck out three paragraphs of petition but held others sufficient: <u>but</u> I have discovered that an error has crept in & that if Carroll sustains our petition and vacates the judgment before Mch. 1st they may make new service & begin again as notes are not outlawed prior to Mch 1st 1900.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january18and19	<p>[January Thur 18] Beggs v. McDaniels. Finding & Decree signed in above case – ended except by Appeal which is not likely.</p> <p>Sheeks & I are having a dispute about division of money obtained from Baird case. Today for the <u>first time</u> he claims that he ought to have a greater part of the fee than I – He also insists that he ought to have a division of Russell & Co. accounts – this claim he first made since our dissolution.</p> <p>On this 18th day of Jan'y 1900, in Sheeks office we agreed on something On the face of our partnership books at this date I owe him \$46.00 I agreed to accept act. against Jones, Russ & Enos as cash \$500. ½ of this belongs to Sheeks: subtract \$100 which I loaned him</p>

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	<p>Nov 29, and it leaves due \$150, on that matter. He collected and has in Bond case \$180, ½ of which is mine subtract \$90 from \$150 = \$60. yet due him. Add to this 46.00 due on face of books and I owe him \$106. Sheeks collected from Baird suits \$1107, ½ of which is mine = \$550.50 He paid me \$150. = leaves \$403.50. subtract \$106. = leaves due me \$297.50: he collected also \$7.00 costs paid by me in that matter, which makes total in Sheeks hands due me of \$305.00 at this date. He refuses to pay it, holding it to force settlement of Russell claims &c. I do not owe him a cent. James Wickersham</p> <p>[January Fri 19] In the case of McDaniels v. Perkins I have advised Perkins that we must <u>not</u> win the case now pending before March 1st and he is talking about a compromise. Do not think that will materialize: have Also intimated that bankruptcy proceed =ings would be a fitting end to such a judgment.</p> <p>Got a settlement with VanSlyke & Stewart for mother on timber sold, also for Case for hauling. Mill sold to Basse[?], who accepts orders out of run[?], due on delivery of mill. - mother 59.00 Case 60.00</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january22and23	<p>[January Mon 22] Reed letter from John P. Hartman of Seattle, who has just returned from Washington; went over to see him; he says Senator Foster wen with him to see Senator Fairbanks, who agreed to withdraw his candidate for Alaska Judge, and take second place, or even a consular place: Senators Bev =eridge & Fairbanks agreed to support me as did Senator Perkins of California. H_ thinks I will be appointed.</p> <p>Went to see Hughes, in Seattle, about what he told Perkins, in McDaniels case: he agrees to consult and assist in trying the case.</p> <p>Called on Walker & Munn – Munn told me that a party – not named, had been making inquiries about me – had been asked to “look my up” as Judge in Alaska. He gave a strong endorment.</p> <p>[January Tues 23] Collected \$119.55. from Bosse [?] today [rent?] Case: Buckley \$55.55 and to mother \$34.00 – first taking from Case \$5.00 & from</p>

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	<p>mother \$25.00 loaned her Saturday – sending them net amounts above mentioned.</p> <p>Filed demurrer in Rudnick matter.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january24and25	<p>[January Wed 24] Honeyman v. Rudnick: <u>Ans</u> Recd telegram from Cushman asking if he might name Comr. at Cape Nome in case I am appointed Judge: Answered by saying his endorsment sufficient provided <u>distinctly</u> [?] party is competent & worthy.</p> <p>Sent Wood-House correspondence to Senator Foster: so that if they attempt any tricks he may be posted.</p> <p>[January Thur 25] McDaniels v. Perkins. trial Tried the above case this forenoon and we demonstrated that no service had been made on Perkins in Aug 11, 1897, yet they then testified positively that it was a day before or a day after and the court finally held that service was made on Perkins “some time in August 1897” but also held that we were entitled to a vacation provided we offer a defence on the merits, & gave us five days in which to file answer on merits</p> <p>Gave opinion on Tinner[?] & Forck abstracts - procured deed for them and had same recorded – deed from N.P.R.R. Co { \$2.00 recording }</p> <p>Wrote to land office for Oleff Petersons patent for Timen [?] & Forck</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january26and27	<p>[January Fri 26] Wrote to Tom Sammons about Union account – to Cushman about Malson pardon. Also letter to Dr. Armstrong about Oakley case.</p> <p>[January Sat 27] Recd. telephone message from John P. Hartman to go to Puyallup to meet Brackett, who is on his way to Washington. He is officer of White Pass Ry & interested in appointment of Alaskan officials</p> <p>Met Brackett and had a few minutes talk. He is a personal friend of Senator C. K. Davis of Minn. and also personally acquainted with the President. He is a long time acquaintance and friend of Senator Foster: he wished to meet me – as he is on his way to Washington, and</p>

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	<p>he assured me of his hearty cooperation and support. He desires me appointed at once in Judge Johnsons place, who is imperatively demanding his release so that he can go to Cape Nome. Brackett desires my appointment in the Southern Division, or Juneau division, if the Ter. is divided into districts.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january28and29	<p>[January Sun 28] Theodore Hosmer, for a long time the President of the Tacoma Light & Water Company, died today. He died at 56, broken in fortunes, and possibly that fact and the gloomy financial future had more to do with his death than disease. Isaac W. Anderson, Mgr. Tac. Land Co. is a bankrupt, and Paul Schulze, committed suicide after embezzling \$200,000 of trust funds. These men ruled Tacoma for 20 years with a rod of iron: they bankrupted the city, in the light & water deal, and other ill advised and dishonest matters – and gained nothing by it in the end! They fought one politically and otherwise, and often and loudly threatened to run me out of town. Comment is unnecessary!</p> <p>[January Mon 29] Letter from Senator Foster acknowledging receipt of my endorsements and saying that no appointment would be made until the bill redistricting Alaska passes. Letter (copy) from Fogg. endorsement.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 january30and31	<p>[January Tues 30] Ans. due in McDaniels vs. Perkins. this case continued until tomorrow.</p> <p>[January Wed 31] Devlahovich v. Dorotich before Judge Caroll. [written over previous lines:] Postponed 10 days.</p> <p>McDaniels v. News Pub. Co. Garnishee Dept. Judgment in McDaniels v. Perkins vacated. Moved to quash Writ in Garnishment to be heard Saturday.</p> <p>Recd. letter from Louis D. Campbell, who was in Wash. D.C. where he wrote saying that he and Senator Foster had called on the Pres & Atty Genl. on 26th and that my appointment was thoroughly discussed. He writes that he & Senator F. feel greatly encouraged that I will be appointed.</p>
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<p>february01and02</p>	<p>News Pub. Co. v. Lewenstein. 10 days time granted from 29th last.</p> <p>Mrs. W_ very sick – Drs. Misner & Hill. Wrote Fogg thanking for endorsement.</p> <p>Bedford recd telegram from Senator Foster saying that Cushman & F. H. Murray had just called in Wash. D.C. to urge Murrays candidacy for Alaskan judgeship. Whitehouse called up and took telegram to McDonald, Pres. Cham. of Commerce, which body sent Murray to Washington in interest of Tacoma's trade: <u>Hamilton sent telegram to Cushman denouncing Murrays action as bad faith.</u></p> <p>The Chamber of Commerce have just telegraphed to Murray to come home on first train!</p> <p>As soon as he leaves they will telegraph Foster repudiating Murrays candidacy</p> <p>[February Fri 2] Read paper at High School as follows: [clipping:] “ February 2, 1900 The Hudson Bay Company,- Hon. James Wickersham.”</p> <p>Wrote to Darrell & sent him Copy of Campbells letter about Judgeship – Alaska.</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 february03and04</p>	<p>[February Sat 3] McDaniels v. News Pub. Co. Garnishee Case continued to Tuesday by consent.</p> <p>Had dinner with Senator Wilson, Ide, Snowden, Perkins, and Major Hayden. Worked to get Wilson in line for Cushman. Ide helped hard: Things look first rate: Plans were suggested & Ed. Cushman called in & long talk. Wilson interested & suggested ways & means of pushing candidacy along. We are to write Cushman on Monday.</p> <p>[February Sun 4] Thomas W_ came out and spent an hour with me Sunday (last) evening, and informed me that he intended to run for the State Senate in the 19th Sen. Dist. this fall. He confided to me that he intended to support Ankeny for Senator (U.S.), and was against Wilson. Knowing my friendship for Wilson [Under pasted photo:] I cannot tell which to admire most his frankness or his supreme impudence.</p>

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	<p>He will not be elected. [photo caption:] Thomas Wickersham Tacoma, Wash</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 february05and06</p>	<p>[February Mon 5] Wrote to Cushman the conditions here and urged him to stand in with the effort to nominate a governor (Frink) from Seattle.</p> <p>[February Tues 6] McDaniels v. News Pub. Co. Garnishee 10 oclock – no judge; 2 oclock</p> <p>Telegram from Neff, Chicago, asking me to push his matter: replied that I would do so -</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 february07and08</p>	<p>[February Wed 7] Wrote long letter to Darrell. McDaniels v. Perkins goes over till Saturday.</p> <p>Weyerhouser syndicate people here, and it is suggested by Perkins that they would be good clients – I agree.</p> <p>C. McDaniels. \ / - v - \ / Suit begun & papers W. P. Bonney } served on Perkins S. A. Perkins / handed to me.</p> <p>Louis D. Cambell at home – knows no more about judgeship than what he wrote me from Washington.</p> <p>[February Thur 8] Wrote to F. H. Brownell, Esq. Everett, to write personal letter to Atty. Genl. Griggs – Sullivan suggests this action</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 february10</p>	<p>[February Sat 10] Rudnick bankruptcy = <u>filed Answer today.</u> McDaniels v. Perkins. Motion to quash. Motion sustained & Garnishment pro =ceeding dismissed: This leaves them with only their note – and we hope to get that.</p> <p>There is a bitter contest waging between the Sullivan-Ashton people, and the Hamilton -Grosscup faction over the delegate to the next National Convention. I am advising the nomination of Senator Foster, as a peace measure, - and also as a defeat to the Sullivan -Ankeny crowd. Involved in the fight as a side issue, also, is whether Grosscup or Chapman – Ashtons partner, shall have the U.S. District Judge in this district if a division is had at the passage of the bill</p>

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	<p>to divide the state on an east & west line.</p> <p>Wrote to Cushman today to keep out of the above fight: also to write to Grant C. Angle [?] of Mason Co. Journal.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 february12	<p>[February Mon 12] <u>Served complaint Summons on Winvias</u> Lincolns Birthday = Holiday</p> <p>Took dinner at restaurant with Hamilton and Bedford. I advised Hamilton to withdraw from the fight for Delegate to the National Convention, as it would take both money and time to win, and in his financial condition he could spare neither. Bedford and Grosscup having been engaged, personally, in the difficulty did not seem to care to advise him as I did, but both acquiesced in it – and he consented in his own interest to do so. This leaves Ashton a clear field. The remarkable feature of the contest was that Sullivan, Bates, Warburton and the Anti-Wilson crows had the active support of Ide, Hayden and all of Wilsons friends</p> <p>Sligh. from Whatcom says his Co. is for Cushman, “ is for Ankeny & is looking for “the sack.”</p>
Diary 1, 1900 february13and14	<p>[February Tues 13] Hamilton announces his withdrawal from contest for Delegate to the Nat. Con. this morning in Ledger. My judgment is that this victory aids Sul =livan and hurts Wilson very much.</p> <p>I learned from Sligh yesterday that Weisenberger is a candidate for Governor – and that “<u>his expenses have all been provided for.</u>” The intimation is that he is to be Ankeny’s candidate. Ankenys son was in Weisenbergers regiment in the Philippines & Ankeny wants a governor.</p> <p>[February Wed 14] Nice letter from Darrell today. Package of flower seed from Senator Foster! Wrote him sending Brown =ells endorsement.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 february15and16	<p>[February Thur 15] Stackweather presented old demand against D. O. Smith and me for about \$80.00 or thereabouts, for newspapers furnished to members of Legislature in 1895 by the Union</p> <p>[February Fri 16] Served on J. Easterday Motion and affidavits to compel the</p>

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	<p>Union Pub. Co. to file Complaint, Summons &c. in court, to dismiss for want of Jurisdiction.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 february17	<p>[February Sat 17] Meeting of the Bar Association to accept resignation of Pres. Sharpstein who leaves here on Monday for San Francisco I drew the resolutions – adopted.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 february19and20	<p>[February Mon 19] Went to Seattle to see Frink. With Ide saw Frink at room #420 Ranier–Grand Hotel, and talked over the political situation. Agreed to go to Spokane next Saturday to see Wilson & further arrange things. Frink is willing to make the fight & will put \$25,000 into it. Cushman is to be considered in the slate Frink for Governor Eaton, of Spokane for Treasurer. Cushman for Congress. “P_ I.” will support Cushman & so will Wilson Saw John P. Hartman: He is for Cushman strong.</p> <p>[February Tues 20] Wrote Cushman fully today.</p> <p>Prepared Ans. for Bonney & Perkins.</p> <p>Recd. mail bag full of franked garden seeds from Foster. For distribution. Its a great thing to be a statesman.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 february21and22	<p>[February Wed 21] Papers in Muhlman v. Hofstad cases delivered to me by Selvig</p> <p>Delivered original petition & copy, & the letter to Dornin, & claim, all to Grosscup asking him to send them to Dornin in San Francisco – In Neff case.</p> <p>[February Thur 22] Washingtons Birthday. / Elks Parade. { “ Entertainment \ “ Banquet.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 february23and24	<p>[February Fri 23] <u>Ledger</u> Served notice on Tacoma Newspaper Company to retract libel against Lyceum Theater – fire trap. &c.</p> <p>Began suit for Allan Robertson to quiet title to lots in Tacoma.</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Neff – usual trouble – nervousness.</p>

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	<p>[February Sat 24] Will not go to Spokane with Ide. Ledger retracted libelous attack on Lyceum Theater – in part. – they rather make it worse. Rec. from Tinine [?] & Forck, examining [?] abstract \$20.00 Served Ans. & Int. on C. McDaniels in case against Bonney & Perkins.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 february26	<p>[February Mon 26] Settled case of Union Pub Co. -vs- Wickersham & Smith.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 february27and28	<p>[February Tues 27] McDaniel v. Bonney & Perkins Answer due today</p> <p>E. C. Bellows, of Vancouver, came in to see me: Frank Richards sent for him & Bellows went to Seattle yesterday to see Richards & his friends. Richards is showing letters and telegrams from Senator Foster endorsing him for Collector in Alaska, & Bellows is also endorsed for same office. Richards threatens that if he is not endorsed & given the appointment even ahead of me – <u>he will file charges of my old troubles there to prevent my appointment!</u> Bellows offered to withdraw but I said <u>no</u>; Let them file anything they please but none of my friends shall suffer for it.</p> <p>Judge Gordon announces that he will not be candidate for reelection as Judge Supreme Court.</p> <p>Recd letters from Senators Foster & Fairbanks.</p> <p>[February Wed 28] Bellows & I saw Bedford. Bellows told Richard that his threat against me would destroy his last chance for appointment and as Bedford telegraphed it to Sen. Foster I am of opinion it did. Bellows declined to withdraw, - and the fight goes merrily on.</p> <p>Saw Saml. Piles and told him of Richards threat & he denounced it in strong terms & said he would see Richards & put some other thing in his mind: Ditto with Gay.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march01and02	<p>[March Thur 1] Recd. letter from Gay written in presence of Richards & Claypool, saying that Richards would do no such thing as threatened & really never meant to do it, but it slipped out in political intrigue & in self defence. !!!</p> <p><u>Decree entered in Robertson Case.</u></p>

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	<p>Have worked for two or three days to fix title in Robertson case 18010, to suit Powell, of Campbell & Powell, but today he says he wont have anything more to do with it – that Irving wont pay for the trouble.</p> <p>Served papers on Ledger in Heilig Libel suit. – <u>served yesterday.</u></p> <p>[March Fri 2] Wrote Senator Foster long letter this a.m. Received a letter from U.S. Pros. Atty. Gay, of Seattle about Richards & Bellows, collectorship. Wrote him about <u>three</u> collectors for Alaska, as an explanation of Fosters endorsing both men. – mere suggestion.</p> <p>File & serve <u>answers to Interrogatories</u> Amended answer, &c. in case of McDaniels v. Carrothers & Perkins.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march03	<p>[March Sat 3] Rudnicks declared bankrupt in U.S. court:</p> <p>Capt. Paude came in & brought letter from I. Myhre Hofstad asking me to come over to see him at Ballard, on settlement of New York mining deal of Muhlman &c.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march05and06	<p>[March Mon 5] <u>Answer due in Winyea case</u></p> <p>[March Tues 6] Went to Seattle to See I. Myhre Hofstad about Muhlman matter – he was not at home & did not see him. Learned that Dept. had decided Farrague case in my favor.</p> <p>Judge Brown of Wyoming appointed U.S. Dist. Judge in Alaska to take Judge Johnsons place. Recd telegram from Senator Foster saying that 3 new judges would be appointed as soon as the Alaska bill passes –</p> <p>F. H. Murray is pushing his candidacy for U.S. Atty. in Alaska. My friends are refusing to endorse him. Foster will not endorse him.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march07and08	<p>[March Wed 7] Humes elected in Seattle – 1507. Wrote to A. T. Van Deventer as did Sullivan asking him to endorse me for U.S. Judge.</p> <p>Saml. McAnally appears for Winyeas & files objections to service, but says</p>

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	<p>that these are intended only as a special appearance until he can see Henry Winyea & make arrangements about fees. He has been instructed to appear for the government & object to the jurisdiction of the State Court.</p> <p>[March Thur 8] Neff matter settled by Judge Kean holding that the funds should go back to the Kennedy trustees, & that Dornin had no right to their custody under Kennedy wills.</p> <p>Grosscup starts east to go to bedside of his father who is seriously ill. He will go to Washington before his return & present my matter to the President. Bogle is also on his way east. – I wrote to Senator Foster today saying that he might suggest to Bogle to call on atty general.</p> <p>Was elected delegate to Co. Con. to select delegates to Ellensburg to select 4 delegates to National Convention.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march09and10	<p>[March Fri 9] Filed amended Complaint in Armstrong v. Oakley: demurrer filed & on argument court overruled demurrer and held complaint good.</p> <p>Attended caucus in Sullivans office Platform talked over: Taylor of Orting attacked Cushman covertly. Convention will endorse Cushman.</p> <p>[March Sat 10] Attended County Convention and was elected delegate to Ellensburg Convention. Instruction for Ashton</p> <p>Case of McDaniels v. Perkins set for Mch 26 <u>or</u> trial.</p> <p>I. Myhre Hofstad and Capt Paude came in to see me about the Exploration Co. matter. They refused to pay the \$3000. to deed claims to Co. or to work during this season.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march12	<p>[March Mon 12] Wilson has been here since Saturday and have had several talks with him. The P-I will be friendly to Cushman and Wilson expresses the decided opinion that he ought to be renominated.</p>

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	<p>He is anxious about the nominations for hold-over Senators in the 19th 21st [22nd] and 23rd [24th] districts where Warburton, Linc, Davis and Taylor of Orting are pushing – they are his bitter enemies & he desires to procure the nominations there of friends.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march13and14	<p>[March Tues 13] Tried to get case of McDaniels vs Carrothers & Perkins at issue but Carroll postpones action.</p> <p>Bringing suit on Hofstads agreement to pay \$3,000 for release.</p> <p>[March Wed 14] Went to Seattle yesterday. Served Complaint and Summons on Capt. Paude and I. Myhre Hofstad & also left with Capt. Paude in person a copy for Edwin Hofstad who was in Seattle, but whom I did not see personally.</p> <p>Consulted with Hughes about Perkins case. He will send me amended answer after his view –</p> <p>Saw Senator Wilson, Gay & others - & learned from Hughes that F. H. Murray was there to get endorsements. Cannot learn that he got away. Hughes refused & Gay Wilson & others will refuse & prevent it.</p> <p>Visited all people on Cliff Ave. last night in interest of our primary ticket – for Holgate.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march15and16	<p>[March Thur 15] Primary Election Day. Fight in our precinct between Hacker and Holgate. I am for Holgate.</p> <p>Our ticket won out handsomely</p> <p>[March Fri 16] Filed Amended Answer in case of McDaniels v. Carrothers and Perkins. Court allowed filing. Demurrer filed, overruled and exceptions allowed McDaniels.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march17and18	<p>[March Sat 17] /Campbell. City Convention { Lister \ Harc. Fremont Campbell informs me that Sullivan demands that he go to</p>

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	<p>Ellensburg as Chairman of the delegation: Ashton is for George B. Kandle. Fight is on by Sullivan against Wilson, & in favor of Ankeny</p> <p>Recd letter from Cushman directed to Darrell, saying that he desired to reappoint him at Annapolis at <u>once</u>. Wrote him to do so, & sent his letter to Darrell.</p> <p>[March Sun 18] Meeting Saturday night at Ides house between Bedford, I, Fairweather, Reynolds and Ide, to defend against Sullivans threatened dictation of policy at Ellensburg – We will support Kandle.</p> <p>Fairweather saw Kandle who agreed to stand for Chairman, but who does not want to take burden of a fight.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march19and20	<p>[March Mon 19] In matter of Sullivan for Ch. of Pierce Co. delegation to Ellensburg we have secured 28 out of 44 against him. Bedford represents our side & Sullivan has agreed to withdraw & support Kandle.</p> <p>[March Tues 20] Motion to settle interrogatories in McDaniels v. Carrothers.</p> <p>Recd postal card from “Bob McHaney,” saying that he and family will arrive here from Illinois on 23rd.</p> <p>Have just recd letter from Senator Foster saying that he had just had a talk with the President & had received “<u>very encouraging assurances from him regarding our Alaska Judgeship</u>”</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march21and22	<p>[March Wed 21] Debbie sick –</p> <p>[March Thur 22] Answer due in McDaniels v. Perkins</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march23and24	<p>[March Fri 23] Bob. McHaney & family arrived Motion in McDaniels v. Carrothers for judgment &c. set for Monday.</p> <p>[March Sat 24] At Buckley.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march26	<p>[March Mon 26] Trial McDaniels v. Carrothers.</p>

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	<p>“ postponed until 28th</p> <p>Made speech at Old Town for Campbell for Mayor.</p> <p>Sent Darrell \$15.00 for Kodak.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march27and28	<p>[March Tues 27] Went to Olympia for Perkins – evidence in McDaniels case.</p> <p>[March Wed 28] McDaniels cases all settled & paid - \$2250. compromise.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 march29and30	<p>[March Thur 29] Recd. letter from Cushman asking me to look after the Puyallup P.O. & get Stewart & Hollenbeck to join forces.</p> <p>[March Fri 30] Just received telegram from Senator Foster saying that Alaska Code bill is to pass – to see H. C. Wallace. Wallace wants assistance in his Alaska schemes from Foster.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 april02and03	<p>[April Mon 2] speech at Opera House for Campbell.</p> <p>Grosscup just returned from Washington. Says that he talked with President in Senator Fosters presence – about my appointment to the Alaska Judgeship. The President expressed satisfaction as to my qualifications & inquired if I would take the Dist. Attyship. After further conversation he bluntly asked Grosscup if I would accept the place of Consul General at Kanagawa, Japan. G_ promised to ascertain. At his suggestion, I have just mailed letter to Senator Foster refusing to accept Atty. in Alaska, but saying that I would consider it an honor & compliment to be appointed U.S. Judge in Alaska or Consul General in Kanagawa.</p> <p>[April Tues 3] Election – Bryans speech Campbell elected, majority 117.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 april04and05	<p>[April Wed 4] Go to Ellensburg to State Convention – go in interest of Cushman only.</p> <p>[April Thur 5] Attended.</p>

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	<p>State Convention at Ellensburg.</p> <p><u>Friday.</u> It was the grandest aggregation of soreheads that ever met in the State of Washington. Every man whom Wilson has denied office for the good of the party was there for revenge, and their forces were able to Give Ankeny the majority. Hopkins, the Wilson manager from Spokane Co. was defeated, as was Hughes, the P.I. manager from King. Co. Spokane Co. was not allowed any representation whatever, and to add insult to injury Pierce Co. “stood in” with the “sorehead” – Ankeny forces. I protested, but in vain, for Sullivan, Bates &c were in the majority. I am afraid that a factional war in the part will be the outcome of this action, and it may give Cushman much trouble. Have just written him in great detail about the result.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 april07	<p>[April Sat 7] Have been urging Mayor elect Louis D. Campbell to appoint D. O. Smith Chief of Police, but do not think he will do so. There are many persons objecting to Smiths appointment. Campbell offers to appoint him Chief of the Fire Dept. but Smith thinks his loyalty to Poyns will not permit him to accept it – although he otherwise would accept it. Sullivan people are urging Croake for Chief of Police – <u>but will not get him.</u></p> <p>Campbell asked me to attend the Council canvass of Election returns on Tuesday & I promised to do so as his representative.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 april08	<p>[April Sun 8] Candidates for Consul. Genl at Kanagawa, Japan, are <u>Johnson Nickens</u>, mayor, Tacoma, with Cushman as his backer. <u>Senator L. B. Andrews</u>, of King Co. with Ankeny & King Co. delegation as backers. The papers announce that Senator John L. Wilson is in Washington seeking it – he is in Washington but I do not believe that he would accept the appointment under any circumstances</p>
Diary 1, 1900 april10	<p>[April Tues 10] Attended the count of City Election returns at request of Mayor elect Campbell – every</p>

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	<p>thing went smoothly – certification granted & no trouble</p> <p>D. O. Smith is not be Chief of Police - but is to be Chief of detectives.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 april12and13	<p>[April Thur 12] Grosscup thinks that Andrews of Seattle may get such a mass of endorsements that it will embarrass Senator Foster in the appointment of Consul General at Yokahama, & suggests that he and Bedford telegraph urging my immediate appointment. I consented.</p> <p>Sent Darrell \$50.</p> <p>[April Fri 13] <u>P. D. Norton</u> died last night. He is the manager of the Tacoma & St Paul Mill Co; President of the City Council, and was Senator Fosters manager last winter in his contest for the election to the U.S. Senate. His death is a sad loss to the business interests of Tacoma, and especially to his associates in the St Paul Mill Co.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 april17	<p>[April Tues 17] Affairs in Alaska judgeship are in chaotic state. It looks as if the President intended to pay all debts due this state by giving us the appointment of Consul General to Japan, which we are entitled to anyway. The age limit in the Alaskan Code bill has been struck out in the Senate, which leaves Judge Brown elig=ble, and Senator Carter has the promise of one which leaves but one other judge to appoint & all the states grasping at it. Wilson is in Washington urging the appointment of Shaw of Spokane Cushman is endorsing Nickens, and Foster is telegraphing to Grosscup to keep his friends from endorsing Nickens. In reply Grosscup urged Foster to <u>secure my prompt appointment</u>, to the place. I telegraphed Foster saying, “Much prefer Japan, but leave everything with you” Evening News announces desperate fight on between Nickens and Wilson – Nickens will not be appointed. It looks at this time as if I could not get Alaskan Judgeship</p>
Diary 1, 1900 april18	<p>[April Wed 18] Case of Bird v. Winyer filed in court.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 april21	<p>[April Sat 21] Bird v. Winyer : Argument. sustained – 10 days to answer. Made new service on Sallie & Frank in the name of “<u>Winyer</u>”</p>

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Diary 1, 1900 april23	[April Mon 23] Trial Armstrong v. Oakley. continued until Thursday
Diary 1, 1900 april25	[April Wed 25] Answer Hegele v. Pierce County.
Diary 1, 1900 april26	[April Thur 26] Armstrong v. Oakley. trial continued until Monday.
Diary 1, 1900 april28and29	[April Sat 28] Bird v. Winyer: Argument of Motion to Quash service [April Sun 29] The matter of my appointment to the Alaskan Judgeship or Japanese Consul Generalship is in process of evolution – On Friday Grosscup received telegram from Senator Foster saying that he had just inter =viewed the Attorney General and had assurances of my appointment as Judge, and that he was inclined to appoint Bellows to Japan. On consultation between Grosscup, Bedford & I, we sent telegram saying that if my appt. to Alaska was assured beyond doubt to appt. Bellows, otherwise appt. me to Japan and Bellows, Marshal in Alaska. Col. Griggs sent Foster telegram urging my appt. to Japan, & yesterday received ans. saying that everything was being done to get appts. arranged satisfactorily – which means in accordance with Foster – Grosscup telegrams Col. Griggs tells me that Foster told him a week ago at St. Paul that I was to have either the Judgeship or Consul Genl.ship – that I was first in line & should have the appt. if only one could be secured.
Diary 1, 1900 april30andmay1	[April Mon 30] Trial of Armstrong v. Oakley before Judge Williamson – under advisement. [May Tues 1] Committee of Gig Harbor Squatters – Hunt, Fonda, Moore, Collins, Schillein, Kimball &c came to see me about settlement of the Jeresich and Farrague claims. I have offered, as attorney for Jeresich & Farrague, to compromise by allowing each actual settler from one to four acres of land where his improvements stand, to be sold to them after final proof, at \$25.00 per acres. They are in the main satisfied with this, but some of them want more land - as much as ten acres in some cases. I have said to them that no one will be

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	allowed water front, and that no one on water front north of Jeresich's house will be given any privilege of holding land. I have said to them plainly that neither Jeresich nor the other claimants would agree to any thing – that I alone would make the agreement and that they must look to me to have it consummated after final proof – they agree to that.
Diary 1, 1900 may04and05	[May Fri 4] E. C. Bellows was today appointed Consul General to Japan. I desired this place very much, but my endorsements were all for Judge in Alaska, and evidently Senator Foster thought I ought not to have two choices – so Bellows was appointed Recd. telegram from Senator Foster saying Bellows was appointed but that he was “watching Alaska Code bill carefully” – His former telegrams are that Bellows should only have Japanese place when he was sure of my appt. to Judgeship It looks as if Alaska bill would fail to pass on account of amend -ments in the House.- [May Sat 5] Motion to strike Am. Comp. in Hegele v. County. overruled. Bird v. Winyer set for Friday next for argument of demurrer.
Diary 1, 1900 may07	[May Mon 7] Compromised the case of Basse[?] v. Tacoma Ry & Motor Co. for \$350.00 Submitted to Sullivan a statement of the matter of claim to \$275. in Sheeks possession. Sheeks to submit his argument, and both to make any additional argument nec =essary after examining the others papers.
Diary 1, 1900 may08and09	[May Tues 8] The case of State vs. McGrath set for hearing at 2 p.m. at Fern Hill. {Find \$10 & costs.} Meeting at my house : George Boardman, Bedford, Fairweather, Ed. Cushman & I. to take steps to organize a

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	<p>Republican Club: Nickens, Paulhamas &c. object to my taking a prominent part in Frank Cushmans campaign - they desire to control in the interest of Ankeny.</p> <p>Bosse[?] v. Tac. Ry. Co. settled for \$350.</p> <p>[May Wed 9] Gig Harbor settlers on Jeresich & Farrague lands in to see me for a compromise : Have given them in ultimatum as follows: they to withdraw all objections to proof. Proofs to be made & title obtained to my clients & then will sell them land [?] containing their improvements and homes at \$25.00 per acre. They are fighting now among themselves : Those on the Farrague tract are opposing those on the Jeresich land. – Let em fight!</p>
Diary 1, 1900 may11	<p>[May Fri 11] Bird v. Winyer: Argument of general demurrer</p> <p>upon a full argument before Judge Williamson he sustained the complaint in the case of Bird v. Winyer, and also my theory of the case.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 may12	<p>[May Sat 12] Judge Williamson decided case of Oakley v. Armstrong v Oakly against me – for Oakly.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 may17	<p>[May Thur 17] Meeting of Boardman, Fairweather, Bedford, Ed. Cushman and I at Boardmans office to take further steps in organizing Rep. Club. Meeting concludes to support me for Pres. Bedford for V. P. Boardman for Treas & Heilig for Secretary.</p> <p>Organization is to be entirely in the interest of the renomination of Frank Cushman for Congress.</p> <p>Meeting fixed for Wednesday 23rd at Chickering Hall.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 may18and19	<p>[May Fri 18] Bedford called me up & I went to his office at his request to see him. He said that he had consulted with Grosseup and they concluded that I ought not to be Pres: I suggested Albie & said that he was an Anti Wilson</p>

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	<p>man – Bedford said he would be satisfact =ory – although he did not seem to be very well acquainted with Albie.</p> <p>I told Cushman & Fairweather & they were both disappointed in Bedford We postponed meeting for two weeks.</p> <p>[May Sat 19] Telegram from Darrell saying that he had passed all his examinations mental & physical at Annapolis, & sent him \$100. by telegraph</p> <p>Meeting of King Co. Rep. Club to determine whether that Co will support a candidate for Governor or Congressman.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 may20	<p>[May Sun 20] Wrote letter to Cushman & sent him report of King Co. Club last night – in which they determined to support Governor, & not Congressman</p>
Diary 1, 1900 may23	<p>[May Wed 23] Had interview with Gov. Brady of Alaska. He assures me that the Alaska Code Bill will pass and says also that in “<u>looking up</u>” the various candidates out here the Atty. General got a very flattering report about me. Gov. Brady is stout, short, straight, and vigorous: he has a clear eye and is a fearless man. I judge that there is never but one side of any case, to him, and that he sometimes makes mistakes.</p> <p>Court overruled defendants motion to strike and to make complaint more definite in Muhlman v. Hofstad.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 may24	<p>[May Thur 24] Recd. from Cushman a corrected copy of Alaska Code, so far as it has passed the house of Representatives.</p> <p>Jeresich and wife made power of attorney to permit me to compromise with settlers at Gig Harbor – <u>in compliance with United States Court.</u></p>
Diary 1, 1900 may28and29	<p>[May Mon 28] Deposited papers in a compromise of Jeresich case with Judge Carroll</p> <p>[May Tues 29] Took appeal for 50 Japanese</p>

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	<p>from Inspector to Commissioner General Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Inspector refuse to entertain appeals until each appellant puts up \$12.00 – 19 refuse to do this – 31 put up the money. Appeal from this action also.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 may30	<p>[May Wed 30] Spoke on <u>Memorial Day</u> at Puyallup Indian school. Called attention to <u>their</u> heroes, soldiers &c. and that Kantz, Ord, Keyes, Grant, Pickett & Sheridan fought their warriors.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 june02	<p>[June Sat 2] Papers report that “Annapolis” and “Chesapeake” are to take the Annapolis classes, including the May entrance cadets, on voyage This takes Darrell, I hope.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 june04	<p>[June Mon 4] Served Brief & Argument in case of 31 Japanese on appeal to Com. Genl. Wash. D. C.</p> <p>Appeal &c in case of Armstrong v. Oakley</p> <p>Just received this telegram from Senator Foster: “I called on Pres =ident and Attorney General this morning your case is not dead yet by any means.” Sent the following answer: “Thanks for assurance have had no few doubt of your success.”</p>
Diary 1, 1900 june06	<p>[June Wed 6] <u>Just received telegram from Senator Foster as follows: “Your appointment just came to Senate for Judge in Alaska. I congratulate you. A. G. Foster.”</u></p> <p><u>Sent Senator Foster telegram: “I thank you for my appointment. It places me and my family under deep and last obligations to you. Where am I assigned by the President.”</u></p> <p>Other telegrams from Foster saying that appointment confirmed by Senate, & that Noyes of Minn. & Brown of Wyoming are also appointed: he requests me not to commit myself on appointments of court officers until he can write.</p>
Diary 1, 1900	<p>[June Thur 7]</p>

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june07and08	<p>Telegrams of congratulation: Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, Wash, D.C. Senator Addison, G. Foster, “ “ S. H. Piles, Seattle John P. Hartman – Seattle. Charles E. Claypool, “ Hugh C. Wallace, San Francisco John Arthur Seattle C. B. Hopkins, Spokane C. L. Stewart Puyallup, {& others} office full of callers all day.</p> <p>Recd many letters of congratulation.</p> <p>Senator Fairbanks of Indiana telegraphed me as follows: <u>“I cordially congratulate you upon your appointment and unanimous confirmation”</u> Charles W. Fairbanks”</p> <p>[June Fri 8] Telegram from Senator Foster saying, “Indications you will be assigned to Eagle City Tremendous pressure assign Brown Juneau and Noyes Nome. Eagle City district will be {by} far easiest. A. G. Foster.”</p> <p>Also this! <u>“I endorse Nickens for Court Commissioner Alaska.”</u> A. G. Foster.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 june09and10	<p>[June Sat 9] For Cushman telegram & <u>Nickens matter see June 11.</u></p> <p>Charles Bedford came in to see me today, saying that he had a telegram from Senator Foster about Nickens. I said, “Well stop right there <u>for I will not appoint him.</u>” &c He laughed & produced his telegram – it requested me <u>not</u> to appoint Nickens –in effect – but not in words!!</p> <p>[June Sun 10] Sent Senator Foster this telegram in Answer to one saying that I was assigned to Eagle City Dist.</p> <p>“Assignment perfectly satisfactory. Wife specially pleased. Hurry Com =mission and instructions. Am ready to go. Will not appoint</p>

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	<p>Mayor.” James Wickersham” by “will not appoint Mayor” I meant that I would not appoint Nickens-</p> <p>{H. C.} Wallace made strong objection to my assignment to Eagle City saying that he had promise that I was to go to St. Micheals. He went to Washington for that purpose as he desired Dautrick to be my clerk. Upon telegram from Foster I practically promised to appoint Dautrick – but now it is off!</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 june11and12</p>	<p>mistake in date [June Mon]9 Telegram from <u>Cushman</u> June 9th “I wish Johnson Nickens appointed Commissioner either at Nome or other good place. Please consult with him about this Francis W. Cushman”</p> <p>Nickens was evidently informed that Sen ator Foster & Congressman Cushman had sent telegrams & he called to see me. Told him that I had already promised not to commit myself – he declined to talk of Comr, and said that Foster & Cushman had promised him the Clerkship in my court. I told him that I had promised to appoint another man – provided Foster had not already promised the place to secure my appointment as Judge &c. He assumed an injured tone and went away saying that he would have Foster & Cushman telegraph me further requesting his appointment as Clerk.</p> <p>[2nd page of June 9 on “June Tues 12”:] Foster telegraphed yesterday that my commission had been forwarded and that salary would start from taking oath & assuming duties of office. <u>I took oath and assumed duties at once.</u> Telegrams from Foster asking for Perrys address - (did not know), and saying to send in requisition for supplies. Answered by telegraph.</p> <p>Recd. long letter from Senator Foster asking me not to commit myself on appts. until he could reach me by letter again: Also congratulating me and telling me about efforts to procure my appointment. Enclosed telegram from E. A. Henderson, of News, asking to be</p>

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	<p>appointed Clerk of court. [See next for transcription of over writing.]</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 june11and12 enhanced red</p>	<p>[written over entry, in red:] Took the oath of Office and assumed the duties of my office as Judge of U.S. District Court 3rd Judicial District of Alaska today. Commission forwarded today from Washington. Arrived in Tacoma 17 years ago today. James Wickersham I will not appoint him!</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 june13and14</p>	<p>[June Wed 13] George {A. Jeffery} went over to Seattle to get specimen pages of court record books, from Clerk of U.S. Court.</p> <p>Requisition for desks, records furniture, office supplies &c made and forwarded to the Attorney General, with bids from local dealers.</p> <p>[June Thur 14] Made requisition on Atty. Genl for desks, chairs, records, and general court supplies. Submitted bids from local dealers, and asked permission by telegraph to purchase same. Wrote to Foster asking him to go to Atty. Genl. & urge the matter by telegraph. Also wrote him that I desired to appoint Heilig or Arkley: Recd letter from Senator Fairbanks asking me to make appt. Comr. at Nome, for him.</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 june15and16</p>	<p>[June Fri 15] Grosscup gave a dinner to the Pierce Co. Legislative delega- -tion, at his house tonight. There were present all but Barlow. We ate and drank and talked.</p> <p>While at dinner Grosscup told me that he had a confidential com- -munication about my Clerk from Wash. and would talk it over with me tomorrow.</p> <p>[June Sat 16] Received my commission</p>

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	<p>as District Judge of Alaska</p> <p>Grosscup has a confidential letter from Thos. Sammons, Senator Foster's private secretary, requesting Grosscup to use his efforts to secure <u>Harry Foster's</u> appointment as my <u>clerk</u>. Harry is not an expert clerk or accountant: he is a frank, clever, big hearted boy, but I fear that he lacks many of the necessary qualities of a successful clerk.</p> <p>This request is likely to prove very embarrassing to me.</p> <p>Well what fools these mortals be! I was, I have no doubt, really assigned or intended to be, to St Michaels: Wallace went on to Washington & pressed Dautrick for Clerk at that place: - I was then assigned to Eagle City where Dautrick could not go – and Harry Foster is pushed ahead as Clerk!! Wallace is green!</p>
Diary 1, 1900 june17and18	<p>[June Sun 17] Had a talk with Heilig on yesterday afternoon & told him of situation, told him that I preferred him for clerk – he has procured endorsement of Pierce Co. Legislative delegation & is very desirous of going with me.</p> <p>[June Mon 18] Tried case of Bentzene v. Bentzene before Judge Carroll – left with Reid for final disposition.</p> <p>Telegrams from many persons over the State in favor of Heilig Talked with Grosscup and Bedford who agreed with me that Heilig ought to be appointed – telegraphed to the Senator at Philadelphia asking if he objected - but no answer</p>
Diary 1, 1900 june19and20	<p>[June Tues 19] No answer to telegram to Foster at Phil – so again telegraphed to Washington. I cannot get requisition for court supplies, records, &c honored until Clerk is appointed & it is imperative.</p> <p>[June Wed 20] Have just received telegram from</p>

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	<p>Senator Foster consenting Heilig's appointment as clerk. This relieves me from much embarrassment.</p> <p>Telegram from Attorney General authorizing me to purchase books & records, but saying furniture & supplies would be forwarded from Washington.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 july02	<p>[July Mon 2] Left Tacoma at 4:30 p.m. on the Str. "Flyer" for Seattle: many friends at dock to bid us good by: Heilig's family & George A. Jeffery, stenographer in party. Met Judge Noyes & party at Seattle, where we boarded Str. "City of Seattle." for Skagway. Good accommodations</p>
Diary 1, 1900 july03and04	<p>[July Tues 3] Rolled across Queen Charlottes Id.</p> <p>[July Wed 4] We crossed Dixon Entrance today & entered Alaska - passed by a fish camp – Ketchikan. Set off fire crackers &c for Howard & some other children.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 july05and06	<p>[July Thur 5] Reached Juneau – Judge {M. C.} Brown holding court – had conference with him.</p> <p>[July Fri 6] Reached Skagway at 12 m. and went to the 5th Ave. Hotel. Took rooms and remained all night. Train tomorrow morning.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 july07and08	<p>[July Sat 7] Train from Skagway to Bennett, where we transferred to the boat, -the Australian – for Cariboo Crossing. There we again took the train – road just completed – rough – trains run over only this week, and reached White Horse at midnight.</p> <p>[July Sun 8] Came on "Yukoner" last night at midnight, and at 9 o'clock this morning we started down the Yukon for Dawson.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 july09and10	<p>[July Mon 9] Met Perigree on sandbar and are pulling to get her</p>

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	<p>off – broke iron cables. Perigree has landed larger band of sheep on west shore and cattle on east shore of Yukon.</p> <p>[July Tues 10] Got Perigree off about 10 oclock, and started on our way down the river.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 july11and12	<p>[July Wed 11] Mr. Ed. S. Orr, who as Mayor of Tacoma, appointed me City Atty, is a resident of Dawson, and the head of the firm of Orr & Tukey[?], freighters to the mines. He invited our party to go out to El Dorado and Bonanza Gulches as his guests : went in his stage coach with four horses, Orr driving. Went to Grand Forks, & put up at Hotel. Visited mines, explored tunnels &c. “sniped” from bedrock, washed gravel, and all hands were treated everywhere as royally as American miners treat visitors. Gold & CheChaco Hills are the most interesting mining camps I ever saw.</p> <p>[July Thur 12] After visiting mines and talking with people, seeing operations and generally surveying the plan of mining at this rich and interesting spot we returned to Dawson by Orrs coach this afternoon. We were treated right royally by Orr, who is voted a prince by every one in our party.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 july13and14	<p>[July Fri 13] Entrance mining tunnels on Chechaco Hill 1900.</p> <p>[July Sat 14] Back to Dawson & took passage for Eagle City. on Str. “John Cudahy”</p>
Diary 1, 1900 july15and16	<p>[July Sun 15] <u>Reached Eagle City</u> on this day, on the Str. “John Cudahy”. We were met by the entire popula- =tion, headed by Mayor Query – who kindly undertook to get us settled. We took possession</p>

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	<p>of a log house on the post reserve (corner D & First Ave), for sleeping & take our meals at the Eagle Res taurant, proprietor, Miss Thompson</p> <p>[card:] JAMES WICKERSHAM U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE. EAGLE CITY, ALASKA</p> <p>{D and First Ave where Airfield now 11/5/69 RCA[Ruth Allman]}</p> <p>[July Mon 16] Issued call for court at Rampart on August 20th Rented log cabin (corner B. & First Ave.) for Clerks office.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 august16and17	<p>[August Thur 16] <u>Ketchumstock Billy & his family from the Tanan River.</u></p> <p>The Indians shown in the picture on the opposite page were from the Tanana river & had crossed the divide to visit their relatives & friends at the Indian village 2 miles above Eagle. This picture was taken by myself as the Indians children & dogs came into Eagle – The dogs were all packed, but it may be noticed the women have the heavy loads. <u>J.W.</u> Aug 1900</p> <p>[Aug Fri 17] Left Eagle today at noon for Rampart. Debbie & Howard go with me. Str – “Susie” [photo caption:] <u>Ketchumstock Billy & his family.</u> Tanana Indian family, on the parade ground. Ft. Egbert, Alaska.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 august18and19	<p>[August Sat 18] [photo caption:] Higgins Store – Rampart 1900</p>
Diary 1, 1900 august20and21	<p>[August Mon 20] Court convened at Rampart Present. Judge – Heilig, Clerk. Perry, Marshal. Post, Pros. Atty. Reynoldson, Dep. Marshal. je No case ready for trial – no lawyers here to get cases ready. Many messy controversys – but nothing ready for court. Heard license applications & one small motion. –</p>

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	[August Tues 21] Application for license – nothing ready. Prisoners sent to Circle City, where I will hold jury term.
Diary 1, 1900 august22	[August Wed 22] <u>Left Rampart.</u> Str. “Sarah” 7 a.m. for Eagle – Fare \$40 to Circle Add - “ 20 “ Eagle. 60. home
Diary 1, 1900 august24and25	[August Fri 24] [photo caption:] Tena Indian winter skin house at Fort Yukon. [August Sat 25] The picture on the opposite page was taken by myself at Fort Yukon, in the winter – on my trip to Rampart – It shows the old type of tent house used by the Tena Indians – it is made by bending poles & covering them with cariboo skins – a flap door and an open small hole gives entrance, light and a place for the smoke to escape. Banked around it serves as a home for these people in mid-winter – they keep the fire going & with plenty of untanned cariboo skins they manage to survive the coldest weather. <u>J.W.</u>
Diary 1, 1900 august26and27	[August Sun 26] 9 P.M. Have just returned from Rampart on the “Sarah”, A. C. boat. Met Major Tucker, Paymaster U.S.A. [August Mon 27] Home getting in winter’s wood and working on house. [photo caption:] Indian in birch bark canoe poling up Yukon-Eagle.
Diary 1, 1900 august28and29v	[August Tues 28] Same as yesterday. [photo caption:] <u>Ketchumstock Billy & his family.</u> [August Wed 29] Same as yesterday.
Diary 1, 1900 august30and31	[August Thur 30] Str “Hannah” went down

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	the river: Co. “L.” went to Ft. Gibbon: Mrs. Capt. Wright, Van Hook & Major Tucker were passing us. [August Fri 31] Left Eagle City on Str. “Sarah” for Circle City – Dept. Marshall Reynoldson Stenographer, and 8 jurymen on board. Fare \$15.00 Stuck on sandbar opposite Coal Creek
Diary 1, 1900 september01and02	[September Sat 1] Stuck on sandbar hard & fast. Str. “Powers” passed with barge “New York” in tow. [September Sun 2] Stuck on sandbar 60 miles from Circle City – now for 24 hours. Will take to the small boats with jurymen and drift down the river. We can make the trip in 12 hours & will reach there at midnight or later. Left “Sarah” at 1:00 p.m. in two boats - 5 men in my boat, 6 in the other. We reached Circle City at 9 oclock, by good rowing. I steered boat, & we took lunch on beach about 6 oclock. Rather cold and stiff. Was received and quartered in very comfortable apartments by my friend Mr. A. B. Hamilton of the N.A.T. Co.
Diary 1, 1900 september03and04	[September Mon 3] <u>Court at “Circle City.”</u> Court met at 11 a.m. Grand jury called, examined & sworn, appointed Mr. F. M. Brown, foreman. Call of petit jury, but nothing else. Recess until tomorrow at 10 a.m. Read instructions to the Grand Jury. George A. Jeffery paid me what I had advanced to get him into the country. Grand jury found indictment against one prisoner for larceny. [September Tues 4] Grand jury trying cases as would a petit jury, and utterly refuse to indict Hubbard for the murder of McNamee[?]: Called them

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	<p>in and gave them very pointed instructions as to their duty.</p> <p>Will hold Hubbard over to next grand jury if no indictment found. There is an evident inclination on part of the grand jury to refuse to return indictments. Stringent measures may have to be resorted to.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 september05and06	<p>[September Wed 5] Bentz (Chas. W) pleads guilty of larceny & petit jury excused until tomorrow. Judge Post tells me that the Grand Jury is giving way and is more tractable to the rules of law. Indictments returned against Chas. Hubbard, murder 2nd degree Danl. Callahan, rape. Prisoners arraigned: tomorrow to plead</p> <p>[September Thur 6] Callahan rape case called. Claypool appeared as his attorney I refused to permit him to appear as he was the committing magistrate before whom Callahan was examined.</p> <p>Sherman brought into court: arraigned: U.S. v. Daniel Callahan – trial. Kellum for Def. Jury trial. Verdict “Not guilty”.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 september07and08	<p>[September Fri 7] U.S. v. Charles Hubbard. Murder 2nd degree. Claypool and Kellum appeared for defendant Trial: Jury.</p> <p>[September Sat 8] U.S. v. Hubbard. Verdict. “Manslaughter” Allen v. Garrett. Injunction in mining case. Argument.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 september09and10	<p>[September Sun 9] Held this term of court in Eagle Circle City in the church.</p> <p>Attended Episcopal Church – when Charley Claypool passed the plate he stood for an unusual time by one parishioner – and finally moved on to other contributors – He told me: When I presented the plate to him he put in five dollars – I whispered to him “come again”. He squirmed but soon put in another 5 – I said Ante</p>

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	<p>the whole 25, old man” He replied “go on you blackmailer” – but I stood pat He then said “What in hell do you want,” & I replied “I want the 25 dollars you beat me out of in the poker game last night,” - & stood waiting. He soon yielded & fished up the other \$15, and then I moved on. He passes the plate next Sunday but I’ll not be there.”</p> <p>[September Mon 10] Motion for new trial & in arrest of judgment, <u>denied</u>. While I have no doubt but there was error in excluding some testimony offered by defense, yet it was immaterial, and there was abundant competent testimony Sentences: Bentz, 2 years to McNeils Is. Wash. Hubbard 10 “ “ “ “ “ Appointed Baker, Sr.[?] Rampart, receiver in Allen v. Garrett.</p> <p><u>Court Adjourned.</u></p>
Diary 1, 1900 september11and12	<p>[September Tues 11] Waiting Waiting for steamer.</p> <p>[September Wed 12] Waiting for steamer. Wrote nice long letter to Darrell.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 september13and14	<p>[September Thur 13] Still waiting for steamer. [map:] <u>Circle City saloons in 1896.</u> <u>Front Street.</u> 1. Jim Chronister’s Saloon. 2. A. C. Co’s Store. 3 Harry Ash’s Saloon 4. Frank Knights “ 5. Jim White’s “ 6. John Burke’s Dance Hall. 7. Bob English’s Saloon 8 Jim McCarty s Saloon 9. Dinsmore Spencer and McPhee’s saloon 10. Leak, Ashby Bonnifield & Holden’s saloon 11. Bonlay Bros. “</p> <p>[September Fri 14] [See next]</p>
Diary 1, 1900 september14	<p>[September Fri 14] Steamers Weare and Seattle No 3. went down river : Also Bella</p>

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	Reynoldson and McAull[?] were down with prisoners Hubbard and Bentz, to St Micheal & will then take steamer for Seattle & McNeils Island. Waiting for Steamer up stream
Diary 1, 1900 september15and16	[September Sat 15] Still waiting for steamer [September Sun 16] Still waiting for the ----- steamer. There are waiting: James Wickersham, Judge A. M. Post, U.S. Pros. Atty. A. R. Heilig, Clerk G. G. Perry, U.S. Marshal Mrs. G. G. Perry, Geo. A. Jeffery, Stenographer Geo. K. French, Asst. U.S. Pros. Atty. Col. Plato Mountjoy, U. S. examiner
Diary 1, 1900 september17and18	[September Mon 17] No steamer. [September Tues 18] No steamer yet - Heard argument for receiver in case of N.A.T. Co. v. McDill- the applicant being intervenor A.C.Co. <u>Denied.</u>
Diary 1, 1900 september19and20	[September Wed 19] No steamer yet – [September Thur20] Waiting for blinkety blank steamer
Diary 1, 1900 september21and22	[September Fri 21] No steamer yet. Making arrangements to go up the river afoot: will take a boat & two men to pole her along shore to carry provisions, tent, &c Snowing hard, and will wait day or two until weather settles. Will take 10 to 15 days to Eagle! [September Sat 22] “Steamboat!! The “Rock Islander” and “Susie” both came into Circle this forenoon. We took passage on the “Susie”.
Diary 1, 1900 september23and24	[September Sun 23] En route to Eagle. [September Mon 24] Eagle City – Judge Post and Col. Mountjoy will continue on to Dawson on the

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	“Susie” in morning, and thence to Seattle.
Diary 1, 1900 october05and06	[October Fri 5] <u>Caribou Hunt!</u> Went caribou hunting on head of Mission & Forty Mile with Capt. Farnsworth. I rode a gray horse from Post, belonging to or used by Lieutenant Cragie. Capt. F. rode his own horse: we had pack train of 5 mules, two packers on horses and Frank Lee, the hunter as guide. Went out to American Creek and across, up to the summits of mountains and went south west on -the divide between American and Mission to the head of Calten[?], at head of Bear & Champion, forks of Forty Mile. Lee and Webb have a camp here on the extreme end of Mission and there we camped at dusk. Capt. F. brought a large Sibley tent which was quickly put up, a Yukon stove which was soon blazing, and Dawson, a first class cook who soon got us a fine supper of caribou steak. Webb and Lee have about 50 caribou hanging here on pole. [October Sat 6] This day we remained about camp arranging beds, &c. and getting ready for a caribou hunt tomorrow. Went out hunting ptarmigan and killed several Burt Bryant and an old western hunter named Tracy reached camp today. They have some caribou out here to take in. Tracy will remain. Our camp is in small bunch of timber just at head of gulch and on side of divide between here and Champion - with Bear Creek just over mountain.
Diary 1, 1900 october07	[October Sun 7] Lee took Captain and I me out hunting this morning. Went horseback. Saw two wolves near camp. Foggy and snow on ground and could not tell at first what they were – one was a splendid big black fellow and I followed him for two or three miles – but could not get a shot. Rejoined Lee and Capt. F. and we rode over mountains, along precipices, over snow -fields and a thousand places where a Sioux Indian would have hesitated. Cap F. saw band of Caribou feeding on a high steep mountain side, and Lee conducted us around and near them on horseback We dismounted and F. and I approached them

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	<p>creeping, while Lee held the horses. We had to climb mountain. Lee gave me his gun – not used to it and nervous – I missed but by the Capt. killed one buck caribou. If I had kept my own gun think I could have shot the whole herd with buck shot – they were so close.</p> <p>Killed more ptarmigan</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october09and10	<p>[October Tues 9] Killed 4 caribou on head waters of Bear Creek, on Forty Mile River.</p> <p>[October Wed 10] Wrote Darrell fine long letter all about hunting camp, caribou, ptarmigan, &c. &c.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october11	<p>[October Thur 11] Returned from Caribou hunt. Killed 4 caribou 36. ptarmigan and saw 2 wolves – one black and one gray</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october14	<p>[October Sun 14] Issued temporary injunction in the case of Sawyer v Van Hook. Set hearing for tomorrow 10 A.M.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october15and16	<p>[October Mon 15] Hearing in Sawyer v Van Hook : adjourned until tomorrow</p> <p>[October Tues 16] Trial of Sawyer, Van Hook, finished Took the matter under advisement.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october17and18	<p>[October Wed 17] Str “Quick” arrived from Dawson with beef for Ft Egbert.</p> <p>[October Thur 18] Decided Sawyer v. Van Hook for plaintiff. Opinion. Snow storm: river closing up fast. Str. Quick went up the river to Dawson. Steamer only 40 miles up river where she froze in and remained all winter: McGowan and others & crew waited until ice thick enough and then went to Dawson over the ice.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october19and20	<p>[October Fri 19] Howards birthday. candy, nuts, presents.</p>

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	<p>[October Sat 20] 10.° below zero: heavy masses of ice moving in the Yukon: people out sleighing with dog teams.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october21	<p>[October Sun 21] 15.° below zero.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october26	<p>[October Fri 26] Beautiful day – clear sunshine – mild week.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october27and28	<p>[October Sat 27] 20^h Anniversary of our marriage; married in Rochester, Sangamon Co. Ill. 1880. Mail from outside – came down from Dawson in a scow. – Letters from Darrell Mrs. Mc McClain[?], Mave, Aunt Kate &c</p> <p>[October Sun 28] <u>Valdez mail goes out.</u> Sent out receipt for salary for months of July, Aug, Sept and Oct. Have not been paid a cent of salary yet, and will not until this receipt reaches Washington, when I will receive in due course of Alaska winter mail a check! when this is somehow exchanged - about spring I may expect to get the money.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october29and30	<p>[October Mon 29] Telegraph line was completed into Eagle City today, and Capt. Farnsworth sent his compliments & notice that I might send the first telegram out of American Alaska – the Yukon valley part. I sent telegram to Senator Foster the Tacoma Ledger and Ed. S. Orr, at Dawson. Telegrams to the Sound, go to Skagway, and thence down by boat. – 4 days time!</p> <p>[October Tues 30] [Rcv]d telegram from Orr at [D]awson – first telegram [r]eceived in the Yukon valley.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 october31andnove mber1	<p>[October Wed 31] [November Thur 1 (torn away)] The posts on which the cache rests is covered with tin which prevents rats, mice, dogs and other animals from climbing them!</p>

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<p>Diary 1, 1900 november04and05</p>	<p>[November Sun 4] [photo caption:] Howard – 1900.</p> <p>[November Mon 5] 30° below zero. Have just discovered that in making up his quarterly accounts Heilig has credited government with much less fees in some cases than he received, and that he has quietly retained the same – amount only about \$18 – but he swore to the correctness of the items knowing them to be incorrect. Wrote him a letter giving the facts; and instructed him to report the matter to me, and gave him plainly to understand that another such an occurrence would result in his removal. In his report he admits the peculation, but offers to turn the money over either to the government or to the party paying same. Will determine this matter as soon as I hear from Attorney Genl. about amendment of fee bill.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">See my letter to Heilig in lette[rs?]</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 november06and07</p>	<p>[November Tues 6] <u>Yesterday:</u> 33° below zero. this a m= sky clear – not a cloud nor a breath of wind. River running, but fog rises like at Niagra.</p> <p>Election day: owing to completion of telegraph line between Eagle & Skagway we can get returns as soon as they reach Skagway by boat – probably within 10 days.</p> <p>Warmer today.</p> <p>[November Wed 7] We held sham election yesterday in Eagle: 141 votes case, and McKinley won by 7 votes. McKinley 74. Bryan 67.</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 november08and09</p>	<p>[November Thur 8] The ice in the river is “jammed” or blocked opposite the Eagle bluff, and has ceased to run. The river is rising rapidly and may break the</p>

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	<p>jam and continue to run</p> <p>Nothing yet from Election in the States.</p> <p>Mrs. W_ gave her first “afternoon” to the ladies of Eagle.</p> <p>[November Fri 9] Man crossed river today – frozen. 25° below zero, windy. Wrote to Mother.</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 november11</p>	<p>[November Sun 11] Developed my first Kodak films & made a success of it – will not try making prints. [captions:] Howards pup “Yukon”. Ed. Crouch, Debbie, Howard. starting out sleigh riding on the Yukon.</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 november13</p>	<p>[November Tues 13] McKinley Elected!</p> <p>Today we received telegram from Skagaway saying that McKinley was elected over Bryan.</p> <p>Names of slates given for McKinley &, Bryan, and a few details. <u>Good.</u></p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 november16and17</p>	<p>[November Fri 16] My friend Hamilton, at Circle gave Howard a Malamute pup when we were in Circle – He is very proud & it grows fat & fast. [photo caption:] Howard and - “Yukon”.</p> <p>[November Sat 17] <u>Sunday – 18th</u> Warrant received from Circle City to arrest one Donlan for grand larceny. Messenger – constable, came in from Circle afoot – 6 ½ days walk. Donlan arrested & put in jail.</p> <p>Have finished the storm door, and this finished the house back to the tent. Have done nearly all the work myself – made doors, shelves, nailed on cloth, ceiling, tent walls on storm door &c. nailed down carpets, &c. &c.</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 november18and19</p>	<p>[November Sun 18] Donlan arrested – see</p>

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	<p>opposite side of this sheet. Mistake in stating it yesterday –</p> <p>Took another film of Kodak views – developed same tonight</p> <p>[November Mon 19] Donlan escaped from jail last night – took hinges off & opened door. Perry sent messengers up river & is hunting the town over – Jessen returned from Mission Creek mines – filed or located No. 28 for Mrs. Wickersham Made about 2 doz Kodak pictures of my own development – success-</p>
Diary 1, 1900 november20and21	<p>[November Tues 20] Taylor v. Berg, for hearing but postponed until Saturday upon telegram from Berg asking for time: telegram from Forty Mile. [photo caption:] Howard, “Yukon” & I –</p> <p>[November Wed 21] Began preparation of Court Rules. [caption:] Commanding officers Quarters. Ft. Egbert. 1900.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 november22and23	<p>[November Thur 22] 40° below zero this morning. Difference in temperature between earth and air causes a fog to rise. Sun just resting on summit of horizon - the <u>long night</u> will commence in a few days. Sky always clear. Valdez mail came in: We got pk. of photograph from Darrell – fine one of him!</p> <p>It has been very cold all day – not warmer than 35° below zero</p> <p>[November Fri 23] Working on Court Rules. Donlan, escaped prisoner, not heard from – carelessness.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 november24and25	<p>[November Sat 24] Taylor v. Berg. Granted temporary injunction.</p> <p>[November Sun 25] Worked on Court Rules all day.</p>
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november26and27	<p>Worked on Court Rules</p> <p>[November Tues 27] Work on Court Rules. Sent George T. Reid \$51. to pay my life insurance on Jan 9th</p> <p>The sun was seen just along the ridge south of Eagle yesterday – its copper rim only – today it is “out of sight”, and we will not see it any more, from where we live until about Jan 16. It can be seen from the mountain summits, however, most if not all that time.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 november28and29	<p>[November Wed 28] Ball at Ft. Egbert. At work on Court Rules. Sent out my receipt for Nov. salary. Attended ball at Ft. Egbert and wore my dress suit! Think of it – a swallowtail &c. in Alaska! [photo caption:] “Barracks” – Drill Hall, Ft. Egbert, where we danced</p> <p>[November Thur 29] <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> Worked all day on Court Rules, and screen[?] - & attended Mr. Kirks reception in the evening. Warm and slight fall of snow.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 november30anddec ember1	<p>[November Fri 30] Now get bulletins from telegraph office – most interesting news that reaches Skagway.</p> <p>[December Sat 1] Mail! The first outside mail <u>via</u> Dawson reached here tonight. Letters from Darrell, Jennie, &c. &c. Last mail before this reached us Oct. 27 – 5 weeks. ago!</p>
Diary 1, 1900 december02and03	<p>[December Sun 2] Attended Indian mission services at Pres. Church today. Rev. Mr. Kirk. Indians came down the river from their village afoot and on dog sleds. Services in English by Mr. Kirk translated by Enoch – who read also from their Takudh Takudh bible –</p> <p>Attended the funeral of “Ketchumstock Billy” at Indian village today.</p>

	<p>Burial service conducted by Enoch who read the entire Episcopal service from the Takudh prayer book, and the other Indians gave long responses in their own tongue! But two white men present – Mr. Merriman, agent N.A.T.C. and I. It was a remarkable scene to me – Athapascan Indians reading the entire burial service in their own tongue – fluently and intelligently, and all responses made quickly and in unison. The widow, with a child on her back – simply knelt in the snow. I was sorry (v)[?] for her – she looked so poor and unhappy.</p> <p>[December Mon 3] Mail in from Circle City goes on to Dawson in the morning. Answered all my correspondence in time get it on the way</p> <p>While the sun has wholly disappeared, the moon continues, like the Irish man said, to shine in the night where we need light. It shines as long and brightly now in mid winter as the sun does in mid summer, and seems never to set – It probably shines all night if we and all day – if we could be see it from the level of Ft. Yukon.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 december04and05	<p>[December Tues 4] Jeffery, stenographer, did not attend to my correspondence - neglected it, and it did not get into the mail in time to go out this morning. I notified him that, in consequence, I would not allow him but a half month for December.</p> <p>Went out to edge of town hunting ptarmigan with “Sam”, an Indian.</p> <p>[December Wed 5] Another mail from Circle City today</p>
Diary 1, 1900 december07	<p>[December Fri 7] Justice of the Peace Prescott Sawyer has caused warrants for the arrest of two notorious keepers of houses of ill fame, and of the keepers of gambling houses, to issue and the arrests have been made. His idea was to fine them</p>

	<p>a reasonable amount each quarter in vindication of the law and as an aid to the fund to maintain the police department. Last year they were arrested by Thomas McMahon, then the Comr. and J. P. and they engaged lawyer and owing to the lax conditions procured the jury to acquit in the face of overwhelming evidence, and this they are now again to attempt. Sawyer and Marshal Perry are both troubled about it, but I have instructed them to enter upon the fight to win, that they must employ the whole power of the government to convict since it is a case of defiance of the courts by the criminal class. French has just received his commission as Asst. Pros. Atty, and says he will aid them earnestly – I hope he will. The first case is that of a keeper of house of ill fame and it is set for Monday.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 december08and09	<p>[December Sat 8] Heard the matter of incorporation of Eagle: Mr. Phillips of the A.E. Co. and Mr. Mills of the S. Y. T. Co. opposed incorporation. Mr. Merriman of the N.A.T.Co. was indifferent while Crook of the A.C. favored incorporation Bavington is very much in favor.</p> <p>Howard asks that it be and it is hereby noticed that the A.C.Co this day opened a lot of Christ mas toys. – most of which he <u>wants</u>.</p> <p>[December Sun 9] Mrs. Farnsworth just sends us down a note from Ft. Egbert saying that the Captain has telegram from General Greeley saying that at fast ball game Dec. 2, Annapolis 11 and Westpoint 7 –</p> <p>Mail! Just in from Dawson & the World. Frick defeated for Gov. of Wash. by 2700 – just about the Ankeny force. Letter from Darrell – he passed 2nd in Math. in Oct and generally high. Letter from Tom Sammons & Senator Foster.</p> <p>Prepared is form of instructions to jury for Sawyer in his criminal case, and assisted him with general</p>

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Diary 1, 1900 december10and11	<p>[December Mon 10] Sawyer gave the woman of the town two trials – one a jury of 12 – 8 for acquittal 4 for conviction, the others of jury of 6, – 4 for acquittal, 2 for conviction. The saloons are going their bond and are making a hard fight. It looks as if it were a fight of the saloons vs. the courts.</p> <p>Heard the matter of the incorporation and ordered the election to be held on Jan 8th 1901.</p> <p>Went out hunting – Killed 3 Ptarmigan.</p> <p>[December Tues 11] Case before Judge Sawyer of U.S. v. Grace came up at 10 o'clock for third trial – but he declined to call another jury and bound her over to court in the sum of \$1000. This gave the defence trouble & Sawyer would only accept good bond and they were unable to get such bondsmen, - finally Phillips of the A. E. Co. put up a \$1000. in cash (said to belong to the prostitute). Before the other case was called against the other woman they concluded that the officers were in earnest and meant to make them bow to the law, and they came in and offered to plead guilty and pay all the costs and a fine. Sawyer consented and that class of law breakers will no doubt respect the law hereafter. The gamblers come next.</p> <p>Later: Gamblers have also come and asked to plead guilty & pay fines & costs. The War is over: I have been much surprised at the weakness and cowardice of the men of Eagle in this matter. Men who ought to have stood by the courts have joined in abusing them, and have returned verdicts in the most flagrant violation of the law and their oaths</p> <p>Very warm day – 14 above zero!</p>
Diary 1, 1900 december12and13	<p>[December Wed 12] Jessen returned today from Dawson – by his dog team & sled. Nesbit of the “News” sent me a letter with some details of the Washington slate & county elections, while he also sent me magazines and papers – no outside paper, however, later than October.</p> <p>Jessen also reports that the escaped prisoner is said to be at</p>

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	<p>the coal mines, 10 miles this side of “Forty-Mile.”</p> <p>[December Thur 13] Bradley appearing for Leighton and Bowric appearing for himself sought to get me to arbitrate the case of Leighton v. Bowrice – but they could not agree upon the facts, &c. so I declined to act – Bowrice must answer The Complaint on file.</p>
Diary 1, 1900 december14and15	<p>[December Fri 14] Went hunting and killed 5 ptarmigan.</p> <p>Ball at Fort Egbert, but we did not attend – too old, I guess.</p> <p>[December Sat 15] Mail from Circle City & Rampart. Claypool sends up complaint for Writ of Mandate against Teeter to compel him to deliver up mining records at Birch Creek. Mandate issued, & sent to Claypool by mail for service -</p>
Diary 1, 1900 december18and19	<p>[December Tues 18] Marshal Perrys account presented – All correct except that all of his house was charged to government – he lives there as well as keeps his office there - but I finally allowed it after much argument.</p> <p>Study Club met at my house tonight I read paper on history of Alaska – discussion Present, Bevington, Mills, Farnsworth, Wilson Hess, Chamberlain, Myers, Davenport, Wick =ersham.</p> <p>[December Wed 19] Preparing decision and orders in the case of Allen v. Myers, et. al. from Rampart.</p> <p>Mail from the World, via Dawson. Rec. letters from Darrell, Jennie &c. and clippings & letter from Jont Crouch. Clipping about election – giving details in Pierce Co. & Washington.</p> <p>Recd letter from Atty Genl. enclosing permission from Sec. of War to use the Govt. Saw mill in cutting lumber for Courthouse and Jail.</p>

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<p>Diary 1, 1900 december20and21</p>	<p>[December Thur 20] Saw Bevington today and he promises to assist in taking Perrys house off the hands of Govt. If he does I will require Perry to keep Marshals office in Heilig's Office, and give up his office.</p> <p>Wrote Edwards at Rampart suggesting that a petition be sent to Foster praying for direct mail service from Valdez to Rampart & Koyukuk.</p> <p>Capt. Farnsworth will assist me with sawmill in getting lumber for Court House and Jail – as per letter of Sec. of War.</p> <p>[December Fri 21] Shortest day of the year. Broad daylight at 8.30. Light fall of snow last night. Thermometer at zero. Light clouds. Sun below horizon. A beautiful winter day- Dusk at 3. p.m. Six hours and a half of day light, and yet it was cloudy. So far we are both surprised and pleased that the climate here is so much better than it has been represented. While it gets cold, yet it is dry, and barring long trips and accidents there is little danger from the cold.</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 december22and23</p>	<p>[December Sat 22] Talked with Perry, Heilig and French about building Court house and Jail. Perry agrees with me that everything ought to be let by contract, and agrees with my plan for jail.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Plan of Jail.</p> <p>“A” Female ward. “B” Male ward – 4 cells. General plan cells surrounded by corridor. We have but \$3,000. for jail and \$5,000 for court house.</p> <p>Went with Capt & Mrs. Farnsworth & lot of other ladies and gentlemen to see Indian dances at the Indian village – usual barbaric athletics and sing song – “<u>Ki – ya.</u>”</p> <p>[December Sun 23] Mounted two caribou horns today on round boards and</p>

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	<p>hung them on the wall.</p> <p>Mail in from both ways – two more applications from Claypool for Mandamus against Recorders: Letter also.</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 december24and25</p>	<p>[December Mon 24] Howard and I got Christmas tree and set it up. Loaded it with apples, oranges, nuts, candy, and Howard will invite all the boys (5 in number) in Eagle to assist him. Fred. Crouch reached here this evening having walked from Dawson. He carried a 12# turkey all the way – afoot – for us, and we have it tomorrow.</p> <p>Mail in from both ways –</p> <p>[December Tues 25] We had a splendid Christmas Day – clear, warm and fine. We had a splendid Christmas Tree, for the boys, all five boys in Eagle attended. We had Father Monroe -Catholic priest, and Ed & Fred Crouch to dinner. Reception at Rev Mr. Kirks in evening.</p> <p>A gardener across the river had raised some cabbages last summer & put some of them out in the cache where they froze – and where they be frozen solid now. I bought a couple Mrs. W. cleaned them, I sawed them into quarters & she dropped these quarters, still frozen solid, into boiling water & cooked them – They were perfectly delicious & helped out our turkey dinner very much.</p>
<p>Diary 1, 1900 december26and27</p>	<p>[December Wed 26] <u>Deweys & Aunt Nans Birthday</u> Recd. pair of fine Indian made gloves from H. J. Sherman at Circle City – he is under indict =ment for a minor offence – the gloves are worth not to exceed \$5.00 or \$6.00 Will pay no attention to the matter –</p> <p>Teeters, mining recorder from near Circle City, arrived here today, and the Marshal served him at once with the writ of Mandate to deliver books to Claypool. he came to complain but the writ seems to have astonished him. Says he will comply with law.</p>

