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Diary 3, 1901 front cover	1901 – Jan 1902
Diary 3, 1901 september30andoct ober01a	<p>Sept. 30th 1901. Rendered opinion in Nome election case this morning at 9 o'clock. Granted injunction against election. The Str "Manuense" came in from St Micheal today – Bevington, Torrance & McConnell from Eagle City came in. Torrance is going on outside – asked me to send him an option on mining claims at mouth of Wolf Creek – and suggested that the amount be \$5000 each in bond. Capt. Hibbard of N.C.Co. at St Micheal is in town, and an invited to take dinner with him and others at Pioneer Mining Co. this afternoon – Sentenced Morton to U.S. penitentiary for 18 mo. for burglary. Received invitation from committee to deliver eulogy on President McKinley at public mass meeting tomorrow after noon. Will do so. Entertained Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Frost and Mr. Sternberg at an informal dinner at Golden Gate Hotel few evenings ago.</p> <p>-Octo. 1st- Dinner last night at quarters of the Pioneer Mining Co. was very pleasant.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october01band02	<p>Present Capt. Hibbard, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Milligan. Mr. Orton, attorney, Mr. Chilberg, financial manager of P. M. Co. Mr. Sodenberg, owner of the "Hot Air" mine, and two other young men connected with the Co. We had a fine dinner, - the centerpiece – the <u>peice de resistance</u>, was a great china platter in the center of the table filled with the last cleanup of the "Hot Air" mine, with the great nugget recently found on "Discovery" claim, Anvil Creek, in the center - \$3800. in virgin gold. Each guest was given a choice of nuggets excluding the giant worth \$1752.00 [sideways in margin:] Decided Nome Election Case. <u>Granted injunction</u>. Octo. 2nd</p> <p>Took dinner with Mr & Mrs Judge T. M. Reed, at their home. A delightful home dinner of A1 good cooking, and good cheer. Delivered the Eulogy today on McKinly at Congregational Church. It was a splendid audience of patriotic citizens, and a beautiful and touching memorial service. I made my eulogy short – but earnest. Father Jacquet and I were the only speakers, but there were other exercises</p>

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	of prayer, songs, &c. Stevens presided.
Diary 3, 1901 october03and04	<p>-Octo. 3rd- Trial of U.S. v. Conant – from 9 o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night - verdict of guilty – and a just one. Entertained Capt. Cushing of Rev. Cutter "Thetis" Capt. Jarvis, of Rev. service and Capt. Hibbard, port captain N. C. Co. at St Micheal, at dinner at Golden Gate Hotel. Later attended a crushed – but pleasant reception of Catholic parsonage or home of Father Jacquet – a housewarming as he is just completing and moving into his new house near courthouse at the head of Steadman Ave. I was handsomely entertained, as I am everywhere I go in Nome.</p> <p>-4th- Nothing from home yet, except that R. J. Davis, our Tacoma friend is here: He says he saw Mrs. W_ on Sept. 8th at Tacoma & that she was then expecting me & Darrell both home soon, but he afterwards heard that Darrell did not get there either. Mrs W_ and Howard are boarding at Mrs John Murrays. Davis took dinner with me at "Golden Gate". He goes back home soon. <u>Hard at work in court.</u></p>
Diary 3, 1901 october05and06a	<p>-Octo. 5th- Sentence Conant and Campbell this morning. Will give Conant light sentence, for it is his first offence, so far as the evidence shows: it was simply a failure to stand up like a man – he yielded to whiskey & spent his employers money. he has a wife and child – but the other fellow is a hardened pickpocket – a thief – and I regret that I can only give him 2 ½ years in the penitentiary - for he deserves ten.</p> <p>Civil cases are crowding hard these days and I work in the office and court room from 9 a.m. to 10 and 11 p.m. The only way to clean up the business of this country is to "<u>push hard</u>" and I intend to clean it up before spring.</p> <p>Sentenced Conant to 3 years at McNeils Is. " Campbell to 2 ½ " " " " " -Octo 6th- Str. "St Paul" is in and will sail this afternoon for Seattle. Mrs. Noyes goes out on her, and I have rented her furniture, beds, bedding & for the winter at \$25.00 per month and paid</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october06b	her \$50, being rent for October and November. Mrs Frost also goes out.

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	<p>When the grand jury met they began to investigate the attack of “Whitecaps” who went about 60 strong on to a mining claim on Glacier Creek in August, after I had gone to Unalaska, & forcibly ejected certain “jumpers” from {a} claim Someone notified Lindbloom “of the Pioneer Co. who immediately left the country. It is now whispered that a large sum of money has been set apart to “square” McGinn the deputy U.S. Pros. Atty, who is in charge during Woods absence. It has been given to a man very close to McGinn, and the information comes to me this day from Marshall Richards that he is investigating the matter & will have the truth about it, though possibly not the evidence, in a few days. I cannot believe that McGinn is guilty, but his friend may be engaged in a confidence game against the other parties.</p> <p>Went down to see Mrs .Noyes off today – also called at her rooms – She is greatly distressed at the conditions which compel her to leave Nome under a cloud. She could not restrain her tears, and at the beach, when about to go aboard the lighter to go out to the vessel, she all but broke down. Mrs. Frost bears up much better – but it was a distressing ordeal for each of them.</p> <p>Six insane men sent out today on the “<u>Elihu Thomson</u>”, prisoners go later. Working today on opinion in Butler v Good Enough Mining Co. an important mining case.</p> <p>I am satisfied that it will go hard with Judge Noyes, Dist. Atty. Woods, Frost, and possibly Geary. McKenzie got six months on each of two charges, Du Bose six months & the facts against the others seem stronger.</p> <p>Have this evening carefully examined the reports of R. N. Stevens, U.S. Comr. & Recorder in Nome for he year beginning July 23rd 1900 & ending June 30th 1901. I find that his receipts - the receipts of the office for such term were just about equal to his disbursements - he only turned in \$483.00 in cash for the year: his receipts were \$22,895.65 “ disbursements “ 22,700.45!!</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october 6c	
Diary 3, 1901 october06dand07a	<p>He paid his wife and daughter about \$4000. for salary at \$10.00 per day, and also paid his wife \$1200. rent for the front room as recorders office: Coal, coal oil, &c. &c. &c. are charged up to the government & were evidently used at his house: All</p>

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	<p>clerks are paid at \$10.00 per day – men & women. It is a most extraordinary case of wilfull and corrupt waste of the public funds. I called in Goodrich the foreman of the grand jury, tonight, and showed him the reports & he was astounded. Also consulted with Judge Brinker who agreed with me that Stevens ought to be removed from office. I shall report the matter to the Attorney General before the last boat goes out.</p> <p>-Octo. 7th-</p> <p>Gave Stevens, Comr. notice in writing to file his report for the last quarter within three days. He came personally & said he could not do it for a week – I am satisfied that he is waiting for the grand jury to adjourn – Joe. Easterday – from Tacoma wants to be appointed in Stevens place – I told him today that I could not do it.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october07band09a	<p>I will keep closely after Stevens until he files his report & then I will set it for an examination before the court & call witnesses & go into the good faith of his disbursements. I am satisfied that he is, to use a mining camp expression, “so crooked that his blood only circulates once a year”.</p> <p>Civil cause of Stenger v. Pitman – first on trial calendar tried today – verdict for defendants – <u>jury</u>. -9th-</p> <p>Trial of Golding v. Hensel. No 289. on trial for two days. Town lot case and bitterly fought. The lawyers have taken me at my word about pushing the business of the court and are pushing me. I am working from 9 in the morning until 10 or 11 every night. Grand jury has returned a number of indictments one against the Glacier Creek rioters – Jafet Lindeberg, J. W. Griffin, the Prices & others. Lindeberg is one of the original “Anvil Creek discoverers. Griffin is a prominent lawyer & mine owner, and all the other parties are also rich mine owners. They are accused of having driven the “jumpers” off a claim</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october09band11a	<p>a day or two before I left here for Unalaska in Aug. In doing so they went at night armed and masked, and some nervous fool – as usual – shot one of the jumpers and now they are all before the court on a very serious charge, - all but Lindeberg. As soon as the Grand jury met & the matter first brought before it – someone told Lindeberg. The last lighter with passengers had gone</p>

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	<p>out, but Lindeberg hastily put on his coat went to the safe took a “poke” of gold dust, hired a small boat and caught the “Queen” just as she hoisted anchor – and went down to San Francisco to spend the winter. The others have given bond in the sum of \$5000. each to appear for trial. Wright, the defaulting postmaster of Nome is also under same bond today to answer for default of \$4000. Lot of other indictments – it will take us two weeks or more to try these criminal cases.</p> <p>-11th-</p> <p>“Portland” came in yesterday from St Micheal and went out to Seattle. No other boat in. Light fall of snow today – begins to look like winter. Tried case of U.S v.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october11band12a	<p>Stockslager, for forgery – he issued a forged check for \$100, and signed the name of <u>Cabell Whitehead</u>, Pres. of the Alaska Banking & Safe Dep. Co. He is the son of the Stockslager who used to be Comr. Genl. Land office under the first Cleveland Administration. I met his father in 1887 – I think.</p> <p>-12-</p> <p>The steamers “Roanoke” and “Valencia” are in port this morning. The scare about the loss of the “Oregon” is over – she reached the Sound safely. I received two letters from Debbie – and also two from Darrell to her. Howard has been sick with typhoid fever – she is not coming in. I am satisfied to have her stay with her boys as much as I want her with me. I also received a letter from George T. Reid, containing my salary vouchers for the months of July, & August 1901. Mr. Fink, attorney, also came in : he tells me that he saw the attorney General who said I was to remain at Nome – in the event that <u>Judge Noyes is removed – for the winter certainly</u></p>
Diary 3, 1901 october12band13a	<p>Darrell is doing well – spent a week at Buffalo, writes to his mother regularly & sent her an account of his expenses to Buffalo. It shows that he is yet careful, open and honest. I pray to God that he will always remain so. Well. I am in for the winter alone – hard work, day and night – work – work. But it is alright. I am anxious to do my work good and make a clean good record, - one which I and my family can always look back upon with satisfaction.</p> <p>-13th-</p>

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	<p>The accounts of Marshal Richards were filed with me for approval last evening. Upon examination I find that for the time when we were at Unalaska he has filed a voucher signed by N. Gray, agent of the A. C. Co. for \$119.00 for board and lodging. During that time I also boarded with Gray, ate at the table with the Marshal, occupied larger and more expensive apartments and only \$59. I sent for him & called his attention to this matter. He withdrew the account & yesterday filed it anew, but with this item left out. He has still left in the account, however, three other</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october13b	<p>items as follows: Board and lodging Lawrence Hotel 12 days \$7. = \$84.00 “ “ “ Golden Gate “ 16 “ \$7 = 112.60 “ “ “ “ “ 14 “ \$7 = 98.00 “ “ “ “ “ 17 “ \$7. = 119.00</p> <p>When the account was further examined I saw at once that these items were “padded”. I spoke to Harris (of Harris & Daggett, proprietors of the Golden Gate Hotel) – He informed me that in no case did they charge even a transient guest more than \$15.00 per week for lodging and \$15.00 per week for board, - that he had signed many “padded” vouchers for officials here, &c. &c. Have written the Marshal pointing out these excessive charges – his oath attached that he had actually paid them in lawful money, & have asked him to quietly withdraw his account & file a correct one. Have shown his account with “padded” vouchers to Capt. Jarvis and P. C. Sullivan.</p> <p>Have this day removed R. N. Stevens & A. K. Wheeler, Comrs. & J. P. of Nome. And appointed Thomas M. Reed in their stead. Bond & oath filed : Approved.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october13cand17a	<p>Was invited to a dinner party last evening by Mr. Daggett, at Golden Gate Hotel to meet his wife, who arrived on the boat yesterday. Present Mr. & Mrs Daggett, Mr & Mrs. Bush Mr & Mrs. Dorman & Miss Dorman.</p> <p>Was invited to join a box party at the theater (“Standard”) tonight, but cannot do so. Invited by Mr and Mrs. Turner of the N. C. Co.</p> <p>The Marshal has fixed his account by striking out all the objectionable and “padded” accounts and I have approved his office accounts.</p> <p>-17th-</p> <p>Have been working night and day – go on the bench at 9 in the morning &</p>

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	<p>hold night sessions. The trial of U.S v. Helen Wagner ended with verdict at 1 o'clock this morning – every night it is from 9 to 11, before I get through hearing cases. At last though I have gathered minute by minute time to write to Debbie, send her letter, pictures, papers &c. Also send her my vouchers signed & received for each month from October to June 1902 inclusive, & also powers of attorney to draw the money on each. Send them</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october17b	<p>all out by Joe Easterday today on Str. “Senator”. There is much turmoil just now by people going out on the last boats. Everybody wants something done – nearly each passenger is a litigant a juror, or in some way interested in something in court, - the taking of testimony goes on night & day before referees & everything is in a hubbub, and hurry – when the last boat goes then we can settle down to a regular routine and things will lose the irregular and unsatisfactory character as at present. Marshal Richards is “ugly” about his “padded” accounts, and seeks to get even with the Golden Gate Hotel people by taking the juries to a downtown restaurant to eat, - at a saving of twenty five cents per meal. As the change would involve sending the juries through the crowded streets, filled with every class (including the criminals and their friends and sympathizers), and would take juries away from the eyes of the court I will not allow it. Still the incident shows the Marshals disposition – I am making the record on him & fixing him so he cannot hurt anyone as much as he may try</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october19	<p>-19- The “Queen” came in yesterday evening Three letters from Home – Howard is all right – but not able to come on voyage This is said to be the last boat – received letters from Gay, about U.S. Sup. Ct. Rep. He send me his set, & digests, & the Atty General will replace them to him from Washington. Also letter from Senator Foster asking that young Distin & Reber be kept in Clerks office. Yesterday & today trying cases of Hemen v. Wild Goose Co. & Steen & Wild Goose Co. over #14 & 15 on Ophir Creek – important & interesting cases. Had some trouble day before yesterday to keep the Grand Jury from indicting Judge</p>

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	<p>Noyes. Fink, lawyer, who is one of his most persistent pursuers came before the Grand Jury & had witnesses &c and but for the firm stand taken by McGinn it is quite probably there would have been an indictment. It would have been unfortunate at this time – he is not here & is already on trial in S. F.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october21and22a	<p>-21*- Went out to Fort Davis last night to take dinner with Dr. & Mrs. Jerrald, Post surgeon. Present Major Booth Lt. Massey – Wm. Sternberg, Mr. Mrs. Jerrald is a cousin of President Cleveland – Dr. Jerrald is a pleasant gentleman. Had a splendid dinner – although the cook <u>was</u> drunk. We went down to the post in their buckboard - & back. Took lunch yesterday <u>also</u> with Capt. Hibbard – Capt. Hanson & Dr. Call Capt. D. H. Jarvis. Trial of U.S v J W Griffin begins today. Sentence Helen Wagner, larceny, and Guy C. Stockslager, forgery today. -22- Well, the terrible strain is about over. The “Queen” – the last boat of the season is now ready to sail – all my mail is aboard – all those who have for a month been making my life a burden are aboard, and we can now begin to set cases for regular trial, and take our time in presenting them to the jury. I am</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october 22 b	<p>utterly worn out, for I have been worked like a slave day and night. In the case of U.S v. Helen Wagner, I have had a hard time of it on the motion for a new trial. The defence filed a lot of affidavits, including one by Mauthei, the prosecuting witness, who retracted all the evidence upon which he percuved the conviction of the defendant. She robbed him in the Gold Belt Saloon rooms while he occupied her bed with her – she is, of course, a prostitute and dance hall performer of the lowest type. All of her companions in infamy gathered to her aid and flooded the court with false affidavits on the motion for a new trial: I sent out the Marshal, rounded them up, put them on the witness stand, and sifted their stories to the bottom. I instructed the prosecuting Attorney to arrest Manthei for perjury which was instantly done – ordered the motion for a new trial denied, and sentenced the woman</p>

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	to 3 years at the McNeils Is. penitentiary. The only face that class of people recognize is the ability of the law to punish, and a lagging sprit in that respect is a positive encouragement to their crimes. They
Diary 3, 1901 october22c	live by violating the laws, and I am not going to be too lenient with them. Case of U.S. v. Griffin on trial for two days – submitted to the jury tonight. He is accused of being a party to the riot at Glacier Creek on Aug 15, 1901, - he is a lawyer, a rich mine owner and – I think a very good man – yet I am afraid he “stole the watermelon”. I feel a great deal of sympathy for him, however, and if the jury find him guilty I intend to exercise the power of mercy vested in me by the last section of the Alaska Criminal Code (Sec. 481) which permits the court to impose a lower penalty than that fixed by law, where it appears to the court that the one fixed is too severe. The minimum penalty for the crime of riot, with which he is charged, is 3 years in the penitentiary!! Such a penalty in such a case as his would be a positive wrong – worse than the offense with which he stands charged. Well, I have sent out my mail for the winter – including my accounts for expenses to Oct. 31 st . – I’ll have an <u>eight months rest – from hearing from the</u>
Diary 3, 1901 october22d	outside world, but plenty of hard work here. Mr. Hubbard, attorney went out on the “Queen” – he said he would soon be in Washington D.C. and would call on the Atty General about Nome matters. He and Capt. Jarvis and Cabell Whitehead of the Alaska Bank ought to get the Dept. right on expenses here. Many of the most outrageous bills are yet coming in, - a young assistant to the Assistant Dist. Atty. presented his accounts today for instant approval – with \$124. per month for board and lodging. I told him that I only paid \$100. – that the govern =ment could much better afford to give him the best room and board at the best hotel in town – this kind of accounts – even “padded”, two or three times their real sum, have been the rule heretofore – no wonder the Clerks funds are exhausted and he is \$12,000.00 behind in payment of the expenses of the court. I have started in to get the expenditures of the court within the income and all such accounts will be dis

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	=allowed = in a short time only honest accounts will even be presented!
Diary 3, 1901 october23and24	23 rd Jury in U.S. v. Griffin could not agree, and after some 15 hours in the jury room I discharged them – They stood 6. to. 6. Trial of Ophir Creek mining cases resumed. -24 th - Granted continuance until next July in U.S. v. Griffin. I did not know how much these people were scared until Griffin nearly gave way at the relief afforded by this disposition of his case. His eyes filled with tears, he could not speak, - a burden was lifted! It is a good thing for the peace of the country to at least scare such people, - but the suggestion of the C. C. A. G. & C. in the case finding McKenzie guilty, that it was a surprise to that court that the people here did not take the law into their own hands, is, to a certain extent, an excuse and the cause for the Glacier Creek riots, - but this court will not give countenance to riot, - still under the circumstances if one of them should be found guilty I would apply the merciful powers vested in my by Sec 481. Crim Code 1989 - & give him only a fine.
Diary 3, 1901 october25and27and28	-25 th - After several days hearing, at intervals the cases of Steen v. Wild Goose Co. & Hemen v. Griffith, Rice & the Wild Goose Co. is at last closed & submitted. Case of U.S. v. Till, Price, Glacier Creek riot case, begun today – <u>jury case</u> . -27 th - Sunday – Was married 21 years ago today Went to office to work, - to prepare opinion in Ophir Creek mining cases, but was so near =ly down with sore neck that I could not work – and went out for the first time to walk. We went north up Dry Creek & climbed the summit of the mountains back of Anvil Mt. thence to the Anvil itself, back home in the evening along the line of the Wild Goose Ry. from Anvil Creek to Nome. Wrote a long good letter this evening to Debbie telling her that I love her more now than when I first took her into my arms 21 years ago. -28 th - Decided case of Steen v. Wild Goose Min. Co. – for defendant. U.S. vs Price tried – verdict guilty.
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<p>october29a</p>	<p>Have decided the case of Hemen v. Griffith, Rice, Wild Goose Co & others, involving another Ophir Creek {mining} case. The attorneys now tell me that the case decided yesterday involved more than half a million dollars. I am pleased to know that mine owners now express a feeling of safety over property rights & do me the honor to say that investments can now be made here with assurance of fair protection. Judge Noyes seems never to have rendered even <u>one</u> mining opinion and but <u>one</u> mining case was tried by him in the more than a year that he was here</p> <p>Yesterday I dismissed all the indictments in the now famous Glacier Creek riot cases. Judge Noyes Left Nome on Aug. 44 {12}, 1901, after signing the most contradictory and extraordinary batch of orders while out on the steamer, - drunk, it is said by his enemies, - certainly the orders were – and the result was a rising of people who went out to the richest mines on the Glacier Creek masked and armed and drove off all the</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1901 october29b</p>	<p>“jumpers” and warned them to leave the country. They were arrested – at least half a dozen men who were supposed to be among the “rioters” were indicted and Griffin & Till Price have been tried. The jury in each case disagreed – so much prejudice & exists against the Noyes – Stevens regime that it is impossible to convict these men for a violation of their injunctions or a contempt of their court, - they ought not to be severely dealt with because the conditions were such as to drive good citizens to acts of lawlessness. So after the failure to convict the first two I felt justified in dismissing all the remaining indictments and did it! It is to the great advantage of this region to put that blot on the <u>jurisprudence</u> judiciary of America behind us, - hide it from sight as soon as possible, and open a brighter and better page in the history of the Nome region. It has fallen to my fortune to close the unfortunate page and open the brighter and better one, and if god gives me the strength of body to do the work I will <u>not</u> fail to do my best.</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1901 october30a</p>	<p>-Oct 30th- Trying one jury case per day – the overgorged docket is rapidly lessening and I can now begin to see the coming</p>

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	<p>of easier days. So far it has been hard constant work – night & day. Still today I am more than repaid for it all. Telegrams, letters, and a petition signed by every member of the Nome bar go out in addition to those already gone on other boats asking that I be permanently stationed in this district. Every business house here – all the big mercantile, mining and transportation companies have joined in the request, and have made it forcible and urgent. I really feel highly honored by this community & secretly yet I hope modestly congratulate myself that I have succeeded so well in securing the good will of every interest here whose good will is creditable.</p> <p>Took dinner with Mr. Albert Fink tonight – met his sister, and also</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1901 october30b</p>	<p>Mr. C. D. Lane and his son Louis. Mr. Lane is the wealthiest mining man in Alaska – <u>and the most original and forceful man</u>. He is a strong character – brave, blunt & honest. He is a hard worker, and has done more to prospect this region, and locate and work its valuable mines than all other interests together. His son Louis is a real chip off the old block.</p> <p>Mr. Lane seems pleased with my efforts to bring order out of chaos & has taken a strong stand in favor of securing action from Washington to keep me here. He spoke very freely about it and I am sure that no effort will be spared along that line.</p> <p>The “Arctic” left for Puget Sound today & the “Barbara Hernster” leaves tonight with the Lane people – the last boats of the season. Not until next June or July will we have another.</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1901 october31a</p>	<p>-Oct. 31.- Ten Years ago Harry Ball was the President of the Bank of the Republic at Tacoma, Wash : his wife a showy woman rode in a showy carriage while a negro in regimentals sat on the front seat : they maintained a rich and showy home on the hill near the “Oakland Addition” which was his real estate speculation, and they cut quite a figure in financial and</p>

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	<p>social circles. Yesterday he begged me to loan him five dollars (which I did promptly) as he was in actual want of food. Verily there are surprising changes in the great west.</p> <p>It was impossible to obtain assistance from counsel today to try a single case by jury. Gave a dozen of them two days to present cases for trial or they were informed they would be dismissed. Have had a talk today with Milroy, whom I have appointed Comr. in the Fairhaven precinct, vice Noyes, removed.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 october31b	<p>I gave Milroy and other Comrs. fair warning that only necessary and reasonable expenses would be allowed in their accounts. He had already employed a <u>Clerk of Court</u> to go with him there – upon my statement that only such sum as was actually necessary to procure clerical assistance in recording <u>what he could not record</u> he gave up – very reluctantly – the idea of the clerk. Gave each new Comr. same warning.</p> <p>Today consolidated Nome, Bonanza, Bluff City precincts and all of Port Clarence precinct lying on the watershed flowing into Bering Sea, as the Nome Precinct. <u>Thomas M. Reed, Comr.</u> Consolidated Kugarok and Kuzitritin under Lars Gunderson, Comr. Consolidated Council & Clinic under Capt Ferguson, Comr. Consolidated Port Clarence, Agiapuk and Yak, under C. S. Henton.</p> <p>I hope by this means to reduce the expenses and to turn balances into Clerks office for support of this court.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november03and04	<p>-Nov. 3- Sunday – Worked on opinion in the matter of Municipal court of Nome all day - until 3 p.m. – the court out to Ft. Davis & paid my respects to Major Booth & called at Dr. Jerraulds.</p> <p>-Nov 4- Rendered opinion holding Municipal Court of Nome to be without existence, which finally tears Judge R. N. Stevens loose from the public teat which has long and plentifully supplied him with public funds. He has been the brains of the Noyes regime, - and has long presided at the financial orgies</p>

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	<p>connected with the expenditure of money through the courts. He has received a greater sum than anyone else, but as yet is not caught in the vise. McKenzie & Noyes & he were the trio – the guiding spirits of the most remarkable system of speculating in mines through the influence – power of a corrupt system that has ever been known in American jurisprudence: McKenzie went to jail for a year – Noyes for ___</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november06and09a	<p>-Nov. 6th- Have just had the unhappy experience of passing on the sanity of Rev. Father Jacquet - pastor of the Catholic church here. For some time he has been growing steadily worse until he is now at that point where to longer allow him to go at large means to invite dissolution of both body and mind. After hearing an array of medical and other witnesses I held him to be insane – in the gentlest language possible – but made the formal order so that his restraint would be legal. His unfortunate condition has exacted general sympathy – I very greatly regretted to be the judge in his case, but considered it the only kind thing to be done under the evidence.</p> <p>Hearing cases every day – a jury case a day – and others at odd times.</p> <p>-9th- Sullivan & Mrs. Mehn took dinner with me at Golden Gate Monday evening: I took dinner with Marshal Richards & Forrest, Tuesday – Sternberg – Last night I took dinner with Mrs. Mehn [?] who is a typical Bohemian – present</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november09band10a	<p>Sullivan P. C. also long Mike Sullivan Darling, who is a County Meath man & a typical jolly, witty son of Erin, & A. J. Daly – familiarly known in that circle as “Marcus Aurelius” Daly – It was a distinctly Bohemian dinner. Tonight I take dinner with Clerk Steel and some of his friends at their bachelor quarters.</p> <p>Very busy in court every day, – in trials of jury cases.</p> <p>-10th- Took dinner last night with H. G. Steel clerk of this court at his bachelor quarters. Present Steel, Reber and Parkinson. The latter is the bright and versatile editor of the “Nome News”, - he was for a long time connected with the Seattle P. I. and then</p>

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	<p>on the Tacoma Ledger. After a good dinner and a pleasant evening we went, - upon special invitation, to a social session of the Arctic Brotherhood in their new hall in the old A. E. store. There was a large crowd of the most clever and decent “fellows around town” there, and beer,</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november10band1 1	<p>cigars and good fellowship all intermixed, songs, recitations, music, boxing matches clog dancing and speeches enlivened the time and I enjoyed a pleasant – rough – evening. Was persuaded to become a member of the A. B. which I will at their next regular meeting. It is the only distinctive Alaska organization and I have so often been asked to join that I have at last consented.</p> <p>Was surprised upon returning to the hotel to find my room lighted with electricity – the current <u>was first turned on in Nome today</u> –</p> <p>Am working long and diligently on the case of Price v McIntosh which is over a very valuable gold mine & involves at least one very important principle of law upon which I can find no aid from authorities.</p> <p>-11th-</p> <p>Trial by jury- Kimball v. Miller. Verdict for plaintiff, - dismissed other cases for want of prosecutions. Working hard every day & night.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november17a	<p>-17-</p> <p>Joined the Arctic Brotherhood last night - judge Reed & others – Daly, Rinehart, &c. also joined. After that went to Hotel Lawrence to Geise’s birthday function – dancing[?] & cards</p> <p>Simply called and paid my respects to Mr & Mrs. Geise – the crainds[?], &c. and left</p> <p>During this week have been trying jury cases – one a day – and at nights & odd hours also trying equity & other cases submitted to me. Prepared an opinion in the very interesting case involving the “California Fraction”, in which I had to lay down the rule – for the first time in the courts, as to the form of placer claims. It is an important case & I gave it much study. I derived no aid whatever from briefs of counsel & studied the matter out for myself.</p> <p>Wrote to Debbie & sent letter out on 15th by dog team mail – do not expect any letters in here before January – or possibly February- Mail starts out</p>

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	<p>every two weeks by dog team & when they once begin to come will probably reach here in that way & that often.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november17band1 8a	<p>The float ice in Bering sea has been off shore now for two or three days - great fields of it – as far as you can see. It is called the “pack” is composed of ground up masses of ice and mush ice, - not yet hardened into blocks.</p> <p>Today it seems to be floating eastward, but it may either be carried to sea or piled in shore – just owing to the way the wind blows. When it is once pushed against the land and then freezes it will stay for the winter.</p> <p>-18th-</p> <p>Beautiful fall weather. We have had some wind and snow, but the general weather has been clear, cold and crisp – Not bad at all.</p> <p>Am getting to the bottom of the first calendar of 100 cases – either tried, or dismissed – nearly all tried for I have only dismissed 5 or 6 – just enough worthless cases to scare all others into trial.</p> <p>This evening –sun set at 3 o'clock Saw a beautiful mirage at Sledge Is. The atmospheric conditions made the island</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november18b	<p>look just like a great potato on the surface of the sea – like this.</p> <p>[captions of drawing:] Sledge Is. Cape of mountains</p> <p>Each end of Sledge Island turned up like a sled runner, and even a faint line of light could be seen between it and the surface of the sea: it seemed as if it were a great potato shaped object floating on the surface. It recalled the mirages along the Yukon river between Circle City and Ft. Yukon.</p> <p>Weather so far this fall fine – not colder than 4° above zero. The ice pack has gone out some distance for we do not feel the swell of the sea, - only a few inches. Open water along shore & no ice – probably six inches of snow.</p> <p>Traveling is bad, though, and will not be good before January. Dogs are at a premium now – they make the only good team in this country! But for them winter traveling would be nearly prohibited –</p>

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Diary 3, 1901 november18cand22 a	<p>with them it is the best season of the year.</p> <p>Dozens of horses were abandoned here in Nome by miners who were leaving the country on the last boats out: the poor animals wandered around starving until humane people shot them to prevent their further suffering. They could not have been wintered for anything like a fair or reasonable price – not for their value in the spring – Not so with dogs, who can and do work for months one half of the year.</p> <p>-22-</p> <p>Took dinner with Capt. J. E. Hanson Mgr. A.C. Co (N.C.Co) for this region. Also present W. A. Sternberg, Schofield, and Judge Crane. We had the finest dinner I have had since coming to Nome, and then until 12 o'clock over cigars we talked Pacific Ocean currents, China Japan, Mexico and Central America, &c. Capt. Hanson is a delightful host and a well read man: he has traveled extensively - and to advantage. Two days ago Saml & Mrs. Milligan & P. C. Sullivan took dinner with me at the hotel. Dance every night at hotel ball room,</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november22band2 3a	<p>but I never attend. Father Jacquet the Catholic priest was started this morning to Holy Cross. He has been growing worse – it would cost the government \$5000 to keep him here until spring so, the fathers desiring it, we sent him to Holy Cross mission for treatment.</p> <p>-23rd-</p> <p>For some days we have been engaged in a "housecleaning"; We have taken the dockets and beginning with Case No 1, called every case, and ascertained its condition. About a hundred dead ones have been dismissed, many others dismissed rather than go to trial, and the rest are now segregated into three calendars: 1st Motion calendar, where they will be kept until ready for trial: 2nd Jury trial calendar and : 3rd Equity calendar & Begin =ning with next Monday cases at issue are set for two weeks ahead, which will wind up every case now ready for trial : except three or four Admiralty cases. By this method of sorting out we are</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november23b	<p>now able to tell the exact condition of the courts business – for the</p>

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	<p>first time since its organization. The business is now so systematized that no further difficulty will arise - as fast as cases are at issue they will be set on the trial docket for the next term for trial, and thus the docket will {be} arranged from time to time, and will always show just what is ahead of the court. The bar has given me every assistance and the attorneys seem pleased to see order issuing out of chaos, - for chaos it certainly was.</p> <p>A more beautiful winter month I never saw than this one. Last night was the coldest of the season – it was 2° below zero at Courthouse but other thermometers showed -10° below. The sky is clear & the stars shine brightly – the moon rides high – but the sun is going lower each day.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november23cand24 a	<p>Give dinner at Golden Gate Hotel this evening to Ira D. Orton attorney for Pioneer Mining Co. also to Magnus Kjelsberg, resident manager, Charles Johnson, his assistant, and to Louis Lane, son of C. D. Land, and in the absence of his father the manager of the Wild Goose Min. Co.</p> <p>-Sunday 24th-</p> <p>Had a very pleasant evening with Orton, Louis Lane, Kjelsberg & Johnson last night. Dinner served was not good but our talk till 9 o'clock was one that interested them as well as me. Louis Lane has been in this region since '98 – so has Kjelsberg, and the other two since '99. Lane is a young man of strong force of character, and his travels along the Arctic shore around Kotzebue sound are interesting - he tells me one surprising fact – <u>that Mongolian pheasants are native along the Noatak river!</u> He has killed them there & has seen others. He</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november24b	<p>reminded me last night about our proposed trip to Berings straits and we arranged to start after the first of the year. He is enthusiastic over the trip, and I am delighted.</p>

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	<p>M. Kjelsberg is a partner of Jafet Lindebergs, in the Pioneer Mining Co. They both speak Finn, Lapp and some other Scandinavian tongue and are strong vigorous men – of good character. Johnson is their countryman, 6 feet 2 inches tall and a good vigorous character. The men who located the rich Anvil Creek mines are of that independent vigorous character that they were able – notwithstanding their foreign birth and education (or want of it), to fight the most astounding, vigorous and treacherous attack known in American jurisprudence, and to so wisely and bravely conduct it as to eventually win and preserve their wealth. In view of the wolfish attack made upon them the insinuating and treacherous conditions which surround</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1901 november24cand27 a</p>	<p>them and their lack of knowledge of our laws and customs, their character become stands out in bold relief and commands the respect of both friend and foe. The old Norse sea blood was courageous and honest, and to it we owe much that is good in our national character.</p> <p>I am to take dinner tomorrow evening with Mr. A. J. Daly, and P. C. Sullivan, - there will also be present Mrs. Meiggs and her daughter.</p> <p>-Nov. 27th- Attended the fashionable ball given by the Ladies Guild, Episcopal Church, at the Golden Gate Hall last night. It was a swell affair, and I wore my dress suit – only to find that it is too tight – have just sent it down to have an inch more space put in both the vest and trousers. The hall was filled with ladies and gentlemen dressed in the height of fashion: the rooms were warm bright, and nicely draped & it was a very</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1901 november27band3 0a</p>	<p>interesting and pretty affair. There was a grand crush, and there were more than 300 persons present. I did not dance – but I wished for Debbie as I am sure she would have enjoyed it. Grinding in court every day – think I can discharge the jury in another week. Am obliged to prepare new</p>

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	<p>rules of court at once, for it is very troublesome to do business under the old – the lawyers will not hasten the trial of cases, and the court cannot.</p> <p>-Nov. 30th- Am startled today by the theft of my mail. Had prepared letters to Debbie & Howard, also had placed copies of printed opinions in “California Fraction” case in envelopes and addressed them to Senator Foster & others. Just at 10 oclock – or a minute or two after, the bailiff, Adam Johnson, deputy in the Marshals office, came & said “10 oclock”. The letters all lay on top of the books I intended to take to the bench with me – I pushed them off & he</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1901 november30b</p>	<p>picked up the books and went out of my private room, through the library & clerks room, into the courtroom. Closing my roll-top desk, and leaving the letters lying on an outside sliding shelf, I followed him, leaving the door open. Just previously Jeffery, my stenographer had gone out into the Marshals office to copy a letter, and was gone not more than 5 minutes. During this time, as I now think, the letters were stolen by someone who entered the private room from the clerks room.</p> <p>As I went through that room on my way to the courtroom P. C. Sullivan was standing near the west side of the room, his back towards the door of my private room, talking with a man whose face was that way & who saw me go out & saw the door open & saw Jeffery go out into the Marshals office. Upon inquiry Sullivan could not be sure who that man was: Adam Johnson went into the</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1901 november30c</p>	<p>court room first – I next, then Bosqui[?], bailiff, and in a minute came Sullivan, leaving the room deserted except, possibly, as to this man. My mail lay open to any one who went into my private room, and in a moment it disappeared.</p> <p>No one took it, of course, without a motive, and there are but two men in Nome with such a motive, and one of them was personally present in the clerks room just about that moment, and the other had</p>

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	<p>a confederate there. Either of them might very much desire to have possession of my letters – neither of them got any thing of value in the letters stolen. Luckily my mail was divided into two parts – the part stolen only contained the two letters to Debbie and Howard, and official envelopes, each containing a copy of the printed opinion. Still it is startling to be notified thus forcibly that I am to be subjected to that sort of espionage while in my duties {acting in my capacity} as judge. Will make</p>
Diary 3, 1901 november30dand december02a	<p>such quiet inquiry as I can to find out who stole them, and will be more careful hereafter. The letters were stolen by one who has been prevented from continuing a career of theft of government funds, and who fears further exposure to the Attorney General and probably a prosecution – which he richly deserves. However I sent out all the necessary documents in his case to the Attorney General by special carrier on the Barbara Hurnster.</p> <p>P. C. Sullivan told me tonight the S. C. Hen-ton, whom I appointed Comr. at Teller, is going wrong already. Three days after he reached there a sporting woman also came & is now his clerk. Sullivan, Gordon & Richards are examining into the matter & if he continues or complaint is made will remove him.</p> <p>-Dec 2nd-</p> <p>The more I consider the matter of the theft of my mail the more I am inclined to reduce the number of suspects. Johnson the deputy was for a year the clerk of R. N. Stevens, and both he and Stevens were in the</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december02b	<p>court room and in the clerks room & it was possible for either of them to get the letters. I regret even to have a suspicion against Johnson on account more of his wife than him. She is a pleasant true little woman, and it is a pity to hurt her with a suspicion – without proof. As to Stevens I feel satisfied that he knows who stole them, but so far we have no positive proof against him. Have told the facts to Strong of the Nugget and Parkinson of the News, & both will give a short statement of the facts. It is too bad that this camp cannot be raised out of the corrupt slough of despond! The people here are all right, - they are honest and clearheaded</p>

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	<p>- it is the official class which is so dastardly cowardly and corrupt. It must be cleaned out, and replaced by honest men. Am much relieved at the strong indignation expressed by all kinds of people about the theft, - the papers will condemn it, and it may be the means of making the thief more unpopular – if such a thing is possible. One prominent citizen warned me to beware of personal violence from Stevens as he has been uttering threats, but he is too cowardly to face me.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december06a	<p>-Dec. 6th-</p> <p>Attended the officers ball last night at Fort Davis: We went down in the post sleds, and had a most enjoyable evening. Present Major Booth, Lts. Massie and Knudson, Dr. Jerrauld: Mr & Mrs Strong: Turner. Mrs. Crane, Miss Fink, & quite a pleasant party. The roads were splendid & it was a beautiful night & an enjoyable ball - although I did not dance – could only play wallflower & smoke.</p> <p>In view of the theft of my mail I have determined to quietly and one at a time so as not to excite comment remove from the public service such men as are held in here by bad influences Not long ago I caused the Marshal to remove young Cody, bailiff – the son of the detective & intimate with Stevens. This afternoon I intend to cause the clerk to remove Herren & appoint honest Sam. Taylor, in his place & then in a few days I will insist</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december06b	<p>upon the Marshal removing every body from the court house except actual employees. Mitchell & others room here & keep up a bad atmosphere – it must now be cleaned out. Later I will make other changes.</p> <p>-6th-</p> <p>My stolen letters turned up today - they had been placed in an unused letter press – George put them there evidently, and forgot it. ???</p> <p>I have been very much chagrined by the unfortunate stupidity of the loss of my letters & their finding. More or less suspicion had arisen in my mind against persons who now seem to be innocent, and I feel as though I had done each of them a</p>

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	<p>personal rank injury. I have de= =terminated, though, to keep the matter perfectly quiet & let it die out – the public has forgotten it, and it will do no good to announce the fact – it only shows how certain one ought to be before accusing another of crime</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december06c	<p>One effect of finding the letters is that I have determined not to permit the clerk to dismiss Herron – although I am drawn to this conclusion more from regard for his wife and child who are here with him, than from any other cause. Have explained to Sam. Taylor that I can =not secure his appointment just now - I will have him appointed when another change is made in the clerks office.</p> <p>On Thursday evening last I took dinner at Capt. Hansons, with Mrs. Meiggs her three daughters, Capt. H. Mr and Mrs. Crane and Mr. Fink and his sister, in celebration of the announcement of the marriage of Fink and Miss Laura Meiggs – - <u>It's a fair trade!</u></p> <p>On a Friday evening Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Shields, my old Seattle friend, took dinner with me at the Hotel. Am at work on rules of court, hearing cases both day and evening, writing opinions between times and reading "The Wandering Jew" after retiring for the night</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december11and14a	<p>-11th- Hearing cases night and day. Am about done with the jury and will dismiss it this week. Heard argument in the case of Brace v. Solner, Treas. being the fight between the town Council and the School board, <u>last night</u>. It is a regular snow blizzard now – warm, snowing and blowing. The snow is drifting high & it looks as if it were regular Bering Sea weather. Small houses are being covered - the ice is being jammed high on the beach by a southeast wind. It is all the effect of the warm Japanese current breezes in opposition to the Arctic winds & weather meeting here at the coast.</p> <p>-14th- Took dinner last evening with Mr & Mrs. Daggett who also entertained Mrs. Muther, Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. and <u>Mary</u>, of "Marys Igloo", on the Kuzitrim river. Mary is a typical Eskimo woman – 24 years old, rather</p>

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	<p>taller than the average, coal black hair, clean & well combed, and neatly dressed in</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december14b	<p>black dress: She was born on the site of Nome, and said her parents were buried about where the A.C. Co store is: She has not been in town – never before. Her surprise at telephone, the new fire engine tc &c. is childlike and simple. Yet she sat at our table – and the dinner was rather swell, though we were not in full dress – and did not once make a mistake. Every thing was done with perfect dignity and modesty. She told me of a poor little orphan boy whose legs were frozen & bent under him – I asked her to send him in to me & I would get him in the hospital. One is driven to be better by the fact, of which she never s[peaks, that last year when so many of her tribe died with an epidemic she went from place to place & gathered 14 orphan children into her own home and cared for them. She has nursed, rescued & aided more sick and despairing white miners than any other person near here, - the papers have given her a good notice, and her visit to Nome</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december14cand15 and18a	<p>will long be remembered by her.</p> <p>-15- Good dinner with Daly & Sullivan last night, in honor of Albert Finks marriage which takes place on the 18th. It was a dinner party of his bohemian friends to bid him farewell. We adjourned at 11 oclock to come back to the courthouse and receive the verdict in a fiercely fought suit wherein Daly & Sullivan were on one side & Fink and Orton on the other. The jury decided for Fink & Ortons client. The strong north wind has almost cleared the ice from along shore. It only extends out a ¼ mile – then the sea is clear. 24 hours ago the great ice sheet was extended as far out as the eye could reach – now the black sea water only</p> <p>Wrote letters to Debbie, and also to Jarvis & Senator Foster yester day & got them out on this mornings mail team.</p> <p>-18- Discharged jury yesterday all jury cases at issue being tried.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december18band19	<p>Have now started in on Equity & law cases for trial by court. Decided</p>

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a	<p>case of Brace & Solner, Treas. being an attempt to define respective spheres of the town & school governments. Will not be able to get away on trip before 4th or 5th of Jany. and then only by working hard day & night.</p> <p>Will attend marriage of Albert Fink & Laura Meiggs at 4 oclock, & go to a dinner party with Bard at 6 oc. The great ice pack which broke away from the shore a few days ago and went south ahead of a strong north wind is now coming back.</p> <p>-19th-</p> <p>Attended marriage of Fink & Miss Meiggs yesterday afternoon at 4 oclock – and also attended informal reception of their home an hour later. The punch was composed of brandy, whisky, champagne & a little coloring matter – I only remained 10 minutes, got my small bit of wedding cake and left – but the occasion, I am informed today was worthy of the reputation that both</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december19b	<p>both of them have for hard drinking. Bards dinner was a very enjoyable one – Major Strong, Schofield, Judge Reed, Capt. Hanson, and I were guests. We discussed public library – and a public museum was also heartily endorsed upon my suggestion. Capt Hanson and Major Strong (of the “Nugget”), will look after the museum, at a meeting of the library committee today.</p> <p>My work in court will now be somewhat easier, as the jury is discharged. I am also rapidly catching up with my work & when once up will be able to keep abreast of the work from this time on – I hope.</p> <p>We have no word from “<u>outside</u>” yet, and will not probably receive any before January or February. The ice pack is being pushed out to sea again by the north wind. There is an utter absence of heavy ice & Capt. Hanson said last night that the ice boats used to reach St. Petersburg could come into Nome every week in the year, and certainly most any well built boat could have done so thus far this winter.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december21a	<p>-21st-</p> <p>Mrs. B. F. Miller & Mrs Casey have just sold me a ticket for the Catholic ball \$5.00 Mrs. Miller is the same lady whom Ed. Crouch knows so well - she and her husband both think Ed. is a fine fellow, and I think</p>

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	<p>they are both very good people. Mrs. M is a pretty woman and a sweet singer.</p> <p>This is the shortest day of the year – exact mid-winter, and I am pleased to find that it has gone by so quickly and with so little cold and bad weather. So far the weather at Nome has been mild, and for a week now rather moist. <u>But it blows very badly.</u></p> <p>The ice on sea in front of Nome is 2 or 3 feet thick now – people do fine fishing for tom cod through holes – a la Eskimo, and their success shows how easily these hyperborean Mongols could obtain food.</p> <p>I am now preparing to adopt rules of court, and have given out copies to several lawyers to examine & criticise. The U.S. Marshal is very much exercised over a rule requiring him to call for</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december21b	<p>competitive bids for all purchases supplies &c. He came to see me & said that in his opinion I had nothing to do but just to approve his accounts!</p> <p>That he had the power to purchase &c. &c. He is the last relic left of the old regime & he yields badly, - but he will yield. I will not approve a dollar of his accounts except in compliance with the rule. Heretofore every petty official in this district seems to have been a law unto himself so far as expenses were concerned, and Judge Noyes was never known to refuse their exorbitant demands out of the goodness and weakness of his heart. When the Marshall falls into line, as he will, the court will then have full and entire charge of all expenditures in this district except for fixed salaries, - fixed by law. As long as I remain here I intend to keep control, and no expenditure either in the clerks or Marshals office, or by any Commissioner or other official where I am required to audit the account will be allowed except such as are incurred under the rules and honestly. The auditing of</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december21 cand22 a	<p>such accounts, and the duty of dividing the funds between towns and school boards, and my general duty as financial agent for the government in all court and municipal matters give me more real trouble and annoyance than anything else I have to do. But so long as I have it to do I intend to <u>control it.</u></p> <p>-22-</p>

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	<p>Walked down to Ft Davis with Wm Sternberg to see reindeer herd belonging to "Sinrock Mary" but both were absent - the herd being nine miles up Nome river & Mary being in town. We called on Major Booth - took lunch with him at Mr & Mrs. Knudsens (Lt. Knudsen) also present Lt. Massie.</p> <p>Some time ago I wrote C. S. Henton, Comr. at Teller that a certain woman with whom he is alleged to be living at Teller must come before return mail[?] in one week to Nome & leave him permanently or I would appoint his successor. She came in today - within time, - she is angry and says its a lie - but will not return. Will let him remain if he continues, as always heretofore, to keep straight - on account of his wife & children</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december22band26 a	<p>I was introduced to Mrs. Magnus Kjels =berg last night - present her husband, Mr & Mrs. Dagget & Molly - Mrs. K - is a beautiful woman - a Russian and dresses with elegant taste. I was afterwards informed that Magnus married her in S. F. where she was known in the highest demi monde society as "Russian Rosa" & where she made a fortune as an adventuress. She has now lived with Magnus a year or more & seems a devoted and dutiful wife: she is highly educated, a linguist and a woman of high & strong character. Magnus is 6 feet, one or two inches tall - A Russian and they are devoted to each other. Magnus too, is rich in his mining interests - they are in interesting pair of beautiful animals.</p> <p>-Dec. 26th-</p> <p>I took dinner on Christmas eve with Mr & Mrs. Crane - also present Capt. Hanson & Mr & Mrs Turner - of the A. C. Co. Mrs. Crane is a delightful hostess and the dinner was beyond reproach - received a beautiful card, hand water color by Miss</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december26b	<p>Perla Wilkinson. After dinner we talked of Circle City & up river country. Mr & Mrs. Crane resided at Circle for two years. At midnight we went to Catholic church for midnight Christmas mass. Function performed by Fathers Van der Pol and Camille. Christmas day I took dinner with Mr & Mrs Cowden They are Tacoma people, - others present Fred. Cowden, Wm Sternberg, Geo. A. Jeffery Dr. McClannahan, & Mr. Thatcher. Cowden is Cashier of the Alaska Bank, & Thatcher</p>

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	<p>is assayer and clerk. We had a very nice dinner, but the dining room was cold enough to freeze an Eskimo. In the evening we attended the Masonic ball at the Standard Theatre. It was such a ball as one might have expected in a half civilized mining camp. The theatre is one used for variety shows - an auditorium below - with a balcony above cut off into several small boxes opening out toward the stage. These boxes were festooned and decorated and occupied by ladies and gentlemen as private reception rooms for their friends. Here they visited - and drank, and smoked. The giddy waltz went on below - the orchestra</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december26c	<p>occupied the footlight of the stage - while the stage itself was covered by tables - here each guest had lunch after 12 o'clock. Not dancing I could only visit. As a guest of Mr & Mrs Cowden I occupied their box, & passed the evening in conversation. In spite of surroundings it was a very genteel and pleasant company. In dress it was the usual public ball - many decollete gowns, and dress suits. I met Mrs. Magnus Kjels =berg again. She is really a remarkable woman She has tact, taste and great talents. Her power with men is astonishing. Highly educated - a linguist - a woman of great physical charms and strength, - strong in her natural mental endowments, and skilled in the game of the world - she is such a woman as has in times gone by overturned thrones. Cleopatra - Sara Bernhardt - Delilah - these are the ingredients that enter into the composition of this Russian adventuress - who made a fortune in San Francisco as the keeper of an assignation house - and in a year - as the wife of one of the magnates of Anvil Creek, gets Nome society by the ears. She mentioned Metson - the S. F. lawyer of the Pioneer Mine Co. to me with a look</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december26dand29	<p>that made me wonder: If he brought about the marriage with his client to the beautiful tigress - and if so, why? The Pioneer Min. Co. is composed of Lind =blom, Byrnteson, Lundeburg and Kjelsburg - all Russian Finns - over whom this bold, black-eyed woman will rule like a barbarian queen. Is she in lover with her great, strapping, silent husband - or is it only another "graft"? There is a million or more in the pot - if she is playing for it, and she certainly holds the winning cards.</p> <p>-29-</p>

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	<p>This is a beautiful day – clear and cold. The sun is big and round and already it seems to be giving more light. 30° below this morning. Am to take lunch with Capt. Hansen & Corbusier – or rather they take lunch with me at Hotel today. – Nice lunch with Hansen & Corbusier – Father Van der Pol and Camille called, & in evening dinner with Capt. Hansen – present Mr & Mrs Crane Mr & Mrs. Hoggett, Mr & Mrs Turner, Capt. H. Corbusier & I - “Gee” the Captain Chinese chef set us a splendid dinner.</p>
Diary 3, 1901 december30and january01a 1902	<p>-Dec. 30th- Held court decided – tried – two cases & disposed of them. Gave a dinner to Marshal Richards, Chief Dept. Forrest, Bk. Keeper Griggs, P. C. Sullivan and Major Strong of the “Nuggett.” After dinner went to Rineharts & spent the evening playing whist. I am dissipating terribly – dinners & balls – but it will all end when I go on my “mushing” trip to the Cape this week.</p> <p>-Jan 1st 1902. Gave dinner at hotel yesterday to Steel, Clerk of Court, Reber, asst. clk. and Parkinson, Editor of the Nome News – We had a jolly dinner & then, as usual, a good smoke and stories & then all went to the Catholic Ball. In the absence of other escort I walked down with Mrs. Crane & Miss Fink. While the “Standard Theatre” was crowded, yet the ball was not as great a success or as pleasant an event as that of the Masons on Christmas eve. I excused myself & left the ladies with Mr Fink & came home rather early.</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january01b	<p>Slept till noon today, then about 3 o'clock I dressed & went calling – called on Mrs. Judge Reed first – then on Mrs. Crane, Mrs Strong & this evening took dinner with the young men at the “Pioneer Mining Co” rooms. Present Daly, Orton, Johnson of Pioneer Co. their mining foreman, clerk & two expert employees – both of whom were also fine musicians & Mrs. M. Kjelsberg. We had a fine dinner – then cigars & music, - violin & piano. All except Daly, Orton & I were foreigners - & the Russian national anthem, & Swedish Finnish & German songs were sung. Mrs. Kjelsberg sang in Russian, German & English, & danced like a</p>

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	<p>ballet girl. We only remained until 8:30 & then went to hotel & after 10 o'clock I went to Aarctic Brotherhood ball & looked on until 12 o'clock then went home. I am tired of society in Nome, and will not attend any more public functions & very few private ones. The town is “dance mad” – but I have escaped that disease.</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january02and03a	<p>Jan 2nd 1902. Worked in the office all afternoon preparing opinions in cases submitted. I am trying to get everything ready – or rather finished – that is submitted for decision before I go on my trip to the Straits. For three days now we have had a storm in progress but it is raging tonight. It is coming straight from the north – the air is filled with snow, which is driven in rolling, revolving, seething, twisting & penetrating masses – so dense that you cannot see 20 yards, so fierce that you cannot face it, and the drifts are so high that it is almost impossible to travel even if the weather permitted it. I pity any poor fellows out in it tonight. Such a storm is unknown in the upper Yukon country – around Eagle, Circle or Ft. Yukon. We will not attempt to go on our trip until it abates.</p> <p>-Jan 3rd- Storm abated – clear – sun shining. Held court this afternoon – At 3 o'clock attended a dinner party given in the Golden Gate Hall to the Eskimo by Mrs. Daggett.</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january03b	<p>About 40 Eskimo present dressed in skins – furs & native garb. Large & long table spread – cake, coffee-bread etc &c. After a plenteous feast the table was cleared away & we had native songs & dances – also piano-songs & dances by Mrs Daggett & her friends. It is hard to tell who was most delighted - the Eskimo at the whitemans music & dancing or the white people at the Eskimo music & dancing. Photographs were taken at tables & in groups. Each Eskimo also received a parcel of tobacco. Mrs Kjelsberg also gave them a taste of high life with the latest Parisian demi monde dancing – Fathers Van der Pol & Camille were present.</p> <p>After the Eskimo reception I attended</p>

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	a dinner party at Finks : Mr & Mrs Fink, Miss Margaret Fink & Miss Chisholm: Marshal Richards, Forrest, Judge & Mrs Tom Noyes from Candle Creek – Jack Hines & I constituted the party.
Diary 3, 1902 january06a	6 th Saturday at noon I went out with Mrs. J. E. Crane to the big ice floe – half a mile in front of Nome. It is piled 20 feet above the ice pack and seems to rest on a bar. We climbed to the top – only 20 feet, and had a fine view of the Arctic ice field. As far as we could see to the south, east and west the sea was covered with ice – with here and there great winrows – of ice thrown up by the sea and possibly by pressure as the pack came in & lodged. We went on out a mile to where the fishermen were catching crabs - and even on beyond that. Way in the distance we could see the steam rising which sufficiently located open water - probably a lane of water between the packs. We came back and I began court at 2 oclock, having seen a frozen ocean in its arctic beauty, as well as the most glorious sunset, - all in less than two hours. The sunset colors were delicate yet beautiful – delicate rose, blues and grays – whites & baby yellows.
Diary 3, 1902 january06b	Captain Hansen woke me yesterday morning – nearly at noon – too – with an invitation to breakfast. Mr & Mrs Sol –ner. Mr & Mrs. Crane, Mr & Mrs Tom Noyes Hansen, Parkinson & I at breakfast from 1 oclock to 4 by electric light. In the evening Mr & Mrs Crane visited me and spent an hour. Today I held court, through but letter to do. I am appointed Chairman of the Arctic Brotherhood committee on Museum: the committee meets at 3:30 to formulate a plan to put the museum on its feet permanently. At 5 oclock I am to attend a dinner at Mr & Mrs B. F. Miller. – Ed. Crouchs friends – it is an anniversary of their wedding I think. Tonight I will call in & look on awhile at the Episcopal - or Ladys Guild ball. I had expected to get away to the Cape today, but Louis Lane is pulling back – offering unex

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	=pected business as an excuse, but I think the real reason is that he wants to remain over till the athletic exercise at the A.B. hall on Thursday night.
Diary 3, 1902 january08and09	8 th Attended the Episcopal Guild ball on night of 6 th . Tonight I entertained at Dinner : Capt. Hansen and Mr. Turner of the A. C. Co. Judge T. M. Reed, Percy Parkinson, Ed. News, and V. T. Hoggatt, attorney. We had a splendid dinner, and a good hour over the cigars. <u>The first mail of the Season</u> reached here last night. It only brought letters from Dawson, Eagle & lower points – nothing from the outside. I am now already to go north & will leave Friday morning. -9 th - In court for an hour today to finish up some matters. All ready to go on our trip in the morning at 10 oclock. Am taking Kodak & expect to get some good pictures if possible. Had the photographer take my picture – in my dress suit – will have him take me in Parka &c. on return – Will write good letter home just now & then “ <u>ready</u> ”
Diary 3, 1902 january10	10 th Attended the athletic exercises at the Arctic Brotherhood last night, - boxing, wrestling &c. beer & cigars. With Capt. Hansen called on Judge & Mrs. Crane – met Lt. Sunderhoof & spent two hours – Left Nome this morning at 10 oclock, for Cape Prince of Wales, with Louis Lane and dog team 7 dogs & sled. We are dressed in furs – parka – cap & mittens & mukluks or skin boots. Are at the Quartz Creek road house tonight - 20 miles out abreast Sledge Is. Several Eskimo Igloos here – but will not visit them until I come back. Mr. H. A. Thomas keeps the roadhouse – Portland man – 5 yrs in Alaska – wife and child in Portland. Louis told story of cougar which started to jump from one high tree across to another – but after getting 12 feet out in the air, saw he could not reach the next tree, and so turned & jumped back !! Truth, too.

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<p>Diary 3, 1902 january11and12a</p>	<p>-11th- Bill at Quartz Creek \$7.00 for party. Slept badly last night – same old trouble with my neck. Louis & I & 7 dogs occupied a room & one of the dogs insisted on getting into my bed to sleep. Left at 8 o'clock - daylight & dawn – but sun did not rise till 9:30. A beautiful morning – a clear cloudless sky without wind. 35° below zero! For two miles the trail was level & as smooth as ice & our dogs fairly flew with both of us on the sled. From unaccustomed & violent outdoor exercise I felt like Corbett[?] – after he was licked. Lunch at Thirty Mile Roadhouse at noon. \$1.50 Reach California roadhouse for night – 20 miles from Quartz. 34° below zero when we got there & wind blowing. 12th Bill at California Roadhouse \$10.00 I also paid for Louis \$12.00 We left there at 8 this morning - 12° below zero</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1902 january12b</p>	<p>About 4 mi out the wind began to blow and we were in a blizzard all day – or rather two blizzards, for at one point the mountains shielded us for 4 or 5 miles – when it came on with renewed force. The wind blew 40 miles per hour – and the air was filled with sharp snow. We were traveling N.W. and the wind came from the N.E. and it was frightful. We reached the “Oregon” Roadhouse tonight for 32 miles from our starting point this morning. Since leaving Quartz Creek we have traveled either along the beach, on the lagoons or tundra. The mountains are from 5 to 10 miles back from the beach. The Lagoons run parallel with the sea shore and are separated only by a raised sand beach, thus: [captions:] Tundra Lagoon beach. Sea. On the tundra also we crossed many lakes- now frozen to the bottom – but in the summer filled with grass, water, ducks & geese, swan, crane &c</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1902 january12cand13and14a</p>	<p>We met Thos Noyes & his native “Killewaluck”, at the Seattle roadhouse & he came on to this place with us. -13th-</p>

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	<p>Left Oregon roadhouse this morning at 9 and ran into Teller at 12:30 or 20 miles in 3 ½ hours. Beautiful yet cloudy. Could see Cape York & Cape Prince of Wales. Crossed Port Clarence bay on the ice. Took our lunch with Tom Wilson – Bill Fifes cousin & a Tacoma man. Dinner with W. J. Rogers – also a Tacoma man & one of our friends and am staying tonight with Ike Evans, Dep. Marshal – a Tacoma man and one of my friends. He & his little wife have a beautiful little home here. Bill at roadhouse “Oregon” \$9 – paid by Louis. -14th- Left Teller this morning in a snow storm – traveled across the ice to the Teller Reindeer Station, and</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1902 january14b</p>	<p>reached there at 10 o'clock & remained for lunch. The station consists of a long one story house, on the edge of the beach & tundra, and there are on four smaller cabins for stables. Just to the east of the station is the graveyard. Met Mr & Mrs Brevig, & three children Mr. Klemsmith – from Teller. The reindeer herd is over in the Agiapuk. The snow storm increasing we employed our Eskimo boy to guide us across the tundra and lagoons to the next roadhouse. We reached this house just at dusk, - the wind raging but the snow ceased falling : The “Windy Igloo” is situated on the sandspit 26 mi from Teller, & 25 from Cape York. It is a wooden den in the sandbar built of drift wood which lines the outer beach. 2 rooms – one for dogs & the other for the host & travelers. 2 men (white in color) and an Eskimo woman occupied it. Wind rising fast & storm pending. Louis paid bill at Teller = \$10.00</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1902 january15and16</p>	<p>-15th- The wind is raging this morning – coming down from the north, catching up the new fallen snow of yesterday & whirling it along on the ground in dense clouds. It is impossible to face it – or to travel & as it has driven the ice off shore & we must go overland most of the way to Cape York in order to get</p>

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	<p>around the headlands, - we will not move from “Windy Igloo” today. Louis paid our Eskimo guide - name “Sooluk” \$5.00 We had seal meat for breakfast this morning. It tasted somewhat like calves liver – also slight taste of fish – but it is tender & good. -16th-</p> <p>Wind still blowing a gale & thermometer 46° below zero. “Sooluk” left us & went back home – but we will not go for we may have to go several miles inland & the wind, cold & snow make it very dangerous – so we will remain here another day. -17th-</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january17and18a	<p>Wind abated somewhat & we will try to go the beach around headlands between here and Cape York. The ice has gone out before the strong north wind, and we may have to go over the hills. If so it will be a hard, long & cold trip – Unable to get away today on account of the razors in the wind & flying snow. Read “The Little Minister”, & “The Crown of Straw”. -18th-</p> <p>Wind & storm so far abated that we are loading to go – will try to go around the headlands for we can see that the ice has come in again. We owe the Keeper of the “Windy Igloo” the sum of \$38.00 but do not pay it until we come back.</p> <p>Beautiful morning – clear – sun up at 9 o'clock – long ride on ice between Windy Igloo & Cape York. After passing the Cape we met violent winds & flying snow - & also rough ice – thence into Cape York – town – it was a struggle & we reached there at 1 o'clock – cold & sore – Went to</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january18band19and20a	<p>Armands – Mr & Mrs Armand and daughter Emma – son in Nome. Mr. Armand tells me that the two jade peices which he gave me 14 years ago - chisel and adze blade – came from a mound 2 ½ miles above Abrieme - Vancouvers Island – at the confluence of Sumas & Sproat rivers – -19th-</p> <p>Wind blew a hurricane all night & yet this morning. It is Sunday, too so we will not go on to the Cape today</p>

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	<p>although it is but 15 miles, & good trail. It is bitter cold, & snow is boiling out of the gulches. There are but two families left in York – where a year ago they had great expectations as a mining camp. It is the windiest spot on earth. -20th-</p> <p>Left Cape York – or rather the mouth of York river this morning at 9 o'clock in an icy blast for the straits. We ran to the Indian Village Pelezerut – 5 miles</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january20band21	<p>then hired Eskimo boy as guide A bitter storm was raging – wind fog & snow – as we rounded the Cape. Great masses of ice piled on shore – rough – broken – wind from all directions – such a storm as greeted the daughter of Herodias (See 1st Chap. of the Wandering Jew). Rounded the most westerly point of either of the American continents in this terrible storm & reached Mr Lopp at 3 o'clock – received a warm welcome – white bear steak for supper and reindeer for breakfast. -21st-</p> <p>Wrote letter to Debbie & sent out to Cape York p. b. by some Eskimo boys. Attended an Eskimo dance this afternoon in the “Koz-ge”. Will describe it in my Notes – Bringing some curios – or rather ethnological specimens from the natives.</p> <p>Attended dance in Eskimo “Koz-ge” & treated to a case of hardtack.</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january22and23and24	<p>-22-</p> <p>Attended native dance in “Koz-ge” Buying specimens of Eskimo work all day – gave another case of hard tack – to the Koz ge nearest to the hill.</p> <p>23rd</p> <p>Visited many native houses today with “Ok-ba-ok”, the chief & bought some fine jade specimens.</p> <p>24th</p> <p>Finished visiting the native houses with Ok-bá-ok. We did not miss a house, and I talked (through the interpreter) with them & their mode</p>

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	<p>of life – hunting – sealing & working Visited the “Koz ge” & found it full of workers – at mid afternoon - & tonight attend a reception there - music – dancing – theatricals, feasting. As each family came in it was received by the drummers & singers & those coming in danced. After the feast for those “received” they departed in the same order with music, & dancing.</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january25and26	<p>-25th- Went out 3 miles on the ice this forenoon to the drift ice. Current toward the north at the rate of one miles in 2 hours measured by watch & walking. Current filled to the brim with ice – broken – floes & slush Grand & magnificent stream of ice flowing northward. Spent the evening with Ok-bā-ok writing a vocabulary. -Sunday 26th- Spent day writing notes & in afternoon went to Indian church. Went to afternoon church service with Mr. Lopp. Eskimo girl played the organ, and the natives sang without hesitancy both religious and national songs – I spoke to them for half an hour on the laws of Alaska - a native offered prayer. It was a strange meeting here on the westernmost point of the American continent. Mr Lopp acted as interpreter for me & also made a speech to them</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january27	<p>-27th- Bad weather to this date – dreadful winds – snow & too inclement to hunt. This evening, however, is clear calm & colder & I hope tomorrow will be nice. If so I will climb the mountain & make Kodak views around the cape. Today I worked on vocabulary with Ok-bā-ok the chief – with the assistance of M. Lopp & Louis Lane. The Eskimo have already brought in some seals Wrote a letter to Debbie tonight and it will go to Nome by Eskimo carrier tomorrow. Have made arrangements to go up coast 35 miles to Mr Lopp's rein =deer herd & thence with reindeer & sleds with native drivers across country to</p>

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	<p>Teller – in about a week. Am getting a fine collection of Eskimo curios - many jade specimens – old Russian bells – dated 1817, &c. Louis will go from here – when I go north – straight down coast to Teller & wait for me.</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january28a	<p>28th Beautiful clear cold morning 7 o'clock : Everybody from the Eskimo village going out on the ice – men women & children – singing & happy harvest day for fish & seal. Mr. Lopp, Mrs. Bernhardt & I go to the top of the mountain. THE CADET We reached the top of the highest peak just east of the cape at 11 o'clock & from its summit could see Berings Sea at our feet, and to the southward across the ice floes King Island. To the north spread the Arctic Ocean which we could see from almost at the foot of the mountain as far as the eye could reach. To the west Berings straits filled with ice, the Diomedes Islands & looming over them the high land of East Cape of Asia. Standing upon the spot where</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january28b	<p>Eugene Sue declares the daughter of Herodias stood as she gazed upon the “Wandering Jew” on East Cape We, too, distinctly saw that head land of the old World. At one glance to see America and Asia – the Arctic Ocean Berings Straits and Berings sea is an incident to be remembered. The Straits are filled with floating ice, - the Eskimos go out - & did today – for miles to hunt seal. They often cross to the islands on the floating ice, and many have crossed to Asia with dog teams on the solid ice. – Such an excursion is most common, though, in the summer when the journey is made in one day in their boats. While on the mountain today I named it “THE CADET,” & carved the words on a flat granite slab on its very summit. It is as clean & graceful as a cadet – its symmetry suggested the name & I shall write to the Depts at Washington & try & have the name perpetuated. If “The Cadet” looks down upon the Cape Prince of Wales it will!</p>
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january29and30	<p>Hurt my eye with flying fragment of granite in carving name yesterday on the mountain – and this morning it pains me very much. Took dozen views with Kodak today – think some are good. An Eskimo hunter – “Na-dat {tax-ite}-sot failed to get off the mooring ice in the straits this evening – he was wet to his waist, and will have to remain out on the floating ice all night. He was once before out for three days & nights. -30th-</p> <p>Nothing seen or heard of the lost hunter “Na – tax – ite”. The natives refuse to go out with boats, which they say would be crushed. The wind changed from south to east last night & they now think he will reach either the Diomedes or East Cape. Natives are often carried away & reach Point Hope, the Diomedes, Siberia or even points far down the Bering sea. Natives from the Asiatic shore are likewise carried off to this shore. Writing vocabulary & collecting</p>
Diary 3, 1902 january31andfebruary01	<p>31st Nothing from the lost native yet. I am about ready to go home. I have made all the purchases I care to & can do but little with the vocabulary for want of time & a quiet place to do the work. Then I am annoyed by Louis & his dogs. He seems to think I ought to surrender my comfort to that of the dogs & fills my room with them. He has grown cranky about it and has made me very uncomfortable for the last two or three days & I am determined now to go as soon as possible & escape further annoyance. We will start probably Monday morning. -Febry 1- Worked today burning out two earthen pots from an old kitchen – where they are buried in sand. Attended a dance at the Koz-ge tonight & also the athletes exhibitions there this afternoon. The reindeer came in today to take me out on trip on Monday-</p>
Diary 3, 1902 february02	<p>Sunday Feb. 2nd A bright day but so windy & cold that it was impossible to go about with comfort. 5° below zero & blowing a gale from the east. If</p>

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	<p>it is quiet tomorrow we will start home. I only need to dig out the two pots & pack my curios & we can start in an hour. The trip has been all I expected only that I did not get to hunt. I had hoped, too, that some unusual condition might enable us to cross to the Diomedes on the ice – but the loss of Na-tax-ite has scared me out from sealing on the ice pack & no weather fit for hunting white bear has favored us in that respect. I am getting anxious, too, about my outside mail, which ought to be in Nome by this time. So will probably pack and go: Recd. long letter from Mrs. Bernhardi, the government Eskimo teacher here, today – it is a tale of woe – she ought to have been born a man -3rd-</p>
Diary 3, 1902 february03and04a	<p>Spend today in preparation for our return journey to begin tomorrow. Failed to get the pots thawed out, & will only have two to take with me. Everything else that I want & have had a pleasant & profitable (from an ethnological standpoint) visit. Have been treated with the kindest consideration by Mr & Mrs Lopp & feel under many obligations to them. -4th- Beautiful morning - 16° below zero & we start for Cape York. Mr. Lopp goes with us – several reindeer & sleds go also. We left the Cape about noon – the Eskimo driver ahead on his sled. I followed on sled, & Mrs. Bernhardi & Mr Lopp followed on separate sleds Louis followed behind with the dog team. It was a beautiful day - clear & cold – a cloudless sky & the thermometer 16° below zero. We went east along the Arctic shore &</p>
Diary 3, 1902 february04band05	<p>across the tundra until we reached passed around the mountain mass which constitutes the highland of the Cape & thence crossed southward to the Bering Sea beach & thence along the beach to York. I made several exposures with the Kodak to get photographs of “the Cadet” & the Cape, - hope I succeeded. I enjoyed the reindeer sled ride very</p>

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	<p>much. Went to Armands for the night. Said to Mr & Mrs. Armand that I would appoint him a bailiff in court for the Feb. term beginning 17th -5th.</p> <p>We left York this morning in company with Humber, the mail carrier, who had a dog team of 5 dogs to sled. Made a rapid run to Teller, which we reached tonight at 7:30 – traveled 50 miles. Stopped over at Brevigs – Teller Reindeer station for supper & a rest - & came rest of the way - 8 miles across the bay after dark in snow storm. Went to Ike Evans & staid all night – had a refreshing sleep in a good bed.</p>
Diary 3, 1902 february06	<p>-6th.</p> <p>Left Teller early & ran all day & reached the California road house for the night – 50 miles out of Teller. We saw a snowy or Arctic owl & Louis killed a white fox with the Gun – but it was fast in a trap.</p> <p>-7th.</p> <p>We left the California roadhouse at 6:30 this morning & got into Nome this afternoon at 3 oclock - 40 miles. = 140 miles in 3 days – from York river to Nome & I ran with the dogs a fair part of the time – at least a fourth - & that too at 6 miles an hour. I found only one outside mail in & <u>no letter from home</u>. Another mail is expected hourly – expected! News by telegraph today that Judge Noyes has been removed by the President – but the information lacks authenticity. Wrote Debbie a short letter – took bath – put on clean clothes – am now in clean nightgown & in bed – <u>good night</u>.</p>
Diary 3, 1902 february08	<p>-8th.</p> <p>Found that an outside mail had reached here some days ago & some letters were awaiting me, but none from home. Several from Eagle. Appointed Major Strong jury Comr. & started to work promptly. Another mail reported near & will be in in a day or two – Report that Judge Noyes has been removed</p>

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	<p>by the President seems doubtful. spent the day in arranging my room – bought a new desk & put in - & put up Eskimo curios.</p> <p>My trip to the Cape has been of great service to me in my study of American ethnology: I conclude from a careful examination of the conditions there & in Alaska generally that there was no obstacle to the migration of the Mongolian people <u>via</u> the straits to America. such a migration necessarily result =ed from the presence of people there for there are enforced migrants every year carried to the opposite shores from the seal hunters on the floating ice.</p>
Diary 3, 1902 february09and10and11a	<p>Sunday 9th</p> <p>Have been arranging my Eskimo collection on the walls of my room at the Golden Gate hotel. Took dinner at Capt. Hansons – present Mr & Mrs Crane, Mr & Mrs. Carter, Dr. Call, Mrs. Hoggatt, Mrs. Burrill, the Capt. & I – “Gee” did himself proud – and he thanked me for the nice letter I wrote him acknowledging his Christmas cake. New “<u>Rules of Court</u>” printed – a good job.</p> <p>10th</p> <p>No mail yet – although expected hourly. Court business beginning slowly – Attended “<u>roof garden party</u>” (really a beer garden function) given by the K. of P. at Golden Gate Hotel tonight. Since I went away the Golden Gate hall has been enlarged to twice its former size, and yet it was crowded to suffocation.</p> <p>-11th.</p> <p><u>Mail!</u> The long delayed and wished for outside mail has just arrived, and is partly distributed. I am in receipt of a letter from Heilig <u>announcing that Judge Noyes has</u></p>
Diary 3, 1902 february11b	<p>been removed by the President. on Dec. 14th. Have also a good long letter from Senator Foster of date Nov. 12, saying that I would probably be assigned to Nome although he had then no certain information about it. The Senator says that during his conference with the Atty Genl. the latter read him a telegram from one of the San Fran. commercial Companies asking that I be transferred to Nome – this must have been Capt. Hibbards telegram,</p>

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	<p>for the petition, telegrams, letters &c. &c. from the bar, companies & people of Nome did not leave here until Oct. 30, on the "Barbara Hunster" & could not have reached Washington before some time in the first of December. The removal of Judge Noyes on the 14th of Dec. must have been after all these had been in the hands of the President – so that it looks as if I am liable to remain here.</p> <p>Heilig send me Claypools reports for approval – and writes of the murder of one Christianson by Harry Owens, who is now in jail for the crime. I also recd. \$1268.50 – salary for April Mch, May & June 1901.</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1902 february11cand12</p>	<p>Received short letter from Debbie with the bad news that Howard is again very ill – this time with pleurisy. Dr. Yocum has attended him - & it was necessary to pierce his lung with a needle – but with favorable results. She writes me that he is some better – but not yet out of danger. I pray that he may recover – our other son died in my absence and it is too much for the mother to bear alone. She writes me that Darrell is doing well this year – <u>Good!</u></p> <p>Received a very pleasant letter from Leigh Hunt, at Chennelp[?], Korea – forwarded by Gov. McGraw at Seattle.</p> <p>-12th-</p> <p>Held court this forenoon and called the motion calendar: dictated letters to George all afternoon, in answer to yesterdays mail. Blizzard prevailed all day, but clear and still tonight. Sat for picture at photographer today – my Kodak views are much better than I expected – of the Cape.</p>
<p>Diary 3, 1901 back cover map</p>	<p>[captions:] Tundra Cape Prince of Wales The Cadet, 2600 ft East Cape Diomedes Fairway Cape Prince of Wales</p> <p>Rognon July 19, 1901 \$2475. E. G. R.</p>