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Diary 7, 1903-4 front cover	Diary <u>James Wickersham</u> <u>Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1903</u> To <u>July 31, 1904.</u>
Diary 7, 1903 september17and18	<u>Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1903.</u> Reached Valdez today from westward on the U.S. Rev. Cutter “Rush”. We left Rampart Aug 12 <sup>th</sup> and St Micheal on the “Rush” on Aug 21 <sup>st</sup> . Held court at Nushagak on Bristol Bay on Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> Paid Captain Fenger. for mess during my trip \$54.00 -Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> - Busy cleaning up my desk and answering mail. Nothing from Debbie yet, but the mail is expected hourly on the “Bertha.” Appointed Geo. M. Love, a jury commissioner & he and the clerk drew the grand and trial jury for the Oct. term today, in the courtroom – present newspaper men – Harlan, Perry, Geoghehan, Ed Harlan & others.
Diary 7, 1903 september19and20	Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> Worked in office all day – on Mt. McKinly -Sep. 20 <sup>th</sup> - In company with L. C. Larson, photographer, climbed the mountain on north of Valdez – he gave out and cam back but, like a fool, I went on to the top. Brush very bad for 2000 feet, and also great glacial furrows parallel to the general course of Valdez basin – these are extremely interesting & conclusively prove that Valdez glacier once extended to Prince Williams Sound & was at least half a mile deep. Was late in coming back & my boots were slick & I fell – many times & was so exhausted that I got into the brush again & could not find my way down – always on the edge of a precipice & having to travel along the glacial furrows: Finally I saw the fire Larson had built on the flats and heard him shout & guided through the darkness by his voice & fire at 9 o'clock I reached the flats - & thence home in the boat. It was the meanest climb I have had – only 5,000 feet, but the glacial furrows, brush, ferns, grass, & perpendicular walls made it both rough & dangerous.
Diary 7, 1903 september21and22 and23and24and25a	- Sep. 21. – Engaged in signing orders for licenses &c. to help check up with his business. Sore as a boil. -Sep 22 – Working on Mt. McKinley story & signing formal court orders. -Sep. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Same as yesterday. -Sep. 24 <sup>th</sup> - Sore as a boil this week and doing very little. -Sep 25- “Bertha” in this morning from the westward: Clegg & wife came in & he is ready for work. Vessel goes

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	out loaded with returning miners, &c. <u>Rendered decision</u> in case of White, et. al. v. Town Council involving dog license; held with town. Recd. a mass of affidavits from Gallagher in relation to charge of immorality against him at Kodiak. Also a letter from Rev. T. Shamaloff saying that he had forwarded affidavits against Gallagher
Diary 7, 1903 september25band26	to Sitka for translation – they are in Russian but will be back on next boat. I have determined to remove Gallagher whether he is guilty or not & have suggested to F. D. Kelsey, of Leedy & Kelsey that he go out there. He is a good lawyer, quiet & domestic, has a clever quiet wife & three or four children & will I think cure up the sore. He has just informed me that they will accept the place – will not make the change for a short time – not until Gallagher comes in & the priests affidavits arrive. -Sep 26 <sup>th</sup> - Worked in office all day – divided public fund between Valdez & the School Dist. -Sep 26 <sup>th</sup> - Went out to Valdez Glacier with Rob. Coles prospecting. Found colors in the glacial matter at foot of glacier & panned considerable & spent the day around in the lower end of the glacier. The steamer “ <u>Santa Ana</u> ” in – but <u>no letters from Debbie</u> .
Diary 7, 1903 september27	-27 <sup>th</sup> - Mrs. Perry came in on Santa Ana yesterday & says Mrs. W will be in on next boat. <u>Good!</u> Whittlesey is spreading himself at Kayak & as he has not yet made a single report since he was appointed I have concluded to remove him & will send Clegg down there until I can get some one else to take the place. Recd. letter from Burleigh yesterday, filed with Clerk. Today young Shackleford called & said he, too, was employed in the Chitina case by plaintiff & had heard that I was biased against plaintiff and gave Hoggatt as the authority. I am very much disgusted at Hoggatt if he said anything of that kind – I have been his friend & he mine & I did not believe that he could so far mis-understand me as even to believe such a thing. The plaintiff has also employed Cushman & now are to employ Ostrander – it occurs to me as if they are trying to arouse my prejudice rather than depend upon the testimony.
Diary 7, 1903 september29and30	-29- Went over to Ft. Liscum & had lunch with Dr & Mrs. Bartlett. Have turned the Whittlesey matter over to Mr. Harlan, who is giving it his particular attention. -30 <sup>th</sup> - Mail in today <u>via</u> Eagle, nothing of importance and none yet from Debbie. Letter & report from Fred Crouch, condemning

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	<p>70 Mile claims. Good reports from Edgar about Fairbanks mines – are getting better. Writes me that Pedro has sold out for \$25,000, which is a sensible thing for him to do – at his age &amp; with his inexperience as a manager. Noble doing fine on Cleary – <u>next to my mine</u>. Prepaid my quarterly expense account \$350.70 and voucher for salary for Sept. <del>\$407.60</del> &amp; sent them in by mail. 758.30</p>
Diary 7, 1903 october01and02a	<p>Octo. 1. Finished my “<u>First Attempt to Ascend Mt. McKinly</u>” and shall send it to the National Geographic Magazine with map and photographs. Finished appointment of Clegg as Comr. at Kayak &amp; instructions to him &amp; Ed. Harlan &amp;c. Octo. 2<sup>nd</sup> Str. Santa Ana came from westward &amp; Dr. Fredk. A. Cook &amp; his party from Mt. McKinly came in - they got to the mountain, found our camps and reached <u>the same height that we did</u> – about a mile farther around on the finger tips of the Hanna glacier (Peters glacier it is called on an unpublished map). They went round the mountain &amp; came down the Chulitna river &amp; think the <u>mountain cannot be climbed!</u> But I <u>think it can!</u> Cook gave me a copy of Brooks unpublished map, which contains all of the errors on Kantishna outlet, &amp;c. Shall continue to work on my story &amp; map &amp;c. &amp; send to Geographic Magazine. Santa Ana went out at 10 a.m.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 october02band05a nd09	<p>Have carefully examined the record &amp; papers in <u>Rahenstorf v. Kaffenburgh</u>, from Rampart, &amp; the testimony taken by Heilig as referee &amp; it is such an inextricable muddle that I have this day returned it to Heilig &amp; ordered him to take more testimony upon certain specific points mentioned in my order. -Octo. 5- Have finished my Mt. McKinley story &amp; have rewritten my Rampart opinion In re Burkel, and cleaned up much of my court work &amp; am now ready to go into the Chittyna Ex. Co. v. McClellan. et. al. with vigor. Have today telegraphed Atty. Genl. for approval of expenditure of \$8,000. for new courthouse &amp; jail here – will save \$1740 per annum rent. -9<sup>th</sup>- Spent the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> on a goat hunt up the gulches heading into the Chugach range south of Valdez – but it rained and snowed all the time - we had a glorious tramp but no luck after goats.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 october12and14and17	<p>-Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>- Str. “Jeanie” in today – <u>Mrs. W. came</u> Also Hogatt, Carson &amp; Arthur, Attys for Plft &amp; Dft. in Chittyna case. {also Miss Clark, stenographer.} <u>Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the Richards</u></p>

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	<p><u>case – evidence not sufficient.</u> Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Wickersham has had another attack of her lung trouble – a heavy chill &amp; high fever following, and particularly so last night. Am having a peck of trouble about courthouse &amp; Jail site. The government owns sufficient land in the reservation at McKinly &amp; Reservation sts. but there are some private interests to be settled &amp; these are stubborn. Am trying to force them to compromise &amp; get out of the way. -Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>- “Jeanie” went out with mail for south. Heard motion to set Chityna case for argument - did not do so on account of absence of Attorneys for plaintiffs. Debbie is better.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 october18and19a	<p>-Oct 18<sup>th</sup>- Have completed my “Instructions to Grand Jury,” and intend now to write chapter for Helm, at his special request on “<u>The Courts of Alaska: Needed Legislation and Possibilities of the Country.</u>” He writes me that he intends to publish a book under the auspices of the National Geographic Society, and dedicate it to Roosevelt, and hopes to make it the standard work on Alaska.- We are having more trouble with courthouse site. –Brown &amp; Ausy[?] do not want to join in opening streets &amp; taking a specific tract of land, but seem to want more land and a cash bonus from the people. In my judgment they are first class porkers! -Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>- Several miners returned last night from the new strike which they made on the upper east waters of the Sushitna river; they are in the employ of Al. White, the boss saloon</p>
Diary 7, 1903 october19band21	<p>man of Valdez who outfitted them this spring Pete Monahan was their leader &amp; he brings in about \$1400. worth of good looking gold &amp; says it is a rich strike. They have visited me with their samples, and named one of the creeks “Wickersham Creek.” -Oct. 20 Rob. Coles and his “pardner” want to go into the new strike on the Sushitna and I have agreed to furnish the provisions &amp; be “1/3 pardner” also. “<u>Reception to Court Officials tonight</u>” is placarded all over the streets today -21<sup>st</sup>- Reception last night was a great success. Both floors of the McKinley Hall building were decorated &amp;c. Reception downstairs – dancing upstairs, fine music, songs, dancing, &amp;c. but no speeches, thank goodness. [Card reads:] “PUBLIC RECEPTION</p>

	<p>TENDERED BY THE CITIZENS OF VALDEZ Under Auspices of the Valdez Chamber of Commerce -TO THE- United States District Court Officials Tuesday Evening, October, 20<sup>th</sup>, 1903 -McCKINLEY HALL-</p> <p>Guests of Honor JUDGE JAMES WICKERSHAM AND WIFE DISTRICT ATTY N. V. HARLAN AND WIFE UNITED STATES MARSHAL GEO. G. PERRY AND WIFE”</p>
Diary 7, 1903 october23and25	<p>-23<sup>rd</sup>- “Bertha” in last night – Debbie got a letter from Darrell who has got back to work all right – secured “two stripes”. in new arrangement of classes. Ed. Harlan back from Kayak with report signed by Clegg &amp; him in re Whittlesey matter Court Monday – Telegram from Sitka – Santa Ana there on her way up.</p> <p>Mrs. Wickersham has invited Arthur, Carson, McLellan, Hoggatt, Miss Clark, Mr. Hughes, Birch, to whist tonight. -25<sup>th</sup>- We took Sunday dinner with Mr. &amp; Mrs. Rudolph who are from Buckley. Busy in preparing my instructions to grand jury.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 october26and28a	<p>-Octo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1903- October term begun today. Organized the grand jury, appointed L. Archibald foreman, called the docket &amp; heard some small matters -Octo 28<sup>th</sup> 1903- <u>A Red Letter Day.</u> The Santa Ana came in at 2 o'clock today. Senator Heyburn &amp; wife, Congressman Cushman &amp; wife, and Andrew J. Burleigh &amp; wife came in – the men are the attorneys – with Hoggatt &amp; Hubbard - in the cases involving the Bonanza group of Copper Mines on the Chityna river – involving a million dollars &amp; more – also the Railroad &amp;c. McKenzie Comr. from Koyukuk, Helm of the Ry. Co. and a large number of other prominent people also came – witnesses, stenographers &amp;c. The array is now complete on both sides of this important case, &amp; we may now be able to get court matters to working firmly.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 october28b	<p><u>Received also two copies of First Alaska Reports,</u> from West Pub. Co. St. Paul, Minn. I am very greatly pleased at the appearance of this book which I arranged, indexed &amp; edited last fall &amp; which now gives me a historical standing in the judicial plan of Alaskan courts. The</p>

	<p>book is printed &amp; bound in first class style - after the best form of the Federal Reporter. <u>Received letter from Darrell enclosing, only, his commission as Lieutenant, Junior Grade, at Annapolis.</u> This I understand to be his position in the organization of his class of 76 members, and lasts only until his graduation but it establishes his standing in <u>efficiency,</u> as an organizer and manager of men &amp; as such is very gratifying to me – and to his mother. He writes to her a very happy letter &amp; seems as please about it as we are.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 october31	<p>-Octo. 31<sup>st</sup>- Have been consulting with Gov. Leedy for several days about taking an option on a group of copper claims, 34 in number, on Copper creek and Klavesna, the upper waters of the Kotsina river owned by Scotty Crawford and the Ammons, husband &amp; wife. Have agreed to advance \$500. on an option, so that we may have time to go outside and sell the mines. Have told the Gov. about Charles Sweeney of Spokane, who asked me to look out for an opportunity of that kind &amp; he has a man also who wants such an investment. We will both go outside to sell if we get the option. Have called the docket &amp;c. and arranged a civil jury trial list (calendar), and also a partial criminal calendar. Will begin on the Banta murder case on Monday</p>
Diary 7, 1903 november02and04a	<p>-Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>- The case of Chitina Co. v. McClellan, et. al. involving the famous Bonanza copper mines came up today &amp; counsel have all day long “sparred for an opening”. Motion after motion has been submitted &amp; passed upon &amp; yet it goes over until tomorrow for another. Have set the Banta case for tomorrow morning. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Heard Banta case all day yesterday – got the jury only. Heard the Bonanza cases in the evening on motion to open testimony and hear oral testimony on trial, which I refused to do. The testimony was taken according to stipulation under the order of the court fixing limits of time for each side. Both sides took full testimony of witnesses in Alaska by referee, and in New York, San Francisco, Manila &amp; other distant places by deposition. The defendants relied</p>
Diary 7, 1903 november04band05a	<p>upon this and brought no witnesses here, but plaintiffs produced a long affidavit from Geo. M. Percine, wherein Percine replenishes his testimony heretofore taken by deposition by strong statements that certain important witnesses for the defendants who are not now in Alaska had retracted their former sworn testimony in</p>

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	<p>important particulars – the method offers so many chances for success through perjury &amp; such a temptation thereto. Upon agreement the case of <u>U.S. v. Banta</u> went over until this evening &amp; I am hearing the arguments in the <u>Bonanza</u> cases. Burleigh &amp; Cushman have been heard this forenoon &amp; Senator Heyburn will take up the argument after lunch. -Nov {5<sup>th</sup>} 10<sup>th</sup>- Heard Bonanza case argued on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. Burleigh, Cushman, Hoggatt, opened case for plaintiff. Brown Arthur &amp; Carson argued for the Defts.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 november05band07and08	<p>and Senator Heyburn closed the case for the plaintiff: Burleigh &amp; Senator Heyburn made strong arguments. Brown made a good presentation of the defendants case: Arthur did badly but Carson did fair. Have taken case under advisement &amp; will read testimony, 2000 or more pages, &amp;c. -Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – Have been engaged all week on trial of Banta, &amp; just got it to the jury tonight. Finished instructing the jury after 12 o'clock. -Nov 8<sup>th</sup>- <u>Sunday</u>. Jury in Banta case rendered verdict “<u>Not guilty by reason of insanity</u>,” a bad verdict for defendant as it sends him to the Insane Asylum without limit &amp; with a bad record to keep him there.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 november09and10and11a	<p>-Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>- Reception tonight to Heyburn &amp; Cushman at McKinley Hall, by the Arctic Brotherhood &amp; Chamber of Commerce. Trying cases in court every day - Grand jury &amp; trial jury both each morning. -Nov. 10.- Str. “<u>Newport</u>” from west today with jurors from Unalaska and Unga. <u>Nome city</u> in tonight – <u>Heyburns</u>, <u>Cushman</u>, <u>Hoggatt</u> &amp; many others go out on her. United States v. Ryan, shooting scrape at Kenai, on trial. -Nov 11<sup>th</sup>- During court this forenoon received telegram from Tacoma. “<u>Ed. Hamilton died this morning typhoid pneumonia</u>.” Chas. Bedford. This removes the local opposition to Senator Foster for reelection as U.S. Senator.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 november11b	<p>Case of U.S. v. Balamotoff – murder, on trial. Telegram from Judge Lyons at Rep. Con. at Juneau - Whitehead &amp; his Nome delegation were seated – Johnson-Richards outfit threatening to bolt – I am surprised</p>

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	<p>that Judge Johnson should tie up with Richards – Grigsby et.al. Latest papers report that Grigsby has been ordered to Washington to answer charges – He is lucky – he has not yet had to spend a winter in Alaska – has had his salary all the time &amp; spent his winters in Washington. Hope they will dismiss him, now, though, for he is a thoroughly corrupt &amp; vicious man. The Non-Partisan Convention on Oct. 26. declared against territorial government &amp; Ex.-Gov. Swineford <u>bolted</u>! Verily he is an unfair politician – he wished to impose an expensive government on the people whether they want it or not.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 november17and20a	<p>-Nov. 17.- Am about through with jury work. The grand jury was discharged on Saturday afternoon (the 14<sup>th</sup>) after making their final reports. Have tried a case a day so far &amp; think I will be through tomorrow. Have today accepted Gallaghers. resignation at Kodiak and appointed Kelsey in his place. Will appoint Gallagher at Copper Center or some other good place. Have also appointed Geo. C. Britton at Kayak, and sent Whittlesey there to act as his clerk. -Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>- Hear today that Ft. Gibbon was burned yesterday, together with commissary stores &amp;c. leaving 110 soldiers with buildings, clothes or food at the beginning of bitter winter- Have this day paid J. E. Teeter for half int. with him in trip to Ellemar copper mines – he is to acquire interest for us - &amp;</p>
Diary 7, 1903 november20band28and29	<p>to aid him in doing so have paid all his expenses there &amp; back amt. to \$25.00 -Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>- Rendered decision in Copper Co. v. McClellan et. al. the celebrated Chitina river copper case. Senator Heyburn of Idaho, Congressman Cushman of Wash. Burleigh of N.Y. &amp;c. were attorneys for plaintiff- decided case for the <u>defendant</u> on ground that plaintiffs testimony was not sufficient. Great crowd in attendance. Debbie and I are living quietly at the “Imperial” rooms: C. S. Bratton &amp; wife props. We go out, now, on the Santa Ana. Debbie sick once in a while – better below than up here. -Nov. 29-</p>
	<p>Eagle mail in – received a nice letter from Senator Fairbanks acknowledging receipt of gold pan &amp;c. from Fairbanks mines</p>

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<p>Diary 7, 1903 december02and03a</p>	<p><del>Dec Nov 2-</del> Str. "Santa Ana" in with mail – have my leave of absence. Busy finishing up court business – Granted Mrs. Garratt a divorce – also Mrs. Dupuy – the latter is said to be Rochfords friend – of the "News" &amp; he is going to marry her. <del>Dec Nov 3rd-</del> Gave Rob Coles a hundred dollars -on grub stake for the year – also my 30-40 gun &amp; ammunition. He will probably get to Fairbanks in spring. Boat goes tomorrow – created the Copper Center recording precinct &amp; appointed <u>Andrew Holman</u> <del>ree-comr.</del> Lawyers signing a petition for my reappointment Godell &amp; Hubbard refuse to sign Godell because I refused to appoint him Comr. at Kayak, &amp; Hubbard</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1903 december03band04 and05a</p>	<p>because I decided the Chittyna Co. copper case for the defendants! -4th- Left Valdez at 10 oclock this a.m. on Str. <u>Santa Ana</u> for Seattle-Tacoma. Debbie and I have room 24 – a very comfortable room. Burleigh &amp; wife, Birch, Carson, Arthur, Brown, Harlan, Mrs. Garratt, Miss Clark, – all of the remainder of the Copper case aboard including witnesses. -5th- Spent yesterday afternoon at Ella -mar loading ore – I went with another man in a rowboat to "Tatetlik" the Indian village 3 miles down the bay &amp; bought fine bow &amp; arrows &amp;c. At midnight we left <del>that</del></p>
<p>Diary 7, 1903 december05band09 a</p>	<p>Ellamar &amp; went <u>via</u> Orca &amp; Eyak, for the mail, &amp; now we are passing out at west end of Mitcheck Is- Beautiful day – cloudless &amp; the mountains are grand &amp; beautiful. -snow white – serrated – the sound still and calm -9th- From the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> to today we were in storms – all the way from the Copper river to Sitka. Our ship got into Kayak that night and unloaded but we did not find Yakatat, and lay out 50 miles from shore two nights in the trough of the sea rolling from side to side. We reached Sitka at noon today Burleigh and most everybody was dreadfully</p>

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	<p>sea sick – but he and I probably the most disgracefully so. I may as well confess, also, that I was scared too.</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1903 december09band11 a</p>	<p>Had lunch (Mrs W &amp; I &amp; Mr. Harlan) with Capt. and Mrs. Jarvis &amp; visited Sitka an hour. We met the "Excelsior" there going to Valdez. Kashevaroff the Russian translator gave me several more pages of Russian book on citizenship which he is translating for me. <u>Paid Capt. Jarvis</u> \$50.00 on act. same – will have account paid from public fund. We are now lying some miles from Sitka, <u>quiet and still</u>, waiting for the tide to rise to carry us through some shallow place between the islands. We will probably sleep some tonight – for me the first in four nights. Neither Debbie nor I could either eat or sleep- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Arrived at Juneau at noon today- Visited Judge Brown &amp; the lawyers. Drew order to pay Jarvis \$400</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1903 december11band13</p>	<p>on account detective work in U.S. v. Idleman. Saw Billy Bery &amp; wife, Dr. Goddard, Lafoon &amp; other friends Left at 4 oclock for the south. -13th- Creeping along – anchored last night in Ketchikan harbor – crossed Dixon Entrance today – examined Cape Chacon Dixons Entrance, Cape Fox, Boundary line, Wales Island, &amp; Portland Canal from vessel as we came by- Am satisfied that our national rights were prejudiced in the recent settlement of the boundary question by the Joint Commission in London. We lost Pearse &amp; Wales Islands &amp; a vast area inland lying within the thirty mile limit to which we were entitled in lieu of a line along a range of mountains. England usually gets the best a land grabbing squabbles such as this was.</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1903 december15and16</p>	<p>-15th- Pitching and rolling just south of Seymour Narrows which we passed at breakfast time. We are to go into Lady -smith for coal – this takes up nearly or quite 48 hours more time. -16th- <u>Ladysmith. B. C.</u> We anchored in Ladysmith this morning at 2 p.m. &amp; tonight we are still loading coal. Birch left us on the early morning train &amp; went to Victoria where he will go by boat to Seattle. Visited the Tye Copper Co's smelter with the smelter manager Thos. Kiddie &amp; inspected</p>

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	<p>the plant and process. Took lunch &amp; dinner at the “Abbotsford” &amp; Debbie seemed to enjoy the walk &amp; the balmy weather. Ladysmith is a very thriving place, with its railroad, coal bunkers, mines, smelter &amp; mills.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 december17and18	<p>-17<sup>th</sup>- Arrived in Seattle at 2 p.m. &amp; went to the Rainier-Grand Hotel. Harlan and Balliet are now working politics for Harlan for judge &amp; Balliet for Dist. Atty. Spent evening in meeting old friends &amp; acquaintances. -18<sup>th</sup>- Came over to Tacoma this afternoon Met Masterson in Seattle. - He is now the Cashier of the First Nat. Bank of Seattle &amp; wants to organize a National Bank in Fairbanks. Gave him the Barnette – Woods letter &amp; promised to go back and meet him on Monday or Tuesday. Telegraphed to Sweeney at Spokane asking to make an appointment.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 december22and23	<p>-Dec. 22- Visited Seattle. Saw Piles &amp; he will give me all the assistance he can in reappointment. Took lunch with Capt. Humphrey. &amp; wife at the “Lincoln”. Traveled on Inter urban road. -Dec. 23- Wrote letter to B. Cleudening. to get C. Sweeney (<u>copy</u>) “B. Cleudening, Spokane, Wash. Dear Sir: “I am anxious to meet Mr. Charles Sweeney on import ant business about an Alaskan copper mine. “I go east to New York &amp; Washington about January 5. Will he be in Spokane by that time? I could “stop then and see him, – or will I be able to meet “him in the east. Wont you advise me how I can “certainly meet him. James Wickersham” Dr. Queoli examined Debbies lungs this afternoon and pronounced her afflicted with tuberculosis &amp; advises a warm climate at once.</p>
Diary 7, 1903 december24and28a nd31andjanuary08a	<p>Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Dr. Hill examined Debbies lungs and gives us much more hope than Dr. Queoli - Dec. 26.- Visited Buckley – went to see Jennie her new husband and bright home, &amp; spent Sunday with mother. -31<sup>st</sup>- Went to Olympia yesterday to prepare opinion in Fish &amp; Hemple as the cause involved a careful search of the Texas rept which I could not get anywhere else.</p>

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	<p>Sent my quarterly account in to Atty. Genl. today. \$270.75. Jany 8<sup>th</sup> We left Tacoma on the 5<sup>th</sup> via N. P. Railway &amp; tonight we are in St Paul at the <u>Ryan Hotel</u>. Capt. D. H. Jarvis, Collector of Customs</p>
Diary 7, 1904 january08band09a	<p>for Alaska come on same train but recd. telegram out at Wadena to come to Duluth – that George A Shea, of Nome is there sick. – he came on to St Paul but was to go back tonight.. Telegraphed ahead and Mr. McLean of <u>Minneapolis Journal</u> met us at that city &amp; we renewed our pleasant Alaskan acquaintance with him. Reporter of <u>St. Paul Globe</u> came to see me for interview – will rehash Ledger interview. -Jany 9<sup>th</sup>- Am disgusted with the result of the “Globe” interview. This paper “roasted” the Subcommittee (Nelson, Dillingham, Burnham &amp; Patterson) on their alleged report against territorial government, in an editorial yesterday, &amp; mutilated my interview so as to help out their vicious editorial.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 january09band10	<p>went over to Minneapolis today with Holman &amp; took lunch with McLean of the <u>Journal</u>. He came back to St Paul with me &amp; I gave (loaned) him many of my Mt. McKinley pictures to illustrate a republication of his Alaska letters, which I strongly urged upon him. He urged me to be a candidate for delegate from Alaska - and I told him I would be if I could see any chance of success. I also explained about the “Globe” interview – think he intends to give me a notice on Monday- Left St Paul tonight at 8:30 on C. M. &amp; St. P. <u>Did not see Sweeney!!</u> -10- In Chicago – 2 hours between trains Visited Auditorium to look for Sweeney but he had not been there. I am very much disappointed not to meet him for I spent day in St Paul for that purpose</p>
Diary 7, 1904 january12and13a	<p>-12<sup>th</sup>- We reached Washington yesterday evening &amp; put up at “Raleigh”. Have seen no one &amp; will go over to New York tonight. -13<sup>th</sup>- We left Washington yesterday at noon &amp; reached New York last night – put up at the “Imperial” – 32<sup>nd</sup> and Broadway Went down town today &amp; met Stephen Birch at 45 Bdway. He introduced me</p>

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	to Mr. Ralph and a Mr. Schultz – both of whom he tells me are interested in his copper enterprise at Valdez. Went to lunch with him and a mining expert by the name of Keller – at down town Delmon -ico – below Wall St. Also called on Walter Boardman & asked him to inform his wife (nee Mary Smith of Tacoma) that Mrs. Wickersham was
Diary 7, 1904 january13band14a	at Imperial & would like to see her. Mr. Ralph invited Mrs. W & me to take dinner with him afterward & go to the theatre with him afterward – we will go I was rather amused at poor Mr. Shultz - the Helm interests have caused his arrest for conspiracy or something of that kind in connection with their copper litigation & he is dreadfully nervous about it – he wanted to talk & show me clippings about the case – but I declined to look or listen – he seems scared! Had a delightful supper with Mr. Ralph & Birch in the Waldorf-Astoria cafe – & then went to the “New Amsterdam” theatre -14 <sup>th</sup> - Spent the forenoon with Mrs. W in shopping. Met Phil. Caesar on Bd.way & called on Whitcomb with him. Called on Mr. Frank D. Arthur & then on Walter Boardman. Went out
Diary 7, 1904 january14band15a	see Bar Assoc. building with Mr. Wm M. ?Turner (Arthurs partner) & to Broadway theater with Birch & Mr. Ralph. -15 <sup>th</sup> - Went over to Waldorf-Astoria early this morning and met Mr. Milbourn – a lawyer from Buffalo who is just now coming to New York – he is the Milbourn at whose home in Buffalo. Pres. McKinley died. Also met Senator Patton of Pa. Penn. (state senator) but a friend of Quays. Went downtown & went with Birch – took <del>dinner</del> with him & the two younger Havemyers at the Middy(?) Club. Called on Burleigh – but found he was out – visited with his son a half hour. Went out home early & found Walter & Mary Boardman visiting Mrs. W. Went to a dinner at the University Club given by Mr. William M. Turner -
Diary 7, 1904 january15band16and17	present Judges Clark and Scott of Sup. Ct. Arthur. ?Turner ? we had a splendid dinner. Mrs. W. went to dinner with Birch & Mr. Ralph at Delmon -icos and to theater – Criterion. -16 <sup>th</sup> -

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	Left New York early – on Penn. Ry and came to Annapolis via Odenton. Darrell is in fine health and spirits. Will graduate Feb. 1 & go west (probably) with his mother. Took rooms at Maryland Hotel. -17 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday. Darrell spent most of the day with us at the Maryland – he is getting his new uniforms to. and expects to go to the Pacific station. He wants on the “Tacoma” and I will go to the Dept. and ask for that assignment. Trip over here is stupid. Col Gadd Mr. Meloin? are the only ones I know -
Diary 7, 1904 january18and19	-18 <sup>th</sup> - Came over to Washington – rooms 46 B. St. N.E. & take our meals with Jones. M.C. from Washington & Sammons at 32 B. St. -19 <sup>th</sup> - Called & met Cushman at House, - & introduced to Speaker Cannon & others. Called on Foster, also – he is frankly pleasant. Went with Sammons & others to see two Japs wrestle – new physical culture school - in charge of Sam. Hill – son-in-law of J. J. Hill of Great Northern. Met Senator Foster there – also saw Ed & Everett Hale. Met Senator Clapp of Minn. also Dolliver of Iowa & Gov. Cummins of same state.
Diary 7, 1904 january20and21	-20 <sup>th</sup> - Went with <del>Stephen</del> Cushman to see Sec. of Navy Moody, who referred us to Capt. McRea – who assured us that there was no reason why Darrell should not be assigned to the cruiser “Tacoma” Afterwards went with Stephen Birch to see Commander Winslow – attache to President. who said Darrell would be assigned to the “Tacoma” – and given all the work he could do. Birch brought a letter to Winslow from the Havemyer boys - whose brotherinlaw Winslow is. -21- Dinner tonight at Raleigh with Judge Johnson, Capt. Jarvis, Lt. Bertholf and Walter E. Clark, newspaper correspondent. Later took Debbie to the National Theater to see the “Marriage of Kitty”.
Diary 7, 1904 january22	-22- Went to the Geological Survey today - & took lunch with Brooks, Hayes, Rizer & others. They declare my picture of Mt. McKinley the finest ever taken, & specially suggest that it be sent to the St Louis Ex

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	as part of the Alaska exhibit. Also went to Senate Chamber and met <u>Senator Fairbanks</u> – he invited Mrs. W. & me to dinner with them at their residence after we return from Annapolis - & Col. Ramsdell, Sergeant at Arms of the Senate invited me to a dinner tomorrow night when the Sub-Com which went to Alaska will again meet - at Col. Ramsdells house – Will go if I can get release from Sammons theater party.
Diary 7, 1904 january24	-23 24rd - Took dinner last night (23) with Col. Ramsdell (Daniel M.) at his home on B. St. N.E. #130. Present <u>Senators</u> Nelson, Dillingham, Burnham and Patterson – Sub.Com. which visited Alaska this summer – also Mr. John Hayes. and Mr. Johnson secretaries of Sen. Beveridge and Patterson. <del>Mr.</del> Dr. Ramsdell – son of the Col – and I – had a fine dinner – then reminiscences of Alaska & cards & cigars – a delightful evening. Millard & wife called on Mrs. W – & I at our rooms but we were out. Mrs. W- went with the Sammons to see the “Red Feather”. last night
Diary 7, 1904 january25and26	25- Visited Dept. of Justice with Marshal Perry this morning to settle Valdez courthouse ground matter – before Asst. Atty. Genl. <u>Russell</u> who agreed to reserve the property we want. Visited State Dept. and consulted with Fredk. Van Dyne, author of “ <u>Citizenship of the United States</u> ” about Russian citizens = “In re John Minook” He gave me no aid. Jarvis left for west today & Dr. Cabell Whitehead reached town. Have not been able to see the Atty General yet – nor the President. -26- Spent the day sightseeing and working in department – went to the theater – “Maxine Elliot” – we took Mr. & Mrs. Sammons, Miss Sammons & Mrs. “Yakima” Jones --
Diary 7, 1904 january27and28a	-27- Called on Senator Burnham about “Appeal Bill” – at his request – he gave me new bill for hearing appeals from Alaska at Seattle & I will redraft it for him. <u>Debbie went to Annapolis at noon today.</u> Visited Comr. of Indian Affairs about Russian half breed citizenship in Alaska – also Col. Clay, General Agent of

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	Dept. of Justice. Saw Rosewe[?] of N. W. Com. C. of Siberia & Capt. Lewis tonight. <u>Dr. Whitehead</u> of Nome in town -28th- Went over to the National Museum & Smithsonian Museum this morning to interview Prof. Mason and Prof. Dall in relation to citizenship
Diary 7, 1904 january28b	of the Russian creoles & “Settled tribes” – could not find Dall & must go again. Returned bill to Senator Burnham about Alaska appeals – he asked me to examine & report on it for him – which I did. At 3 o'clock went to see <u>Count Cassini</u> , the Russian ambassador about the Russian citizens & “settled tribes” – found him a very pleasant and agreeable man – of the Bismark type – and willing to aid me and much interested in the matter He and his aid examined the book of instructions issued in 1844 to the Russian American Co. fixing the status of the people from the Aleutians to Sitka and assure me that it is official and that all the people and tribes therein mentioned as citizens <del>are</del> {were} such under
Diary 7, 1904 january28c	the Russian laws – their opinion is that they became citizens of the U.S. under the treaty of cession. They will probably have more to say about the matter by correspondence. Took dinner tonight with Capt. F. S. Lewis, at the New Willard. He is the promoter of the new railroad up the Solomon from Port Safety near Nome, & is a wealthy man. He offered to aid me in developing my Fairbanks mines. I also met Col. Morrison and a mining man from Cape Prince of Wales Is. – who is interested on Mt. Andrew. Morrison is an old Washington states man. <u>If I can make arrangements for money will abandon the judgeship</u> Have not make \$1500. per year out of it – nothing but honor & worry!!
Diary 7, 1904 january29and30	-29th- Took lunch at “Harveys” – oysters – with Dr. Whitehead, Capt. D. H. Jarvis – Thatcher and Frank Hunter of Seattle. Recd. call from Lt. Emmons, U.S.N. retired & did not see him – went to his hotel – the “Ebbitt” – but he was out. -30th- Called on Lt. Emmons today & had



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	<p>a long talk about the status of the natives on the south coast of Alaska. Will go with him next Wednesday to call on Prof. Mason of Nat. Museum &amp; Dr. Dall – consultation about the civilized or settled tribes. Came over to Annapolis on noon train – Debbie &amp; Darrell O.K. Graduation Monday</p>
Diary 7, 1904 january31	<p>-31<sup>st</sup>- Sunday – Darrell was with us most of the day. He is perfectly happy and entirely satisfied – as we are, too, with his position in the class. The dismissal of Little, for hazing advance Darrell one number – he stood 25 – but now 24, out of a class of 62. The class originally had 97 students, but 35 fell by the wayside – and but 62 graduate – and out of this number 47 graduate – Darrell amongst them – “<u>with credit</u>” – the highest percentage since the Civil war. It is said to be the best graduating class – judged by their ratings in forty years. Have met the Stuarts – “Jeb’s” family and the McCrackens – They are “Vi-ginians” – “sah”-</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february01a	<p><u>February 1</u> Well, Darrell has graduated and is out of the Naval Academy!! The graduation exercises took place in the new “<u>Armory</u>” – Sec. of the Navy Moody delivered the diplomas. Chaplain Clark delivered a prayer. Governor Warfield made a short address – &amp; then Moody made a fine but short address and delivered the diplomas All the other cadets were in line in the back or main part of the hall &amp; kept up a continual yell for each boy as he was called up and presented to the Sec. Darrell is the tallest boy in his class- We are entirely pleased with his success. He is coming to take lunch with us and go to the matinee to see “<u>Floradora</u>.”</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february01b	<p>We went to the ball at the “<u>Armory</u>” – at 9 p.m. The usual rickety “carriage” such as can only be found in Annapolis – a quarter of a century behind times – A Mrs. Iglehart - being without a carriage accompanied us – a beautiful, clear, wintry night – full moon and every thing covered with snow. The great new Armory building was ablaze with electric lights – 600 handsomely dressed officers and midshipmen, and a great number of beautifully dressed girls and ladies – the Marine band</p>

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	<p>- decorations of flags, cannon hidden in flowers and palms – life, light, beauty and manly strength – it was a rare grand ball – and Darrell actually danced twice with a Miss May of Tazewell, Va – at the special instance and request of “Pat” and “Jeb” – He fell from the order of Red Mikes - bulldozed</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february02and03	<p>-2<sup>nd</sup>- Every body who could left Annapolis We came over to Washington on the noon train – Darrel – Green, Treadwell &amp; other boys came over – and loads of girls, - some young and some older – as they call them “college widows”. -3<sup>rd</sup>- Went to see Lt. Emmons but he was gone. Called on Mr. Lacey, M.C. of Iowa and he was very pleasant and invited us to dinner with him tomorrow night, - accepted. Long talk with Millard, - agreeable – and was invited by Cushman to appear before the House Com. on Territories on Monday. Got my suit from the Raleigh &amp; wrote Birch about map to Chitsiah creek – Debbie sick tonight, with another chill.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february04	<p>-4<sup>th</sup>- Called today with Dr. Whitehead &amp; met Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, also Asst. Secs. Taylor and Armstrong. Mrs. W and I took dinner with Major and Mrs. Lacey at the Riggs Dr. Whitehead made the 5<sup>th</sup> member. They talked to me about my reappointment and urged me to go and see the Atty General and President. I told them about Hubbards scheme to divide my district – and with Alex MacKenzie, Helm, et. al. to get a judge of their own to exploit – the copper mines and railroad at Valdez. Alex. MacKenzie was in town a few days ago.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february05and06a	<p>-5<sup>th</sup>- Congressman Jones went to the Interior Department with me today – found that the Secretary had decided the Jeresich – Gig Harbor land case in my favor on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. Met Sec Hitchcock and had a pleasant talk with him about Alaska. Have been Jeresichs attorney in this case since 1887. We will now be entitled to a patent – then will have to fight a suit as trustees. -6<sup>th</sup>-</p>

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	Went to see the Attorney General today. Found out that he was going to Florida tonight –so went alone. His private secretary Long informed me that he was out, but I asked if I might not sit down and wait for him. He
Diary 7, 1904 february06b	said I might & I sat. In five minutes Russell, who has Alaskan matters in hand came in, and stood with me & talked and waited. Soon Long went in {to the Atty Generals room} and when he returned said that we – motioning to Russell and I – might go in – I offered to wait for Russell but he said no for us both to go in. I paid my respects talked of Alaska generally and the size of my district – Solicitor General Hoyt came in and we four discussed the <u>climate and agricultural possibilities of Alaska</u> . It seemed to me that Russell & Hoyt were purposely brought into the interview for fear I would undertake to talk “shop” – but I did not once give an opening for anything of the kind. He was very pleasant, and agreeable <del>and</del> but seemed to know nothing about Alaskan matters I was very well satisfied, though, with the interview.
Diary 7, 1904 february07and08	-7th- Sunday – Took dinner today with Mr & Mrs. Ralph C. Haynes – Keunesaw Ave. who are Springfield friends. Her father Mr. Saunders of Springfield also present. We also called on the Millards at their boarding house on 14 <sup>th</sup> St. -8th- Appeared before the House Comt. on Terri-tories today and talked from 10:30 to 12. on Alaska. Opposed territorial government - advocated building wagon and railroad &c. Went to theater tonight with Debbie & Darrell took Miss Maud Purenton - his Tacoma school teacher. Took lunch today at Capital with Cushman & Millard. Also called on W. W. Jer-mane, who expects McLane of Minneapolis <u>Journal</u> here soon
Diary 7, 1904 february09	-9th- Talked another hour to the Com. on Territories today – finished my statement which was a full presentation of Alaska matters – what <u>is</u> and what is <u>not</u> wanted, from Congress. My statements were taken down in shorthand and I am to edit them for printing. Upon the close of my remarks the chairman, <u>Edward L. Hamilton</u>

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	of Michigan, publicly and in the name of the Com. thanked me for my efforts, and paid me a high and very gratifying compliment. I presented him – not a compliment – but one of my fine enlarged photographs of Mt. McKinley All the Alaska men were there – Harlan, Millard, Mackenzie, Dam, Ballaine, &c. <u>War news today Japan v. Russia.</u>
Diary 7, 1904 february10a	-10th- Went with Senator Foster to call on the President. He received calls in a cheap addition to the west of the Whitehouse, and connected thereto by a long low one story hallway. It is a poor brick and mortar quarters spread out toward the War & Navy Bld - and just sufficiently valuable and attractive to spoil with lawn. After waiting a short time we were ushered into a large plainly furnished room occupied by a large table (around which the cabinet gathers) and many inquiring constituents. The president was busy making the rounds from one to another trying to make the last one believe that he was just
Diary 7, 1904 february10b	a little more pleased to see him than the former. We were near the last, and as Senator Quarles and Senator Foster stood together, just before he reached us the President motioned them to go into his private office, where I accompanied them. Soon the President came in and we gave way to Senator Quarles who had his say and went out. I was introduced and we all sat down. The President is a strenuous and rapid talker, and began at once to ask questions <u>and answer them</u> . He was much interested in the big Kodiak bear. I finally told him that I had a picture of Mt. McKinley which I offered to give him – He very kindly accepted it and said
Diary 7, 1904 february10c	he would hang it on his office wall. He volunteered to remark that every Alaskan official had been accused of every crime imaginable, <del>to murder</del> . but laughingly referred to his experience on the Little Missouri in an early day, and said that notwithstanding these charges he thought Alaskan officials came up to the average. He was really goo natured but talked of everything else

	<p>than conditions in Alaska. He is not as ugly as the pictorial papers and his photographs make him appear.</p> <p>Debbie and Darrell left me tonight at 5:40 for California over the Penn. Ry. I am sick tonight and keep the trail to the toilet warm.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february12a	<p>-12<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Took photo. of Mt McKinley down for framing for the president. Am out of patience with the Department of Justice and am ready to fight. They are still investigating Col. Grigsby the district Attorney at Nome, and have been investigating him for a year and a half. For more than two years Nome scandals have prevailed, but the Dept. of Justice seems incompetent to manage them. What the department needs is a hell of a roasting, and I am about in a mood to do it.</p> <p>Went to theater tonight with Congressman Wm Sulzer, of N.Y. and party of his friends. Called on General Graley, but not in. Also at Dept. of Justice but no body there. Sick and out of sorts today. Had talk with Judge Ballinger of Seattle &amp; told him to go ahead and tie Senator Ankeny up for Balliett if he could -</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february12band13a	<p>-Friday- -12<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Remained at room all day editing my statements and testimony before the House Com. on Territories on last Monday and Tuesday. Senator Hanna is reported very sick. Received an invitation to take lunch with Senator Fairbanks on Sunday.</p> <p>-13<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p><u>Sent Pres. Roosevelt copy nicely framed</u> of Mt. McKinley picture – photograph, which he promised me should hang on the wall in his office. Went to the Department of Justice and called on Russell – one of the head clerks or assistant atty. genls. and asked for a copy of the telegram which was sent on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Col. Grigsby at Seattle, asking Judge Moore to review the Marshal</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february13b	<p>Richards case. Recd. that and two other communications on that subject</p>

	<p>and examined the papers in the case. In going through them I found a letter dated Febry. 1903, written by George Grigsby at Nome to his father, the District Attorney, who was then in Washington fighting me, detailing his success in fighting certain gambling cases in home. He frankly states that Marshal Richards aided him to fix the jury in both cases, whereby they convicted the gamblers. I exhibited the letter to the clerk who was assisting me in going through the record and asked him for a copy of it, but he desired first to submit the matter to Russell. I went back after lunch and he informed me that Russell refused to give me the copy on the ground that it was a personal letter accidentally</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february13c	<p>in the record. I called his attention to the fact that it was enclosed in an official wrapper in the official files <del>and</del> in charge of the proper official and related exclusively to official matters. But he refused to give me the copy. I then requested him to retain it in his possession. The substance of the paragraph about fixing the juries was, "<u>The Marshal aided me in securing the jury and stood in with me</u>"</p> <p>Those are not the words – but the sense.</p> <p>Also called and met <u>Taylor</u> the examiner who reported on Nome matters in 1902, and Asst. Atty Genl. Pradt. I intend to make a formal written demand for the Grigsby letter on Monday and also ask for an opportunity to state my views and facts on the Richards case on Tuesday.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 february14	<p>-Febry 14<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Sunday. Was invited to take lunch with Senator Fairbanks (1800 Mass. Ave) today – They have a large &amp; splendid home: met Mrs. Fairbanks, son and daughter &amp; spent two hours with them most delightfully. Mrs. Hemenway, m.c. from Indiana called while I was there, with Mr. Hoggatt, of S.E. Alaska, but I was specially invited to remain when they left. We talked <u>Alaska</u>, and Mrs. F. and the daughter particularly did not tire of my descriptions. They gathered around – all four like four interested children and we all talked. They had a very modest but elegant lunch &amp; I greatly enjoyed my visit. They kindly invited me to dinner on Tuesday &amp; greatly regretted that Debbie &amp; Darrell had gone. Have worked in room rest of day on letters to the Dept. about Nome criticisms.</p> <p><u>Wrote to Debbie tonight</u></p>

<p>Diary 7, 1904 february15a</p>	<p>-15- Went to Dept. of Justice this morning and called on Solicitor General Hoyt, and presented him this letter: “The Attorney General, Washington, DC. “Sir, In examining the papers on file in the department of Justice in the matter of the proceedings against U.S. Marshal Richards, at Nome, for contempt of court, on last Saturday I saw among them a letter written by Deputy District Attorney George Grigsby, dated February 1903, addressed to Melvin Grigsby, the district attorney at Nome, and devoted to a detailed report upon {the} public in that office at that place. The letter contains a statement to the effect that the Marshal had then recently at home fixed two juries for the prosecution by the aid of which the defendants had been successfully convicted, and as I desired immediately to address a communication to the department of Justice upon that practice at Nome I asked the official in charge for a copy of the letter. He refused to give it to me upon the ground that it was a private communication. As the letter was in the public files, was backed as a public document, was from one public official to another and related to public matters, it seems not to be private, and I respectfully request that a copy be given to me for use before the department of Justice. Respectfully, James Wickersham District Judge of Alaska Mr. Hoyt immediately asked me what official had refused to give me the copy and I told him Mr. Russell. He went into Mr. Russells room &amp; was gone ten minutes or more and returned.</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 february15b</p>	<p>He said that upon inspection he was inclined to agree with Mr. Russell that the letter was being from father son to father – “But”, I said “the son is also deputy Dist. Atty. at Nome &amp; the father is Dist. Atty.” He answered – “Well you don’t need it anyway – you have seen it and know what it contains” He admitted that it contained the expression, <del>of</del> in effect, that my letter stated, and said “these people wont worry you much longer anyway” – a plain intimation that Grigsby is to be removed. In short he refused to give me a copy of the letter. He said, however, that the department appreciated the difficulties that I had experienced at Nome, that I had done a good work” &amp;c – but no copy of the letter, though he distinctly admitted that the letter was correctly characterized in my letter. Upon his refusal to give me the copy I presented him with the original of which the following is a copy-</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 february15c</p>	<p>The Attorney General, Washington D.C. Sir: My term of office as district judge of Alaska expires on June 5, 1904. I expect to leave for Eagle City</p>

	<p>and Fairbanks, points far in the interior of Alaska, about the last of this week, and cannot thereafter make any statement to the department prior to the expiration of my term. I desire to address a communication to you in relation to the administration of justice in Alaska with special reference to matters in my court, and at the time of its delivery I wish to make a brief personal statement as judge of the district court of Alaska. It is understood that the Attorney General is overwhelmed with more important matters, and cannot personally hear <del>and</del> {or} consider such statements, therefore I request that on Thursday, Februy 18, I may be permitted to meet Solicitor General Hoyt and Asst. Attorney General Day, at the department, and deliver to them personally the communication and statement suggested. I also request that Mr. Russell, and Mr. Taylor, special examiner, be present, and also a stenographer to take such questions as may be asked me and my answers thereto. Will you kindly notify me at your earliest convenience if my request is granted. Respectfully, James Wickersham, District Judge Alaska. Mr. Hoyt read the letter and promptly assured me that I should be heard in full at that time. I thanked him and left the department. Stephen Birch from New York is here today at the Raleigh, - working for me. <u>Telegraphed to Heilig today to adjourn court to March 21<sup>st</sup>.</u></p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 february15dand16and17</p>	<p><u>Senator Marcus A. Hanna</u> died this evening at the Arlington Hotel. I took dinner tonight with Hoggatt &amp; Birch at the <u>New Willard</u>. -16<sup>th</sup>- Took dinner this evening with Senator &amp; Mrs. Fairbanks &amp; talked Alaska. Worked on my communication to the Dept. of Justice, - expect to criticise the Dept. and may have a row – but it is time that it <u>quit aiding jury fixing!!</u> <u>McLain of Minneapolis Journal</u> is here and called – but was out. -17<sup>th</sup>- Worked all day on my communication to the Dept. of Justice – done &amp; will deliver it tomorrow. P. J. Coston of Nome is also here and agrees to go up with me &amp; substantiate my story. He knows the facts so he says-</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 february18</p>	<p>-18<sup>th</sup>- Went to Dept. of Justice at 10 a.m. with P. J. Coston : read a communication in presence of Solicitor Genl. Hoyt, Asst. Atty. Genl. Day, Russell &amp; Taylor, placing the blame for “padding” accounts and “jury packing” at Nome on the Dept. of Justice. This afternoon called on McLain, of Minneapolis</p>

	Journal – Major Lacey, of Iowa. Lena Walton, Nome, is at the Raleigh Hotel. My interview at the Dept. was very satisfactory - Hoyt & Day are my friends & supporters & Russells knife is <u>both longer &amp; sharper</u> for the blame of failing to support the judge at Nome is at his door. They both told him he was wrong - & he wont forgive me for it. Hoyt asked me if I was not going to accept a reappointment complimented me highly - & asked me for the petitions & Alaska endorsements & took them personally.
Diary 7, 1904 february19and20and21	-19 <sup>th</sup> - Visited with McLain, <u>Minneapolis Journal</u> today. Wrote letter to Dept. asking for authority to build courthouse at Fairbanks Lunch with Brewster & Walter Clark at the New Willard. -20 <sup>th</sup> - Birch is back to the Raleigh- I moved down there today that I might have more time before I go away. -21 <sup>st</sup> - Wrote long letter to Debbie & Birch & I went out to Commander Winslows to Dinner. Mrs Winslow is {was} a Havemyer and of course every thing was accordingly. Commander Winslow the Naval attache to the President, &c.
Diary 7, 1904 february22and23a	-22 <sup>nd</sup> - Spent much of the day in the Capitol with Cushman & others Assisted Cushman with Alaska bills & rewrote the bills prepared both by him and Senator Nelson for election of delegate on lines suggested in my testimony before House Com. on Terry's. Dinner this evening with Major & Mrs Lacey & Mr. & Mrs Brewster at the Riggs House. -23 <sup>rd</sup> - Was admitted to practice before the Sup. Court of the United States today – Major Lacey – M. C. from Iowa moved my admission. Invited to lunch with Senator Burnham – went up to the Senate chamber to meet him & as he and Senator Foster came out with me Senator Perkins of California came out and was introduced
Diary 7, 1904 february23b	He was very cordial and spoke in a highly complimentary way of my work in Alaska – said the people in Alaska from Cal – were all pleased with me – and that he was also – that I was one of his constituents &c. I was also introduced to Senator Gallinger of Vt. and Senator Petters of Alabama. These greetings were so highly satisfactory

	to Senator Foster that he actually thawed out and declared that I must be reappointed - in Senator Burnhams presence, who informed him that the four Senators comprising the Senate Sub-Com. on Territories that went to Alaska last summer had long since agreed to that! Wrote Senator Foster letter in favor of naming the big glacier on north side of Mt McKinley the "Hanna" glacier – and asking Hanna's friends in the Senate to look after it.
Diary 7, 1904 february23cand24a	Brewster – Major Lacey's son-in law took dinner with me & we went to see "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" – at the theatre. -24 <sup>th</sup> - Spoke to Cushman about an endorsement for reappointment & he promptly said it ought to be done & wrote out a brief letter to the President & went to see W. P. Jones. M. C from Yakima – he signed it & then Cushman I then went to see Foster (Senator) who also signed it. Foster told me that Walter Christian had asked him not to do so and had suggested Joe. Easterday – but Foster shook his head & said Joe would not do. Gave the endorsement to Walter E. Clark, correspondent New York Sun & Seattle "P-I." who agreed to get Humphrey (Seattle M.C) to sign & then to get Cushman to present it to Ankeny (Senator) for his signature. Do not know whether either of them will
Diary 7, 1904 february24band25and26	sign it or not, but I am much pleased that Jones & Foster had the courage to "stand up". Cushman was never in doubt. Left Washington at 5:40 p.m. over the Penn. Ry. for Chicago. Am well satisfied with the sum total of my trip to Washington - it seems to me as if I will be reappointed judge now – and that all that is left to my enemies is to scandalize and blackmail me with false affidavits after I am in Alaska and not able to answer. -25- All day on train toward Chicago – Mr. & Mrs. G. G. Perry on train with me – We arrived in Chicago at 9. p.m & I went to the "Auditorium Hotel", had a bath & went to bed. -26- Loafed all day at Auditorium – nothing doing. Perrys went on to Dubuque.
Diary 7, 1904 february27and28and29	-27 <sup>th</sup> - Sightseeing around Chicago and called on Sodenberg and other Alaskan people. Leave tomorrow evening – first train for west.

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	<p>-28<sup>th</sup>- Leave tonight at 6:30 for Tacoma over C. M. &amp; St. P. Will not stop until I reach Tacoma. Sodenberg called &amp; I met his father, Dave Lane &amp; others. They are here assisting in an arbitration of a claim on Anvil Creek, Nome, which it is alleged one Anderson staked for the Swedish Mission, but which he fraudulently appropriated to his own use.</p> <p>-29<sup>th</sup>- <u>St. Paul</u>. Called on West Pub. Co. Paid my bills &amp; bought some other books – also paid for them. Left for <u>West</u> at 10:15 on the West Coast Limited.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 march02and03	<p>March 2<sup>nd</sup> Arrived in Tacoma tonight – went to the “Donnelly Hotel” telegraphed ahead for mail but none here. Also telegraphed ahead from Livingston, Mont. &amp; had Mr &amp; Mrs Lake France &amp; the babies meet me at Spokane – also telegraphed to Charles Sweeney – but he was not there. Left pck. of copper specimens with Lake to be delivered to him &amp; will write him.</p> <p>-3<sup>rd</sup>- Mail. Four letters from Debbie – she is in good spirits &amp; no worse in health. Darrell has gone to his ship – the U.S. cruiser “<u>Tacoma</u>” at Mare Island, S. F. Wrote long letter to Debbie. Saw Fred. Crouch. D. O. Smith took lunch with me.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 march04and05and06a	<p>-4<sup>th</sup>- Nan and her troubles – ended very well – Took dinner with Mr &amp; Mrs. D. O. Smith &amp; son Harold – who wants to go to Annapolis. Am to talk to Perkins of the Ledger” &amp; have written to Cushman for him.</p> <p>Went to theater – Grand opera – Shay –</p> <p>-5- Spent the forenoon settling Jeresich case – Gig Harbor land case – Got my deed for 50 acres - \$1250 – am to give George T. Reid five acres of it. Felix Pedro, discoverer of “Fairbanks Alaska mines to see me. Am going over to Seattle tonight.</p> <p>-6<sup>th</sup>- Went over to Seattle last night – staid at Rainer-Grand – met Mr. Harlan – will go to Alaska on 10<sup>th</sup> <u>on the Dolphin</u>.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 march06band10	<p>Met Col. Perkins, who called on me at the hotel – as did also, Dick. Ryan, Tom. Noyes, George Jeffrey, and others. Perkins talked politics, and I think is a</p>

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	<p>candidate for governor. Tommy Noyes (who with his mother &amp; sister owns the Rainer-Grand”), talked about a bank at Valdez &amp; one at Fair –banks. Am to go back in a day or two &amp; talk to them more about it. Recd. telegram on my return to Donnelly Hotel, Tacoma tonight from Barnette, who is now in Seattle.</p> <p>-10<sup>th</sup>- Spent the last three days in getting things arranged – Wrote Debbie &amp; got the Jeresich matters all settled up. Left Seattle this morning on the “Dolphin” for Skagaway – Organized the “Fairbanks Banking Co.” under laws of State of Washington</p>
Diary 7, 1904 march12and13	<p>-12<sup>th</sup> <u>Ketchikan</u>. Dolphin unloading freight &amp; went ashore two hours. Met Emmett Hunt of Hillhurst, George Dyer – barber – of Tacoma &amp; others. Also called on and met Ex. Gov. Swineford, and had a pleasant interview. He seems friendly enough &amp; suggested that I ought to be a candidate for Gov. of Alaska, and not for delegate. He shows signs of age – but is yet a vigorous writer &amp; a hard hitter.</p> <p>-13<sup>th</sup>- Our boat landed at Treadwell &amp; I called on McDonald – mgr. and he declared himself &amp; all his interests for me for Delegate. Also went over to Juneau – met Judge Brown – and Maloney, Shackelford, Tom Lyons &amp; others &amp; they all assured me of their strong support if the delegate bill passes. Saw Dr &amp; Mrs. Goddard &amp; Mr &amp; Mrs. Wm Berry – Crab lunch with Judge &amp; Mrs. Brown</p>
Diary 7, 1904 march14and15	<p>-14<sup>th</sup>- “Dolphin” reached Skagaway at 7:30 a.m. We went to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hotel got our packs that Ed. Harlan &amp; Geoghegan left there &amp; left on the morning train for Whitehorse Met Dautrick – but owing to short time no one else – Reached Whitehorse at 6 p.m. &amp; at 8 p.m. left there on the stage for the first post at Tahkeenie river – 18 mi. Mr. Harlan &amp; I go – Perry in the morning Reached the post on the Tahkeenie at 11 p.m. 20° below zero when we started - 25° when we reached the roadhouse at Tahkeenie.</p> <p>-15- We made four posts today – from Tahkeenie to Montague – a distance of 84 miles. 42° degrees below zero when we started. Trail is fine and road in good condition. Nine passengers in our stage – sled.</p>
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<p>march16and17and18and19a</p>	<p>Drove from Montague to Minto today = 69 miles, - warmer – about 20° below. -17<sup>th</sup>- Minto to Stevens - Here I met Mr. &amp; Mrs. Finnie – Nellie Roediger - but they went on to Hume’s post for the night. -18<sup>th</sup>- From Stevens to Murray Hill hotel #33 Dominion Creek. Telephone message from Ed. Orr – am to take dinner with Orrs &amp; Roedigers tomorrow evening. -19<sup>th</sup>- Left Murrays on Dominion this morning and reached <u>Dawson</u> at 2 p.m. Met Orr, Roediger, Johnnie Scott, Charley Taylor, &amp;c. Usual visit from reporters, friends &amp; others. <u>Wrote Debbie</u></p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 march19band20and21a</p>	<p>Took dinner with the Orrs the Roedigers present. Was invited to meeting of “Eagles” -20<sup>th</sup>- Orr took breakfast with me at “Regina” this morning. Perry &amp; Barnette came in on belated stage last night. We left Dawson at 7:30 this morning for Eagle, - Harlan &amp; I, McGowan, Tozier &amp; Dumbell, with Downing. Reached Forty Mile at 5 p.m. “<u>Miners Home</u>” Met Charley Joynt there. -21<sup>st</sup>- Left Forty Mile early – bad day but the wind at our backs – yesterday in our face. Passed the “Leah” &amp; “Louise” in the ice just at the N.A.T. Co.s coal mine – frozen in there last fall – Reached Eagle at 5 o'clock. Meals with Miss Thompson &amp; bed in Perrys house</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 march21band22and23a</p>	<p>called court in the evening &amp; appointed John Conna – of Tacoma – crier. -22<sup>nd</sup>- Wrote letter to Debbie &amp; sent back on Downings stage to Dawson. Court met – but the Idleman case being continued there is nothing to do – a few small unimportant civil cases. Heard motions, naturalized citizens and minor matters today. Took dinner with Mr &amp; Mrs. Ensign, Presbyterian minister – also present Mr. Harlan &amp; Claypool. -23<sup>rd</sup>- One jury trial today – verdict, and there being none other, on account of the collapse of the Idleman case, the trial jury was discharged. Sold my interest in the U.S. Rep. (sold to E. M. Barnes) to V. L. Bevington for \$100. cash. Collected rent of cabin \$110.00 to Mch. 1<sup>st</sup> Stage</p>

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	<p>coming in with <u>mail</u>- Telegram from Henderson at Valdez, says <u>Nan</u> arrived there today &amp; will be cared for. No mail. Manley &amp; Barnette arrived &amp; Perry, do.</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 march23band24and25a</p>	<p>-March 23 – continued. Eagle City is no longer attractive to me. It seems as if I <u>must</u> see Howard in his accustomed places and it makes me sad and lonesome. I will be glad to get away for Fairbanks. Barnette &amp; Manley, from Fairbanks, are going in with horses and ask me to go with them. -24<sup>th</sup>- Tried jury case yesterday &amp; discharged jury – tried customs case today before the court – forfeited the goods. Called on Capt. Perkins, Dr. Clayton &amp; Capt. Nesmith, &amp; attended Minstrels. -25- Left Eagle City – am to travel with Manley &amp; Capt. Barnette – put my packs on sled &amp; walked on – reached <del>Stam</del> 70 Mile at 1:30 &amp; had lunch &amp; reached Sheep Creek at 5. Feet badly</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 march25band26and27and28a</p>	<p>blistered – Sled got in at 7 p.m -26- [written on diagonal:] <u>Canary Birds</u> From Sheep Creek to Nation rode on the sled today as my feet were sore – lying in good road house telling yarns with miners &amp; Indians – Old Moses from Porcupine- -27- Nation to Washington Creek today – bad trail – walked 11 miles to N.C. Co. barge &amp; then rode rest of way – Fine warm weather - bad trail from here on – -28- Left Kuntzs – opposite Washington at 8 o'clock - very late &amp; reached Charlie Creek at 10:30 lunch – Left Charlie Creek at 12.m. deep snow – bad trail – walked – at 7 p.m. we were about 2 miles below Charlie river - the horses down – tired – and sled over turned. Manley &amp; Barnette camped</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 march28band29and30a</p>	<p>on trail for night but I walked 9 miles to Coal Creek road house – good bed &amp; nights rest – but my feet are swollen &amp; sore. -29<sup>th</sup>- Remained at Coal Creek all day – Manley &amp; Barnette got in about noon with the team about worn out. During afternoon the other teams belonging to Manley &amp; his partners got in to Coal Creek – also a dog team with a man and woman. The mail carrier came in going to Circle &amp; I have made an arrangement to go that far with him – on dog sled. Feet getting better but very sore yet. Kogukuk crowd in –</p>

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	{Richmond, Marlow, Jurey, Johnson. -30 <sup>th</sup> - Left Coal creek early with Joe, the mail carrier - the Koyukuk fellows ahead, & came on to. Bill Elwells place at “30 Mile.”
Diary 7, 1904 march30band31	Took lunch at Webbers – but flew by as his rabbit stew is even worse than last year & the bridal chamber bed still lacking fresh boughs. Elwell has a young – but very dirty squaw – in keeping with the rest of the rancherie. -31 <sup>st</sup> - Left Elwells – 30 Mile RoadHouse at. 6 a.m. – storm of wind and rain in our faces – snow deep – trails bad. Barnette & Manley cannot get horses through as the snow is certainly too deep. Arrived at 5. pm at <u>Circle City</u> , and put up at Bob. Geis. Supper at restaurant – the Koyukuk men took diner with me & I thus paid them for meals at Webbers, Elwells and on trail. Bath in Geis kitchen & in a warm bed – my feet are nearly well & I feel good -
Diary 7, 1904 april01	-April 1- Visited friends in Circle today – Fred. Batis took dinner with me at “Tanana Restaurant.” Claypool. Geoghegan & got in at 5 oclock & report Barnette & Manly coming having left “30 Mile roadhouse” this morning with two sleds – single. They will probably be in tomorrow. Wrote Debbie good letter – Spent evening at Fred Bates cabin – Claypool Geoghegan – McInroy. Buckley, Bates. Enjoyed pictures of Nome, Hanson, Turners, Cranes, & others. “Give us a drink bar tender” &c. “Bates old Guitar” and songs – a bottle & good cheer – Bohemianism buys whisky – but nothing else. Weighed 181 lbs today gained on trail – though I walked more than half the way from Eagle.
Diary 7, 1904 april02and03	-April 2- Capt. Barnette & Manley got in this morning from the “Eight Mile Roadhouse” where they passed the night. They brot my pack – but not my trunk They will go back with double enders for the rest of their outfit which they left at Webbers – where the other teams are also stranded. -3- <u>Sunday</u> . A beautiful day. Will leave tomorrow morning with Barnette for Fairbanks. Dinner tonight with Bob & Mrs. Geis. – Capt. Barnette, McInroy Claypool & I – guests. Al. Moranzy & Herrington in from Fairbanks today

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	with good reports – mines better all the time.
Diary 7, 1904 april04	-4 <sup>th</sup> - Left Circle at 10. a.m. – Capt. Barnette with a double ender sled with hay, grain, valises &c. on it, and the fine cutter trail =ing behind – the whole pulled by the Captains horse “ <u>Chub</u> ”. Lunch at 12 Mile & night at “ <u>Jump off</u> ” - 24 Miles. Clear day – warm at noon but cold morning & evening. Road fine. Saw pair of red-brown birds – like parrots – but think they were waxwings. Canaries everywhere since we left Eagle. Met Dan. Callahan going into Circle. Reports from the mines better all the time – and Cleary Creek seems best of all. Claypool Geoghegan, & others will follow us next Thursday – Roadhouse tonight <u>clean</u> .
Diary 7, 1904 april05and06	-5 <sup>th</sup> - From Jump Off to Millers roadhouse Find day & good roads. Am riding in Barnettes new cutter – the first one ever in the Tanana country – it is tied on behind the double ender & I ride in it while Barnette straddles the load. -6 <sup>th</sup> - Good meals & sleep at Miller Roadhouse. Beautiful morning – glorious sunshine wild canary birds singing – big band of cariboo in sight – good trail – summit of Eagle divide – downhill pull – <del>what</del> good mining prospects ahead – what more can a man – miner – want in Alaska? Met Jim Hill, auditor of N.C. & drove with dog team on his road to Circle - met on Eagle summit – down to Eagle roadhouse for the night.
Diary 7, 1904 april07and08a	-7 <sup>th</sup> - From Eagle to 12 Mile roadhouse. 22 miles, good trail – but walked – Up 12 Mile glaciers bad - & rode – remained at “12 Mile” parlors – cabin 14 X 16 – 11 men in bunks – hard bed -oh yes- they were hard – my sides ache- Snowing like – but not blowing The 12 Mile Roadhouse is a new one built since last spring just in the woods below where we camped a year ago- Mr. M. Sickinger, a merchant from Dawson is traveling in our company He has a horse & sled with trailer & is taking in a small stock of goods. -8 <sup>th</sup> - Crossed 12 Mile divider – two teams



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	& reached Faith Creek at 5 o'clock.
Diary 7, 1904 april08band09a	Divide trail good – and the Chatnika fine – glaciered and hard – all the way to Faith. They tell us here that there is much & deep water from here on down. New roadhouse at this place. The one I occupied last year is now a stable – that's all it was fit for then – -9 <sup>th</sup> - Left Faith in good style – but struck overflow – water and thin ice. Horses broke through – and water high on sleds. I went on with Sickenger hand in hand and broke the upper crust, leaving ten inches or a foot of water on the heavy under ice. We continued waded – cussed & the overflow got worse & more of it. At dark we were within three miles of the Cassiar R. H. (Pauls). & we worked very hard to get there - but
Diary 7, 1904 april09band10a	in rain – at 11 o'clock at night we were on the old trail in the middle of the river surrounded by running deep water, with everything freezing. We finally gave up & went ashore into the woods & made camp. I shoveled two feet of snow for the tent to sit on & at 1 o'clock we had supper. During the day on crossing over long stretches of river we took the horses through the woods – wading the snow & pulled the sleds by hand over the ice. Hard camp – but we filled up on hot coffee & rice & rolled in our blankets & slept fine. -10 <sup>th</sup> - Crossed the river at our camp this morning with horses on the top ice & pulled our sleds down a quarter of a mile & across.
Diary 7, 1904 april10band11a	Mr. Hess came along with a pair of snow shoes – I borrowed them & made a “cut off” around the bad overflow which kept us back so much yesterday. Crossed & recrossed the cut off six times on snow shoes – we got to the road house – Cassiar – at noon. After dinner we “mushed on” to Si's road house. Bob. Henderson who works for Barnette came out today & met us just after we were ready to cross the cut off. He had B-s dog team & I drove it down to Si's & rode some of the way. -11 <sup>th</sup> - We left Si's roadhouse early this morning – took lunch with the Indians Guinness & Peter at their roadhouse

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Diary 7, 1904 april11band12a	and reached the Kokomo roadhouse. It was a very bad trail – I waded water to my Knees half the day – for miles I was in the water – running on top of the ice – wet all day – walked 18 miles. We are told that the trail is now good with the exception of one hole – all the way to Cleary Creek. Barnette & I will help the teams through that in the morning & will then go to Fairbanks with his dog team. Good many teams traveling on the river – but roads very bad. -12 <sup>th</sup> - Left Kokomo roadhouse early – we helped the horses across the last bad waterhole in the river & then Barnette & I took the dogteam & struck out for Fairbanks. We spent an hour on Cleary Creek & I was very much surprised & pleased at the
Diary 7, 1904 april12b	evidence of mining that I saw there. Where last spring I saw only a few corner stakes, a lone cabin and half dozen prospect holes I now saw cabins, homes, stores, & great dumps of pay dirt, with a small army of busy miners getting out more and preparing for the spring clean up. We took lunch with the Barber roadhouse, and a good one it was with home canned fruit (from their own California ranch) and good coffee. After noon we crossed the Cleary divide – down Pedro & Gold Stream, and on into Fairbanks at 8 o'clock – a distance of 35 or 40 miles today. Mr. Hess had some mail for us – one letter (Mch. 8 <sup>th</sup> ) from Debbie & one from Darrell- Went to Edgars & had supper - bath – and am now going to bed tired & sleepy after a long hard trip of 400 miles mostly afoot.
Diary 7, 1904 april13and14a	-13 <sup>th</sup> - Barnettes horse & sleds came in this evening – also Claypool, Geoghegan, &c Rested all day – intend to begin operations on courthouse tomorrow- Many persons call – including reporter for “ <u>Fairbanks News</u> .” We are to be entertained by the A.Bs. at a “ <u>smoker</u> ” Friday evening. Gained weight on trip and now weigh <u>183. lb.</u> -14 <sup>th</sup> - Rented room for office today – on Front St. Received telegrams from Eagle City & Valdez on business matters there. <u>Instructed Perry to go ahead with Valdez courthouse,</u> & Heilig to pay claim of A.C. Co. for material for Unalaska jail. Endeavoring to get title to my lot & courthouse & jail site arranged with N.C. Co & Barnette.

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<p>Diary 7, 1904 april14and15</p>	<p>Barnette &amp; Turner agree to confirm but I refuse to move until they <u>do it</u>. As the building of the courthouse hangs on their action they are acting promptly. -15- Telegram today to Harlan asking his judgment about whether Valdez courthouse ought to be delayed until Congress acts on division bill. Think he is suggesting delay to Perry &amp; if he is I want people of Valdez to know it!! Heard two small applications today in the new office on Front St. Have just returned from attending the A.B. "Smoker" – speeches, <u>good</u> music, beer &amp; sandwiches. I, Hess &amp; Claypool did the talking – but the real pleasure of the evening was the fine music - Morgan &amp; three other violinists – piano &amp;c. Morgan is a good violinist &amp; Capt. Barnettes nephew sings well – good time.</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april16and17</p>	<p>-16<sup>th</sup>- Settled up with Frank Cleary as my agent for corner lot for year – he paid me \$90. bal. and will pay \$35 more in full. I allowed him \$107.50 paid to Jesse Noble for digging shaft on my claim off Discovery left limit, Cleary, and \$165. for work on claim on Fish Creek. This afternoons "<u>Fairbanks News.</u>" gave me a good "send-off" - a flattering notice for my efforts for the territory this winter while in Washington. -17<sup>th</sup>- Sunday – Wrote letters – Debbie, Foster – Fairbanks, &amp;c. Sent C. D. Lane telegram saying that estimated output this year \$4000,000. and urging him to come – also letter with 10 photos of dumps &amp;c. on Fairbanks &amp; Cleary Creeks <u>Dinner with Capt. &amp; Mrs. Barnette</u></p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april18and19a</p>	<p>-18<sup>th</sup>- Left Fairbanks early with Frank Cleary &amp; Mr. Hess for a visit to the creeks. <u>We walked</u>. We estimated the dumps on Gold Stream &amp; Pedro &amp; inquired – the output is fairly \$50,000. Took dinner with Jerry, at Golden City – four log huts - &amp; reached No 1 Below {Cleary Creek} at 6 oclock. Saw Willig &amp; Jesse Noble &amp; will talk with them in the morning My feet are blistered &amp; swollen again -19<sup>th</sup>- Remained all night with Frank Cleary at his cabin on No. 1. Below Discovery on Cleary Creek. Small cabin 14 X 18 ft. rough floor, dirty walls, sheet iron Yukon stove, bacon on the wall, unswept, -</p>

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<p>Diary 7, 1904 april19b</p>	<p>two bunks covered with only a blanket to sleep on &amp; robe over us for covering I slept with Mr. Hess – and nearly froze. Tea, muggy bread – bacon &amp; stewed apples &amp; <u>musty</u> beef for supper – coffee – muggy bread &amp; bacon for breakfast – and it tasted good. Saw Willig and had a long talk with him – he will put in a fire &amp; I will have Jesse Nobel pan in his shaft and come to some conclusion about taking up his option. Also went over my claim off Discovery on Cleary left limit. – Noble tells me that he found 4 feet of dirt from 3{c} to 5c per pan – pay dirt- The claim adjoining above is being thoroughly prospected by <del>Mattson</del> Mattison. Ronan &amp; Esterly – they find good dirt pretty general – but not rich. The <u>rich</u> pay is being found on</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april19cand20a</p>	<p>Discovery &amp; 1-2-3 &amp; 4 below, and on the last few days on the side claims on the right limit. Took dinner &amp; supper with Jesse Noble &amp; am to stay here all night. Feet are ok today. Cleary Creek camp is active &amp; feverish. Great dumps of dirt out on Dis. No 1, &amp; from there down to 9. New cabins are going up and almost every day now shafts are found to reach the "pay" at a new point. Already the pay streak is found to be 800 feet or nearly so in width at #1. below. -20<sup>th</sup>- With Jesse Noble staking 2<sup>nd</sup> Bench off Discovery Cleary Cr. Begun on my N.W. Gov. Stake 1<sup>st</sup> Bench off Dis. left limit thence west</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april20b</p>	<p>up hill – Marked my N.W. Cor. 1<sup>st</sup> Bench stake – "N.E. Cor. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bench, Discovery. April 20, 1904 Wickersham" – thence up hill on line, as near as we could go through the woods 330 ft &amp; marked center tree stake "N. Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bench off Discovery, April 20, 1904 Wickersham," – thence up hill about 330 ft. to spruce tree squared on four sides, &amp; marked "N.W. Corner Bench Claim No. 2, Discovery April 20, 1904 – Wickersham - thence southerly &amp; as near parallel to the west line of Bench Claim No 1 as possible. – We ran south but failed to find any line up hill from the SW Cor. of No 1. off Discovery</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904</p>	<p>so without marking the SW. cor</p>

april20c	of No 2. off Dis. we went down to the SW. cor. of No 1. off Discovery. Finding that the second bench off No 1. Above Dis. had not been staked we began at the S.W. Cor. of No 1. Bench of Dis. & the stake marked, "North West Corner Stake No 1.A. Side Claim" & ran a line south to meet the S.W. cor. of the Side claim of No. 1 Above Dis – on its west line. On my S.W. corner stake I put notice of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bench off left limit of No. 1. Above Dis. as follows: "N.E. Cor. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bench off No 1. above Discovery, April 20, 1904, Jas. Wickersham" About 800 feet south of my S.W. Cor is stake marked on east side as follows
Diary 7, 1904 april20d	"South West Cor. Stake of Bench Claim No. 1." on south side " <u>Center stake of fraction between No 1 &amp; No 2 Bench Claim on Cleary Creek.</u> " On the west side of that stake I wrote "S.E. corner of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bench of No 1. above Discovery April 20, 1904, Wickersham-" Then ran west up hill, following a plain blazed trail about 660 feet - probably more, to a stake made by cutting off a spruce tree & squaring it four feet above ground – on its south face, we could plainly read "N.W. corner stake" the rest was obliterated by scorching last year in forest fire. We then ran north to meet the upper line of Bench No 2, Above Dis. Marked north side of this stake
Diary 7, 1904 april20e	as follows, "S.W. Corner No 2 Bench off No1. above Discovery left limit." April 20, 1904, J. Wickersham". Then ran north to point directly up hill from the S.W. Cor. of my 1 <sup>st</sup> Bench off Dis. & <del>marked</del> about 660 feet, more or or less west, and marked burned tree (spruce.) square on four sides. On south side marked " <u>N.W. Corner 2<sup>nd</sup> Bench off No1. above discovery April 20, 1904, J. Wickersham</u> " and on the north side marked "SW corner 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bench off discovery April 20, 1904, Wickersham This on line run from N.W Corner south – this morning. Then we ran line from upper corner
Diary 7, 1904 april20f	between 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bench of Dis. & 2 <sup>nd</sup> bench off No 1. above – east to the stake at the S.W. corner

	of 1 <sup>st</sup> Bench off Discovery. Jesse Noble did all blazing and I wrote the notices & record. April 20, James Wickersham 1904: All four of my posts on No 1. Bench Cl. off Discovery are standing O.K. writing clear and legible. Went over this afternoon to Willigs on No. 2. Above – to pan & with his consent given yesterday took Jesse Noble along to assist in doing the panning – but he refused today to permit Noble to go into the mine. Could do nothing anyway as the mine was too warm from the fire – to thaw – but will go over in the morning & test the dirt he brings up.
Diary 7, 1904 april20gand21a	Have concluded to do nothing until I go in town – and probably not then. I don't like the prospects or his actions. Manley came into camp tonight & brought my trunk. He had a hard time with the horses, from Faith Creek down. My trunk was a little wet – but not enough to hurt. Got some mail – Mrs. Dr. King brought it from Eagle – One letter from Debbie – she is not so well – one from Darrell scolding like a magpie, one from Walter Clark about politics in Wash. D.C. &c. -21 <sup>st</sup> - Went over to see Hans Austin this morning he told me that he <u>did not do</u> the assessment work on the "Black Diamond" claim on Fish Creek for Pete. Wilson & has no interest in the claim – this makes my title perfect.
Diary 7, 1904 april21band22a	Went up to see Willig – we washed up two buckets from No. 2, A. Dis on Cleary & got 75¢. Dinner at Bar -bers, & then up Chatham and over to Fairbanks. Met Bill Ewing, colored man, from Tacoma – has lay on Discovery, & is making money fast- Went down to 3 below – McKinnon & Purchas – had supper with them & then came up to 2B. – Meehan, Larson & McMann & spent night with Cleary. Hess is down at Cheesman's. -22 <sup>nd</sup> - Staid all night with Tom Larson and Mike McMann. Had good breakfast & left for home up Fairbanks Creek at 7:30 afoot. A beautiful morning and a good trail up the north side of the creek to the summit – along the summits between

<p>Diary 7, 1904 april22band23a</p>	<p>Fairbanks &amp; Wolf &amp; Chatham &amp; between Bear &amp; Pedro &amp; Twin, down to Costas “Golden City”. Glorious view of distant coast range as well as the nearer ranges all tinged with royal blue. Dinner at Golden City, with Ceary – my trunk was there and Manley came along with sled &amp; horse going into town – he took it &amp; got into Gold Stream &amp; got it wet the second time. Home at 6 oclock – dinner &amp; bath. Telegram from Mr. C. D. Lane saying that Louis was coming in but he could not get here until August 15<sup>th</sup>. -23<sup>rd</sup>- Thos. McMahon, formerly Comr. at Eagle came in this morning &amp; brought me a letter from Debbie – it was delivered to him at Circle – She is coming up to Tacoma to be there when the U.S. cruiser “<u>Tacoma</u>” is there</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april23b</p>	<p>with Darrell aboard – and will then go to Yakima for the month of May &amp; up here in June – Heard some small matters &amp; granted licenses – <u>Opened bids on</u> courthouse as follows D. H. Delaney, labor \$1273.75 A. Fredericks, “ \$1550.00 Rutherford &amp; Raymond, “ \$1550.00 McMullin &amp; Nichols, labor &amp; material \$3750.00 A. Fredericks, labor &amp; material \$4750.00 Chas. Fischer, <del>labor</del> \$1684.00 Rutherford &amp; Raymond 1<sup>st</sup> Bid, labor \$1600.00 “ “ 1<sup>st</sup> bid labor &amp; material 5800.00 “ “ 2<sup>nd</sup> bid labor &amp; material 5575.00 Chas. Schiek, labor 1650.00 “ “ labor &amp; material 4900.00 Bids opened in presence of Hess &amp; Long &amp; myself &amp; filed with Long, Deputy Clerk. Let matter go over until Monday without awarding contract as we expect to make some changes – not any amount – but a letter &amp; will probably</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april23c</p>	<p>then let the contrast to McMullin &amp; Nichols. Began preparation opinion in re naturalization of John Pavloff – or “John Minook”. Have just had a talk with J. Tod Cowles, Comr. for this precinct. Told him that complaint had been made about his conduct – that I was informed that he had been consorting openly in broad daytime with prostitutes and had often been drunk, had visited the vicious low dance halls &amp; had danced there, &amp;c. &amp;c. He admitted the truth of the complaints. I then told him about the friendship I had for his father – of Mrs. W’s for Mrs. Claypool, his sister, &amp;c. and appealed to him to quit his bad practices. But I also told him that after the first of this quarter I would not credit him with clerical assistance, except {for} what appeared to be more than he could fairly</p>

	<p>do in proper office hours, - in other words, I told him – he must go to work and do an honest</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april23dand25a</p>	<p>days labor – each day – and I would only allow him for clerical aid over that amount. I hope this talk and arrangement will bring him up, and that hard work will keep him away from the evil road down which he is galloping. His conduct has been so bad that the decent women in the camp refuse to associate with him. But I cannot bring myself to dismiss him on account of his youth, his family and my hope that he will stand up and do better now. -25<sup>th</sup>- Have bought lot at N.E. cor. of Fist Ave. &amp; Noble St. – 50 ft on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave &amp; 75 ft. on Noble St. from A. R. Thomas - \$175.00 I bought through H. J. Miller, atty, &amp; paid him \$10.00 extra. Heard application of McChesney v Hill – for appointment of a receiver for the “<u>Fairbanks News</u>,” overruled demurrer to Comp – case over to 26<sup>th</sup> – 2 oclock</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april25b</p>	<p>Have concluded <u>not</u> to take up my option with Willig for purchase of half interest in his mining holdings – So far he has no showing on any of his claims to justify the investment – and I cannot afford to <u>speculate</u> too far. Mrs. W’s condition bids me be careful also, for I must have money always on hand to meet his necessities. Told him this afternoon that I would not buy - I may &amp; probably will lose the \$400. paid on the option – but thats to be expected once in a while. Bot. two Navajo blankets from Miller also - \$20.00. Much interest now being taken in building a road from town to the mines. Everybody clearing streets, lots, &amp;c Ducks &amp; geese – spring &amp; sunshine.</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april26and27and28 a</p>	<p>-26<sup>th</sup>- Invited by A. B. Lodge to deliver public lecture Sunday evening on my trip to Mt. McKinley. - accepted. -27<sup>th</sup>- Decided case of McChesney v Hill yester -day – refused to appoint a receiver &amp; held that McChesney had no interest. Town has begun to survey streets – <u>caused heavy iron post to be put four feet in the ground at the southeast corner of jail &amp; courthouse reservation as the initial point</u> all surveys based on that point. Have secured transfer of \$2000. to town from licenses paid therein for use of town &amp; schools. -28<sup>th</sup>- Marston &amp; Mace here to sell me Marston ½ interest in Dis. on Wolf &amp; ½ interest in 1<sup>st</sup></p>

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<p>Diary 7, 1904 april28band29a</p>	<p>Bench off Discovery. Was told that there was some overlap with Barnettes 1<sup>st</sup> Bench off Discovery claim on Cleary but asked Barnette and he said that the Wolf creek bench was first and that it was full claim and no contest on his part. Have just received deed from Marston Mace and McGinley for ½ interest in Discovery claim on Wolf &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Bench off Discovery Right Limit. This leaves me partners – or rather cotenants in Discovery with two other men &amp; in Bench with Mace. Did not pay Marston &amp; will not until I get the lien of mortgages fixed up as agreed upon. -29- Bot Marston &amp; Maess half interest in Discovery on Wolf &amp; Bench off Dis- paid \$850 – &amp; secured release of judgments &amp; mortgage Deed on record yesterday. Two years</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april29band30a</p>	<p>ago I disbarred J. C. Kellum for unprofessional conduct at Eagle City. Today he presents a petition from all the lawyers asking for his reinstatement – <u>I will grant it</u>, as I think the good sought to be done has been fully accomplished. River going to peices rapidly. N.C. Co. working cutting ice &amp; moving str. “Isabelle” &amp; barge “Otter” up behind Johansens mill for safety. -30<sup>th</sup>- Telegram from Henderson at Valdez saying that Congress has adjourned and that Humes of Seattle is the Washington candidate against me for judge. I am not surprised for he is able to secure both Ankeny {senator} &amp; Humphreys {M.C.} Sullivan &amp; the Railroad crowd will also aid him as will the North Dakota “push”. He may be successful – one thing is quite sure, if he</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 april30bandmay01a</p>	<p>is that he is too good a lawyer and too strong a man to be controlled by a few disreputable jury fixers. Have also telegraphed Henderson not to do anything in the way of politics for me – Do not intend to do anything in the matter except to keep still &amp; get the business ready to turn over to my successor whoever he may be. <u>Decided two cases today</u>. Have telegraphed Harlan, Dist. Atty. Eagle that I desire to appoint <u>Abe Spring license collector</u> for the Yukon district &amp; also desire him to appoint him Asst. Dist. Atty. without salary. -May 1- Beautiful May day! Ice breaking up in the river – Co. working hard to get he Str. “Isabelle” &amp; barge “Otter” up being Sawmill Point before it</p>

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<p>Diary 7, 1904 may01band02and03a</p>	<p>goes out entirely. Delivered my talk on Mt. McKinly to a crowded house at A.B. Hall tonight. -May 2<sup>nd</sup> Recd bids today for furnishing lumber {&amp; shingles} on the ground for courthouse. B. D Mills \$2862.69 Noyes \$2873. &amp; Parker &amp; Canott - part of lumber only &amp; no shingles at \$60. per M – just the same – so far as he goes as Mills – Mills bid is the lowest. -May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Beautiful day: Ice moving. <u>Carried away the new piers for bridge at east end of Wendell Ave.</u> Str. “Isabelle” &amp; Barge “Otter” safe back of Sawmill Point. Made order reinstating <u>J. C. Kellum</u> as lawyer – disbarred him Aug 21, 1902 for crooked work in defending Beaumont – from Ft. Yukon. Have appointed <u>Abe Spring</u>, license inspector salary \$150.00 per month. Recd. telegram</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 may03band04</p>	<p>from Henderson saying that Washington delegation (Senators &amp; Reprs.) had endorsed Joe. Easterday &amp; Humes of Seattle, as well as me for the Alaskan Judgeship!! What do you think of a U.S. Senator who is so weak kneed that he will endorse every body for everything! I hate a damn coward – and most of all one who is a U.S. Senator. -May 4<sup>th</sup>- The ice broke in the river yesterday but only in part, and only ran down a mile and jammed – <u>Today it went out entirely</u>. <u>The Chena is clear</u> – but the Tanana is not yet broken except in places – The “Isabelle” and “Otter” are safe &amp; untouched. Am negotiating with Dave Petree to put up a building on my lot corner Cushman &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. building to pay for share in property-</p>
<p>Diary 7, 1904 may05</p>	<p>-5- River running clear &amp; high – ice in small quantities. Hearing in injunction case of Morency, et. al vs. Condon et. al. over No 6. on Fairbanks Creek. Two or three times - and again today – Capt. B – has intimated his intention to take me in – when my term of office is ended, as a partner in a valuable claim – <u>which is now in litigation</u>. I have each time turned the conversation – but the next time I will “roast” him so that he wont want me for a partner or any thing else-. Some men are so miserly that it amounts to dishonesty. I didnt understand at first – and even today it was’nt so pointed or certain that I could quite say what I thought – I just walked away – Yukon river breaking also accord =ing to the telegraph-</p>

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Diary 7, 1904 may07and08	<p>-May 7<sup>th</sup>-                  Heard the case of Morency v. Floyd, et. al. yesterday on application for injunction &amp; receiver – Opinion rendered today deny =ing both - &amp; virtually deciding the case on merits                  Bot. two wooden Alaska chairs from Widman.                  Beautiful summer weather – We now hear that the Yukon has gone out – the Chena &amp; Tanana are clear &amp; boats ought to come soon.                  -May 8<sup>th</sup>-                  Sunday – Made three window boxes &amp; Lizzie planted flower seed for me – Have invited Capt &amp; Mrs. Barnette &amp; Frank v Cleary to take dinner with me this evening at 6:30 at Mrs. Napoleon Dupras new restaurant on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. She has fine <u>roast grouse</u>, &amp;c.                  Dinner with Barnettes – Cleary could not be found in time – dinner fine.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 may09and10a	<p>May 9<sup>th</sup>-                  Went duck hunting at 4 a.m. this morning with Dr. Hall, Harry Badger &amp; Bob. Sherman Badger &amp; I came back without anything – went out to lake east of town near the hill – beautiful morning – birds – ducks, mountains.                  -May 10<sup>th</sup>-                  Have been for two or three days negotiating with Willig about a final completion of our contract or option to purchase an undivided half interest in his claims on Cleary, Gold Stream Pedro, Bear &amp; other creeks. Have finally agreed to lend him \$2050, and to take a mortgage covering that and the \$200 paid him last spring = \$22.50. for 6 months time at 12% per annum. At the same time he gave me an option to pur =chase within 6 mo. an undivided ½ interest in the claims for \$5,000. Have paid him as</p>
Diary 7, 1904 may10band11a	<p>follows:                  Paid to Turner, in his presence - - \$983.00                  Paid to him in cash - - 867.00                  Retain to pay to Burg &amp; Zeigler - - 200.00                  Paid him last spring - - <u>200.00</u>                  Amount of Mortgage \$2250.00                  Recorded mortgage and contract to purchase.                  -11<sup>th</sup>-                  Frank Cleary has been here for two weeks or more trying to get the right to build on my lot, and Hess' in connection with a common plan with Barnette.                  Finally agreed &amp; drew a contract &amp; submitted it yesterday – but like the weak sister that he has recently shown himself to be – this morning early he left for the mines on Cleary Creek accompanied by a fair but frail one – who it is said is after his claim – she certainly has him in charge. In the afternoon heard two cases &amp; Capt Barnette sent</p>

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Diary 7, 1904 may11band12	<p>me word that he wished to consider the proposition offered to Frank.                  This afternoon parties “jumping” fractions on south end of lots fronting on First Ave- east of Noble St- saved mine by my clearing &amp;c: put up tent on it. Busy preparing opinion in re Naturalization Minook.                  -12<sup>th</sup>-                  Busy on my opinion in re Naturalization of <u>John Minook</u> – Geoghegan is modeling the translation of the Russian ukase of 1844 in relation to the rights of Russian subjects.                  Heard the application of McGinley v Harrington dissolution of partnership, &amp; appointed E. J. Steir receiver of the partnership property. Find that by securing the fraction on corner of First Ave &amp; Noble street that I now have 90 ft of fine property – Beautiful weath[er?] &amp; the town looks good – buildings going up in all directions-</p>
Diary 7, 1904 may13	<p>-<u>Friday the 13<sup>th</sup></u>-                  One would expect something unfortunate or unhappy to happen on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>!                  Got a telegram from Debbie saying: “<u>I feel well but think best not to come.</u>” I am greatly disappointed – for either – or both maybe – her health is such that she <u>can not</u> come – or the appearances lead her to think I will not be reappointed – - possibly she thinks it too long and hard a trip for so short a stay – Will telegraph her tomorrow to come if she is not too sick to stand the journey.                  Appointed receiver for dump on No 7 Fairbanks today – Gagnon v. Tracey {et. al} Appointed Pat. Whalen, who took the oath &amp;c. and went out at once. Beautiful weather, wish Debbie was here.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 may14and15and16a	<p>-14<sup>th</sup>-                  Decided case of Town v Courtemarch – a case of trespass on the water front street, and fired defendant off the street. Working yet on Naturalization case – it is extremely impor =tant and far reaching in its consequences. Str. “Isabelle” got up steam this afternoon &amp; ran down to woodyard – she goes on an excur =sion to Chena tomorrow.                  -15<sup>th</sup>-                  Beautiful Sunday – Several parties got in from Valdez – came down from Delta on raft report 3 women &amp; 3 men on upper end of Chena slough – be down in few days – Bob. Coles among them. Completed locations on Cleary – off Discovery &amp; No 1 above 2<sup>nd</sup> benches – Jesse Noble signed as witness.                  -16<sup>th</sup>-                  Finished my opinion in Re Naturalization of John Minook, holding him to be a</p>

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Diary 7, 1904 may16band17a	<p>of the United States, first, by virtue of the treaty of 1867 with Russian, and second even if an Indian half-breed, - under the provisions of the Indian severalty bill of 1887. Also heard the case of the town of Fairbanks v Mogeau – on demurrer &amp; held demurrer bad – because town had authority to protect its own streets. Bob. Coles &amp; the rest of the Valdez people came into town today – came down from the mouth of Delta river in a canoe – 3 women &amp; three men. The mail also came in - got letter from Darrell – also official mail from Henderson. -17<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Wrote to Count Cassini, Russian Embass =ador, Washington, sending him copy of my opinion in Re Naturalization of Minook, and asking him to have it translated into</p>
Diary 7, 1904 may17band18a	<p>Russian for me – also to criticise it &amp; offer additional facts, citations &amp;c. Also wrote to Senator Fairbanks sending him copy, &amp; thanking him for speaking so fair in the Senate about me on the date of the passage of the Alaska bills. on <u>March 10<sup>th</sup></u> <u>See Cong. Record of that date</u> Also wrote Henderson returning several papers to him, - court file &amp; an order to pay Nannie W as copyist. The scheme to put up a large building on block between Front &amp; Second Ave – Cushman &amp; Turner Sts. is “off” for the present. -18<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>At work fencing &amp; preparing to build house – Debbie telegraphed she would come. Also rented 20 X 40 ft ground – back end of my Cushman st. ground to Tom. Pierce, negro</p>
Diary 7, 1904 may18band19and2	<p>for restaurant = \$50. per month. -19<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Telegraphed Debbie \$200 – N. Co. Co. sent it to Empire Transportation Co. Seattle, &amp; I telegraphed her to get it there. Work on place fencing &amp; gardening. -22<sup>nd</sup>-</p> <p>Have worked last three days on building fence &amp;c at my proposed summer residence at corner of First Ave &amp; Noble St. (N.E. Cor). Am building the first picket fence in the Tanana valley – real planed pickets &amp; will paint them. Have put on my old clothes &amp; worked hard, digging postholes, sawing &amp; driving nails. We'll begin on the house tomorrow But little legal work – am examining the papers in submitted case today – New Hospital (Bishop Rowes (Episcopal), - New</p>

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Diary 7, 1904 may24a	<p>restaurant on my lot &amp; barber shop adjoining -24<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>House going up rapidly – we have to carry all the lumber from the saw mill on our backs – there is not <u>yet</u> a <u>wagon</u> in the Tanana country, - except one made by nailing lumber together for wheels – Lumber costs me \$75.00 per M. rough &amp; \$100. planed – carpentered \$12.50 per day &amp; common labor \$1.00 per hour, - consequently I work hard myself- <u>Capt. Barnette informed me today</u> that an attorney in Seattle had written to J. C. Kellum, lawyer, asking for certified copy of all conveyances made from him (Barnette) to me &amp; Barnette informed me further that he supposed the information was desired by or in the interest of Cansten, Dep. Col. Customs, St. Micheal who, so B says, claims to have some</p>
Diary 7, 1904 may22cand28a [actually may24band 28a]	<p>interest in his (Bs.) mining claims – Luckily I have bought none from him &amp; <u>will not</u>. Telegram from Harlan today saying that both parties desire U.S. v. Idleman tried at Juneau. Answered that I would approve it. Also telegram from Henderson Valdez, that Grigsby had been permitted to resign July 1<sup>st</sup>. <u>Verily the Dakota pull is strong with Roosevelt.</u> -May 28<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>My house is about done – all but doors &amp; windows – The “Cudahy” is at Chena - or near there, at noon – and the Str. “Isabelle” has gone down to bring up her passengers. The “Monarch” is about the mouth of the Tanana, while the “Rock Island” ought to be there also tonight. Heilig and Harlan are on the Rock Island &amp; also</p>
Diary 7, 1904 may28b	<p>Louis Lane. I am having trouble with J. Tod Cowles, Comr. Since talking to him on April 25<sup>th</sup> his conduct has grown steadily worse, - until now he stands in the saloons night after night playing games, and openly consorting with whores. One of these – the “Sheeny” whore – a Jewess has him completely under her control and she sleeps at his house openly and notoriously – he hugs and kisses her in public – standing drunk at the bar &amp;c. Many complaints are made to me and I feel that I can no longer fail to act – Hess has just called to talk the matter over – I asked Abe Spring to see Hess &amp; put him in motion which he did. At my suggestion Hess went over &amp; told Cowles that unless he resigned at once</p>

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	he would file official charges against
Diary 7, 1904 may28c	him, and make the matter public: he asked Hess to wait until Monday, but Hess refused – and he is to let Hess know within an hour what he will do. I regret the matter very much for <u>Claypool</u> alone is to blame for destroying this young mans prospects. I saw Claypool going to dinner today at noon – down the public street with a sore faced whore known as “Birdie”, whom he keeps. He and Tod have two beds in one room and each keeps a whore – both in the same room. They are out every night, - drunk with their whores – it is open, notorious, <u>bad!</u> and I intend to put a stop to it at once. <u>Cowles has just resigned &amp; he and Claypool both write me nice letters thanking me for my confidence &amp; friendship.</u> I hope this unhappy chapter is now finally ended -
Diary 7, 1904 may29a	-May 29 <sup>th</sup> - The “Cudahy” could not reach Chena as soon as was expected on account of low water in the Tanana, - she came there at 1. a.m. this morning only – the “Isabelle” and our Fairbanks “boosters” remained all night & telegraph that they will be in here at noon with such passengers as are coming to this place – Sent Rob. Coles and Abe Spring out to Isabelle creek yesterday and they staked fourteen claims as follows. No 13. Abe Spring                      No 14 Dolly Spring. No 11. W. E. Clark                      No 12 Rob. Coles. No. 9. R. H. Geoghegan              No 10. D H. Jarvis. No 7. J. Wick                              No 8. Thos. Sammons No 5. D. S. Wick.                        No 6 D. P. W No 3. H. C. Strouse                    No 4. Jake Jacobson. No 1. L. A. Brown                      No 2. E. A. Henderson Locations made – but not yet recorded-
Diary 7, 1904 may29band31a	“Isabelle” came in with about 60 passengers from the “Cudahy” – who report the “Monarch” but twelve hours behind. Most of the people seem to be coming to this town - & include miners, - but principally storekeepers, machinery men &c. “Isabelle” left for “Cudahy” again this evening having in town a barge for freight. - <u>May 30<sup>th</sup></u> (Decoration day). Telegram this forenoon from Abe Spring who went down with “Isabelle” saying that the “Monarch” is at mouth of Chena, & the “Isabelle” is taking her freight & passengers & both will come up to Fairbanks today. -May 31 <sup>st</sup> A very blue day, yesterday and today, for many – as the river is so low that the boats <u>cannot</u> get up to Fairbanks

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	and our Chena friends are <u>knocking</u> this town effectively on account of it.
Diary 7, 1904 may31b	In spite of the low water the “Isabelle” is plugging away – carrying freight & passengers from the Tanana to Fairbanks - Capt. Barnette is working night & day – 200 or 300 people are now here, & to my surprise they are coming to this town!! I really expected that the low water would frighten many of them into settling at Chena – but they are not. Several heavy firms from Dawson - machinery men – grocers & storekeepers are here and all others coming. Tents are going up – houses ditto, & every place is overflowing. The “ <u>Tanana Chief</u> ” came up today loaded, and every polling boat on the river is at work. – Several teams & wagons came & at last a farm wagon & good team of mules is to be seen in the Tanana valley.
Diary 7, 1904 june01a	<u>June 1<sup>st</sup></u> The people are still coming & the scare of the last two days is over – at first some of the new comers threatened to remain in Chena – but none did. The price of real estate is going up – - new buildings – new schemes, &c., and the news from the mines is better each day. Jesse Noble sold his half interest in Dis. on Cleary Creek & in No 1. above to T. G. Manley yesterday for \$50,000.00 & this lets the speculation loose. <u>The “Rock Island”</u> arrived at the mouth of the Chena today but cannot come up. - Harlan & Heilig are aboard – Louis Lane came up this evening in a small boat – Fuller of Dawson, Louis & I will go out to the creeks in a couple of days. The town is full of people.
Diary 7, 1904 june01b	everything is astir – Sargent & Pinski gents furnishing goods, are building on the corner of 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Cushman – tent, others are putting up temporary structures & getting buildings up as fast as possible. Joined with Fuller, Mills, Turner & Sargent in a telegram to Roediger & McIntyre. Dawson, advising them to send newspaper plant at once. The “ <u>News</u> ” man here is a “dead one” & I hope to see his plant absorbed & a good daily paper going in a week or two – <u>Recd.</u> telegram from Henderson saying that Pres. Roosevelt would appoint a Comr. this week to examine judicial districts in Alaska – <u>hope it is so</u>



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	for he certainly needs to know a few facts concerning the doings of the officers here – <u>he needs to learn the truth-</u>
Diary 7, 1904 june02a	-June 2 <sup>nd</sup> <u>Heilig, Harlan &amp; Ed. reached Fair</u> = <u>banks this morning.</u> Everybody & everything on boats coming here & Chena seems not to get much. Branch & Wilson, machinery men, have bought Wendells lot. cor. 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave & Noble St. opposite my own, & will put up depot hardware there. Sargent & Pinkski have built tent warehouse cor. Cushman & 3 <sup>rd</sup> – other houses going up in all direction No doors or windows for my house yet- <u>but sowed timothy, bluegrass &amp; clover</u> seed in my yard <u>today.</u> <u>Mail.</u> Recd. long letter from Walter E. Clark - who has been conducting my fight with Pres. & the Atty Genl. <u>and most satisfactorily</u> too. He is a friend worth having & so is Jarvis, whose letters he used - he
Diary 7, 1904 june02b	writes me that Alex. McKenzie, of N. Dakota is personally conducting the war against me – of course in the interest of Richards - & the Helen crowd - through Burleigh. -June 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Perry did not come with Harlan & Heilig but waits Mrs. P coming. They may come on the “Leah” – I hope Debbie comes – Recd. happy letter from her – she is greatly pleased at the very cordial reception given by the people of Tacoma to Darrell – the graduating Tacoma boy on the cruiser “Tacoma”. which is there (or was when she wrote) to receive a silver service. Debbie presented the ward room of the “Tacoma” with a handsome picture of <u>the Mountain.</u> My desk & chair have arrived & the court house
Diary 7, 1904 june02cand04	is going up – <u>things are doing here.</u> Fairbanks is just now a typical boom western mining camp. June 4 <sup>th</sup> Just paid lumber bill for my house \$313.81 Recd my March salary – Roberts, the freighter from Chena, came to me today to lease my lot, cor Cushman St.. – <u>for his</u> use <u>in running a store for the N.A.T. Co!</u> Think of Hendricks & Belt, the Chena boom =ers, being forced to come to Fairbanks! This is the result of everybody’s coming on here – and refusing to stop there. They are, however, trying to force Roberts into making another blunder for them by going across

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	to East Fairbanks! They made one blunder in moving to Chena last spring and their removal to “Graeh!” or East Fairbanks would be just as bad another.
Diary 7, 1904 june06	-June 6 <sup>th</sup> - Have today leased my lot corner Cushman & First Ave. to <u>George Apple</u> for three years - \$200 per month for the first year - \$300. per month for the second year & \$250. per month for the third year. He is also to put a good building on the lot to cost not less than \$5000. and I have the privilege of buying it at the end of the term at one half its actual value. This makes an average rental of \$3600 per year for the whole lot – the part formerly leased to Tom Pierce for restaurant purposes bringing me an additional \$53.75 per month. River rising – the “Rock Island” & “Leah” are coming & ought to get in without trouble. Raining up river Working to finish my house &c
Diary 7, 1904 june08and09a	-8 <sup>th</sup> - Have had to settle matter of copying the records from Circle – Claypool has neglected this important matter – but I have finally consented that he might go ahead and complete it now & Stier, Comr. has consented also. Working on my house every day – <u>Married Ben E. Sherman</u> and <u>Josie Large</u> , this evening. The lady has long been known as Mrs. Evans, but says she was not married – I asked both bride and groom that question during the ceremony. -June 9 <sup>th</sup> - The “ <u>Rock Island</u> ” and “Leah” came into Fairbanks this morning at 5. oc. Reynoldson – 96 passengers came. Letter from Stephen Birch - says
Diary 7, 1904 june09band11a	that he has assurances that I will be reappointed. Learned yesterday by telegraph from Henderson, Valdez, that <u>District Attorney Young – of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has been appointed a commissioner to examine into charges preferred against Gov. Brady, Judge Brown and me-</u> -June 11 <sup>th</sup> The steamer “Leah” stuck fast halfway down the “slough” and did not get out into the Tanana. The Str. “ <u>Lavelle Young</u> ” came into the slough yesterday & last night came

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	up near town – went on a bar & discharged her cargo – 20 head of cattle – and a <u>cow!</u> the first in the Tanana country by boat, - <u>or otherwise</u> Wm. McIntyre, from Dawson
Diary 7, 1904 june11b	<u>News</u> , came in. He has newspaper plant he wants to put in here. Am about done with my house.= <u>plan</u> [captions:] Back fence closet Door 12 X 14 14 X 16 Door Lot 50 ft. sq. Noble St. [written on side:] Front or 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave.  Have been particular to make the house tight & warm. Have it beautifully paper =ed. Have good carpet of Japanese matting good cook stove, filter, hat rack of a moose horn, &c. also flowers. Two very comfortable rooms & good spring bed.
Diary 7, 1904 june12and13a	-12 <sup>th</sup> - Ed. Reynoldson has been trying for two days to find out if Mrs. W is coming from Eagle with Mr & Mrs. Perry, who leave there today on the “ <u>Sarah</u> ” – as also do Mrs. Reynoldson & Florence Heilig, - but he cannot get an answer – they all evade <u>that</u> question – so I am suspicious that <u>she is</u> coming. She is probably trying to surprise me – as she knows nothing about my income here – recently agreed upon – nor the house – I hope to surprise her. - <u>May June</u> 13 <sup>th</sup> Court met today in the new court house – minus doors & windows – the first session of the District Court ever held in the Tanana country- Present – James Wickersham
Diary 7, 1904 june13b	Judge. N. W. Harlan, dist. attorney. A. R. Heilig, clerk. Ed. Reynoldson & Ed. Wickersham, dept. marshals- L. C. Hess, asst. dist. atty. John Drake crier & bailiff. Grand jury empanelled. Limbocker appointed foreman, - 19 members present. Instructed grand jury about their duties & sent them out to work. Nothing else possible – as carpenters must finish building. Reynoldson received telegram from Eagle today saying that his wife, the Perrys, & <u>Mrs. Wickersham left there yesterday for Fairbanks</u> Paid all bills on house today – do not owe a cent – and my property here in Fairbanks & at the mines seems sufficiently valuable to put me out

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	of <u>Poverty Flat</u> . Hope so for Debbie's sake – as well as my own -
Diary 7, 1904 june14and16and17 a	Nothing of any interest in court today- First bridge across the Chena river going up – Archie Burns building it at the foot of Cushman St. 16 <sup>th</sup> The “Lavelle Young” left the mouth of the Tanana yesterday morning – Debbie & others aboard – busy in court each day Grand jury at work – and the usual petty blackmail going on. -17 <sup>th</sup> - Bridge across Chena river – Cushman St. done. Str. “Lavelle Young” – due – but not heard yet – Indictments against Hiltz[?], for the murder of Massey at Ft. Gibbon McConnell for bringing in & selling liquors without license &c. beginning to get busy in court. Evening – no boat – no wife!
Diary 7, 1904 june17band18	I am having trouble – as usual – with small people trying to attack public officers before the grand jury – they – Morgan & others who are living with women in adultery – trying to indict Abe Spring – Town Attorney & other town officers for fining the prostitutes! They are also circulating a scandalous story about Edgar and an Indian girl and generally attempting to discredit the officers and prevent prosecutions. The difficulty is aggravated by Heilig & Long – Clerk & Depty – giving them aid and comfort. I shall remove both Long & Mrs. Heilig at the end of this term & notify Heilig that officers must stand together to enforce the law. <u>11 p.m. – Debbie is here!</u> -18 <sup>th</sup> - Court – arraignment of McConnell &c assignment calendar for next week. Getting house in shape – John Conna appointed janitor of Fairbanks courthouse.
Diary 7, 1904 june21and24a	-21 <sup>st</sup> - Str. “Koyukuk” reached here today after hanging on bars in the Chena river for more than 48 hours. Have got court to moving – slowly – but moving. Trial today – not guilty. Debbie sick in bed with another hard “chill” from cold. Maess[?], my partners in 1 <sup>st</sup> Bench claim off Discovery on Wolff creek, sold his half interest, or rather made contract to sell it by Sept. 1 to Crawford, who prospects it in the meantime. 24 <sup>th</sup> Trial of U.S. v. Chas. Hiltz[?], for murder of H. J. Massey – “Roosh” – at Tanana

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	on all week – given to jury tonight. Telegram from Henderson at Valdez saying that <u>Roosvelt &amp; Fairbanks</u> are
Diary 7, 1904 june24band27	nominated for President & V.P. at Rep. Nat. Con. Sent Senator Fairbanks telegram as follows: Fairbanks Alaska, June 24, 1904 Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks Indianapolis, Indiana. “ <u>Fairbanks Alaska congratulates Fairbanks of Indiana</u> ” Business of the court is increasing and it is going to be a long & important term – for a new country. -27 <sup>th</sup> - Have heard rumor that a man by the name of Johnson from Dawson intended to “ <u>jump</u> ” my claim off Discovery, left limit. Cleary so sent <u>Pat. Whalen</u> out yesterday evening to take possession & do the assessment work for the year on my Bench claim off Discovery.
Diary 7, 1904 june30andjuly01and02	-30 <sup>th</sup> - Very busy in court. One jury case after another – three rape cases & three murder cases this week. Grand jury made final report today & was discharged – Have two trial juries out now – Business very satisfactory. -July 1 <sup>st</sup> - Trial U.S. v. Ledger, murder of Koyukuk on – Strs. “Lavelle Young”, & “Koyukuk” in with passengers & freight from the “Susie.” Recent rains raised the river & it is now high – the “Leah” got out days ago – navigation clear. Father Munroe S. J. from Eagle, & many others on “Young” Beautiful weather. Debbie & I now sleeping in a tent at front door. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jury in Ledger case found him guilty of manslaughter
Diary 7, 1904 july04and08a	-July 4 <sup>th</sup> - A glorious day & a splendid celebration. Everyone took a great interest – cleaned the streets – made 4 horse wagon “floats”, decorated houses &c with flags & bunting &c Florence Heilig read Declaration of Independence. I delivered oration & Mrs. Napoleon Dupras sang “Star Spangled Banner”. Bessie Stone was Goddess of Liberty – games – baseball – tug of war, boat races, &c. -8 <sup>th</sup> - A busy week – case a day – jury –

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	Sentenced Francis Ledger today – 20 years penitentiary for manslaughter - for the ruthless and premeditated killing of Daniel J. McCarty at Gold Bar <u>digging on the Koyukuk</u> – he also
Diary 7, 1904 july08b	killed at the same time Frank Messerole - McCarty's partner – neither of whom were armed. Also sentenced Joe. Alf. for assault with intent to commit rape – 3 yrs. Am now beginning on the civil trial docket. Much more trouble with Tod Cowles & Claypool – Cowles “girl” – Mabel Bage[?] a prostitute has gone off with Billy James & Tod threatens to commit suicide – he has'nt the courage though! Town of Fairbanks is <u>booming</u> – the spring rush has located here in spite of low water - & constant court &c. have settled things here – seemingly – permanently. George Apple has built a fine two story business house on the front part of my lot 42 X 68 ½ ft sq. 17 rooms upstairs & business houses below. Trial – jury – today Harrington & McGinley v. Marston & Maess.
Diary 7, 1904 july11and13	-11 <sup>th</sup> - Sent Judge Moore copy of my correspondence with Dept. of Justice about Richards case & also called his attention to Rustgards attack upon the judiciary – Also wrote McGin who is to have copies of correspondence sent the Judge – Also wrote Rustgard & demand =ed a categorical answer to questions & his proofs – Sent Mrs. Fairbanks picture of <u>Charles Fairbanks Gerig</u> ?, who was born in Fairbanks, Alaska, Nov. 9, 1903 – the day the town was organized - the first white child born in the Tanana valley – or country. Engaged in the trial of civil jury cases- -13 <sup>th</sup> - Tried equity – mining case yesterday – Today held cases of Town of Fairbanks v Mogeau & Wechter to be equity cases & not law – defendants fought to a finish – it is quite evident they fear that I am prejudiced – but that fear does not seem to me to change the law -
Diary 7, 1904 july14and15	-14 <sup>th</sup> - Trial of Barnette v Pierce – over ejection from town lot. Defendant & his attorneys trying to make it appear in every way possible that the location of courthouse & my lot on Front St. as also Edgars lot were in some way unfair – because deeded by Cleary & confirmed by Barnette – Easy of explanation honestly and properly – Verdict of jury for plaintiff. -15-

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	<p><u>Telegram to Perry from Eagle saying that Wm. A. Day, Asst. Atty. Genl. sent to Alaska to investigate judges instead of Young-</u></p> <p>I met Day in Washington – he was acting with Solicitor General Hoyt when I read my explanation of the Richards case before Dept. of Justice, &amp; seems a fair &amp; honest man &amp; I have confidence in him.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 july16and18a	<p>-16<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Jury trial today – preparing opinions in two important cases. Also made and <u>order removing S. M. Graff, as Comr. of the 40 Mile Precinct</u>, &amp; appointed <u>Elmer R. Brady</u> in his stead.</p> <p>Brady is a married man – a lawyer &amp; is well acquainted with everybody there. I am not entirely satisfied with him, but I have offered to appoint C. U. Joynt, Phil. Gallagher, Perrys brother &amp; others there &amp; none would accept. The evidence of Graffs dishonesty is cause of removal &amp; I have his own letters as proof which I will file with the order of removal.</p> <p>-18<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Boats – “Seattle No 3”, “Monarch” &amp; “Lavelle Young” in the river – many people &amp; c in. <u>Perry and all the</u></p>
Diary 7, 1904 july18band19	<p>prisoners gone out on these boats. Married <u>Harry Siebe</u> &amp; <u>Miss Julia E. Crowley</u> this evening at 9. p.m.</p> <p>Tried case of Nelson &amp; Hensley v. Meehan &amp; Larson – heard all of evidence &amp; appt. A. R. Jackson to make a survey.</p> <p>-19<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Trial Anderson v Noble – verdict for plttf. “ Fleming v. Daigle – under advisment. <u>Letter from Senator Fairbanks</u> acknowledging receipt of telegram of congratulations on his nomination for Vice President. <u>Also letter from Atty Genl.</u> informing me of appt. of <u>Asst. Atty. Genl. Day</u> to examine into charges against Alaska official! and requesting my assistance Answered saying I would assist! Busy day &amp; night in court.</p>
Diary 7, 1904 july20and22a	<p>-20<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Busy in court. Cases of Fairbanks v. Mogeau, Wachter &amp; Carroll &amp; Parker settled out of court – glad of it.</p> <p>-22-</p> <p>Tried Cascaden v Bennett, et. al. yesterday - decided for defendant – Moreney[?] v Floyd- today – decided for plaintiff. Perry went away four days ago - &amp; <u>Edgar was out all last night drunk</u></p>

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	<p>was taken home this morning at 9. a.m. making a fool of himself – Will give him just one more chance &amp; will then force his resignation. He has arranged the lease on his lot so that with his salary he is getting about \$500. per month income – and like so many more he cannot stand prosperity. Am sending Walter E. Clark - Washington</p>
Diary 7, 1904 july22band23and24a	<p>&amp; J. P. McLean, “Minn. <u>Journal</u>” photos of Fairbanks – mines, &amp;c. &amp; material for a story about this camp.</p> <p>-23<sup>rd</sup>-</p> <p>Sent Pat Whalen out to Cleary Creek to do assessment work on my Bench off Discovery – on June 27<sup>th</sup> He worked 20 days – boarded with people on Discovery – owe him \$100. - or \$120 at most, also one of the miners there for 5 ½ days work &amp; for Pats board. Pat also put hole down on 2<sup>nd</sup> Bench off No. 1. above – 7 ft. – not to bedrock. he made good discover of gold! Str “Rock Island” just in from St. Micheal with load – 400 tons – of provisions for N.C.</p> <p>-24<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Just recd – news – telegram from Mrs. Heilig</p>
Diary 7, 1904 july24band25a	<p>to Heilig <u>that Asst. Atty Genl Day &amp; his party are at Eagle &amp; leave for this place tonight on the “Susie”</u>. Sent him a telegram saying was here &amp; court would be in session for ten days yet.</p> <p>-25-</p> <p>Have just called <u>Edgar</u> up and told him he must either resign the office of town Marshal – or U.S. Dept. Marshal. I believe him to be thoroughly honest and earnest – and he is a capable officer, but he cannot work night &amp; day as the combination requires, - then too he is so elated over his first little success in money making – out of his lot – that he swaggers a little – Also there are enemies who “knock” and take advantage of his holding two offices, and his weakness for drink to complain – possibly justly – about him – The Dept. would not sustain him</p>
Diary 7, 1904 july25band26and27	<p>He agreed to go and see the town authorities &amp; say to them that he would give up their work, &amp; leave the management of the matter with them. Sold my library to Kellum \$250. cash about \$1800 – 1900- as per list. paid. balance to be paid on delivery, &amp;c</p>

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	<p>Paid Pat Whalen \$115.00 for labor on 1<sup>st</sup> Bench off Discovery, left limit, &amp; he made affidavit of labor for 1904. -26<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Jarvis, at Ft. Gibbon <u>saying he &amp; Day &amp; two others on</u> boat. Tried McGinley &amp; Cleary today - decision reserved – lawyers want to file briefs. Paid Jim Eagle \$25.00 &amp; got extension of purchase option on Chatham fraction. -27<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>“<u>Tanana</u>” – the new steamer on her way up here – on her first trip – other boats near – in a day or so- -28<sup>th</sup>-</p>																																						
Diary 7, 1904 july28and29	<p>Str. “Tanana” came in this morning – new &amp; clean – with Sloss, Washburn and other officials of the N.C. Co. aboard – her first trip. Heard McMahon v. Meehan, et. al. today – <u>Presided at Masonic funeral of Clyde Cook, a young man who died of typhoid – 40 Masons in line – I read the funeral service – the first ever held in the Tanana valley.</u> -29<sup>th</sup>-</p> <p>Tried McMahon v. Meehan, et. al. In the evening met Sloss &amp; Washburn of the N.C. Co. &amp; discussed the plan of establishing a new Commissioners District up at the mouth of the “Good Pasture”. I <u>suggested to them to locate the site of a new town</u>- they will go up on the “<u>Koyukuk</u>” on Sunday night. They will advise with me when they return.</p>																																						
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