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Diary 9, 1905 front cover	DIARY of JAMES WICKERSHAM February 21, 1905 to February 17 [November 24], 1905.
Diary 9, 1905 february21	-1905- Valdez to Fairbanks -February 21st - The Strs “ <u>Santa Clara</u> ” & “ <u>Portland</u> ” came into Valdez yesterday & I waited for mail – one letter from Debbie. Left Valdez at 7:30 this morning reached Camp Comfort at 11:15 & got dinner. Keystone Canon, Dutch Flat, and Wortmans RoadHouse. at foot of summit at 5 oclock – Miners camps all around – Dan Kane, Genl. E. M. Carr, & others. Have Bob Cole & dog team of 6 dogs with me – 20 miles today.
Diary 9, 1905 february22and23a	-22- Left Wortmans early – climbed Thompsons Pass down head of Tiekkel - dinner at Ptarmigan Drop. Beautiful morning – clear & calm. Mountains – serrated – sawtoothed. Saw Tiekkel Glacier, & beautiful frozen cascades. Passed No 3. Telegraph station – Tiekkel Canon & arrived at Beaverdam Road house for the night. Walked from Wortmans to Ptarmigan Drop, before dogs caught me, & “acrobated.” the sled to Baverdam. Glorious day & splendid mountain & canon scenery. 20 miles today – tired & sleepy. 23 rd Left Beaver Dam early – down Tiekkel to forks & up north fork – lunch at the Telegraph station where we met Jacobson
Diary 9, 1905 february23band24a	& thence on to Ernestine Roadhouse. Fine weather – hard trail, but road rough Ed. Page who keeps Ernestine Roadhouse is old Alaskan – from Cook Inlet & Kenai: Met Dan Callahan with teams from Fairbanks to Valdez for goods. 21 miles -23 rd - From Ernestine north down branch of the Tonsina – arrived at Tonsina Crossing at noon – motley crew of Indians, miners, mushers, prostitutes &c. <u>dinner</u> Pete Monahan & his outfit on way to Sushitna to work claims – also govern -ment train of 40 or 50 mules packing tele graph supplies to stations as far as the Tanana crossing. Roads ahead said to be good – so we started to make

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	Copper Center – 24 miles by telegraph measurement – but much farther by road
Diary 9, 1905 february24band25a	Halfway it began to snow & we dragged in at 10 oclock – having walked <u>51</u> miles – the last 15 in the face of a snow storm. Hohman got us to something hot to drink & Blix a good supper & then into a good bed. A hard long day. -25- Have remained all day at Copper Center with Hohman & Blix. Bought 6 more very large lynx skins for a robe = \$33.00 Met Lt. Bascott – U.S.A. who is here on special detail to find the Indians, many of whom are sick. Beautiful view of Mts. Drum and Wrangell – the latter of is throwing great volumes of black smoke & seems to have a particular desire to show off – Blackburn in distance Send lynx skins back to Valdez – to be
Diary 9, 1905 february25band26a	forwarded by Debney to Debbie. Holman & Blix showed me their map of the proposed town of Copper Center; they named one of the streets after me & gave me two lots upon the agreement that I would build a house. They are doing fine here – both with store and farm. They have a lot of fine marten & black fox skins & the largest lynx I ever saw. Large number of travelers – we are joined here tonight by “John the Frenchman”, with his fine dog team taking two prize fighters and a burly female companion into Fairbanks. -26 th - Left Copper Center at 6 am – a warm
Diary 9, 1905 february26band27a	south wind – a clear sky – a spring morning. Wild canary birds bring advance news of spring – great concentric clouds hang above Mts. Drum Wrangell & Sandford – the trail lies up the center of Copper river – good hard trail – we came in good shape – past the Klutena – Tazlina – Gulkana & found our roadhouse at 4.p.m. just within the Gakona Gakona valley. Overflow quarter of a mile below & waded to help dogs – feel fine today – rode enough to rest up good. 30 miles. -27 th - Good roadhouse at Gakona, but no fresh air in it since the windows were put in last summer. Left at 6:30 followed telegraph road on high ground
Diary 9, 1905	north side of Copper river – and from

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february27b	the bluff had a magnificent view of the heights of Mts Drum & Sanford – and also of the great smoking crater of Mt Wrangell. This fumerole – or vent for the interior fires, opens in the center of a level table land on the north side summit of this great mountain, and volumes of black smoke continually poured forth and rolled with the wind across the summit – it does not rise – I wonder if it is composed of heavy poisonous gases like those which destroyed Mt Pelle? Up the telegraph road 11 mi. thence across the level lightly wooded plain to the Gakona river & up that stream 5 mi. to the Chippewa roadhouse
Diary 9, 1905 february27cand28	This hostelry consists of a tent & a lean to log cabin – a very primitive affair kept by one John Gillespie – <u>26 mi.</u> -28 th - Left “Chippy-wa-wa” (as the miners call it) Roadhouse & waded water for 3 or 4 miles up the great wide glaciated river {valley}. Snowed an hour in our faces & made the traveling very bad. In the afternoon late we struck bad overflows at the canyon & waded water knee deep & broke ice – but reached the “Roosevelt” Roadhouse at 5 oclock. Fine day – sunny afternoon 25 miles from Chippewa to this roadhouse. This is a big tent – a temporary affair. “Ed. de Mug”, “Billy de Pug” & “Belle de Bitch” are here with “John the Trashman”.
Diary 9, 1905 march01a	-March 1 st - Had a good sleep at Roosevelt tent - a fine morning and as we approached the head waters of the Gokona – the highland - the view of Sanford, Wrangell & Drum was grand – Sanford & Drum on either side – seemed unreal almost – so blue and so sharp their contours – white between them and beyond – the long glacier covered slopes of Wrangell glistened in the sun shine like burnished copper – a view for a master poet – beyond the painters touch – the cone of old Wrangell threw up the smoke from its internal fires into a high column which finally drifted toward the Pacific in a long thread like cloud – Toward the other direction – the way we were journeying – arose the
Diary 9, 1905 march01band02a	snowy pinnacles of the Tanana range – down from the highest summits of which – in mighty terraces – dropped the great glacier which supplies the Gokona river with its summer milky

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	stream. It was a grand day – well worth a tourists time and labor. Near the head of the Gokonia our trail crossed a ridge to the west, and plunged deep into the mountain valley of the upper Gulkana. Here in the last timber – at the foot of the divide between the Gulkana & the Delta we are encamped in our own tent for the night, - 20 miles today. -2 nd - Cold at our camp last night – but clouded up after midnight & warmer & snowed all day today-
Diary 9, 1905 march02band03a	We followed up the bed of the Gulkana to Summit Lake. Lake 6 or 7 mi long – clear – the Gulkana clacier empties into the lake where the water settles & runs into the river clear. Pass from Gulkana to Delta wide and water level – a fine pass for a railroad from the Copper to the Tanana – Crossed this Alpine pass at noon & reached “Caseys Cache” – 4 tents at 5 p.m. – making 28 miles today. John Drake & wife & party here. -3 rd - From Caseys Cache the trail was good – over the ice – About 15 miles below Caseys C coming into the Delta from the westside is
Diary 9, 1905 march 3b and 4a	an immense glacier. At one time it extend =ed entirely across the Delta valley and pushed its morainal debris a hundred feet or more high on the opposite slope. But the river & changing climate have gained the advantage though the river is greatly choked with rocks & glacial gravels. It is the most remarkable feature of the Delta river, and so far it has no name. Reached “Nigger Bill” Road House at 5 oclock – 30 miles today. -4 th - “Nigger Bill” Roadhouse is the worst on the road. It is a good warm house & I slept well – but dirt & laziness riots. I had intended to remain over there to go after a mountain sheep – but from the Fairbanks paper which “Senator”
Diary 9, 1905 march04b	Hill gave me at the “Rapids” Roadhouse I learned there was a “fight on” at Fairbanks over the game law – so concluded that I would not lay myself open to the criticism which would surely follow & very reluctantly gave up the hunt. Trail from “Nigger Bill” to Jarvis creek good & we made the 28 miles by 1 oclock. It

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	<p>was 15° below zero & as I had on only drawers & overalls I got cold & had to run nearly all the way – Good dinner at Jarvis creek – two of Bobs dogs ran away after rabbits – I started on at 15 min till 3 - & walked & run to the Bennett – Barnette roadhouse & trading post at Tanana river – 12 miles in 2 hrs & 27 min – Bob came in 2 hrs – afterward – having found the dogs.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 march04cand05a	<p>The trading post is on the bank of the Tanana – about ¼ mile above the mouth of the Delta river. Nothing here except the log trading post – a building 20 X 22 ft with a tent behind – side room 16 X 30 ft. & doghouse & house shed – Indian camp - near on river bank – 30 “ Much excitement about “strike” on the Little Delta & also on a creek on right limit called “Tenderfoot.” -Mar 5th- Left Bennetts – passed Macxys on the lower side of the Delta – 3 cabins & stable. Lunch at Arthur Thomas – 20 mi. where they told us about the strike on “Tenderfoot”. Went on down to Joe. Henrys – 6 mi. for the night. Met H. Hart, a long</p>
Diary 9, 1905 march05band06a	<p>six footer & something more – He is locating a town site at mouth of “Banner Creek” - I drew up a notice for him & suggested “<u>Sloss</u>”, as its name on act. of pride in transportation companies. They give us such accounts of the new “strike” that I have concluded to leave Bob here a day or two to look things over. -6th- Left Bob at Joe Henrys roadhouse, he has concluded to go over to the “Tenderfoot” and look into the new strike. Mr. Hart will go into Fairbanks with me. We took my sled – Don, “Ikey”, and one of Henrys dogs and left for Salchakat Rd. Hs. Half way met Capt. Barnette & another man on their way to Bennetts Rd. Hs.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 march 6b	<p>Bennett & Barnette are both interested in that venture. He reported everything in good shape in the camp. Stopped at the Indian village just below the mouth of the little Delta good log houses & the natives seem well and to have plenty. Arrived at Salchakat at 1 oclock – 28 miles. Received telegram from Judge Moore asking about <u>jurors fees</u>. Also telegram – this date – from <u>Henderson</u>: “<u>Wire from Jermane today says you are reappointed and will be confirmed.</u>”</p>

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	<p>Evidently the President has given me another recess appointment – <u>the third since Nov 16!</u> and means to stand by me. This <u>is</u> compensation for the hardships and difficulties which I have sustained in establishing the courts in Central Alaska, and I am particularly thankful to</p>
Diary 9, 1905 march06c	<p>1st <u>Walter E. Clark</u>. 2nd <u>Judge W.A. Day</u>- 3rd <u>Capt. D H Jarvis</u>- 4. <u>Stephen Birch</u>- 5. <u>Senator Fairbanks</u>. 6. The Attorney Generals <u>Knox</u> and <u>Moody</u>. 7. Solicitor General <u>Hoyt</u>, and a long list of friends in every part of Alaska. My enemies have been both numerous and powerful – I have been amazed at their energy – <u>somebody must have been badly hurt!</u> Think the “jury fixers” will now need to go out of business in Alaska. Of course the matter will be public and Debbie will know it as soon as I - Have telegraphed to Stier to have my house warm tomorrow.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 march06dand07a	<p>Late this evening received telegram from Perry, at Seattle as follows: “<u>I congratulate you – reappointed today with cabinet officers.</u>” Geo. G. Perry, Marshal -7th- Hart and I left Salcha at 6 a.m. for the final 42 mile “mush” to Fairbanks Our dogs tired & one exhausted & left at roadhouse 25 miles out – we trudged on afoot – helping the others – Edgar met us 14 miles out – <u>on a damned bicycle</u>- & urged me to get in early as it was the 10th anniversary of his marriage & his friends intended to “have doins”, so I just finished that last 25 miles at 7 oclock with my feet badly blistered. Bath – clean clothes – supper with Edgar & Lizzie - & staid till 12 enjoying (?) social conversation</p>
Diary 9, 1905 march07band08and09	<p>with their friends – Conna had my house warm & lighted & I went <u>home</u> to bed. Fairbanks has grown wonderfully & the long lines of electric lights give it the appearance of a real city. -8th- Went to the office today & got things to going. Called a term of court for April 10th. Heilig at work here. Everything in good shape so far as I can see – but I am sore and tired. -9th-</p>

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	Fairbanks has grown marvelously since last fall – electric lights along the principal streets – new buildings – extensive areas of outside ground covered with residences & many other evidences of prosperity are seen: I am to have reception Saturday evening -10 th -
Diary 9, 1905 march10and11a	Settled with Bob. Coles for bringing me over from Valdez, paid him \$250.00 He filed on two placer claims on “Tenderfoot” - back of the “Big Kid Roadhouse” – 70 miles up the Tanana – Also had a talk with Kellogg & Badger who bought out Chas. W. Willig’s mines – upon which I hold mortgage for \$2750. & int. They proposed to reduce the amount to \$2500. & give new notes & mortgage – agreed. <u>I also purchase from T. A. Anderson</u> Lot & half on 4 th Ave & Cowles St. for \$250. - house on property cost that much. Mail last night – letters from Debbie Major Lacey & others – nothing official. -11 th - Heard the application for injunction
Diary 9, 1905 march11band12	in Daigle v Maddock – refused. - <u>Reception</u> - A splendid public reception was tendered me this evening in the “Century Club Hall” by the Chamber of Commerce and the Bar Association. Capt. Olsen, Pres. Chamber of Commerce presided – C. M. Johansen made the speech of welcome & then I spoke – 555 persons present – including a large delegation from Chena- It was a very flattering & complimentary incident in my life in the Tanana and I appreciate it fully. -12 th - Sunday. Worked at house fixing it comfortably. Loaned Melsing from Council \$50.00 Dinner with Edgar & Lizzie – Charlie Joynt there & we talked of boyhood days in <u>Patoka</u>
Diary 9, 1905 march13	-13 th - Working to get my office & house in shape. Electric lights in house – Have agreed to lease my 10 ft. frontage on 2 nd Ave. opposite Courthouse to Miss Sullivan for 3 yrs. at \$50. per <u>mo.</u> Dr. Geho came in to spend an hour & smoke a cigar – the clever Dr. has the feminine love for scandal & small talk – I know from his 2 hours flow everything – small – that has happened in Fairbanks this winter – just how many miscarriages the women have had & how

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	often Dr. Hall – his leading competitor has been drunk. A real live yawn doesn’t even surprised the good Dr. Beautiful weather.
Diary 9, 1905 march14and15a	-14 th - Wrote to Debbie & Walter E. Clark. Sent my oath of office to Atty. Genl. Kellogg, Kerr & Badger paid me \$300.00 on Willig loan & I agree to extend it 6 mo – when reduced to \$2500. Have written letter to Heilig asking for his resignation – will deliver it tomorrow Will appoint Ed. J. Stier in his place. - & John L. McGinn Commissioner if he will accept. -15- <u>Notified Heilig verbally and in writing today that I desired his resignation to take effect Mch 31.</u> Powell, the new Marshal for Nome, who left here three days ago over the ice for that place
Diary 9, 1905 march15band16a	<u>has been recalled – on charges!</u> I hope I can make enough money out of my property and mines to enable me to retire from official life soon, for it is hell in Alaska. Signed contract with Kellogg, Kerr & Badger today by which they agree to pay the Willig notes. Also prepared contract with Miss Sullivan for lease of ten feet fronting on 2 nd Avenue. -16 th - Much to my surprise Heilig does’nt “act ugly” about his removal – but came in gave me his resignation and talked as freely and friendly – even more so –as ever. He seems to have expected it, and since I treated him nice about it, and gave him the opportunity to announce it to the
Diary 9, 1905 march16b	public as his free act, he seems inclined to be nice about the whole matter. I feel that I treated the matter tactfully and made the change without arousing inquiry or surprise in the Department. Have been arranging my accumulated letters into packages by date. Made contract of lease with Miss Sullivan for 10 ft on 2 nd Ave. today – \$50.00 rent per month – 3 yrs – the buildings to become mine. Settlement with Ed. J. Stier for collections of rent since last fall – he paid me balance \$1027.00 When Hill & Miss Cleary were married here in Fairbanks last winter Miss Ebersole gave them my house – and they slept here for a week – until their departure for Dawson – and I have to sleep

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	here alone until Debbie comes!!
Diary 9, 1905 march17and18	-17- St. Patricks day. Have permitted Heilig to announce his resignation & will appoint Stier – the paper says so tomorrow – The “Fairbanks News,” is now published bi-weekly twice a week – Mon Wednesdays & Saturdays. Attended St Pat’s Irish Ball tonight with Lizzie. Nice cutter ride this afternoon with Barnette. Also cleaned house – am putting in a nice new carpet – sideboards &c. & preparing to set up my phonograph -18 th - Finished arranging papers & letters in my office – bought sideboard for the house – set up phonograph & getting carpet ready to go down on floor.
Diary 9, 1905 march19and24a	-19 th - Sunday – Dinner with Dr. & Mrs. Hedger Charley Joynt, Jackson. Tozier & Badger came down to the house last night & we played the phonograph, smoked & drank Scotch. Mrs. Hedger had a fine roast leg of mountain sheep for dinner. -24 th - Went out to the Creeks Monday on Mutchlers stage – Mr. & Mrs. Brumbaugh on stage. We went via Golden & reached “Gates City” on Cleary Creek – opposite No 1. below – Two years ago when I passed up this creek there were {two (2) Jesse Nobles & Jim Eagles.} three little log cabins there & but <u>three</u> shafts to bedrock & no work of any kind doing. Now there are probably 1000 people on Cleary Creek
Diary 9, 1905 march24b	it is being mined from #8 above to #15 below – a paystreak 6 miles long from thirty to eight hundred feet wide & from three to ten feet deep. There are now 46 self dumping hoisting plants taking pay dirt out of the mines & it is the busiest – and richest – spot in Alaska. Staid with Mrs. Canavan & on Tuesday visited around Discovery – my claim off Discovery has a half a dozen or more “squatters” cabins on it – On Wednesday I went down Creek as far as #16 & visited mine owners – dinner with Jack Ross. Made a contract with Krause Anderson & Davidson to prospect lower 100 feet of my claim off Discovery – they to have 75 & I 25% of gross output. Thursday came across from Cleary to

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	Golden & then walked up to the new
Diary 9, 1905 march24c	quartz strike at the top of Pedro’s Dome. Boys have staked a claim there for me – got some of their quartz & then to the top of the dome. Fine view of the Tanana valley – the river ice shines like a thread of silver through the forests along its banks – the Alaskan range from the Delta to Mt. McKinley is in sight & the range between the Tanana & Yukon in plain view for a long ways around. Remained at Golden all night & came home today – 3 o'clock p.m. Recd. telegram from Attorney General as follows: <u>“The President reappointed you March twenty first. If you accept qualify immediately and forward oath. See section ten Alaska act of June 6th nineteen hundred and section seventeen sixty one revised Statutes. Moody.”</u>
Diary 9, 1905 march24dand25a	also a later telegram saying: <u>“Comptroller advises Department your salary can be paid notwithstanding section seventeen sixty one.”</u> <u>Valdez Mail!</u> The Valdez Mail came in this evening. Letter from Debbie – well, but ready to fight because I am not confirmed! Also a letter from Major Lacy, saying that President Roosevelt assured him that he would <u>“promptly reappoint you if the nomination should not be acted upon.”</u> Lacy has been a persistent and vigorous supporter. Also letters from Foster & Sammons assuring me of their efforts – but I am so disgusted with them for endorsing Richrads that I can hardly treat them fair any more. Many other letters. -25 th - Sent for John L. McGinn yesterday and offered him the Commissionership at Fairbanks but he is in great doubt whether to accept it
Diary 9, 1905 march25band26and27a	or not – he can make more practicing law - the salary is \$3,000 a year. He and his wife & partner Mark Sullivan came down & spent this evening with me - & we discussed the matter. While nothing was agreed on yet I think he will decline the appointment. I have General Carr - who is on the trail to Fairbanks now – but will do nothing for a few days. Stier will take the Clerkship next Saturday – a week off. -26 th - Sunday – Home all day straightening up the house & resting. Dinner tonight with Johanson & Mills – Writing to Debbie. -27- John Conna, janitor courthouse, came in & told me this morning that Bion A. Dodge, attorney, said to him last night that I was interested

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<p>Diary 9, 1905 march27band28a</p>	<p>with Barnette in the trading post site at the mouth of the Delta river and that if I appointed a Commissioner and located him at that point instead of a new town site which has been located by Dodges friends within a week at the mouth of the Little Delta they (Dodges & his friends) would make a fight on me in Washington that would ruin me!! He seems to have sent me word to that effect by John to attempt to control my action in the matter. <u>Claypool & Cowles got in from Valdez</u> -28th- Harlan, F. M. Brown, Tom Larson & others in today from Valdez – A petition is being circulated asking Ed. Stier to remain as Comr. – think he wants to do it. Am preparing charges</p>
<p>Diary 9, 1905 march28band29and30</p>	<p>of “packing” Wright jury against P. C. Sullivan to prevent his appointment as U.S. Dist. Atty. for Western division of Washington!! Intend to send them to Judge Day for presentation to the President if he thinks it proper to do so. Bates, Healy, Richmond, Boerner, Preston and , the N. C. boys came down and spent the evening playing phonograph & having a good time. -29th- Prepared & forwarded to Atty. Genl. (to Asst. W. A. Day) <u>charges of jury fixing in Wright case against Chas. P. Sullivan</u> Dr & Mrs. Hedger, Mr & Mrs Turner, Lizzie & Johnnie Scott down & spent evening. -30th- Made out my <u>quarterly expense account</u> and <u>Feb & Mch salary acts.</u> & ford. to Washington</p>
<p>Diary 9, 1905 march31andapril01a</p>	<p>-31- Another <u>Valdez mail</u> in yesterday & a letter from Debbie – she talks bravely but seems to me to admit more than usual - I think she is much sicker than she says- Went to theatricals at Century Club tonight with Lizzie – <u>bad enough to be good</u> <u>Ben. Everette</u>, one of the Ankeny – Sul =livan “push” came in from Valdez yesterday. He is a bad egg – and must be watched- -April 1st- Heiligs resignation took effect with the close of business yesterday and this morning I appointed <u>Ed. J. Stier, Clerk District Court</u> and <u>John T. Long, Commissioner</u> and Recorder – the latter temporarily until I can make an appointment of some discreet & courageous lawyer.</p>

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<p>Diary 9, 1905 april01b</p>	<p>Had a long talk with Claypool today – he came to my office for that purpose – and if he isn’t an awful liar {<u>(Nov. 7. He was!!)</u>} he was friendly to me in Washington D.C. this winter. He thinks my enemies will beat me – but he says that they also said that the President would not reappoint me - which he did – so their final success may also be doubtful. Well if they do defeat me they will have some scars to remember the conflict by – I don’t like Ben. Everetts arrival here - I may do him an injustice but he strikes me as a spy! Krause, one of the three men to whom I gave a “lay” on the lower 100 feet of my claim off “Discovery” on Cleary Creek, left</p>
<p>Diary 9, 1905 april01cand03</p>	<p>limit on the 21st March came in tonight & reported that they had sunk the hole to bed rock but with no success – that they only found colors. He is to see me tomorrow, though & says they want to try it at a point 400 feet up from lower corner. -3rd- Let “lay” to Krause – <u>Date April 1st</u> Tomorrow is Election Day – the only fight is against “<u>Abe Spring!</u>” Abe has made a good town officer & I think has done more than any other officer of Fairbanks to keep it out of debt & push it along – but has <u>many</u> enemies and among them Edgar Wick =ersham, Chief of Police, is most active to defeat him. I have kept out of the matter – except to say a good work for Abe when I could -</p>
<p>Diary 9, 1905 april04and06a</p>	<p>-4th- <u>City Election</u> – Abe. Spring was defeated, and it is my judgment that it is a <u>bad</u> thing for the town! for he was an organizer and a good worker. Took dinner today with Barnette, Joslin, Dr. Cassetts & Capt Olson, at Miss Gleasons boarding house. -6th- Charlie Joynt came up from Chena yesterday afternoon with a horse & cutter & I went back with him to attend the Banquet to Falcon Joslin the “<u>Tanana Mines Ry</u>” promoter. It was held in the new Hall: HARRAIS who formerly run the “<u>Chena Herald</u>” and abused me each issue was the</p>
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april06b	next to Joslin as the guest of honor, and on one minutes notice asked me to talk – which I did : Joslin – the representative of the railroads talked about governmental affairs - so I talked about the “Railroads” Took tea before the Banquet with Mrs. Currier – Mr. C. is now postmaster – & staid all night with old man Courtney at the <u>1st Avenue Hotel</u> ,” a log building lined with calico. Heilig talked on “Alaska” at the banquet, and flattered me me like a damned hypocrite – so did Claypool who answered to the toast of “Our President.” It is an interesting study to hole their hands, and look into their eyes with apparent candor
Diary 9, 1905 april06c	while you feel the cold steel beneath your fifth rib! Abe Spring aroused a squabble while booming “Fairbanks” while poor Burton of Chena was so drunk that he couldnt even read his fine frenzy on “Chena”. Still the occasion was profitable in that it brought the leading men of both towns together in friendly exchange of ideas. Capt. Olsen, the President of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce brought me home today – he talked to me in favor of inducing the Ry. Co. to enter Fairbanks over the Cushman St. bridge to occupy that street – I told him that I was opposed to the scheme - he also disclosed his opposition to opening the Chena river so that steamers
Diary 9, 1905 april06dand07a	could come to Fairbanks – this in the interest of the Rd. but on that subject I said nothing. This evening I mentioned the Cushman street pro =ject to Abe Spring and one or two others & I am sure it will be fought, as it ought. If their railroad cant do business in Fairbanks without destroying our best street it had better stay out. <u>Georange A. Jeffrys</u> my former stenographer came in from Valdez today. -7 th - Mail – two good letters from Debbie & several of Darrells. They make me so homesick – I do so want her with me. Granted injunction in the suit of
Diary 9, 1905 april07b	U.S. ex. rel. Two Indians v. Squatters on the Indian lands at mouth of the little Delta, & appointed John F.

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	Drake special officer to go and serve papers. <u>Sam. Wall</u> , the special representative of Hearsts (Democratic) papers has reached Fairbanks. He is one of the old Radebaugh gang who blackmailed me years ago in Tacoma, - and it has occurred to me that it may mean a newspaper war on me by my powerful enemies It is amazing that so big a cannon should be so constantly fired at so small a target – but they may desire also to embarrass the President in New York. Hope not, but fear it!
Diary 9, 1905 april07cand08and09and10a	Bought corner of Cowles – west side between 4 th & 5 th Ave. 125 X 150- \$550.00 -8 th - Court today – but only small case. Claypool & Dillon came down and spent the evening with me. -9 th - Sunday. Have engaged Roberts to stake 80 acres of coal for me on the “Wood” River – 50 miles southwest - paid him \$25.00 & am to pay him reasonable wages for not to exceed 6 days. -10- <u>April Term of Court.</u> Court opened this morning with call of docket &c. Granted petition of Chena for appointment of a
Diary 9, 1905 april10band11a	<u>Commissioner with Justice of Peace powers only.</u> Appointed <u>Genl. E. M. Carr.</u> <u>Commissioner for Fairbanks</u> in place of John T. Long, resigned. Carr came into the Yukon Alaska down the Yukon river in 1882 – 3. Came back to Rampart with McGraw in 1897 & mined for two or three years on Little Minook Creek. He came in again this spring with a big outfit & intends remaining here & is a member of the firm of Carr & Nye. -11 th - Court today – business moving slowly but expect to get to work tomorrow on the trail of cases. Most exciting matter now is the election of appointive officers
Diary 9, 1905 april11b	by city council. Edgar is being fought viciously by Dr. Medill, assisted by Mosher & Kountz {Coumts} – both the latter constant violators of the law, and living in open adultery with women. Edgar has a strong support and may win – but they keep trying to drag me into the <u>melee</u> – though I have kept out

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	<p>entirely. Have consented to appoint {leased my property – by} verbal lease only – to Mrs. Card – the Central Restaurant - \$125.00 per month in the summer & \$75.00 in winter, 2 years – 2 ½ if she puts second story on. A fine 3 story building is going up at the Corner of Cushman & Front St. the Joslin Bank (Washington) is to go on cor. Cushman & 2nd as also the Bonnifield Bank on the other corner.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 april12and14	<p>-12- Hensley v Fairbrom[?], Wright, et. al on trial. Edgar was elected Town Marshal again 5 to 2. Beautiful weather. -14th- <u>Wrote to Debbie.</u> Bought half interest in quartz claim on dome between Granite & Steamboat Creeks a mile west of Golden from A. C. Thompson - who also staked claim (1) for Darrell (2) for Allyn, Sr. & W.E. Clarke. Mrs. Ella Card bought Haverys interest in Central Restaurant & I gave her lease for 2 ½ yrs. \$100. per mo. & I get buildings at end of term. She is now putting 2nd story on building Whist party tonight at Judge Irwins & I went with Lizzie.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 april15and16a	<p>-15th- Court work active – decided case from Chena today – held that town council could not grant wharf franchise on navigable river and street – so as to damage fronting property owners – Beautiful weather – fixing up the interior of house & getting comforts for Debbie when she comes – The last mail till break up went out today. Will write no more – but will probably telegraph instead. -16th- Sunday. Prepared copy of an Ordinance for Capt. Barnette who will attempt to get town to dedicate the waterfront of the Chena river between east line of Cushman streets & the</p>
Diary 9, 1905 april16band18and19a	<p>west line of Turner street as a free open public city wharf. Took dinner with Edgar & Lizzie & drew order for tomorrow appointing James, Justice of the Peace at Chena. -18th- Court work – preparing opinions Miners Co-operative Assoc. v “Monarch”</p>

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	<p>Conrad v Miller – Chena wharf case. Town council passed ordinance dedi- =cating Front St. bet. Cushman & Turner for public wharf & dock. -19th- <u>H. K. Love</u> of Utah – brother to George Love of Valdez appointed permanent land Agent in Alaska by the President. I am afraid that this means to strengthen the Ivey</p>
Diary 9, 1905 april19band20and22	<p>McKenzie push, since George is one of their right hand men – and it seems to me that – Jarvis having resigned – <u>Love</u> <u>is the direct political representative</u> <u>of the President</u>, he is “<u>a Rough Rider</u>” <u>Edgar resigned as chief of Police</u> last night because the council insisted on appointing his subordinates – Tom Parker was elected in his place. -20th- Beautiful weather – spring. Decision today in Miners Coop Assoc v. Monarch. -22nd- A hard week in court. Equity cases on trial & every hour employed in hearing evidence or preparing decisions. Mining “clean up” begun & creeks reported <u>good</u>. Town improving wonderfully – a regular building boom.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 april24and25and26	<p>-24th- Made contract of lease with Frank J. Maess & Nichols to let Bench claim off right limit Discovery, Wolf Creek, to them Town ½ & they the other ½ - & they are to pay me 16 2/3 % of gross output – see lease. “<u>Floral Ball</u>” at Century Hall -25- <u>Mail</u>, from Valdez – letter from Debbie & official mail – nothing important Court work important and heavy. Mrs. Ella Card has completely remodeled the old “Central Restaurant,” in my lot, as the “Cecil Café”, put a second story on with private dining rooms upstairs & has a fine place. -26th- The Chena river is rising fast & looks like ice will go out in a day or two – busy in court-</p>
Diary 9, 1905 april27and29and30	<p>-27th- Recd. Gov. Bradys report dated Oct 1, 1904, in which he criticises conditions on the coast – in my distinct at some length in his endeavor to argue in favor of a new District. He seems to have recd. his misstatements from Ivey or Good =ell, for they are stereotyped – poor old Brady – he cant help it. He has illuminated the otherwise waste places</p>

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	<p>-29- Louis K. Pratt, lawyer, acted badly in court today – abused the opposite attorney & even the court – fined him \$50.00</p> <p>-30- Sunday – worked in office all day river rising – but good for some days yet. Weather cold & not pleasant.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 may01	<p>-May 1st- Robins, ducks & geese have come. L. K. Pratt. acts sullen & committee of bar association – Dillon, Hess and Heilig – advise making him pay & purge himself of contempt – but the judgment was a fine to be collected like other debts & I will not add the humiliation of a public apology – but will wait for his next outbreak, - will give a fair chance to be nice. Have completed two more opinions & will deliver same in morning. Weather cool & river falling – ice has raised but will not go out for some days yet. Reports from cleanups on Creeks say that it is better than anticipated - no one is disappointed – except happily.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 may02	<p>-May 2- <u>Beautiful day</u> –river falling & ice will not go out for several days yet. Have finished fixing up cabin at 4th & Cowles St. – costs me about \$275.00 - lumber is almost prohibitive – prices Handed down opinions in two cases today – Runner vs. Woiatke & Daigle v. Maddocks Recd. telegram from Crocker Col. Int. Res Tacoma, saying that continued reports of personal bad conduct of Cameron, his dep. here were reaching him & wanting me to telegraph situation. I telegraphed him saying that Dep. U.S. Marshal Drib =elbis reported his conduct good & to send him particulars of complaints - that I had heard nothing bad here</p>
Diary 9, 1905 may05	<p>-May 5- Ice still in place but much broken - town is taking bridge up at the foot of Cushman St. the ice having raised the piles out of the ground. Creeks “clean up” from 20 to 100% <u>greater than the miners had estimated.</u> Out walking with Harlan – Hess quits June 1 – to go into the Bonfield Bank & Harlan now calls him “narrow” “stingy” &c. and made sport of him as a banker. Harlan suggested appointing Dodge as Deputy – I opposed it – don’t know</p>

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	<p>what he will do. Harlan remarks about Hess counting over the figures in his check book &c so much - & roasted Condon & H about robbing Hd. men on Garden Is. Its funny since only a few days ago they were as thick as three in a bed.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 may07	<p>-May 7th- <u>The ice “went out” last night</u> & the Chena river is running clear today. The event was unimportant - & a “fizzle”. The bridge at Cushman street did not go down even – but fell today after the ice had ceased to effect it. I had company last night – “a phonograph musicale” – Mr & Mrs Mc Chesney, Wall & Charles – the “News” staff & we did not hear the ice go! Took dinner tonight with Capt. & Mrs Barnette – Dr & Mrs Chamberlain {Carmicheal} John & Mrs McGinn, Sullivan & I - a fine dinner & handsomely served. Prepared opinion yesterday & today in Bechtol case – held dower does not attach to mining claims in Alaska.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 may08and09a	<p>-8th- Charlie Joynst is now trying to inter =est the miners on Cleary Creek in a wood road down that stream to the Chatnika river & I am giving him assistance. Also made arrangement today <u>to loan Edgar \$1500.</u> to aid him in putting up his new block. -9th Completed loan to Edgar – took note signed by him & Lizzie & assignment of McChesney contract as security. Amt. \$1500 due July 15. Int 12% per annum, - the usual rate here is 4. to 6.% per month!! Telegraphic dispatches tonight <u>Capt. J. C. Hansen</u>, of Nome, committed suicide yesterday on trip from Seattle</p>
Diary 9, 1905 may09band10a	<p>to Skagway – by jumping overboard from the steamer “<u>Dolphin</u>”. Poor Hansen, he was a man of generous impulses – warm hearted – but too human! wine and women. -10th- I sent Ole Peterson, a big Swede out to the Insane Asylum last fall & he was discharged & came in again in March. He seems to have brooded over his condition & yesterday got drunk & today concluded to kill me! He loaded his heavy Winchester rifle – with seven cartridges & filled his</p>

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	pockets & came to the courthouse & <u>just as it happened I was out to lunch</u> He entered the court room & made his way to my door – he threatened the janitor
Diary 9, 1905 may10band11	- no body had the courage to do any thing until George Dribelbis came in – he approached him from behind & after a desperate struggle disarmed him. He is now in jail awaiting an examination as to his sanity – poor Ole. I gave him money & work when no one else would & have befriend him – but he seems to think I am responsible for his troubles. This may send him out again – and if it does'nt will give him much trouble. Trying case of Cain v Staffrd -11 th - Cain v Stafford. The " <u>Florence S.</u> " first steamer came up from Chena today. <u>Koyukuk launched:</u>
Diary 9, 1905 may12	-12 th - " <u>Koyukuk</u> " went on an excursion down to Chena tonight loaded with people. Ole Peterson tried this afternoon before jury for insanity – he tried to "shoot up" the court with his "30-40" two days ago. The evidence showed that he was intent on shooting me because I sent him out insane last fall – The Str. "Tanana" will leave Dawson on Monday or Tuesday for Fairbanks. <u>The jury found Ole Peterson insane</u> - the evidence showed that his fixed purpose in coming to the courthouse & to my room with his gun <u>was to kill me</u> - he also intended to kill Harlan if he could - & then himself – a drama
Diary 9, 1905 may14and15a	14 th Joined the " <u>Eagles</u> " tonight – they have the top floor of the new " <u>Fairbanks Building</u> " & have finest lodge rooms in Alaska. Finished my opinion today in Cascaden v Dunbar, et. al. & find for plaintiff – it is an interesting case on an alleged " <u>Grubstake contract.</u> " -15 th Another highway hold up only a mile from town this afternoon – got but \$20.00 but it shows the presence of <u>bad</u> men. <u>John Noon an old Colorado miner</u> tells me this afternoon that he has found float <u>peacock copper</u> on summit on the east side of Fox creek – I have promised him a grub stake to go out & dig, & he promised me a half interest.

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Diary 9, 1905 may15band16a	Dr. Krause who has lay on my claim off Dis. on Cleary was first in to see me - report is not bad – nor very flattering - but one or two holes will not discourage me – even they had been blanks. Court every day & trying mining cases - have my opinion in Cascaden v Dunbar ready for Wednesday morning delivery. Telegraphed to Debbie today asking her if she wanted some money – This evening papers says Gov. Brady is still having trouble with his department. - hope he will be removed- -16 th - <u>Bonanza Case Affirmed.</u> The great copper case over which I was so maliciously assailed by Heyburn Senator from Idaho & other senators
Diary 9, 1905 may16band18a	has been affirmed by the Circuit Court of Appeals, at San Francisco – this & the McConnell case & Nelson in Meehan – all affirmed inside of ten days. <u>Mail</u> in from Valdez today but nothing from Debbie – No answer to my telegram either. Paid John Noon \$100. today for half interest in his copper prospect on summits east of Fox creek. -18 th - <u>Suit</u> begun by four miners against <u>Harlan, Brown & others for "jumping?"</u> Trying Marston v Lloyd – a case where woman – with raven wing hair the form of a Juno – the face of a Madonna and the heart of whose jobbed poor susceptible softhearted sapheaded man out of his property & then
Diary 9, 1905 may18band19a	kicked the fool out of the house. Papers report that Gov. Brady is again to be investigated! Hope he will appreciate his recommendations contained in his last report – against me! Just think I'll give him a prod: Harlan is trying to make himself solid with the gamblers now -19 th - Learned today that gambling as in full blast on Cleary creek – called Dribelbis in – he said yes, that they had now appointed Charlie Barber as a field deputy out there & that the business men (meaning the gamblers) were paying his salary!! and that he had let Barber manage things there &c I called his attention to the daily
Diary 9, 1905	hold ups – one of which occurred

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may19b	again yesterday – to the alarming increase of crime and the insolence of the criminal class, & said in plain & forceful language that the Marshals office must (1) withdraw Barber & not permit the gamblers to pay his salary (2) close gambling on the creeks & (3) keep the prostitutes out of saloons & (4) round up the “bad men” and vag[?] them & run them out of the country - in short attempt by immediate attack to either rid the country of the bad element. He promised compliance & after consultation with Harlan & Reynoldson (chief office deputy) they telephoned out to Cleary creek ordering the gambling to cease &c. Still
Diary 9, 1905 may19cand20a	I was not satisfied – as they had promised before – so I wrote a strong letter along the same lines – addressed to Perry & Harlan – officially – and gave it to them – requiring instant attempts to control a situation which is bad & rapidly becoming worse. They came to talk & I suggested the wiring to Perry & asking his consent to wire asking Atty. Genl. to approve the appointment of four more deputies - we did so. <u>Received telegram from Debbie today- that the Bonan -za case had been affirmed-</u> she will be very proud of that – and I am also -20 th - Things “warm” out at Cleary – one of the boss gamblers has announced his determination to “fight” & today
Diary 9, 1905 may20band23a	I instructed the deputy marshals to get the evidence – they telephoned out to Barber to secure it at once – he wont want but one fight – for I <u>will revoke his license.</u> – he evidently thinks he is to have a jury trial with his friends on the jury – he will get a whack of Roosevelt’s “big stick”. Reports from Dawson that the Str. “ <u>Tanana</u> ” the pride of our valley & the first steamer to leave for Fairbanks was sent by running on a rock near 40 Mile. -23- Court yesterday – but this forenoon I went out with the road workers & we cut out a new road beginning at Youngs house on the east side of Noyes slough down the side of the slough toward Ester Creek – 5 or 6 miles.
Diary 9, 1905	court this afternoon. The

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may23band25a	Str. “Koyukuk” came in tonight on her first trip from Ft. Gibbon – hay. -25- Court work pressing – heard case Smith v Cascaden – decided today in favor of Cascaden. Gambling at Cleary is raising a pretty row – the boss gambler out there resists & has so threatened & complained that the Marshal today shut up the games in Fairbanks - I did not want this done – but cant help it, since I wont assist one and not another – but must oppose all when it is made an issue. The business element here in Fairbanks is aghast – for they all want gambling! We are only trying to clean out the bad
Diary 9, 1905 may25b	mess out on the creeks – trying to drive the “bad men” to town, so that they can either be controlled or driven down the river – and the saloon element wont help – Barnette came in to see me this evening & says that immediate action will be taken to cure the evils at Cleary – if it is purged of its evil doers all right – if not, then the games must cease even in Fairbanks. Have about finished tent &c. ready for Debbie. [captions:] Kitchen Sitting Room 14 X 16 Tent Door 10 X 12 Bedroom Plan of our house with tent bed room. Strs. from Dawson ought to be here tomorrow – “ <u>Rock Island</u> ” & “ <u>Tanana</u> ”
Diary 9, 1905 may26and27a	-26 th - <u>Steamboat!</u> The steamer “ <u>Tanana</u> ” from Dawson came in today & is now safely moored at Fairbanks dock. Mr & Mrs Perry transferred from “Rock Island” at a wood yard yesterday & came in on the Tanana – The “Rock Island” is in Chena tonight – Mrs Heilig & Mrs. Reynoldson are on board. -27 th - Loaned Edgar \$250. more today- making \$1750. in all – his new building is about done & will bring him in \$550. a month! Gold train from creeks today brought in \$400,000 – 20 {mounted} men armed with Winchester rifles – loaded pack mules &c. Am invited to make an address at the <u>launching of the “White Seal” the</u>
Diary 9, 1905 may27band30a	<u>first registered vessel to be launched on the Tanana. Also first railroad material</u> ever brought into

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	<p>the Tanana country was unloaded at Chena today from the “Rock Island”. The <u>old</u> has passed – the <u>new</u> arrived.</p> <p>Launching of the “<u>White Seal</u>” a success. Genl. E. M. Carr acted for the boat – I made a short address & Mrs. Noyes broke a bottle of Champagne over the bow & christened the boat. Her owners are Sproul, Coleman & Smith. Neil McLeod launched her.</p> <p>-30th-</p> <p>Decoration Day – no court – but plenty of work on cases. Am busy also preparing a letter of 72 interrogatories for Gov. John G. Brady to answer</p>
Diary 9, 1905 may30band31a	<p>He criticised this division in his report of Octo 1, 1904 to the Sec. of the Interior – and I am insisting upon his proofs. Sent copy to the Sec of the Int. & to Atty. Genl. Boats coming & going in Chena river better than last year. Roediger & wife from Dawson 3 are here – he has sold the “<u>News</u>” to McChesney.</p> <p>-31-</p> <p>Telegrams from Valdez today asking for appointment of Goddell as Comr. at Sunrise – Al. White also came to intercede for his appt – and I have weakly yielded – although I know he lacks force of character & ought not to be appointed. His family is his only excuse - & not enough I fear.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 may31bandjune04	<p><u>Edgar has sold his home on</u> 2nd Ave. to Perry for \$2500. Gambling was “turned loose” last night again – Perry has the matter in charge!</p> <p>-June 4th-</p> <p>Have been very busy this week in trying equity cases - & in preparing opinions – the last two days & today (Sunday) all day in preparing opinion in <u>Heine v Roth</u>. My weakness in appointing Goddell induces Oscar Fish to telegraph me today asking me to appoint him deputy clerk! which I will <u>not</u> do. Nothing yet from outside – but reports are that Lake LaBarge is now open & Debbie can now come – think she will start today – <u>Painting & papering courtroom</u></p>
Diary 9, 1905 june06and07	<p><u>June 6th 1905.</u></p> <p>Five years ago today President McKinly appointed me Judge in this district – President Roosevelt has reappointed me <u>four</u> times</p>

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	<p>owing to strong fight made against me by Senators Hansborough & McCumber – the McKenzie senators from N.Dak. & Ankeny of Washington & Heyburn of Idaho! Had Mr & Mrs. Perry for dinner with me this evening in honor of our survival. Hard at work on Equity cases – <u>Wild roses</u> in bloom in our yard-</p> <p>-June 7th-</p> <p>Trial Berks v Sigler – mining case. Debbie has not telegraphed – so I <u>presume she is coming</u> without it.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 june09and10	<p>-June 9th-</p> <p>Case of Berks v Sigler – decision for Sigler – Claypool & Stevens for Berks & are ugly – Stevens is particularly cranky – arrogant & unpleasant. But I pay no attention to him – and decide as I think it ought to be. Finished preparation of my opinion in Reeden v Harlan - an important one – today. <u>Nothing from Debbie yet.</u></p> <p>-10th-</p> <p><u>Telegram from Debbie</u> – is at Dawson & leaves on Susie on Monday – here about 18th. Opinion in Redden v Harlan - a whack at wild cat staking.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 june12a	<p>-12th-</p> <p>My decision in the case of <u>Redden v Harlan</u>, et. al. is considered as an important one, and as striking a blow at the speculative reservation of mineral ground by the use of the power of attorney, &c. I think, myself, that if the principles announced are lived up to by miners and the lawyers it will result in more work in developing mines than formerly. Debbie leaves Dawson today on the “Susie” – with Ed Mrs. Harlan - & will be here about the 17th – the day she reached here last year. Am making fine flower & vegetable garden – have gardner assisting me - & have fixed tent sleeping room & house good enough for a bride.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 june12band14a	<p>Mail today – from outside – & received office supplies- & <u>Charlie Jovnts</u> new bridge across the Chena river at the foot of Cushman street is about done & is a credit to his enterprise & ability. He is now engaged in building the</p>

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	<p>new \$20,000 highway to the creeks. -14th- Busy preparing opinion in Conradt v Miller, et. al. involving the power of the town council to grant wharf franchises. <u>Edgar & Lizzie left for the States today</u> One effect of my recent decision that <u>discovery</u> is necessary to hold a mining claim is that the machinery men have sold all boilers on hand useful for sinking discovery shafts – <u>work has begun</u></p>
Diary 9, 1905 june14band15	<p>on many claims which have hereto =fore remained in a state of reservation only, held by stakes & a notice!! -15- Have my opinion done in Conradt v Miller et. al. – town councils <u>cannot</u> grant wharf franchises! <u>Debbie</u> ought to be in Tanana or Ft. Gibbon now & here on Sunday! Have heard by telephone that Maess & my laymen on 1st bench right limit off Discovery on Wolf Creek – opposite Dis. on Cleary <u>had struck it rich</u>. Hope so, - think they are good men & miners – also have confidence in their honesty.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 june18and19and20 a	<p>-18th- Str. Tanana due in Chena this evening – <u>Debbie</u> & <u>Mrs.</u> Harlan aboard. Went down to Chena on the Str. “White Seal” – Str. Tanana about 7. p.m. -19th- We were 6 hours getting up from Chena last night – the Chena is the lowest known. <u>Debbie</u> well & stronger than last year. -20th- Working an opinion in Indian case <u>George A Jeffry</u> came back to me today. He will now understand that he must be both sensible & loyal. he is all that – but let Stevens carry him off his feet – two years ago-</p>
Diary 9, 1905 june20band24	<p>Getting the house into shape & taking our meals with <u>our</u> Miss Thompson from Eagle, who has bought Mills & Johansons house just east of us. Sidewalk now in front of our <u>block</u> & down west side. Business houses are building all around us. Major Miller - recently married – is building dwelling on back end of his lot – opposite the mill. -24th- Decisions today in U.S. v Berrigan, in which I sustained rights of Tanana Indians</p>

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	<p>& Steele v Tanana Mines Ry Co. right of way. Am up with civil equity business – Jury will be called Monday – civil business. My garden is looking fine & only need rain to develop nicely. Dr. Moore & Miss Lena Roberts – from Tacoma – married by Judge Carr – Thursday evening.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 june25and25and27	<p>-25- Gentle rain today – not enough- “Holdups” daily on trail to mines – F. M. Caldwell held up yesterday & robbed. The “<u>News</u>” editorially criticises Marshals office for inefficiency. -26th- <u>Trial Jury</u> today - & cases heard. Bandit holding people up on trail daily – <u>Perry seems to be paralyzed</u>. -27th- Perry is quoted in evening paper as saying that he has no authority to attempt to capture highwayman – he made a bad break - & is incorrect from a legal point. Much criticism has been aroused by Perrys failure to do something to protect the public</p>
Diary 9, 1905 june28and30andjul y01a	<p>-28th- Jury trials every day. Am to deliver 4th of July Oration & am to marry Miss Noyes and Harry Chisholm tomorrow evening at home in Graehl. <u>Railroad to Chena done Sunday!</u> -30th- Rains for some days are raising the river – heavy drift against the upper or Wendle Ave. bridge & river rising. Late tonight jam carried away upper bridge & came down against Cushman St. bridge in great masses. -July 1st- River cutting around town side of drift at Cushman street – incompetent town officials cut drift on lower or town side & Cushman street bridge total</p>
Diary 9, 1905 july01band02	<p>wreck – blowing up bridge & jam with dynamite – river rising & general rains. Cushman street & Front cut out by the current nearly to buildings – 40 feet. Railroad bridges carried away & the Cushman street bridge gone – <u>the Railroad Celebration postponed</u>. <u>July 2nd 1905</u>. The Str. “Isabelle” in attempting to assist in damming the cut at Cushman St. backed against the swinging draw & overset it – ruining it completely. The “Wilbur Crimmins” pulled the drift</p>

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	<p>out & the river is clear except for the ruined draw. The are filling the cut with brush & have sunk some old hulls & the cut is under control- Although a half acre of Front St. is gone.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 july03and04	<p>-July 3rd <u>Raining</u> hard & river raising – but cut in Cushman St. is stopped. The Apple block is undermined some - the cut extended 60 feet into the street. River high & many boats. Bratnobar has arrived with his new Str. “Ella” – a fine light draft boat - she is going to the upper waters of the Tanana. Telegraphed Valdez to Hazlett to reserve corner lot for me & one for Al White.</p> <p>-July 4th- River rising – but little rain – flood higher than I have ever seen the Chena. “Ella” left for Upper Tanana. The rain & disaster have ruined the celebration - no 4th- no speeches – just rain & high water.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 july05and06a	<p>-July 5- Court – jury trial <u>River bank full & rising.</u> It is now threatening the lower part of town where many of the houses are already flooded & abandoned. From 7 to 10 tonight – time I write – raised more than an inch an hour. Clear & quit raining.</p> <p>-6th- The rapidly rising waters have become a calamity – hundreds of people have been driven from their homes in the lower grounds & it is a threat to every one tonight. It is yet rising & a foot more will flow into our house, which is</p>
Diary 9, 1905 july06band07a	<p>one of the highest – It is now flowing across the streets - & business is dead – people are surprised & discouraged & do not know what to expect. It really hurts the Ry. more than any other one interest, for not only are its own bridges gone but also the Cushman St bridge by which the Ry expected to cross from Garden Is. into Fairbanks. The loss of sawlogs is great - \$25,000, - and all bridges to the creeks are also gone. The general feeling tonight is one of discouragement</p>

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	<p>-7th- The river is rapidly falling – the sun is shining – people feel better & things are better tonight than for a week past. All the low places are over flowed, everything is dirty & it will</p>
Diary 9, 1905 july07band08and09	<p>take quite awhile to repair the losses. Trying jury case for 2 days involving rights of town lot claimants vs mining locators at Cleary City.</p> <p>-8th- Jury out in “Cleary City” case - - still raining some but river going down-</p> <p>-9th Str “Genl Jeff C. Davis,” in from Ft. Gibbon – Major & Mrs Stamper, Capt & Mrs. Bain – on board – report Major Richardson on “Lavelle Young” – here in a few days. Graves, president & Rogers, manager White Pass Ry. here inspecting the land. Jury “hung” in Gates city case.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 july17	<p>-July 17th- Driving of the last spike in Railroad from Chena to Fairbanks. Ceremonies on Garden Island – at terminus of Ry- Judge Carr presented the “<u>first spike</u>” to me: I then delivered Address & then Mrs. Isabelle Barnette drove the “Golden Spike”. Excursion to Chena-</p> <p>Grand Jury on 12th. Trials daily & much work. Felix Pedro & Hanot report strike on upper waters of Chena – or across divide.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 july20and27	<p>-20th- McChesney could not pay for the corner of Cushman & 3rd where the “<u>News</u>” office stands, so to secure my advances of \$2000. to Edgar I had McChesney deed to me & I will take it for the loan. Engaged in trials – civil & criminal Court crowded & busy-</p> <p>-27- Things going fine – jury trial now – criminal cases. Will hear Perovich & Owens cases next week. Major Richardson & Lt. Pillsbury – Road Comr’s. are here – Major Clum P. O. Ins.</p>

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	<p>this week, & thinks he will accept the office of P.M. here himself</p> <p>-29th-</p> <p>Major Richardson & Lt. Pillsbury, U.S. Road Commissioner took spent evening yesterday with us. General Gresley due in day or two. Str. "Lotta Talbot" – came up and anchored above Turner St. bridge today R. J. Davis of Tacoma is aboard & in charge – P. Cold Stor. Co-Trouble with Dr Hall, & S. A. Charles, newspaper reporter for not answering questions before Grand Jury – <u>fined Charles \$1.00</u> for contempt- I suppose now Ill have a new crop of enemies</p>
Diary 9, 1905 august04a	<p>Aug 4th</p> <p>Since last Monday have been engaged in trying case of U.S. v. Yuko Perovich – for the murder of Jacob Jaconi – on Oct 29th 1904. The jury returned a verdict – this morning of Guilty of Murder first degree & that the <u>prisoner suffer death.</u></p> <p>Prof. George Byron Gordon, Prof of Ethnology in U. of Penn. took dinner with us yesterday – He is studying the Athapascan tribes of the Tanana & wished to go into the Kuskokwim. Bar Assoc. & others working for division of this Dist & a resident judge. Grand jury in its report</p>
Diary 9, 1905 august04band07	<p>yesterday kindly urged my own continuance as resident judge & last evening a com. of that body presented me with resolutions strongly in that favor. Barnette the Banks, the RR, & others working & the miners generally friendly to it. The "News" & the N.C. also.</p> <p>-7th-</p> <p>Capt. & Mrs. Barnette left this evening for outside – He will go to Washington & "log roll" some for Alaska – the City Council, the Cham. of Com. & Bar Assoc. have also asked him to urge my reappointment. Began 2nd trial of U.S. v Harry Owens today</p>
Diary 9, 1905 august09and13a	<p>-9th-</p> <p>Paper tonight announces that</p>

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	<p>my letter of 73 interrogatories addressed to Gov. Brady has been sent to the Pres. by the Sec. of the Interior, - and the Brady - Wickersham controversy is now on - = Still trying <u>Owens.</u></p> <p>-13th Sunday.</p> <p>Tried Owens for murder of Carl Christensen at Forty Mile in Nov. 1901, all week – verdict yesterday "<u>Not Guilty.</u>" This is the second radically bad verdict at this term – Hendricksen & Owens were both viciously guilty but soft hearted & soft headed jurors acquitted them. Hendrickson sawed a log out from under =neath his bunk – a day or so ago – and escaped – but it was not necessary. He had better trusted the jury!!</p>
Diary 9, 1905 august13b	<p>Business of the court seems at a standstill – don't know whether I can get away on the last boat or not. Debbies health good – she is better than she was last summer. Papers say that Darrells vessel "Tacoma" is back to Annapolis, Md. from France – with body of "<u>John Paul Jones.</u>" Rainy summer - & the river high & rising – no danger of a general flood – but bridges may go out again. Lawyer Dundas & wife from Paris, Ill. in town for a few days – <u>Volney Richmond</u> Agt. N. C. married Friday {Thursday} evening to a Miss Mero – Town slightly dull Writing opinion in application to open judgement in Nelson & H v Meehan & L. & other submitted cases. Town Council passed friendly resolutions asking for my reappointment.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 august16and20	<p>-16th-</p> <p>Three days spent in trial of U.S. v Sturtevant – verdict "<u>Not Guilty</u>" This pretty well disposes of criminal cases & it begins now to look as if I can get out on last boat. Tanana Bar Assoc. has passed very strong & complimentary resolutions for division of my district & my reappointment.</p> <p>20th-</p> <p>Criminal cases all done – jury civil cases next. Mr. F. W. Dundas & wife from Paris, Ill – visiting here. She is an artist & has made <u>bas relief</u> of my head & shoulders!</p>
Diary 9, 1905	<p>-23rd-</p>

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august23and24	<p><u>Debbie left for New York today – to visit Darrell</u> She left on the “<u>Monarch</u>” via Dawson. Dundas & wife went on same boat to Rampart. Court business pressing every moment. Played two games 9 pins tonight & have started in to build up strength. When Debbie left I gave her out of our hoard <u>a thousand dollars</u> & more! which is remarkable – in that we should have so much- -24th- <u>48 years old today</u></p>
Diary 9, 1905 august26	<p>Have been trying equity case of Boone v Manley &c. for partition of “4 Below Mining Co.” – 2 days. Claypool & wife called at courthouse and invited me to dinner tomorrow evening!! Also Johansen is so damned mad because I decided his lawsuits against him that he now threatens to go to Washington & work against me, notwithstanding his request to do otherwise by the Bar Assoc : Cham. of Com &c!! It’s a great chance to accumulate enemies – is the judgeship Beautiful day!!</p>
Diary 9, 1905 august27	<p>Sunday 27th Beautiful day. Claypools invited me to dinner today & I accepted & had a nice home dinner & good visit. Tom McGowan talked to Johansen – who is mad – but says he will either go and perform his duty or resign! First Claypool then McGinn & now Johansen – all mad because I decided cases against them – but its like sea sickness – nobody dies & all recover. River rising – it has been high all summer. The Kantishna stampede attracting much attention – 500 people there & more going – will appoint Van Slyke. Com. there!</p>
Diary 9, 1905 august28andseptem ber03a	<p>-28th- Finished hearing testimony in Boone v Manley, for partition of “4 Below” Mining Co. ground = 4 & 5 below & side claims on</p>

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	<p>Cleary Creek - \$500,000. involved Briefs are to be filed & decision soon as maps can be made- Jury case tomorrow Lunch with McGowan & Johansen today – Jo: professes friendship with bad grace – but promises to be good= Sep 3rd Rented the house on 1st to Mr & Mrs Smith, agent, Cold Storage Co. for \$35. per month for the winter. Fixed it up, papered ceilings after covering with lumber for warmth,</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september03band0 5a	<p>covered tent also with lumber to keep the snow from breaking it in. I will sleep in tent until I go about 16th <u>Mail</u> today – two letters from Darrell <u>to his mother</u>- a letter from Judge Allyn enclosing a kind letter from Judge Day. Johansen goes down river tomorrow morning & will spend Dec. in Washington City, in my interest & for division of the District. -5- Trying jury cases, but will finish this week. Also trying equity cases between hours and in extra moments. Worked till eleven – on the bench – last night. Have made an order appointing Mr. Lee Van Slyke, formerly from Tacoma and more recently a dep. Clerk.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september05band0 6a	<p>Commissioner to the new <u>Kantishna Precinct</u> embracing the Kantishna river watershed & all that part of the Kuskokwim in the 3rd Division &c: <u>Order Sep. 1, 1905.</u> -6th- Morton E. Stevens – Claypools partner today asked for a jury trial upon the ground that as Barnette was interested he & his <u>associates</u> believed it their duty to intimate to the court that Barnette was generally successful &c. & was friend of the courts - & talk &c. that it would relieve the court if the case was tried by a jury. I denied the motion in dignified tones & language upon the law points involved. It was a peice of malicious and deliberate effrontery – put up by Claypool on account of his inordinately jealous and small character</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september06b	<p>and because he has been losing his business on account of his dissolute habits and character. He talks loudly against me on the street and everywhere & I thought that the attempt yesterday was to provoke me to</p>

	<p>action and try and pose as an injured person. I will be surprised if I get through the term without a row with him although I will without the insult is so outrageous as to exhibit cowardice on my part. They were beaten in jury cases this week of some importance to them and are ugly at me although I was extremely particular in my rulings and instructions.</p> <p><u>Decided last night & so informed parties & counsel to go to Fairbanks Creek on Sunday & view the holes in</u> dispute in the case of <u>Nelson & H. v Meehan & L.</u></p>
Diary 9, 1905 september07and08a	<p>-7th-</p> <p><u>Set the jury cases in which Claypool & Stevens are interested for trial on Monday 11, & notified Claypool who said that Stevens was on a drunk and could not probably be sobered up so as to try them!!</u></p> <p>Poor devils they are to be pitied! Have just about finished up the business of the term & can get away about the 18th</p> <p>-8th-</p> <p><u>Jail Break No 2.</u> Three prisoners: Perovich, under sentence of death for the murder of Jacobi, Emmett theif and Thorton, horse theif – escaped. but <u>Perovich</u> was recaptured during the night – the other two still at large. The two theives out a hole through the</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september08band10	<p>roof of the water closet - & first escaped. Perovich went into the closet a few minutes afterward & evidently seeing the hole, also crawled out. The jail is a poorly constructed log house, built in 1903 at a cost of \$1750, when labor & material was both scarce and high. <u>The Marshal was not to blame.</u></p> <p>-10-</p> <p>Rose at 5:30, breakfast at restaurant, - train at 6:0 first passengers over track to Gilmore, horses at Gilmore & rode to No. 3. A. on Fairbanks – with Genl. Carr & Def. Larson : met Nelson at No. 3. lunch - & examined old Nelson hole also shafts on each side – cleared out old tunnel – bottom of old Nelson ice clearly exposed – 6 ft from bedrock, &c. horses back to Gilmore, train to town – bath, tired as hell & sore. Rode 28 miles on horseback.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september12and13	<p>-12-</p> <p><u>Snow storm</u> last night 3 or four inches of snow – quite</p>

	<p>like winter. Working night & day to clean up the docket – will probably get away by 18th or 20th</p> <p>-13th-</p> <p>Received letter today from Colonel Blethen – “Seattle Times” – taking me to task for sending copy of my interrogations to Clark & not to Times. It seems that instead of sending the copy to <u>Henderson</u> as per my letter, George sent it direct to <u>Clark</u> – and I now understand how it got into print! I dont blame the “Times” but I do think Clark ought to have been more careful!!!</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september15	<p>-15-</p> <p>Wrote to Col. Blethen, Seattle Times, explaining sending of interrogatories, to Walter E. Clark, about which he complained.</p> <p><u>Sentenced Vugo Perovich to be hanged</u> for the murder of Jacob Jaconi. Decided Nelson & Hensley v Meehan & Larson – vacated to former judgment. Partitioned Nos 4 & 5, creek & 4 & 5 side claims on Cleary Creek.</p> <p><u>Finished last case for trial.</u> Only have to close up odds & ends – appeals & the like and then am ready to go. <u>Ralph Merrill</u> here – engineer & will work for N.C. Co.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september16a	<p>-16th-</p> <p><u>Sold 18 volumes</u> of Ency. of Pld. & Pr. belonging to <u>Arthur G. Thompson</u> of Yakataga, to McGinn & Sullivan for \$126.00 - \$7.00 per volume. Thompson demands \$200. for these & the Ency. of Law = 31 vols. 1st Ed. and I may have to pay him for all & trust to being able to sell the 31 vols for the difference-</p> <p>Busy closing up the motions for new trial, and signing orders &c. on appealed cases. <u>Am finished</u> with all trials, and all public business requiring further court time.</p> <p>The press of important and valuable litigation before the court at this term has roused the revengful disposition of some persons – attorneys and clients</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september16b	<p>and I am informed that 3 attorneys and three or four clients have preferred some sort of charges of unfairness against me at Washing- the attorneys include Miller & de Journal – and either</p>

	<p>Stevens or Claypool or both. Their complaints are so palpably unfair and unjust that I shall, of course, pay no attention to them.</p> <p>The lawyers met in the courthouse tonight at my invitation to a “smoker” - all present except Miller – he is a <u>thoroughly dishonest shyster!</u> Busy signing judgments, decrees, & orders on appeal. <u>I am afraid of the Smith family!</u> He is the Mgr. of the Pac. Cold Storage Co. from Tacoma, - she is his wife, they have rented my house, and the few days that I saw them there quite frequently make me fear</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september16cand1 7	<p>that he is a <u>gambler</u> and she a <u>drinker</u>. I have had to send <u>one</u> of the P.C. S. Co. mgr. to the pen. for embezzlement of the Co. funds!</p> <p>-Sunday 17th-</p> <p>Learned this morning that the “Tanana” would leave here at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Ft. Gibbon to connect with the “Hannah”. Packing, and getting ready to up, - signing decrees, and orders on appeal. Signed partition decree in Boone v Manley, and order vacating former judgment in Nelson & Hensley v Meehan & Larson, &c. &c. The Harlans – Jeffrey, and I ready – “<u>Tanana</u>” <u>left Fairbanks</u> at 3 o'clock, with good list of passengers. Meehan & Larson, Brady, Iver Johnson, Billy Bass, &c. Am glad to get away from the crush of months past</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september18	<p>-18th-</p> <p>Ft. Gibbon – arrived about 1 o'clock, - no steamer in sight – but saw her smoke in two hours & “Hannah” arrived there about 5 p.m. Went up to St James Mission with Rev. Young, & met Rev. Prevost and Dean Stuck of the Episcopal Church. Prevost in charge here, - nice church – Indian village &c. <u>Corbusier</u>, N. C. mail man – recently married to a nice Kentucky girl – <u>Rodman</u> N. C. manager here will be married tomorrow to another by Dean Stuck. <u>Richmond</u>, at Fairbanks, a month ago. <u>Grace</u>, of Circle City – later, makes four of the young managers of the N.C. to take brides this fall! On board “Hannah” – leave here early in the morning – unloading freight-</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september19a	<p>-19th – 19th</p> <p>Reached Rampart at noon, - will stay here till midnight unloading freight. Inspected Commissioner Greens office &c. Visited with Heeter</p>

	<p>proprietor & Callahan editor of the Yukon Valley News, also Duncan of N. C. & Kelterer of N.A.T. Find that Wingate is as bilious as ever & has <u>just received a new press from Lunau</u> - from Heid evidently! Allen told me that McGowan had recently offered to procure for Wingate a settlement of his fight on me by which Wingate would have a position &c. and that Wingate had been considering it. Evidently <u>the Heid press</u> came ahead of <u>McGowans offer</u> and <u>barred</u> it. I will insist that no foolish talk be indulged in</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september19band2 0a	<p>with Wingate by McGowan or any one else on my behalf, - he is a scoundrel & utterly untrustworthy – and harmless! It will do more harm for them to talk such nonsense to him than he can do. Callahan, as Ed. News, gave me strong letter of endorsement as judge. I find a good feeling of friendship in Rampart for me-</p> <p>-20th-</p> <p>The strs. “<u>Seattle No 3</u>” & “Monarch” passed Rampart – last night – for Fairbanks – both heavily loaded & with barges filled with machinery. Ft. Hamilin at noon – flats this afternoon – I sleep till noon, but <u>my eyes are failing me fast</u>, must quit smoking, &c. Snow on the ground at Rampart - and</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september20band2 1	<p>still snowing – none in the Tanana – and the winter seems nearer here than in that valley.</p> <p>-21st-</p> <p>Passed Str. “Herman” in the night - loaded with crude oil for fuel - N.C. tanks Circle City. Major Richardson, U.S.A. and Alaska road commissioner is on board, also Prindle & U.S. Geological party, Witherspoon, of U.S. Geo. Dept. & one of his assistants came on from the Herman last night. <u>Snowing</u> - cloudy - & <u>winter</u> – good stage of water, though, and we are making good time. Ought to be in Ft. Yukon tonight. Resting – but my eyes are troubling me.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september22a	<p>-22nd-</p> <p><u>Ft. Yukon</u>. The main channel of the Yukon river now flows past old Ft Yukon - for several years it flowed several miles to the west – across the low flats – but last</p>

	<p>year it changed back – The glory of the old past, however, has departed – its old cemetery of dead Hudson Bay employes of 1854-’60 is overgrown & gone to decay – the Indians have gone to other posts – Jack Carr & his wife (“Jack Spratt & his wife” – so far as leanness & fatness go) run a store and mail contract business, - Beaumont, Furch, Canadian trader & whisky peddler, keeps a post – and a few Indians in detached huts make up the little settlement – and Miss Woods – the Episcopal school teacher. One young Indian mother whose three year old boy is so exactly an image of Mountfield, the N.A. T. Agent as to suggest</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september22band2 3a	<p>pre-natal impressions - &c. Mrs. Carr gave me this bit of scandal. Beaumont has just returned from New York, with a girl wife no older than Mabel – his daughter – the old scoundrel – one can see the future tragedy lying in his foul action, and the ruin of the life of this young creature – Mabel is as sharp as a tack – and is credited with great sales of whisky to Indians. She seems to be very intelligent – I dont understand the family! Gathered a sack of rose bushes, spruce trees, &c. with seeds of wild flowers for an Arctic bed for mother – or the park in Tacoma or Seattle. Left Ft Yukon at noon & late in the evening we found the str. “Sarah” high on a bar – tied up for the night near her to get her off in the morning. This will put us back a day or so. -23rd- With Str. “Sarah” – pulling & puffing – but she is still fast on the bar. Staid with her</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september23band2 4a	<p>all day – the Str. “Hermann” with oil barge – the “Sarah” and “Hannah” burn crude oil – came up this evening. -24th- Still standing by the “Sarah”. Have pulled with hawser several times but she is a solid on the sand as if she grew there – they are now den wishing the tanks and intend to utilize the oil barge to receive the live stock & freight of the “Sarah” so that she may be hauled off while lightened. Abe Spring is on board Sarah bound to Fairbanks with his electric light plant for Cleary Creek. He came over & gave me the gossip from Seattle. Says Senator Piles is friendly & will help me – that there is no fight on me in Seattle, &c. Dick Woods sister on board going to Fairbanks &c</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september24band2 5and26a	<p>and says <u>that Barnette was sued</u> at Seattle on his old contract made at St. Micheal in 1902 with Costen</p>

	<p>- partnership contract in mining, &c &c. -25- We left the Sarah early this morning - the Herman standing by her, - and reach Circle this afternoon. Called on the Votaws – talked over business matters with him – he is doing well and is pleased with the office & place – Also looked over the town &c. boat remained but a short time. -26th- Between Circle & Eagle. A row on board about rooms – the purser under took to keep No 26 staked out for his “lady friend” = and let others sleep on the floor & sassy women interviewed him – he ought to be interviewed by his</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september26band2 7	<p>employers. I was changed from my room & put in with Major Richardson- -27- <u>Eagle City</u>. Reached Eagle early this morning & met U. G. Myers, the Comr. & others. Eagle looks the same & my heart goes out in memory of the town & Howard – I can hardly realize that my life with him is dead – Our old home looks shabby & is going slowly to decay – Snowing and winter is here. There has been a steady fall of light snow since we left Tanana – and it is an unusual experience to me to ride in a steamer on this part of the river while all the earth is white with the winters snows. They tell me that Debbie passed here all right & on time.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september28and29 a	<p>-28th- Remained at 40 Mile last night and reached Dawson this afternoon. Could not get rooms at the Regina – crowded – Isom, mang. N. A. T. is here. Rooms at White House. Bath. Dinner with American Consul <u>Ravendal</u> & Orr. at Regina restaurant. John Stone interviewed me – wants a divorce - but plainly told him that he could not get it until he resided in Alaska 2 years. 29th Called & met Judges Craig & McCauley of Yukon Ty. Court. Judge Craig looks like a judge – and is one - McCaully is of the Steve OBrien type – and was actually a schoolmate</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september29b	<p>with Steve. Dr. Coleman, Harry Johnston & is a friend of Ashton. I like the looks</p>

	<p>of Judge Craig very much. Lunch with Mr & Mrs. Orr. Called at “News” office & saw Roediger & McIntire, but did not have time to go to house. The “White House” is run by a Mrs. Bulter – she evidently has a dash of Creole blood – and is the embodiment of voluptuous lust – glad I escaped : Rodgers of the White Pass Ry. is one of her star boarders and recommended us to go there.</p> <p>Judge Craig & McCaully – their wives & Mrs Roediger & Nellie – also Consul Ravendal were at the landing when I left. The “World” – Dawson paper – had a fine “puff” about my work in Alaska – and I was treated very nice in Dawson. Left at 3 oclock on “Selkirk” for Whitehorse.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 september30andoctober03and04a	<p>-30-</p> <p>Passed White River early this morning - beautiful clear day – snow on the mountains, making good time.</p> <p>Octo 3rd</p> <p>We reached Whitehorse at 1 oclock today – too late, of course, to catch the train. The “Jefferson” leaves Skagaway tomorrow & we will catch it – so it doesnt make any difference. Went out to “Whitehorse Rapids” with Billy Bass, - have room in new Columbia Hotel – they are rebuilding since the fire of a few weeks ago – No news –</p> <p>-4th-</p> <p>Left Whitehorse at 10 a.m. – the “Casca” hove in sight & we waited for her. Dinner at Bennett & reached</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october04band05a	<p>Skagway at 5 oclock – the Steamer “Jefferson” in port. Invited to dinner with Major Richardson. Rodgers & Newell of the White Pass Ry. & Wynn - Johnson – at the Pullen House –</p> <p>Left Skagway at 8 oclock for Juneau – Str “Jefferson” is a fine new steamer – large & comfortable.</p> <p>-5-</p> <p>Juneau at 6 a.m – went to the “Occidental” hotel & slept till 10. Wrote letters to Atty. Genl. sending in my account to Sept. 30, and also salary vouchers for <u>April</u>, May, June, July, August, & September - 6 months, & also wrote asking leave during November & Dec – Bath & just as I was ready to be comfortable the whistle</p>
Diary 9, 1905	of the “Excelsior” sounded –

october05b	<p>Sent package of Ft Yukon shrubs to mother – wrote to Debbie & also to George T. Reid – sent him a draft in favor of Edgar – bal. on his Hamilton contract of \$688.65</p> <p>Loaned George A. Jeffry the sum of \$350.00.</p> <p>Met Lt. Hoggatt – also Dautrick, Frame, Jennings, Churchill et. al. & had short but pleasant visit. Hoggatt says that the Special Examiner sent out to examine into Gov. Bradys affairs returned East yesterday – I just missed him one day - & I am glad of it.</p> <p>Left <u>Juneau</u> at 8 p.m on “<u>Excelsior</u>”</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october06	<p>-6th-</p> <p><u>Sitka</u> – Met Kostrometrioff visited Greek Church – called on Bishop Innocent – sleeping & could not see him – saw & visited Genl. Distin & “Cablegram” office. Saw Gov. Brady <u>at a distance</u> – no talk – no answer to my interrogatories – except that he said in the newspaper that I was unfit to be judge! Reynolds also wrote letter – but he honestly acknowledged the matter & paid me a compliment. Distin & Brady at swords points! Saw Bishop Rowe also Ed Miller, Rochford & on board Put to sea – smooth.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october07and08a	<p>-7th -</p> <p><u>Yakutat</u> at 5 p.m – at Stimsons cannery – Weather good – we suffered some by rolling but otherwise trip fair.</p> <p>-8-</p> <p><u>Yakataga Beach</u> at day break, and Kayak island tonight. We have literally rolled thus far – the “Excelsior” is as unstable as a barrel in water. Have not been sea sick yet – but only escape by going to bed. Learned today that the Gov – Brady – will use extracts from my address of 2 years ago in his annual report – as argument against territorial government.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october08band09a	<p>- probably he could not find one $\frac{3}{4}$ years old!!</p> <p>If we only had a Governor who could prepare a state</p>

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	document with figures to date or even a year ahead – it would be an advantage to Alaska. -9 th - <u>Nuchek</u> – the old sea otter station - at day break – <u>Orca</u> at noon & <u>Ellamar</u> tonight – unloading freight & delivering mail – Raining & blowing like “sixty”. We will be at the Valdez wharf in the morning. -10 th - <u>Valdez</u> at 8 oclock. Went to the St. Elias Hotel - saw
Diary 9, 1905 october09b	Crandall, Lathrop, Judge Lyons & the lawyers & found no work for the present. Have concluded that since I <u>must</u> go to Seward that I will continue on the “Excelsior” this trip – Crandall will go with me taking the naturalization records with him as there are several persons there who desire to declare their intention to become Am. citizens. Visited around town - the <u>Rosene</u> railway party is busy building from what is called the “New Town” on the north side of the bay – but particularly in the Keystone Canyon” while the old Helm outfit is making pretence of doing some work near town
Diary 9, 1905 october09cand11a	& across the flat toward “Keystone Canyon” The town shows <u>no</u> sign of life or activity and the glacial stream hurt it badly this summer Left on boat at 4 p.m. after sending telegrams to Stier, at Fairbanks. -11 th - <u>Seward</u> , at 9 this morning – Met Messrs. Clegg, Hildreth, Wybant – Sexton – also Poland, & Stewart of the Alaska Central Ry. Took dinner {lunch} with Poland at noon – present Poland, Stewart, Hale, banker, Ballaine, Dr. Burns, Judge Morford, Hildreth, Sexton, Wybant, & Jack , a friend of Judge – Senator Turners! Have made all arrangements to go out
Diary 9, 1905 october11band12a	over the line of the road tomorrow & then hunting out on north shore of Kenai Lake – for moose, or bear &c Stopping of Hotel McNeilly.

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	-12 th - <u>W. B. Poland</u> , general manager of the Alaska Central Ry. and Hildreth, com =missioner at Seward, have arranged that I go out with a small party and view their road as far as the track is laid, then go down Lake Kenai for a hunt. We left Seward at 9 oclock - our boat and supplies on a flat car ahead of the engine – two cars behind with Ry. supplies & passengers. The road runs nearly north from Seward & climbs a heavy crooked grade to the summit – where it drops into Snow Creek – the southeastern tributary of Kenai Lake – thence down that to Kenai
Diary 9, 1905 october12b	Lake, skirting the west side of Sheep Mt. along the east side of one arm of the lake and thence north & then east up Trail Creek – we went to the 35 mi. point – where the rails are laid, - & to the end of the tracks. Had dinner at tie camp – back in the evening to Lake Kenai where our boat & supplies are put off & we loaded the boat & went around to the old railroad camp buildings at the elbow – called “ <u>Roosevelt</u> ” in construction days but now wholly abandoned & deserted. We had some trouble to land since a strong wind sprang up & the waves rolled in from the lower end of the lake –it looks bad – windy but clear. Our party consists of Captain
Diary 9, 1905 october12cand13	Stewart, treasurer of the A.C. Ry Judge Hildreth, “Col.” Revell, guide, “Commodore” Billy Smith, guide, & I, - Revell & Smith are both fine hunters, & know the country. We are in for a good nights rest - wind blowing & it looks bad. -13 th - Wind still high & lake impossible - clear & beautiful weather. We are all scattering out to see the country around & to wait for the wind to abate. Went up Ptarmigan Creek with Revell & thence up to the Lake – sunk deep between Sheep Mt. & another – Fine day – out on lake on a raft but no sheep – fine pair of horns at outlet of lake – old camp – back in evening tired but happy – <u>wind still blowing</u>
Diary 9, 1905 october14a	-14 th - Wind still & we left camp this morning

	for the lower end of the Lake. Passed a fine large island at noon and we named it " <u>Stewart Island</u> " – after Capt. Stewart. Reached the lower end of the lake at dark & thence down the river about a mile to an old Russian "barrabara" or hunting house on its north bank. A beautiful, cloudless, lazy October day – the scenery on Kenai lake is enjoyable – high snow covered mountains on each side – long & steep inclines & precipitous walls – the western end – before dark was beautifully amethystine – an ideal Indian summer day – We found two Swedes on their way
Diary 9, 1905 october14band15a	down the Kenai to Russian river where they intended to hunt for bear & prospect. Tired & all ate & dropped to sleep- -15- <u>Hunting today.</u> We are now in the heart of the Kenai peninsula & it is said to be a Moose Arcadia Capt Stewart & Billy Smith went off down the right limit of the river while Revell & I went up Juneau creek – to the north. The valley of Juneau is certainly a beautiful spot on a mild autumn day – it is two or three miles wide and surrounded with rounded mountains already capped with snow – a forest fire has killed most of the former forest and in the wide openings this made in
Diary 9, 1905 october15b	the trees the red top grass waves in the fall winds. Hundreds of acres of this fine grass make fine brown meadows – clear dashing streams cross the valley from the side valleys to fall into Juneau creek- - the warm sun shines over all – it is a beautiful spot – fit for the home of the noble moose- And it certainly is his home – great well packed trails connect the distant parts of the valley – and moose sign & tracks are every where. An hour after noon we saw a moose – hidden behind a few thick trees we could not discover its size or sex until it was shot – it was the finest & fattest animal I ever saw – I felt but little – <u>no</u> elation
Diary 9, 1905	at shooting it – but very

october15c	much as if I had invaded some gentlemans back pasture & had shot his favorite Jersey cow – Another yearling bull accompanied the one we shot & it made me feel still meaner by its fearless search around us – sometimes only 50 yards away – for its mate. We cleaned the animal – quartered it - & Revell put a fore quarter on his back – I took both guns & we started home – I was dead tired when we reached camp- Capt. Stewart & Billy came in half an hour after – they had seen several moose at long distance but had killed none-
Diary 9, 1905 october16a	-16 ^b - Revell – Billy & Judge Hildreth went back to our moose of yesterday - Hildreth hoping to kill his moose & the boys to bring in the hind quarters. The following is a rough map of Kenai Lake - & shows our location [captions:] Hunting Camp <u>Stewart Is.</u> <u>Kenaj Lake</u> Alaska Central Ry <u>Seward</u>
Diary 9, 1905 october16b	The old hunting lodge which we use in part is an interesting structure. It was built by a Russian from the mouth of the river – 90 miles away- to the west – he evidently wished to reach the lake – and also the sheep & moose hunting around it & probably the fish in the river and lake. [captions:] 6 X 6 Sweat House 16 X 20 Indian & fish house 12 X 12 Barrabara The sweat house was well constructed of hewn logs – tightly morticed – good smooth floor – low walls, tight roof & covered with dirt covering – in one corner is yet the pile of rocks which when heated with coals – furnished the heat for steam – they threw water on the hot rocks & then enjoyed the sweat-
Diary 9, 1905 october16cand17an d18	The larger structure in the center was a low roofed – but well constructed of logs – with a smoke hole in the center. Its size and shap enabled the hunter to house his Indian retainers - his fish & dogs – while the principal building was occupied by him & his family – It is a model of good hewing & log fitting. The floor & ceiling are

	<p>hewn as also the walls – two small windows while the only entrance is through the large fish room- -17^{ty}- Rainy & we remained in camp. -18th- Rainy but went hunting – saw 5 moose on mountainside – 2 in valley – but got none – saw the falls on Juneau Creek.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october19and24a	<p>-19th- Clearing up – we moved camp – packed on our backs into the center of Juneau Creek valley – we will remain there until we kill our bull moose Built camp on east side of Juneau Creek valley – fly for cover & bed of boughs – good camp- -24th- We remained in our Juneau Creek camp until today – On our hunting trips we explored this fine valley – its lakes & streams – we hunted the high wide gulches &c. I saw 15 moose but got no shot at “horns” – could have killed several cows & yearlings but did not shoot. Yesterday we suddenly came across a great</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october24b	<p>bull – <u>with only one horn</u> – he had lost the other in a battle - shot him – cut his heart – but only relieved his sufferings, since his battle had left him minus one of his great antlers which had carried away a portion of his skull- Hildreth also killed a fine young bull. Capt. Stewart & Billy Smith got a shot at a bear but did not get him on account of brush & distance- It rained so much that we could not hunt well & were always wet to the waist. Carried our packs back to the Russian “barabara” this afternoon - & will go back home My moose gave us some fine meat - two fine hind quarters – but we have no good horns-</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october25a	<p>-25- We left the “barabara” at 4 o'clock yesterday evening & reached the east end of Kenai lake at 1:30 in the morning – train at 4 in afternoon & reached Seward tonight. Well – sound & strong – but the trip yielded no</p>

	<p>horns – Recd. telegram from Jim Fish, Valdez, saying : “Valdez Oct 14. Hon James Wickersham, Seward Alaska At mass meeting last night following delegates to legislative convention Seattle November 15th were unanimously elected – Wickersham, Lathrop, Blum, Smith. (signed) James Fish.” Sorry that my office prevents my accepting – but it would not be</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october25b	<p>proper & I will have them elect some one else in my place – Also telegram from Abe Spring dated Oct 15 from Fairbanks: “Nasty fight being made Bar Assoc =iation. Condemnatory resolutions introduced meeting prior my arrival. Friends succeeded postponing action. Miller resolution still pernicious substituted last night. Indefinitely postponed eleven ten. Closest watching required preventing snap judgment. Press letters department being mailed. Copies forwarded. Henderson compiling statement. Abe Spring.” Miller & Claypool are evidently squaring themselves with their clients by fighting me.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october26and27a	<p>-26th- Much complaint here against Hildreth – the Ry. people are especially bitter against him because of his fight against Dr. Burns. Took midnight lunch with Capt. & Mrs. Stewart – also met Mr. Francis, Treas. of the A.C. Ry. & a Mr. Middleberger, a representative of the Holland bondholders of the Co. -27th- <u>The 25th Anniversary of our marriage - at Rochester, Ill. - Oct. 27, 1880!!</u> I love my clean-minded good wife with a stronger love than I did when she came as my bride. If our three boys were all alive how happy I would be – but our eldest is left and he is so strong and manly that I cannot complain - though Howards death was the greatest loss of my life – it seems to have been almost the end of my home life-</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october27b	<p>The Chamber of Commerce gave me a formal reception last night at the “Kenai Club” rooms. Messrs. Francis & Middleberger also attended as guests - I made a short talk encouraging them</p>

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	<p>in respect to the region toward which their railroad is building – the Tanana valley None of them have visited the interior – altho they are building a first class standard railroad to it. The lawyers gave me an endorsment, recommending my reappointment, and asking, in case of the division of the district, that I be assigned to the coast division! <u>Ritchie</u>, the Editor of the “Seward Gateway” - the only local paper also wrote a letter of endorsment. Am very much pleased with my trip to Seward! “Billy” Smith, my hunting guide gave me a fine pair of moose antlers.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october28and29a	<p>-28th- Had a fine chicken dinner with Mr & Mrs. McNeily, yesterday. The “<u>Santa Ana</u>” in yesterday & left this morning but I will wait for the “Santa Clara” – since she goes to Valdez direct – while the Santa Ana stops at Ellamar to load on. <u>Am</u> negotiating for a town lot in Seward. -29- “Santa Clara” came in about 2 oclock today – but leaves late – or not till morning since a heavy storm is raging outside. Spent the day quietly at hotel – but had supper last night with Poland, general manager of the A.C Ry. and with Francis & Middleberger – also break =fast with them this morning – Francis is a clean cut young Canadian – of gentle manners, but bright and vigorous</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october29band30	<p>- a good business man – and I presume a wealthy one – Middleberger is a discreet, conservative, close mouthed Hollander, who eats porridge, does not smoke and drinks like a New England deacon. He is sixty – rather gray, stoop shouldered, and slow – but knows the value of a cent and has promoted railroads in South Africa - so his Hollandish clients are pretty safe. <u>Poland is a human dynamo</u>. Did not buy a lot in Seward. -30- Santa Clara went out early this morning as far as the mouth of the harbor – but such a storm was raging that it immediatly returned to the Seward Wharf – lay in Seward all day – doing nothing -</p>
Diary 9, 1905 october31andnove mber01a	<p>-31st- Left Seward early this morning & reached Valdez about six oclock - Lawyers Brown & Ostrander called</p>

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	<p>on me at St. Elias Hotel & said that the Chitita Bankruptcy case was the only matter that could be taken up – & that they & the people generally desired me to hold the regular term in January – -November 1st- Mail – good letters from Debbie & Darrell – she is in New York visiting him & they seem to be having a good time – poor child. I am glad she is enjoying him – and he her visit. Heard the Chitita bankruptcy case but refused to do anything until</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november01b	<p>January – Signed some formal orders & called a <u>Special Team</u> at Valdez for <u>January 22, 1906</u>. Absolutely nothing to do – so I will go out on the Santa Clara tomorrow. Gave a <u>Moose dinner</u> to Gov & Mrs Leedy – Joe Bourque, Jas Fish & wife, Brown & wife, Lyons & wife, Rochford & his affiane {Mrs. }his fiance at Wikidels restaurant. Also then attended a social function given by Mrs Ostrander & Mrs Hozlett – euchre – at Moose Hall. Gave Rob. Coles a letter to Poland, of the A.C. Ry. Co. Seward asking him to give Rob work – Everything ready to go on boat in the morning. Lathrop, dept. Marshal also goes as delegate to the Alaska convention.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november02and03	<p>-Nov. 2nd- “<u>Santa Clara</u>” for Seattle- Foggy in Valdez harbor but clear & bright in Prince Williams Sd- This is a beautiful body of water – like Puget Sd – and fully protects the entrance to Valdez – The entrance to Resurrection Bay – Seward – opens out on the Pacific & storms make it almost impossible to get in & out - Beautiful day – Ellamar in sight. -Nov 3rd- Fine day – fair wind – sail up – & going 12 knots an hour! for home. Am not sea sick but have just staid in bed to rest – it is a rest after a strenous term at Fairbanks & a mighty moose hunt.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november07a	<p>Nov. 7. <u>At Sea, off</u> Barclay Sound- Had a rough trip until yesterday - I was distressed and uncomfortable as usual – and remained in bed -</p>

	<p>Foggy weather yesterday & today till noon – we had no sight of land since leaving Hinchinbrooke Is. till noon, when we were just off Barclay Sd – 60 miles north of De Fuca Straits. It is a beautiful day now – clear – calm, sunny & warm – the high mountains of Vancouver Is. lie to our left – we will get in Seattle about noon tomorrow. Lathrop, Dep. U.S. Mar. from Valdez. Hiles, the “bum” railroad promoter. Judge Morford, lawyer from Seward, Hilscher, the butcher, Rich, the</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november07band08	<p>railroad contractor & others are aboard. <u>Hickey</u>, a mining expert, also – Have recovered my legs, and appetite but my bowels are yet torpid. A glorious afternoon – 7 p.m. Have just passed the light house at <u>Cape Flattery</u>; It seems <u>good</u> to be approaching home & civilization once more. Nov. 8. Arrived in Seattle at 9.a.m. Rainier Grand hotel – Johansen is here – Remained over for tonight at request of A.B.’s – the Arctic Brotherhood Grand Lodge in session – banquet – Perkins Arc. Chief – presided – was guest of honor & well received at banquet - made short address -</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november09a	<p>-9th- Tacoma – letters from Debbie - telegraphed her my arrival. Also letter from Stephen Birch - telegraphed him also by request that would be here for some time. <u>Ex. Marshal Richards</u>, & his “gang” <u>Forrest</u>, <u>M. J. Cochran</u>, <u>Sam Milligan</u>, <u>Al. Cody</u>, & _____ are busily engaged, aided by D. A. McKenzie, in “knocking” me at Seattle. Sullivan’s, both Mike & P. C. are there and also in close consultation. The <u>Alaska convention</u>, to meet on the 15th is attracting attention & the newspapers have announced me as a candidate for delegate – but I have promptly denied it & they</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november09band10and11and12a	<p>will so announce. -10th- Visiting Seattle – nothing particular except denying that</p>

	<p>I am candidate for delegate. -11th- Application from <u>Col. L. S. Howlett</u> of North Yakima, Wash. for appointment as Com. at Seward, Alaska, received letters from Senator George Turner, & Congressman W. L. Jona of N. Yakima, strongly endorsing him Recd. check for 6 mo. salary = \$2500. – Deposited \$5500.00 in Nat. Bk. of Commerce. -12- Went to Buckley to visit mother – met Jennie & her husband in Tacoma last night.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november12band13a	<p>Jennie is grown to be a handsome woman - is a good wife & mother Everybody well at Buckley- -13th- Returned to Tacoma. Recd. packages of books – history & ethnology from London- Answered mail – George Jeffry here – Had visit from John Malone today – showed me letter from A. R. Lillenthal, of San Francisco, proffering assistance to secure my confirmation. John also told him {me} that P. C. Sullivan would not fight & that President had requested McKenzie, of North Dakota – the backbone of the fight against me – to let up on it!! This dont</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november13band14	<p>sound just right – but it may be true. Judge Dudley DuBose - McKenzies friend – also told me that he thought McKenzie was easily induced to let up- -14th- Over to Seattle – hard fight on over delegate – Nye, Manley & Donnelly - three Fairbanks delegates under the influence of the decision in <u>Durand v Manley</u> – are doing what they can to beat Johansen – who is the Fairbanks delegate – under the impression that he will be friendly to me. <u>Carr & Nye are evidently small liars & traitors!</u> I am keenly disappointed in them Met many delegates – Gov. Swineford & others - & <u>came home at 9 p.m.</u></p>
Diary 9, 1905 november15	<p>-15- Telegram from Debbie last night saying she had started home &</p>

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	<p>that Darrell was off to Cuba to day. Dinner tonight to a few friends. <u>Alaska convention</u> organized today – <u>Archer</u> from Nome elected temporary chairman against <u>Nye</u> of Fairbanks!! <u>28 to 24!</u> Edgar telegraphed me to come over tonight but I will not do it – I intend to keep out of the mess – for it looks now like a “<u>first ward caucus</u>.” Dinner a success – present Senator Foster, Grosscup, Geo. Reid Pratt, Sec. Cham. of Com. Billy Stern -berg & Joe Whitehouse.</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november16a	<p>-16th- Johansen telephoned to me from Seattle this morning that I must come to Seattle & help him as his enemies were fighting him close & hard on my account – I went, but refused to appear openly – I telegraphed ahead & had John P. Hartman meet me and informed him of the actions of Nye – he went to work on Nyes employers – the Tanana Mines Ry interests – Fredk Bausman their attorney &c. and when I left there tonight at 11 o'clock they were industriously working to drive him into line. John Ballaine of Seward was assisting & Johansen thinks, tonight, that he will succeed. L. L. Bales, came</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november16band17a	<p>to see me & dug up a vote from Iliamna. They are openly threatening me – <u>the Marshal Richards gang</u> – but if Johansen wins out they are powerless. Archer was made temporary chairman – over Nye, & this is concededly a Johansen victory. Major Richardson called – I am surprised to find the Rosene people assisting Ryan – think of <u>Jarvis</u> interests being used to down me! The matter is badly mixed up but I am hopeful! 17th Just received a telephone message from Johansen saying that <u>Nye</u> had agreed to support him upon receiving his pledge that he (Johansen) was not pledged to me – his support was withheld</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november17b	<p>distinctly because he was opposed to me & he believed Johansen was</p>

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	<p>friendly to me – <u>This is Gratitude of the Claypool</u> – <u>McKenzie-Carr kind!</u> The Post-Intelligencer announces this morning that the Ryan forces admit defeat and will now fight for three delegates - one from each judicial division. I told Johansen to do as he pleased about Nye – think he is scared & wishes to make his election sure but I did not want him to win with Nye against him – evidently Bansman & Hartman made Nye come in but he still acts the dog & insists on Johansen surrendering something. Woe unto the ungrateful cowards if I ever get the opportunity to act!</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november19a	<p>-19th- <u>Debbie at home</u>. Went over to Seattle yesterday afternoon & met Debbie at 9.p.m. over G. N Ry. She is not strong & seems much worn out by her trip – but is enthusiastic & happy over her six weeks visit to Darrell. The Alaska delegates came over to Tacoma yesterday after noon & gave the town a visit – they were met and entertained by the Chamber of Commerce - & This evening (Sunday) Iles – of Valdez – came to see me & tried to force me by threats of a “roast” in the Convention tomorrow, to throw the Johansen forces to Ryan!! I kept my temper & told him that I would do nothing – that I had not taken</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november19b	<p>any part in the fight and would not. He said that Charlie Herren – - late one of Marshal Richards deputies at Nome – and a deputy clerk while I was there & appointed at my request – had sent him to make the proposition to me – I sent him (Iles) off short but without display of anger – Alaska convention is drifting worse & worse into ward politics – Had a talk with {state} Senator “Dick” Kinnear at Seattle & he asked me to call on Senator Piles – thinks Piles will support me if I will give him some Alaska patronage & let up on the fight against P. C. Sullivan for District Atty. for Washington – yet every “plug” that Sullivan controls in the Alaska convention is blackguarding me!</p>
Diary 9, 1905 november20and21a	<p>-20- Went to Seattle – saw Piles & he</p>

<p>nd22</p>	<p>“palavered” – but my opinion is that he will do <u>all he can to defeat me</u> – he will do it kindly – saying “That it is better, since there is so much of a fight to take up a new man!! Also saw Ryan & tried to get him to agree to 3 delegates & let Johansen be elected for the sake of harmony – They are fighting me, now. -21st- Johansen defeated – Nye & the Ryan people succeeded in jobbing him electing Capt. O. J. Humphrey. Lathrop left the hall & this took away 7 votes - & Humphrey had 42 & Johansen 41! I was “roasted” by Nye publicly & accused of running Johansens campaign, &c. Sharper than the serpents tooth is the sting of base ingratitude. -22- Paid up on my Puyallup Indian land - \$1236.96 also street asst. on C. St. \$773.35 – Don’t owe a dollar in the world.</p>
<p>Diary 9, 1905 november23and24</p>	<p>-23rd- John McGinn came over to see me – says that Ruan, Humphries & Swineford will all support me – and that the McKenzie – N. Dakota fight will be withdrawn – McGinn goes to California tonight & thence to Washington – gave him such papers &c. as explain matters – -24th- Went over to Seattle – Jarvis is badly disgusted – took dinner with him – he is just a trifle – I thought – disgusted with me because I do not resign & go to work for myself – said he would report conditions in Wash ington & explain the situation of the judges in Alaska and then say to him that I have enough - & <u>resign</u>.</p>