

	<p>[cover]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diary</u> James Wickersham <u>From February 13, 1908</u> To <u>October 12, 1908</u> <u>Contains my experiences</u> <u>In election as Delegate</u> <u>To Congress, 1908.</u></p>
Diary 14, 1908	<p>[inside front cover] [Clipping – portrait of James Wickersham]</p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 14	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Feb 14, 1908.</u></p> <p>Fairbanks ----- Alaska. The citizens have formed three companies and are armed with rifles and ready to put down the Western Federation rioters if any effort is made to attack non-Union men or burn the town as they have threatened. The saloons are still closed. Marshal Perry will undertake to take the non-Union men out to the Creeks tomorrow - and no one can tell what will be done by the strikers there. The business men have acted in a drastic and effective way toward the "Times" - every business advertisement in town was taken out yesterday and it looked lean & hungry this morning - it headed its editorial columns with a wail - and the statement that it would continue its course of support to the strikers.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 15	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Attended the A.B. Ball last night at the Auditorium – Debbie & I. As neither of us dance we spent the evening in a box visiting with our friends – and a pleasant evening too. The Hall was beautifully decorated – with flags & special scenery of roadhouse life. The citizens have evidently cowed the bully in the Western Federation – this morning the strike breakers were sent out to the creeks without notice – in town. A number of deputies went with them and there may be trouble on the Creeks. The</p>

	<p>"Times", stripped of every advertisement is whining like a whipped dog – its burden is that "the people are fools & wont help those who help them." Beautiful weather – spring's coming.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 16	<p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> <p>Sunday - Barbour of the Washington - Alaska Bank consulted with me yesterday and also today about the conditions of the issue of certificates made by his bank in connection with the First National at the time of the closing of the Fairbanks Bank. Barbour's bank has issued about \$25,000.00 & the First Nat. about \$100,000, and all certificates say on their face that either bank will receive them on deposit as cash. A difficulty has now arisen between them because the 1st Nat. wont accept their own certificates from the W-A, and give outside exchange – where as they will accept them for outside exchange from outsiders. Advised him fully about matter - Barbour employed me as attorney for the bank - temporary agreement \$1200. per annum fees for papers & for suits.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 17	<p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p><u>Jesse Noble of the Dome City Bank employed me today as attorney for that bank - \$1000. per annum retainer - fees for papers & attorneys fees allowed in notes & mortgages & reasonable fees in other cases.</u> <u>The "Strike" is quieting down - strike breakers have all gone to the Creek & no trouble so far.</u></p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 18-20	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>Mail in this morning from outside – Recd. a long letter from Mrs. Condon saying that her husband had deserted her taking the money of both. &c. &c. She wrote requesting me to act as her attorney & try & get something for her out of their interests on Dome Creek. Have been looking up their titles – and find that J.K. Brown atty. is running the mine for them & that they owe the Wash-Alaska bank about \$21,000.00 &c. I wrote to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Her saying that I would care for her interests.</p> <p>Perry just showed me a confidential report from</p>

	<p>Lathrop, dep. marshal, Valdes, saying that there are 3 special men there from the Dept. of Interior - or Secret Service looking up Harlan, Hoggatt, etc. Hope they come on over to Fairbanks!!! -20th -</p> <p>McGinn came to see me again and insists that I ought to run for Delegate to Congress. I was weak enough to listen with satisfaction but I can't make up my mind that I ought to do so. The Times this morning says Cale is not to be an active candidate and roasts him editorially. <u>Clum, the Times</u> & the <u>Western Federation</u> - the Miners Union officials, seem to be trying</p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 20-21	<p>20</p> <p>to form a combination for Clum and against Cale. - Fred Martins saloon is the headquarters of the scheme -the worst "bum" resort in the Tanana. I certainly wont do anything against Cale! It now looks as if the Barnette, McGinn, Mine Owners Assoc. will also appose Cale, though he has done nothing to justify them in doing so, except that at one time he, too, stood with a Mine Owners Assoc. for law & Order - for which the Federation now calls him a "Pinkerton" & the Mine_Owners Assoc. are too damned selfish to resent it and stay by him. -21st -</p> <p>Little Charley Robe broke through a waterhole on the river in front of the hospital this afternoon, while trying to rescue his little sister who first broke through, and</p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 21-22	<p>21</p> <p>was drawn under the ice and drowned. His sister was rescued. He was 6 years old. He was a beautiful child, the only son and his death has caused great sympathy for his father, mother and sister. The Masonic ball tonight was a beautiful function - largely attended, and a happy and profitable affair. -22-</p> <p>The law business is coming to me in a very satisfactory way. I am now employed by the Washington-Alaska Bank, the Dome City Bank and other good steady clients. The W-A bank pays me \$1200. & the Dome City \$1000. as yearly retainer –</p>

	<p>and the usual prices for all the work I do besides. My cash income for this month - 22,days - is much-greater than my salary as judge, and it looks as if I could rely on a greater income from my business than I received as judge.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 23-24	<p>-23-</p> <p>A large number of volunteers working in the river just below where Charley Robe was drowned trying to recover his body – but so far without success.</p> <p>-24-</p> <p>My friend Lapp - from Cape Prince of Wales - in town on his way from Nome outside. Telegram to McGinn from San Francisco that the case of Manley v. Boone is sent back - but affirmed on the principal question - that is, that a mining claim should be partitioned between co-tenants and not sold over the objection of some of them - to their damage - that the majority cannot sell for great loss & buy in & thus squeeze out the smaller holders - Evidently a correct statement of the law & in support of my opinion - 2 Alaska. 552.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 25-26	<p>- 25-</p> <p>Valdez State in today - Mr. Harlan, Dist. Atty. on board. A day or so ago - in view of the charges and counter-charges between him & Gov. Hoggatt I wrote a personal letter to Bonaparte, Atty. Genl. asking him to send a secret service man in here to look up the testimony as to Harlan's actions with his woman, and his & others actions in re-fixing the Anderson Jury. I think these matters ought to be investigated but I do not feel that I ought - under the circumstances - to take the lead - the Dept. of Justice is organized for that purpose.</p> <p>- 26-</p> <p>"Harlan is out in an interview in the "<u>News</u>" accusing Hoggatt of trying to "handle" him in the interest of the "<u>Guggenheims</u>", at Valdes in the railway shooting scrape there!!</p>
Diary 14, 1908 February 27- March 1	<p>-27-</p> <p>Fine basket ball game tonight at the A.B. Hall, between Mrs. McGinn's team & Miss Trimmer's - the latter won 28 to 13. Mrs. W- was patroness for Miss Trimmer & the Bridge Club sat in the box with her & cheered</p>

	<p>Miss T-who is a Bridge member - on to victory - It was a fine game - the boys played an exciting game afterward.</p> <p>A regular March gale blowing - warm but windy - & snow flying like Valdes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>A beautiful warm – sunny morning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Nothing new.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-March 1st -</p> <p>Debbie & I went out & spent the day on Ester Creek - I visited No 2. above & explored the old underground workings for Tindall & Finn, and then out with Belsea. A fine day and Debbie greatly enjoyed the trip.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 2-4	<p style="text-align: center;">-2-</p> <p>McGinn came to see me today on the subject of politics - I told him that I would not be a candidate for Delegate to Congress - nor to the National Convention - that I am out of political life and intend to remain out.</p> <p>The Miners Union Bulletin, however, insists on mentioning me as a candidate - but let them do so, it does not hurt me & seems to afford them something to talk about. Filed my first case in court today – Kehoe v Howell – for recovery of \$1320. on a Yukon Ter. judgment. I have other cases ready but</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Rust. Tacoma Smelter, saying rock in Kantishna quartz mines runs only \$5.00 to the ton. Lloyd was very greatly surprised - he was stunned by the news - and gave me more</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 4-5	<p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>confidence in his integrity than I have heretofor had. I am going to have other tests made to assist him for at that rate is ore is valueless in its inaccessible location.</p> <p>My Montenegro friends staked me in, today, with Darrell, in a group of eight claims on Engineer Creek, -giving me 1/4 of the whole.</p> <p>My law business is picking up in good shape and I am working hard - and it seems only begun.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Begun suit of Nelson v. Manley - in re. water rights on Rhode Island creek near Hot Springs & Rampart. It is an</p>

	<p>interesting case from a law point of view - Also began suit Shuman v. Schuman – divorce. Killum case is languishing – he is afraid to begin it - & wants to compromise & settle.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 5-7	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>It is fine weather - a breath of spring - warm -snowing - milling - the winters gone.</p> <p>Two workmen who were persistently dragging the river a hundred feet below where Charlie Robe was drowned found his body today. I gave Hamilton a check for \$100. to assist in paying a reward of \$250. which Mr. Robe had offered for finding the body. Barnette, Hill, Claypool, Dribelbis, Hamilton & others paid the reward of \$1000. so the men got quite a sum for their success.</p> <p><u>Judge Reid was confirmed by the United States Senate today.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Well!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Frank H. Hitchcock, Taft's manager, Washington D.C. asking where we were to hold prisoners for Ketchikan convention. Will answer Monday after talking with men here and concluding about it.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 8-9	<p style="text-align: center;">-8-</p> <p>Dinner – Mr. & Mrs. McGinn & Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan. Fine weather.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9-</p> <p>Recd. telegram this morning from Cale: “<u>Letter received, bill introduced. Secure delegation against Hoggatt - Corson combine fighting me & home rule</u>”. McGinn came over to see me & said that he had invited a number of Republicans to his office at 8 o'clock to organize a Republican meeting &c. for the primaries to choose delegates to the Ketchikan convention. We met - supposedly as Cale men, but Dr. Hall, Dr. Myers & Jackson, the surveyor, soon announced that they favored Clum & the question arose whether Clum was gang to go into the Regular Republican fight, or intended to run as an Independent. McGinn</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 9	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>then told me that <u>he</u> had been assisting Clum with money & advice in his campaign & upon suggestion of Dan. Jonas, Dr. Hall and McGinn</p>

	<p>went to see Clum to ascertain if he intended to run Independent or seek the Republican nomination. After an hour they returned & reported that Clem desired more time - until tomorrow evening to determine the question. There was nothing else to do – with McGinn, Hall, Jackson & Myers – whom I supposed all Cale men in favor of Clum - so unexpectedly there was nothing else to do but to adjourn - & we did.</p> <p>It was said for Clum that the Times crowd & the Western Federation under Steffensen would support him - & when McGinn & others who represented the strongest opposition to the Times Federationists for him - nothing remained but to take a new start.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 10	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>The “Times” this morning has issued a call for a Republican mass meeting tonight at the Auditorium, and in a labored editorial announces that an attempt is being made to endorse Corson, against Cale!! They say nothing about Clum, but seem to be trying to fool the people into believing that they are for Cale!</p> <p>Later: McGinn came in & said he intended to issue an interview saying that tonight’s meeting was without the authority of the Central Committee - but he seems to want them to act, as it will be unauthorized - then he will call the regular primary & give the latter the credentials. Evidently Clum gave away last nights meeting to the “Times”.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 10-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>I answered Hitchcock’s telegram today – he is Taft’s Manager. – as follows: Hon F. H. Hitchcock, Washington D.C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Breaking rivers present impossible get interior. “ Things progressing. Date for primaries not named. Soon.”</p> <p>Intended to send him a different telegram – but it <u>meant something</u> and that’ll never do.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11-</p> <p>“Times” mass meeting last night at the Eagle Hall consisted of the California saloon - Western Federation crowd - 317men. They appointed primary election officers, fixed Saturday for holding</p>

	<p>the primary election for electing 14 delegates to the Ketchikan convention, listened to “Major” Clum plead for peace, organized the “Taft Rep. Club”, With Judge Pratt as Pres. and adjourned!!</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 12-13	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Times this morning denounces McGinn’s notice saying that their call was unauthorized & publish a telegram from Geo. Irving, of Ketchikan saying that they have the right to call an election – they refer to Irving’s telegram as “an authoritative determination of the matter by the Territorial Republican committee”. Irving was the chairman of the territorial convention two years ago – he is now a last year’s bird’s nest – but a willing tool and liar.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>Wells, the new clerk of the District Court, arrived here on the stage this morning - or last night - I don’t know which. I met him - he is a high, smooth shaven man, and looks like a good man & I hope he is.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 14-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>“Times” this morning has dispatches saying that Cale is not candidate for renomination for delegate - it has an interview with Cale to that effect. I am in great doubt about the truth of the telegram, although today the <u>News</u> has similar telegrams.</p> <p>The Times-Federation primaries are being held this afternoon - no contest. McGinn intends to call the regular Republican primaries at a later date. - & let them go today - & see how many there are &c.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>A shooting scrape occurred at the Ry depot this morning as a crowd of strike breakers were going out to the creeks on the train - Dribelbis & Phil. North - deputy marshals, were</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 15	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>there and undertook to prevent a crowd of strikers from assaulting the men & a row started & a Slavonian striker fired 5 shots at the deputies - then ran into the Miners Home Saloon - the marshals beat up a few heads but got the men off on the train. They then went to search for the fellow who did the shooting and found him in a backroom of the Western Federation Hall - out of which Steffensen had just come. Warrants issued for several, including Steffensen, the leader of the W. F. of</p>

	M. Cullen, their Secretary, and Priestly, their editorial firebrand. A telegram was sent to Judge Reid asking him to revoke the saloon licenses of the "Miners Home" & the "California" - both of which are resorts of criminal agitators & hotbeds of crime.
Diary 14, 1908 March 15-16	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>The telegram was signed by Perry, U.S. Marshal, Stier, Clerk, Harlan, Dist. Atty. Erwin, Comr. Wells, Judge Reid's new clerk, & I - I signed so that judge Reid would not hesitate in fear of his action reflecting upon me, & because I am satisfied that a revocation of those two licenses will do more to settle the pall of crime, intimidation, and fear which now hovers over the camp than a dozen U.S. deputies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Everything quiet today - Priestly, the Editor of the Miners Union Bulletin gave bond & got out of jail last night - bail was also finally given for Steffensen, but as he was released on that charge he was rearrested on a more serious one & put in jail again, & thus the situation stands.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 16-17	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>The stage came in tonight - Tozier was aboard & he & John L. McGinn have just called - Tozier says he is supporting Corson for Delegate to Congress, - that Corson & Johnson his partner will put up \$50,000 - My, but won't the hungry newspaper men set up?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Times roasts me & the "gang" this morning for interfering with the license of the California - saloon - they "holler" two columns, - its good for their morals - if they ever had such "innards". Henderson, deputy clerk, came in today - reports things O.K. Bought Jerry Corsbys library of law books today - U.S. Pacific Rep. California Rep. etc. which gives me a fine law library. Am going to Catholic Ball tonight.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>The "News" Editorial last night was so vitriolic and to the point, - that the Times was very mild this morning in the defense of the California Saloon. They are pushing their petition for signatures, and</p>

	many weak kneed business men are signing it, but those who are really in favor of cleanly and orderly administration of city affairs & the settlement of the strike are against them. It was a blow to disorder & rioting when the licensed were revoked & will do more than a hundred deputy marshals to preserve order. "Strike breakers" as they are called by the strikers - independent laborers who do not belong to the Union are coming in today - walking from Valdez. The strike is about broken & must fail - & Steffensen the Organizer, & inciter to Riot, is in jail & liable to remain there until court convenes.
Diary 14, 1908 March 18-20	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>Trouble is brewing at the Dome City Bank - Jesse Noble is drinking & making a fool of himself generally, but particularly in fighting with his wife's sisters who have the money in the bank. Margaret Mulrooney - his wife's sister - told me today that he drank 10 bottles of champagne last night -which is going some for even a "rough-neck" miner. Darrell is back in Bremerton.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Telegram today appointing Strong, from Chena jury commissioner with Stier to draw juries for April term of court. I do not know Strong but "they say" he is a Union man - well, I don't care, I can get along with any jury that anyone else can. Nothing doing in politics; I have informed my friends that I <u>would not</u> be a candidate for Congress or anything else - so there, now.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 21	<p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>Bruce was defeated last night curling - three rinks now a tie – Bruce Mowatt & Hingston. We may have to play a series of games to decide the championship. Warm, windy & snowing – regular March weather. Business enough to keep me busy - The new Clerk, Wells, is here but wont take office till April 1, but two new deputies took hold yesterday - and Stier "roared" and fumed and made himself generally disagreeable. Erwin, Com. has sent in his resignation to take effect April 1, and is pleasant about it. Dodge-Maddocks etc. are now pressing their attentions upon the new men & trying to form alliances with them -really, they think</p>

	all officials are dishonest & they are trying to get in first - hardly complimentary to the new men - I'll keep away.
Diary 14, 1908 March 22-23	<p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Working all day in office on a case which needs to be ready tomorrow morning. The Times this morning compliments McDonald, one of the deputy clerks - he was at Maddock's with Noyes & others to dinner a night or two ago - they are making hay while the sun shines.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Began case of Jurack v Dunbar et. al. small case of fraud &c. Also begun case of Smith v Jesson – an Ester Creek mining case & We had a meeting of the stockholders of the Alaska Stibnite Co. and the Conwel Gold Min. Co. tonight at Heiligs office. It seems that Lloyd & Taylor have two men working for them - \$5.00 per day & board. They have located about 60 stibnite & quartz claims & if the assays all run pretty good</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 23-28	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>some of them very high. The mines are located on Moose Creek, just where we crossed it in 1903 on our way to Mt. McKinley. We passed over both veins at that time. Tozier got much information from Stibnite men in New York, & together with our assays the whole enterprise looks like a fair prospect, but no more. My relations with the Washington-Alaska bank seem to be good & I hope that matter will turn out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p><u>The Nome Republicans endorsed Cale & turned Corson down - good.</u> Local politics beginning to simmer. Business looking good.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>My law practice is better than I expected - think I'll average \$1000 month for the year if it keeps up as it has begun - certainly it beats the</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 28	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>salary of judgeship -and one is independent. Local politics getting warm. Dodge threatening Barnette with a lot of new lies that he picked up on his travels around Seattle. Somebody will beat his</p>

	<p>head up some of these days - he seems to be letting up on abusing me - for I pay no attention to it - people know better & he don't hurt any more. Harlan is sick — too much “booze” & is going outside - we think for good. Debbie is getting well and strong after nearly six years sickness - she now weighs 130 pounds - a gain of 16 or 18 - & looks well – Darrell's weekly letters now come from Bremerton - his last suggests that he is in love!! My, but he is slow in catching it!!</p>
Diary 14, 1908 March 29-April 1	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Sunday, but spent greater part of the day at the office trying to get a problem settled for Jesse Noble - failed, the other party was sparring for time. Stage in from Valdes with Parsons & Joslin. The “Citizens Ticket” announced last evening in the “Tribune” - think McGinn & my friends are responsible for it - most men on it are good men.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Days long, weather warm -spring just across the mountains to the south - better still spring settles down in this wide flat valley early & summer remains late- April 1. Stage out today carries Mr. N.V. Harlan, U.S. District Atty, who, I am informed by</p>
Diary 14, 1908 April 1-3	<p style="text-align: center;">-1-</p> <p>Marshal Perry, has tendered his resignation to take effect on May 1st. Poor old man he has gone to the bad since Ed's death -and is a broken wreck - I feel sorry to see a good man fall morally and physically like he has fallen.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2-</p> <p>Judge Reid will be in in two days - he is on the trail from Valdes. On yesterday Stier, clerk, vacated his office and Mr. O.A. Wells took his place. Erwin, Comr. vacated & Goodwin, Judge Reid's brother in law takes his place as soon as he & the Judge can get here - in two days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3-</p> <p>The times has a dispatch purporting to be from Washington saying that in the hearing before the Territorial Com of the House of Rep.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 April 3	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>yesterday, Hoggatt in his efforts & arguments</p>

	<p>against the Cale bill prepared by me, read my confidential letter to him of Jany 9, 1907 – marked “Confidential” & in which I sought to do him friendly services etc. I made a mistake in writing the letter-to Gov. Hoggatt but I really supposed that he would not betray a confidential communication from a friend - but he did. So far as the contents of the letter are concerned, the only thing in doubt is just what was meant - Hoggatt will claim to the extent of his present negative attitude while I had reference to his then reasonable position.</p> <p>The Times also had a front page spread insisting upon its assertion that Sulzer, of N.Y. was opposing Cale & territorial government - & reopening</p>
Diary 14, 1908 April 3-4	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>a lot of stuff from the Seattle papers in support of its position and it asked “Who lied?” Just two days ago I have received a letter from Sulzer denouncing the story & asking me to refute it - so I sent his letter to the News, and in the same position on their front page, under the big head “Who lied?” the letter demo-lashing the Times fake was published. I expect the Times will now devote a few columns of abuse to me.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>The “Times” has a two column editorial - weak and watery - trying to square themselves on the Sulzer letter -but in vain.</p> <p><u>Judge Reid & Party Arrived in Fairbanks at 3 o'clock this Afternoon.</u> Goodwin, Comr. Burton, asst. Parkes Stenographer & one or two others.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 April 4-7	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Met Judge Reid in Mrs. Cards restaurant first - my first impression was a good one. <u>I am satisfied - now.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6-</p> <p>Received letter from Stephen Birch, coast representative of the Morgan Guggenheim Copper River Ry & Copper combination, asking about my plans for future work & if I am open for engagement as General Counsel for their interests in Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p>

	<p><u>Election Day.</u> My friends have been busy for several days in the hope of defeating the Times-Dodge-Maddocks gang in the city election. They had a good organization & did such effective work that but two council men of the opposition and they the best ones, got in, - five of our fiends being elected. The object of the</p>
Diary 14, 1908 April 7-8	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>opposition was to Have Capt. Westby, who is Senator Nelson’s friend, reelected as Chief of Police, & Henry Roden elected as City Atty. Their defeat precludes the election of these men & buries Dodge & Maddocks in the ruins of their combination with the Eastern Federation of Miners - In the last local Election - last September - the fight was over my endorsement - Dodge Maddocks & the Times fighting it - my friends won & I was elected a delegate from the Juneau convention to the National Republican Convention in consequence, but this last local election is even more serious to them for it robs them of the offices and local money sack.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Wrote Birch saying that I would accept General Counsel for his Alaska Companies for three years contract at</p>
Diary 14, 1908 April 8-9	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>15,000 per year, with office and office maintenance supplied by them. I don’t care whether they accept it or not for my business here is proving very much better than I expected and I am free!</p> <p>Also received telegram from Frank H. Hitchcock asking about Taft’s chances for the delegates from Alaska and why the Tanana Rep. primaries are not called.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Telegraphed Hitchcock says “No known change public sentiment or political situation. Primaries called today for April 15th”. New council has agreed to elect Miller in place of Westby Chief of Police - the portion of the selection which pleases me is that Westby goes out. Now that he is licked the old blackboard whines like a child. It was easy to</p>

	damn others, but it's different when it comes home. -11 th -
Diary 14, 1908 April 11-12	Five years ago today I first reached Fairbanks - a mere clearing on the banks of the river - Barnett's log store & Marston's road house being the most pretentious - and almost the only buildings here. What a change! Courthouse, schoolhouses, churches, blocks of fine buildings, railroad, etc. etc. -12- The "times" today give me editorial roasts - upon the theory that I am a candidate for Congress. They quote the Juneau Record - Hoggatt's paper, also, and are as nasty & mean as possible. It looks as if Dodge had written the editorials. Fine spring weather.
Diary 14, 1908 April 14	-14- My law business is greater & better than expected. Made my first appearance before Judge Reid yesterday & today. Have filed yesterday & today two good live suits & Hill soon control more litigation than any other lawyer. I am more inclined toward Judge Reid than heretofore - he is, I think, a brave honest man, and so far as I can discover his principal fault is that he jumps at conclusions without hearing the end of the argument - but that merely shows a rapidly working open mind. He has already decided two important matters against the deJournal-Roden-Dundas crowd & next thing they will be saying as Pratt did of Judge Gunnison " <u>He dont know any more law than Wickersham</u> "
Diary 14, 1908 April 15	-15- Argument before Judge Reid today in Belsea v. Currier - against me. Also before Comr. Goodwin, probate judge. McCarty Estate - against me. The Republican primary election to elect 14 delegates to the Ketchikan convention was held today. McGinn & his friends had up a ticket, and a combination between Corson – and Clum undertook to elect the ticket which they put through their mass meeting on the 14 th of March last. It was a square fight between McGinn's ticket & my friends supporting it, and the Times-Corson-Clum-Dodge combination & our ticket won out by a small

	but safe majority. The enemy was overconfident - but worked like beavers - while our friends worked gently but effectively.
Diary 14, 1908 April 16	-16- The following were elected on our ticket CHAUNCY BOYER WILLIAM GILCHER A.L. HAMILTON ROBERT J. LAVERY ALFRED E. MALTBY WILLIAM McPHEE S.P. RAYMOND E.M. RUSK JOSEPH H. SMITH FRED SCHAUPP ABE STEIN C.J. STEWART OSCAR TACKSTROM S.B. WAITE The Times this morning crawls easy in a small spirit it notices that "Major Clum's friends were defeated - not a word about their own defeat - after a long fight and public demonstration of crowing in advance. Telegrams today say that Dep. Dist. Atty. Scott died at Juneau when he had gone to try the Hasey case. Harlan has left the Territory and Judge Reid is considering the appointment of a successor - I suggested Heilig
Diary 14, 1908 April 18-19	-18- I have been exceedingly busy this week - more than I could do well. Nothing important. -19- Snow is rapidly disappearing and the streets are bare. Water is running from a thousand tiny trickles into the river and it will begin to bulge the ice soon. Nothing new. Priestley - Ed. of the Miners Union Bulletin was found "guilty" last night by the jury in his second trial for libeling the Tanana Club, for publishing a foul charge against the club. He was fined \$400. but gave bond & appealed to the District Court. Chauncey Bayer is going out to Ketchikan Con. (Rep). With all the regular Republican votes – gave

	<p>\$25.⁰⁰ along with many others to pay his expenses. He will have Rampart, & Tanana, Circle, etc. etc. as well as all Fairbanks & Creek proxies.</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 April 21-24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>New city council goes in office tonight. Miller elected chief of police. Buckley reelected chief of fire Dept. Chas. E. Taylor, elected city clerk & pol. mag. Fred Carter, Mayor – 4 to 3.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> <p>Indictments against Steffenson & others for Riot – at R.R. depot – at time of shooting at Phil. North. Court grinding away – Judge Reid is working pretty good – he is highly nervous, talkative & inclined to “butt in” when not necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Falcon Joslin suggests today that we get all factions to unit on Tozier as Delegate in Congress - I told him I would assist & he went off to</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 April 24-27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>get Tozier to work on the Dodge crowd. Personally I think Tozier would make even a better Delegate than Cale, & it may be that we can unite all factions for him, - if he isn't so far tied up to Corson that he can't run. Fine weather – Business in my office continues to grow & I am more than pleased at the same –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Recd, telegram from E.H. Guie Atty at Seattle, asking if I will accept service for Strong interests against Frost, interests in Alaska Central Ry. The telegraphic dispatches also say that Frosts management is accused of gross extravagance & that criminal charges are threatened – Answered</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 April 27-30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>that I would accept if Strong represented . substantial interests. Business in office is crowding on me hard, and I must work even more than on the bench, - <u>but it pays</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p> <p>Election of Guggenheim-Morgan railroad & Steamboat Co. at Seattle. Eccles was elected Pres. & Jarvis Secretary & Treas. etc. Judge Reid has issued an order - from the bench</p>

	<p>-that all dance halls must be closed, and there is general wailing. His fight is now on!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30-</p> <p>Recd, another telegram from Guie, Seattle, saying that the Strong interests are working with Blaine & represent \$3,000,000 etc. and ask for information</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 April 30-May 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-30-</p> <p>about the court. Telegraphed back that the court would go out to Seattle in June & no court here in June and July. Have been trying the Gold Stream Water Case - a most important water right case, for two days - McGinn is against me & he is making a hard fight. I am perfectly delighted to be “in the ring” again - and find the practice of the law; in front of the bench far more satisfactory than behind it. <u>And the Salary is more than doubled.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-May 1st -</p> <p>River is rising and the ice is about ready to go out - Fine weather. <u>Ducks</u>. Debbie has a bad attack of <u>grippe</u>.</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 May 2-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-2-</p> <p>Ice is breaking up – river high - & it looks good – the dead has come to life.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3-</p> <p>Ice moving - big jam in front of town & river bank full of ice - overflowing low places, looks like an overflow of all low places.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>River still blocked bank full of ice. The <u>Grand jury</u> has been “raising Cain” with the tough element, and returned 65 indictments this morning and is still grinding. Every macque prostitute etc. dance hall & bath house - all the fellows living with women on probation - the tough element is trembling & the devil is to pay generally -Go to it!</p>

<p>Diary 14, 1908 May 4-5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>This bunch wanted a change - they stood in with my enemies & especially with the "Union-Federation" - & now they are getting it. Also such people as Gordon, Vachon, & a lot more of the business men - I can now sit back and smile. Several of the indicted ones have been to get me to defend them. I have refused to do so, and suggested that they get McGinn & Roth. - the first to aid them in the law - the last to "holler".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Poor Dodge! His one basic grievance against me - the one which he has always depended upon because it had some semblance of fairness was my opinion and ruling in the case of Johanson v. White wherein I non-suited his client, the plaintiff.</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 May 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>He got it into the circuit court of appeals with Pratts assistance & my action was reversed! Like all lawyers who practice on a personal enmity basis Dodge took this as the end & immediately exhibited it as irrefutable proof of – not my error in law or judgment, - but my wickedness and malice. Well, the case was set for trial the second time before Judge Reid & was concluded today – the judge gave the same instructions – a little bit worse – than I did & the jury found against Dodges client in a few minutes! & then Pratt & Dodge <u>did</u> how! Pratt went out of the court room cursing the court – he had a row with him in court & Judge Reid rebuked him severely - & Dodge is now out and cannot get back. He lost out in the city election – in the election for delegates to the Ketchikan Convention & now has finally lost the only suit that he has ever won! Poor Dodge!</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 May 6-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 6.</p> <p>Judge Reid joined the A.B.'s last night. The last remnant of ice has gone out the Chena and spring is come - Winter is gone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>Nick Nelson, 55, prospector, miner, sourdough, gentleman, died today at St. Josephs Hospital. He came up from Rhode Island Creek two weeks ago to attend court in a case over water right with Manly.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">James J. Crossley, of Iowa, appointed U.S. District Attorney, for this Division in place of Harlan.</p> <p>In receipt of instructions from the Ballaine interests in Alaska-Central Ry. asking me to apply for Receiver for the road. They also suggest employment of John A. Goodwin, Judge Reid's brother</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 May 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>-in-law as assistant counsel but he thinks he would rather be Receiver. <u>Guie</u>, Atty. Seattle, sends me the business & he suggests Ballaine on account of his interest in the case, but I will present his name to the Court.</p> <p>Received telegram from Stephen Birch, New York, today saying , "<u>Letter forwarded here Bogle employed this year have written full, Stephen Birch.</u> I am glad that I only asked them \$15,000 per annum as a salary instead of \$25,000: I don't lose so much, for I can make the smaller sum anyway & I probably could the greater.</p> <p>The grand jury has indicted Tom Marquam, Ed. Times and Gov. Hoggatt's striker for adultery with Mrs. Harding. He is a cheap degenerate!</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 May 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Court work is being pushed hard by Judge Reid. He is working good & dispatching business rapidly & well. So far he has followed my line of instructions and law in the questions of Discovery, Possession etc. in mining cases, and Pratt said to one of the attorneys that "<u>he is worse than Wickersham</u>"</p> <p>I am greatly pleased that he has taken such a stand for it is certainly in the interest of the development of the best interests of the country. One thing which he does that I don't approve - he grants injunctions to stop work on mines or ditches etc. without notice - just ask and ye shall receive. I think its the wrong principle of law.</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 May 12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p><u>Telegrams from Ketchikan today say that the Regular Republican - Boyer - McGinn delegates from Fairbanks were seated & the Federation-Times ticket denied admittance to the Territorial Convention.</u> This is good news, for it turns the Hoggatt-Dodge crowd down hard. News telegrams say that I was generally endorsed for candidate for</p>

	<p>delegate but that ray friends said most emphatically that I would not accept, & that Cale would probably be nominated. My court business is highly satisfactory. I am getting all the good business I can attend to - my last months cash income was more than \$1200.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 May 14	<p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>First telegrams from Ketchikan were based on hope rather than on facts, seemingly, since the Hoggatt crowd got the temporary organization & jobbed our fellows out of the convention. News today is that Corson was nominated for Congress & Hoggatt endorsed! It puts Corson in a peculiar position for</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>heretofore he has been one of the loudest shouters for a "Home Rule" - campaign. How he can work in harness with Hoggatt remains to be seen. Later. 2 conventions - <u>Cale</u> nominated by the Regulars, <u>Corson</u> nominated by the Hoggatt faction. And later telegrams say that</p>
Diary 14, 1908 May 14-19	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p><u>Judge Reid</u> & <u>Dodge</u> were nominated as Delegates to the Republican Convention at Chicago!! That beats hell a mile! Dodge has complained of the officials in Alaska meddling with politics & the first clatter out of the box he puts poor Judge Reid into the position of partisan follower of his faction - in a divided convention!! Now, I <u>am</u> glad I kept out of the delegate fight!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>The Last day of Court. Judge Reid is going out this evening on the first trip of the Tanana, leaving all criminal cases without trial, and a large part of the civil cases. He says he is going home to Oklahoma</p>
Diary 14, 1908 May 19	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p><u>but Dodge is on the same boat going to the Chicago Convention & rumor has it that Judge Reid is going also.</u> Just before Court adjourned I filed a complaint in the case of Ballaine v. Alaska Central Ry Co. & <u>Judge Reid</u> appointed <u>John W. Goodwin, Comr. at Fairbanks & his brother-in-law as Receiver.</u> I did not object to the appointment & really think is a very good</p>

	<p>one - I hope it wont make the Judge any extra trouble. Usual crush of a sudden closing of court & the usual kicking and disappointment. The Grand Jury brought in its final report - they scored the Maddocks - Noyes steal in the erection of the School House & criticized the Dodge Westby city grafters good.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 May 20	<p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Lord, how the Times does howl this morning about the Grand Jury's report. They fight back hard, but it is so apparent that they are hurt - wounded to the bone. A funny incident happened last evening as the "Tanana" was about ready to go - Dodge came rapidly to the boat -but "Waterfront" Brown was there ahead of him - Brown produced yesterday mornings Times with an editorial slandering him & asked Dodge if he wrote it - D- said yes, whereupon Brown hit him in the mouth cutting his lips etc. An officer moved in & separated Brown from his begging and cowardly windbag. - and Dodge started off with a black eye for Chicago. This</p>
Diary 14, 1908 May 20-25	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>mornings Times had another Editorial roast of Brown - who went down there and upon inquiry was told that Dodge had written the articles & telephoned them from Chena - and then sailed away! The Democratic Convention at Juneau nominated <u>Jack Ronan</u> for Delegate, on an eight hour labor plan in the Platform. Its funny!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Recd, telegram from Judge Reid at Ft. Gibbon, withdrawing objections to the building of bridge above Cushman St. & leaving in full force the injunction against the Turner St Bridge. This makes the lower bridge people mad, - & the end is not yet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Town Council passed an ordinance establishing city wharf and dock on</p>
Diary 14, 1908 May 25-26	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>water front just above Cushman St. and provided for leasing it to the Plaintiffs in Geis, et. al., v. Petree, et. al. We hope by the means to put the city into a fight against the Turner St. bridge. Recd, telegram today from Frost, Chicago, seeking to</p>

	<p>retain me in the Alaska Central Ry litigation: I answered saying "Am employed by Ballaine. Suggest John L. McGinn". Steamers from Dawson coming in.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>McGinn received telegram from Frost today, employing him in the Alaska Central Case!</p> <p>My law business is good - as good as I expected, and I hope to clear up a homestake in a week or so and go "<u>home</u>"!</p>
Diary 14, 1908 May 26- June 1	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>We learn now that Dodge changed his mind about going to Chicago via Dawson - & went to the Innoko stampede - down the river. This will disappoint Waterfront Brown & others who were seeking to hold him in Dawson – as a <i>capias</i> [captive?] for his old debt there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 1st</p> <p>The river's wide and high, boats running everybody including self making garden – the beautiful wide valley of the Tanana is destined to be the home of thousands of mankind forever - as we speak it.</p> <p>Judge Reid is in Dawson waiting for a boat upriver -he will probably have to wait for a week - he is on his way to Chicago to the Rep. Nat. Convention!!</p> <p>Plenty of work in the office. The Innoko</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 1	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>strike is taking hundreds of men out of this camp, and a shortage of men to work the mines is now apparent & to make it worse another strike is to be called by the Western Federation according to reports.</p> <p>The alleged democrats - the N.C. and Times bunch of democrats (?) met last night to the number of about 60 and elected Mike Bolton, an N.C. man, President and Fred Heilig, secretary & endorsed Clum for delegate to Congress. It is an attempt to fight Cale, who is now announcing his candidacy vigorously. If he had done so two months ago he would have stood a very good show of reelection, but his enemies have done all kinds of combining and knocking in the meantime & the result now seems unfavorable. I am keeping out of that fight.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 3-5	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Roden & others of the Times Dodge forces have bought the "News", - so it is reported - anyway the News editorials now favor Clum "for congress instead</p>

	<p>of Cale.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>We are informed today that the Noyes part of the News purchase failed, but that Roden, Hickman and an unknown purchased it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Dan Jonas today interviewed Hickman of the News: Hickman said that the News policy was for sale and offered to support Cale for \$2500: Dan is out trying to arrange for the purchase of the support of "<u>the only paper without a string on it,</u>" as their motto reads!!</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>The lakes above Dawson – La Barge - not yet open and Judge Reid still 14 days from the Chicago Convention to meet on the 16th. Everything quiet here, but my business picking up every day - I am surprised and pleased at the general offer of business - the best business in the Territory. Have received lately a letter from Strong & Cadwalader, 40 Wall St. N.Y. attorneys asking for my opinion in a mining case & at about same date received telegram asking that substance be sent them by telegraphy & that a representative of their firm would leave Seattle on the 16th for Alaska! and asking where he could consult with me. I answered - at Fairbanks.</p> <p>A rainy summer so far!</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 8	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Received letter from Stephen Birch about his desires that I be employed as the general counsel for the N.W. Ry. & Steamship Co. etc. - the Guggenheim-Morgan exploiters of Copper in Alaska. Nothing done yet, & I am satisfied that nothing can be. He tells me that Bogle & Spooner are serving the Co. for \$1000. per month - I asked \$15,000. a year! I am glad I did ask that amount. Things may come around in time so that I can assist Birch - but I am not inclined to hurry the situation for I can make more money as I am. My business here is good and it will bring me as much or more than that Co. pays B&S. at Seattle & I am, as Birch says, a free lance!</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 9	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Telegraphic reports stay the Taft men have charge of the Committee on Credentials for the Nat. Con. at Chicago and are busy seating the contesting Taft</p>

	<p>delegates and throwing the other fellows out. That's politics, - rough, rude, often unjust, but generally right in the end.</p> <p>McGinn dissolved partnership with Sullivan - who is on a long & protracted spree. He did right and ought to have done it long ago.</p> <p>Darrell's vessel still on Puget Sound, but will start on her journey with the American fleet around the world in a few days - a great armed demonstration for peace. Hope the boy has a good trip.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 9	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>A lot of Cales friends meet at Doherty's hall last night & organized a Cale Club. The Clum people tried to get the Union men - the Western Federal of Miners - to endorse him - but it ended in a row. But little interest yet in the delegate fight. The N.C. Co. is backing Clum, based on post office graft: Corson will have Hoggatt to carry, while Ronan, the Democratic "warhoss", - the President of the Mine owners organization, - the importer of laborers to break the strike for an 8 hour day, is running for Congress on an 8 hour platform!! It's a mixture and no one can now guess what the result will be.</p> <p>Personally I intend to keep quiet and vote for Cale.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 12-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Telegram from Darrell saying that he had been detached from "<u>Nebraska</u>" and ordered to the "<u>Louisiana</u>". We hope this wont prevent his enjoying the trip around the world with the fleet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Taft has secured the votes in the Nat. Rep. Convention at Chicago and will undoubtedly be nominated for the Presidency. Shackelford & Shea, Hoggatt's two delegates were seated - thus giving him the "machine" in Alaska.</p> <p>We, - Heilig, Tozier, Scouse and I - are getting a boat load of provisions mining tools, etc. etc. for the Kantishna mines. - the "Florence S." will leave on tomorrow evening with the cargo. Geo. Jeffrey will go on her and make</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 14-18	<p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>photographs & a report generally on the mines for us. Scouse will also go along. Wish I could go too!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p>

	<p>"Florence S." off for Kantishna mines this evening with our years supplies. Bill Taylor in charge. Jeffrey goes to take photographs & make report & Scouse to expert the mines.</p> <p>Dan Kennedy's pack train of mules goes to the Nenana on the boat & thence south through Broad Pass, to Valdes Creek - first pack train through the pass from this -or any side - so far as I know.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>Mass meeting at Valdes 16th endorsed Cale & much enthusiasm for him. Dispatches from Ketchikan that Jack Ronan, Dem. candidate for Delegate had an enthusiastic reception.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 19-20	<p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>In the meantime Clum is working the workmen here - tonight the Carpenters Union - about 8 or 10 drinks at the brewery - endorsed him - & the News is boasting him - <u>for a thousand dollars!</u> Cale is not yet in the Territory & even his most intimate friends don't know whether he will be a candidate or not - he is rapidly losing on account of his silence & absence. It requires noise & brass and vanity to impress the dear public - & Clum is long on each quality.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Most beautiful summer weather. Sheldon, the hunter, is down</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 20	<p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>from the Kantishna - he had good success in securing fine specimen of bear, sheep, & moose & much smaller game & goes out loaded with fine trophies. Have shown him Arthur McNeers letter about the new species of sheep - goat - ibex - or whatever it is from the head of the Hanagita river - just south of the Chitina & he wishes to meet Arthur.</p> <p>Have invited Sheldon and Johnson from the Koyukuk to dinner tomorrow - Sunday. Johnson has worked & struggled for seven years in the Koyukuk & - then accidentally struck a fortune - I'm glad - he's a good fine fellow & richly deserves a smile from Fickle Fortune. - the jade.</p> <p>A.B. excursion tonight on steamer- do not go.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 21-22	<p style="text-align: center;">-Sunday June 21st 1908-</p> <p>Five years ago today - on Sunday, too I was at the</p>

	<p>highest point we reached on Mt. McKinley - today I entertained <u>Shelden</u>, hunter scientist, & friend of Roosevelt's & James Garfield. at dinner & we talked the whole matter over and read my diary, etc. & enjoyed a good long conversation about the great peak, and the wilderness around about it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>The adherents of Clum are calling a select but ostensibly a public mass meeting for tonight to give his candidacy for Delegate to Congress a boost. - it is intended to send out the reports as if it were a spontaneous public endorsement from the Tanana - <u>I am taking political measures to</u></p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 June 22-23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>defeat his scheme - my friends have been notified and several of them will be present and if opportunity offers will take such advantage as the occasion offers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> <p>Well, the Clum meeting was a large one - because my friends went. They called on de Journal who was present as my friend & his speech was a bombshell - for he wound up a brief discussion of the relative merits of Corson, Ronan, Cale and Clum by declaring that he was in favor of a new man - and then named me as his choice. A large and spontaneous (though carefully prepared) applause greeted him & the "fat was out in the fire". <u>I became a candidate!!</u> My office has</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>been full of callers all day & I have authorized a statement that I would be a candidate if the people of the Tanana would support me.</p> <p>[clipping] Auditorium Is Packed at Meeting to Endorse Candidacy Of Fairbanks Man-Many Prominent Men, Including Three Divines, Speak in Support of Local Postmaster's Candidacy-de Journal Springs Surprise. A tremendous showing for the popularity of Major Clum, a mass meeting gathered at a rally for him last night filled the Auditorium to the limit of its capacity, and overflowed into the street. By far the most significant gathering of the campaign, the meeting developed a political interest by which the community at last will be</p>

	<p>waked to the importance of the oncoming election. Where there has been a deplorable lack of attention to the campaign heretofore today groups everywhere are discussing it eagerly, and everyone is studying all its phases with a view to helping fill properly the office that can be made of vital concern to the territory's interests in the near future.</p> <p>Dr. S. Hall Young who opened the meeting, spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Clum as a loyal citizen and able official, and urged his cause with a zeal that bespoke his political preference more plainly than did his declaration of being a supporter of the candidate.</p> <p>Father Corbley followed. He gave to his remarks on behalf of Mr. Clum the greater weight by the preface that he was a believer in democratic principles and a follower of William Jennings Bryan. The speaker was of democratic faith in the present campaign, but believed Mr. Clum a republican, to be the best choice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">de Journal Called.</p> <p>Explaining that the church had been pretty well represented, Dr. Young suggested that men in other callings would next be in order, and thought the legal profession should be represented. Seeing Mr. De Journal in the audience he called upon the well known attorney to come forward. Mr. de Journal was to prove the big surprise of the meeting. He had warned those in charge not to call upon him, as he had considered what he would have to say would not harmonize with the general expressions of the gathering.</p> <p>Mr. de Journal then proceeded to deliver one of the most remarkable speeches, given utterance under most unusual conditions, ever delivered from a Fairbanks platform.</p> <p>He took the position of a man studying the present campaign for the purpose of discovering the candidate who will likely succeed in getting the most to be had in Washington for Alaska.</p> <p>Working up to his final startling conclusion, the speaker paid his compliments to the three candidates other than Mr. Clum.</p> <p>Mr. Cale, he had found, had three claims to distinction for a tem at Washington. First he had succeeded in amending the mining regulations on assessment work to compel the claim-owner to sink 20 feet, and if the hole</p>
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sluffed and filled later the toil would count for nothing. That could not be very desirable legislation.

Cale and Peruna.

Next he had helped a law relating to and restricting the sale of liquor in Alaska to reach enactment. He considered this would not appear to an intelligent audience as one of the many pieces of remedial legislation so sorely needed by Alaska. Thirdly, and lastly, our delegate achieved the endless and immortal advertising of Peruna! This, of course, brought down the house.

As for Mr. Corson, the speaker commenced again, the Seattle man was of about the same parts of Mr. Cale, but was further distinguished by his associations with Guggenheim and Governor Hoggatt, a candidate of these combined forces, and hardly one of the whole of Alaska, and all of the territory's interests. Mr. Ronan was a good fellow, an excellent placer miner and all that, but, every man to his trade; the lawyer could not do the miner's work, nor vice versa. Therefore it was reasonable to suppose the head of the 10-hour labor bureau running on an 8-hour platform would be just as helpless at Washington as Cale has been.

Praise for Clum.

This left Mr. Clum, an excellent man, of great ability, but far the most logical, befitted and most deserving of all candidates entered in the race. However, the speaker did not wish to be misunderstood, and for that reason, would say that he was not unalterably pledged to the candidate. Only yesterday he had heard rumors that caused him to hesitate in making a final choice. He had heard it reported by men who should know, that a man he had been fighting for two solid years, a man between whom had himself the bonds of friendship had been severed, had finally consented to enter the race. This man, the speaker knew, was able and eminently fitted in every particular to fill the office, and, he believed, would be the best man from all Alaska to send to congress.

A new Candidate.

Therefore, holding to his conviction, he had determined that no side issue should influence his opinion and that if the report was true that

the former judge of this division would enter the campaign, he, the speaker, would support and give his vote to James Wickersham.

The surprise of everyone threw the meeting into consternation. Wickersham is known to every man who was there. The speaker, if not in person, is in name equally well known, and the reason of his prominence is that for two years he consistently and bitterly fought Wickersham as a judge in his division.

The effect of his climax can be imagined. A big demonstration was made in honor of the man mentioned. To those familiar with the ethics of politics, however, it seemed somewhat unjust to Mr. Clum and his supporters that a new candidate's boom should be launched in another's rally, entirely without warning. Mr. de Journal explains his action by the statement that he warned them not to call upon him. He certainly could not have done it with the knowledge or consent of Judge Wickersham, in view of their known personal relations.

Many Others Speak.

Father Corbley, who is a friend and admirer of Judge Wickersham, took the platform again, for fear his former expressions might allow the construction to be made of his views that he thought less of the personal qualifications of other candidates that he did of Mr. Clum. He took occasion to express his great admiration for Mr. Wickersham, dwelling upon his capabilities and sterling qualities as a judge and counselor at law and naming him as an honorable gentleman of whom he could say with pride, was his friend and neighbor. For that matter Delegate Cale was also an honorable gentleman and was deserving of the respect and high opinion of his neighbors.

Arthur Phelan, Mike Donnelly, W. H. Adams and Rev. Mr. Betticher also made brief, pointed addresses during the remainder of the evening, all of them endorsing heartily the candidacy of Mr. Clum, and expressing the belief that of all the candidates in the race he is the one logical man to hold the support of the Tanana.

June 24-25	<p>My friends have called a mass meeting at the Auditorium tonight go give my candidacy for Delegate a boost. Hope we don't strike a "de Journal bomb". Clum started for Nome today & Corson is coming into the interior.</p> <p>I sent telegrams today to the following newspapers announcing my candidacy, Sam Wall, "Alaskan", Skagway; Ed Russell, "Dispatch" Juneau. Gov. Swineford, Ketchikan; Wrangell "Sentinel" – "Prospector" Ritchie, Valdes; Seward Gateway, etc.</p> <p>I am going to plant myself squarely on Territorial and local issues tonight at the mass meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Great meeting at the Auditorium</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 25	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>last night - full house up & down - 500 people - men. John F. Dillon presided - Falcon Joslin made a brief address & I talked an hour and gave them my views on Territorial government questions, 8 hour law, mining inspector, abolition of the association or group raining claims, fisheries, transportation, <u>Lease Laws</u>, etc. I received a royal welcome and much enthusiasm was shown.</p> <p>I quoted every plank from the local labor platform, discussed it - the audience adopted it & so did I. It was not hard to do as they were with a few minor exceptions entirely satisfactory.</p> <p>The times this morning gave a fair account of the meeting & no comment, & the News is publishing my speech in</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 25	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>full tonight - one entire page.</p> <p>Altogether I am satisfied with my first appearance and it looks good enough to warrant me in going on. The News is giving me every aid it can - and I hope to get it entirely and work editorially & all soon I learn that the Times has refused to support Ronan, the Dem. candidate & 1/3 owner of Times - and I anticipate trouble when he reaches here - trouble to Maddocks & his friends - but I will greatly enjoy a scrap in that quarter. I am going to hare trouble to gather my supporters, however, as many of them have sworn allegiance to Cale & others, still!!! Cales</p>

	<p>friends are anxiously telegraphing him to withdraw in my favor & I hope he will do so. Reports from S.E. Alaska are that Cale is a third in the race, Corson & Ronan leading.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 26	<p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>I had a fine meeting at Chena tonight - the whole population was out & they kindly gave me an enthusiastic reception.</p> <p>The new court officials - Clerk Wells, Comr. Goodwin & Asst. clerk, McDonald, are making a fight on me - they are ugly & have more sense than Tozier, Carson's manager, and thus are to do me much more harm than anyone else.</p> <p>Their objection to me is that I am an ingrate to the Republican party by my opposition to Corson. Major Clum is also a candidate, and at the same time he holds a Republican office - that of Presidential Postmaster -but they say nothing dislogical in that - the real reason is that they came here</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 26-27	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>as adherents to the Dodge-Times faction - Judge Reid was elected a Delegate to the Chicago Convention with Dodge as his running mate - & McDonald & Wells are in constant session with Marquam, the recently indicated manager for Gov. Hoggatt & others of his ilk - and the question of my loyalty is incidental.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Large & enthusiastic meeting of miners at Easter r Creek this evening. I addressed them & was heartily applauded & assured of strong support.</p> <p>We hear nothing from Cale yet, his friends here are busy trying to find him & induce him to withdraw in my favor - if he does I may be elected - otherwise my calm judgment is that Corson stands the better chance.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 June 28	<p style="text-align: center;">-28- Sunday</p> <p>Some time ago I had correspondence with <u>Strong & Cadwalader</u>, Attorneys, 48 Wall St. N.Y. who submitted an interesting mining question to me, the parties being "X" and "Y". I gave them an opinion: Yesterday I received a telegram saying that the property involved is the \$6,000,000 copper mine of Robertson & Beatson, on Latouche Is. Prince William Sound, near Valdez - and that their chief office man was then starting on his way to Fairbanks - & they</p>

	employed me as an attorney for the Estate; This may lead to great embarrassment to me in politics, as I <u>must</u> have time to attend to the case. Had a long talk with Boyer - who just returned from Ketchikan - he thinks
Diary 14, 1908 June 28	28 I stand a fair chance in S.E. Alaska. He also showed me <u>copy</u> of a telegram which McDonald, the Dep. Clerk in Judge Reid's court, addressed to Ritchie, Valdez, urging him to stand by Hoggatt & Corson & to secure <u>Judge Reids election</u> as Delegate to the Nat. Rep. Convention at Chicago. Capt. Rich, Roediger reached here this afternoon from Dawson. He will purchase the "News" & "Times" & consolidate them if he can get them!! & will support me for Congress. I think he is here at a bad time, for the Court House - Corson - Hoggatt combine will do all in their power to prevent him from getting the Times. X X
Diary 14, 1908 June 29-30	-29- "Am going out to the creeks for two or three days - on politics". Geo. Vautier, dep. marshal from Ft. Gibbons was just in & told me that Bathurst, Comr. there had received a strong letter from Wells demanding that he use his every effort to assist Corson. He said, however, that the letter made Bathurst mad, & that he wont support Corson & intended to send the letter to the Dept. of Justice. Speeches at Cleary City at 8:00 o'clock p.m. and at Chatanika 5 miles away at 10 p.m. Fine audiences of miners who gave me earnest & enthusiastic support. -30- Came to Vault in the forenoon.
Diary 14, 1908 June 30-July 1	30 made a speech there at 8 ⁰⁰ - and then across the ridge into Dome & an hours speech at 10. People extremely kind to me. The ladies of Dome came out - a dozen of them with the Committee to meet me -Large meeting and very friendly. July 1. Came back town today - am very much chagrined at learning that McGinn had discontinued his support -also

	received telegram from Valdes as follows: "Valdes people have formed Cale club and sent out Cale literature ninety per cent have been for Cale. Most of them have been your friends but fear at this time that a vote for you will aid Corson. If you
Diary 14, 1908 July 1	1 <u>and Cale can arrange matters satisfactorily or if Cale withdraws in your favor can give you large vote in the section. Please advise him to your attitude toward Cale.</u> (signed) F.M. Brown W.S. Amy H.F. Duesdorf C.Y. Debney Edmond Smith Imion Poot Committee. Immediately telegraphed to them saying, "Inform committee that I approve their stand. Cale in Seattle. Get him to act promptly." I also sent Cale a telegram assuring him of
Diary 14, 1908 July 1-3	1 my support. Then I called McGinn & found his reported defection to be true. I took him to task as he was largely instrumental in securing my weak consent to become a receptive candidate - but what's the use!! This embarrassing condition and the employment in the Robertson - Beatson case may justify me - may force me to withdraw from the race. July 3 Nothing new in politics. I am drifting along in an embarrassing and weak position - we cant hear from Cale & everything is in the air.
Diary 14, 1908 July 4	-4- Beautiful day - usual noise & 4th of July celebration The steamer "Tanana" came in today - Corson, Steel & others came also Koontz, the labor candidate from Rampart. Nothing from Cale yet, and I am waiting. Corson is busy taking in the Saloons & will spend a large sum of money to get this camp. Well - money counts in politics. I greatly regret my unhappy position- I hate a weak man - & I now appear in that role.

	Still it requires more strength and courage to stand still than id does to carry on the campaign - I will stand still for a time.
Diary 14, 1908 July 5-6	-5- Sunday, everything yet nervous with the 4th of July - beautiful weather - <u>No high water yet this year</u> , and the creeks dry & mining greatly hindered. -6 th - Have determined to withdraw from the fool position in which I have permitted myself to be placed in politics. With both local newspapers against me, no money - and no organization - with my friends at Skagway, Valdes & Nome for Cale. It is a mistake to continue longer in the scramble -so have this afternoon authorized the News to say that "I am out of the race."
Diary 14, 1908 July 7-11	July 7 th Bard, the head of the "Eagles" and Johansen, head of the A.B's. are traveling in Corson's train & using their organizations to "boost" him for Congress. Both of them reside with Corson in Seattle, and Seattle people, unlike those in Alaska work unitedly. I am sorry that I made such a damned weak display of myself - I went up a little ways in a little balloon & forgot to take the parachute along. -11 th - Received telegram from A.E. Light at Seattle, formerly Cales Secretary asking " <u>Do you advise Cale to withdraw. Will absence defeat. What situation there. Answer</u> ". The papers-"News" & "Tribune" both publish
Diary 14, 1908 July 11	11 telegrams from Light insisting on Cale's candidacy, and try latter a telegram to Doherty of the 5th or 7th from Cale personally saying that he is not a candidate. My friends are urging me to allow a renewal of the fight for my election. Maloney telegraphs me (from Skagway) that I can carry the first division. Ritchie from Valdes ("Prospector") says that Cale or I can carry Valdes & Seward - & the merry war goes on! Corson seems not to have made a good impression here. Club is not heard of - & Ronan is at Dawson en route to Fairbanks. I have determined to keep quiet - it

	looks as if Light & Cale are either wholly incompetent or have concluded to act with the enemy.
Diary 14, 1908 July 12	Sunday - 12 th Sunday - My law business continues good. I am now trying to get a settlement of the old case of Boone v. Manley. -4 & 5 Discovery on Cleary Creek. Boone wants me to go in on the enterprise with him and assist in buying out the interests of Aitken & Manley - It looks like a safe investment but it'll take my last dollar & I don't know yet about it. Clarence Berry in from the outside via Circle: He came in to see me today & urged me to run for delegate. Many others doing same & things look so mixed that I am not yet convinced that I want to do so & will not. Mr. & Mrs. Roediger, Dawson, for dinner.
Diary 14, 1908 July 14	-14 th - Received telegram from Light this morning saying: " <u>Cale will withdraw if you will run otherwise not rush answer</u> ". I shall not do it. One of the serious objections now is that the " <u>News</u> " is in financial straits and is about to betray Clum - who gave it - Or Roden for it - \$500. in cash & his note for \$500.- and it now proposes to save itself from Barnette to whom it is indebted to sell out to Corson for enough to pay Barnette. That could bring both the daily papers at home against me - it is not worth it. Roden, of the News, has just left me - he is anxious, so he says - to <u>support me</u> , though he admits
Diary 14, 1908 July 14	-14- a great anxiety to get assistance - form me and my friends if possible -but from Corson rather than bankruptcy. I strongly urged bankruptcy as a preference, and sought to show him that his support of Corson for money at this moment meant personal dishonor and disaster to him & the Territory. He wants me to assist him in loading the News upon Roediger. Recd, telegram from Maloney & J. Heid, Juneau, saying " <u>Cale has withdrawn. Universal demand you run. southeast Alaska strong for you. Authorize announcement. Answer.</u> " An hour afterward the "Tribune" - McDonald. received telegram from light announcing Cales withdrawal. The

	Cale Club sent telegram to Light asking Cale to endorse my candidacy! My friends are urging me to reenter the race.
Diary 14, 1908 July 15-16	-14- My friends gathered in office tonight & formed Campaign Committee etc. and I am again a Candidate for Congress. Cale has withdrawn & I am constantly receiving telegrams & letters and other requests to stand. <u>I will</u> , though it looks dubious to me, but my friends are optimistic. -16- Things political boiling. Completed my campaign committee etc. today and they are actively organizing & beginning this work - Many telegrams of encouragement form S.E. Alaska.
Diary 14, 1908 July	-16- Prepared an "Address to the Voters in Alaska" today. I announced by candidacy, explained the necessity for resting in it until Cales friends were satisfied by his withdrawal & then in fifteen pithy paragraphs set out my declaration of principles. Have been much worried about the newspaper situation - Roediger won't pay for the <u>News</u> what its present owners want, & Corson is attempting to get hold of it - for 30 days. If he does I'll have to challenge him to a joint debate to get myself set square before the public - no further chance for a hearing. I received a
Diary 14, 1908 July 17	-17- letter from Jarvis, Mgr. of the Guggenheims, from Seattle, & he strongly advised me to keep out of the race & announced his intention to support Corson. Immediately revised my address - then almost done -& put in a strong plank against Guggenheim domination in mining & transportation matters in Alaska. The point of greatest danger in my fight is at Cordova on the Guggenheim railroad, where there are probably 1500 men at work. Probably not 10 % of them are voters but Charlie Sullivan & Gov. Hoggatt. have gone out there to <u>vote them</u> , and there being no guards in our election law the greed will certainly be successful unless my friends make a hard fight
Diary 14, 1908	[Wickersham's address to voters pasted in diary:]

	<p>JAMES WICKERSHAM'S ADDRESS TO THE VOTERS OF ALASKA</p>
	<p>At the persistent request of many friends throughout the territory I am a candidate for delegate to congress. When my candidacy was first announced my friends in Southeastern Alaska begged me to stand aside, as my appearance would divide the Cale vote and only result in the defeat of both. As an example Valdez telegraphed me as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Valdez, June 29, 1908,</p> <p>"James Wickersham, Fairbanks: "Valdez people have informed Cale club and sent out Cale literature. Ninety per cent have been for Cale. Most of them are your friends but fear at this time a vote for you will aid Corson. If you and Cale can arrange matters satisfactorily, or if Cale withdraws in your favor can give you large vote in this section. Please advise us as to your attitude toward Cale. "F.M. BROWN, "W.S. AMY, "C.G. DEBNEY, "EDMUND SMITH, "SIMEON POOT, "Committee."</p> <p>Similar telegrams were received from other points, and acting upon the advice of my friends my candidacy was rested to await developments, Mr. Cale has now wholly withdrawn and his friends have everywhere kindly urged my renewal of activity, with strongest assurances of their satisfaction and support. I have consented to run, and appeal to the voters of Alaska for support.</p> <p>I shall stand for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President Roosevelt's recommendation that "some form of local self-government should be provided, as simple and inexpensive as possible" for Alaska. 2. For an elective territorial legislature with carefully limited powers. 3. Opposition to the fraudulent and

	<p>deceptive demand for the extension of the Ordinance of 1787 to Alaska.</p> <p>4. For the establishment of an eight-hour day.</p> <p>5. For the strict abolition of the glaring abuses of the association mining claim.</p> <p>6. A law limiting the use and correcting the abuse of the power of attorney for staking purposes.</p> <p>7. For such a change and proper enforcement of the law as will prevent great accumulations of mining or other public lands in the hands of speculators.</p> <p>8. A mines regulation act and the appointment of mining inspectors.</p> <p>9. The revision and amendment of the Alaska codes to meet the rapidly growing needs of the territory.</p> <p>10. The enactment of such laws as shall protect our inland and coast fisheries.</p> <p>11. The improvement of the mail and telegraph service, wagon roads and transportation facilities throughout Alaska, and the betterment of our educational facilities outside of incorporated towns.</p> <p>12. A laborers' and mechanics' lien law making wages a preferred claim and a prior lien to all other debts, and especially so upon the dump extracted from a mining claim and all other property produced by the workingman's labor.</p> <p>13. The encouragement of all legitimate railroad construction in Alaska; the building of a trunk line railroad from the coast to the interior under government supervision; the strict government control of transportation rates by rail or boat and fair and not excessive rates for freight and passenger traffic.</p> <p>14. I shall oppose in every way possible the control of transportation or mining business within Alaska by the Guggenheims or any other dangerous combination.</p> <p>15. For the immediate creation of a fourth judicial district in Alaska by the erection of the southern or Valdez district into a separate division.</p>
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July 16, 1908 JAMES WICKERSHAM	
Diary 14, 1908 July 19	-19-
	<p>My fight is getting "hot". The Corson crowd bought the "News" last night and this morning it is filled with "homemade" telegrams from Nome, Juneau and Seward answering their readers that those places are for Corson.</p> <p>About 3 o'clock this morning I was awakened at my home and a friend gave me a copy of the front page of the News, painting out the forged telegrams and gave me the copy of one in Harry Steels' handwriting.</p> <p>We are now up against the real thing - but we have two loyal papers here - the "<u>Tribune</u>" and the "<u>Tanana Miner</u>" and must make the fight with what we have - and a loyal list of friends.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 July 20-21	-20-
	<p>We are surprised and many of my friends utterly disconcerted this morning to receive a telegram from Cale in Fondulac, Wisconsin, <u>announcing that he has reentered the race for delegate to Congress.</u></p> <p>We are of the present opinion that it is a shrewd Corson move.</p>
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	<p>Started on a campaign trip to the creeks - we made up a stage party - 12 - and went out to Fox Gulch this evening. When we arrived - the first stage over the new wagon road - at Engineer Creek the whistles at the mines began to shriek & all the way into Fox they kept up the shrill welcome. Some of my enthusiastic supporters also kept some big anvils</p>
Diary 14, 1908 July 21-22	21
	<p>booming and I was received with great noise, and the fluttering of flags & hats.</p> <p>Had so big a crowd that the big tent prepared for the meeting would not hold the crowd & I was compelled to speak from an improvised platform in the street. It was an enthusiastic crowd & I gave them 2 hours talk on the issues of the campaign - and especially Carson's platform - & the Ordinance of 1787 which desires extended to Alaska for our government. I remained all night at Fox & my friends returned by stage</p>

	- 9 mi. -22- Stage from Gilmore this morning over to Fairbanks creek. About 200 voters at Gilmore & Golden. Arrived late afternoon on
Diary 14, 1908 July 22-23	22 Fairbanks - No 8 below Discovery - People are friendly & enthusiastic. Large crowd at Speaking in Harry Weudling's Saloon -Gilroy the other saloonkeeper chairman. My friends promise me large vote. -23 rd - State to summit then down Chatham to Cleary. Held two meetings - first Chatanika - 15 below - talked 1 1/4 hr. big audience, John Ronan, the regular Democratic nominee for Delegate present & attempted to hold independent meeting but the whole crowd came to my meeting & Ronan. Roth, his spellbinder & Harris his manager also came. After I spoke Dillon talked half an hour & then Ronan & Roth
Diary 14, 1908 July 23-24	23 asked permission to talk to the somewhat depleted crowd. Then made their "spiel". I reached upper Cleary at 10 o'clock & had a large crowd at the A.B. Hall - then returned down to the Chatanika for the night. Skookum Johnson gave me the use of his dining room at Chatanika for speaking - Freddy Williams, Boone, Carlisle & others gave me aid & enthusiasm. -24 th - Left Chatanika on early morning train - stopped at Olness - the mouth of Dome Creek - made a speech to the men - 75 or 100 at noon hour, & then walked up to Dome. Large & enthusiastic meeting at Union Hall in the
Diary 14, 1908 July 24	24 evening. The boys brought a dance Hall piano into the room & Ed. Russell - the finest dancehall pianist in Alaska -gave the crowd some lively music. Judge Thomas presided & I roasted Corson & his Ordinance of 1787 plank to a finish - Dome looks good, but I expect more opposition there than any

	other creek. After the speaking took the stage for Ridge top, telephoned for the R.R. automobile & went to town - reached home 2 o'clock in the morning after a splendid trip. The creeks look good for a majority vote - and gave me great encouragement. Hope nothing changes then by election day.
Diary 14, 1908 July 25	-25- My committee & friends want me to go to Nome - the election will be held on Aug. 11 th and I must go on tomorrows boat if I go Ratification meeting tonight after Base ball game. The " <u>News</u> " has been friendly to me until last Saturday when it sold out to Corson, and Harry Steel, his manager became its editor. Since then it has been filled with abuse of me. Also the Oklahoma bunch - the Clerk & Dep. clerk -have been most malicious and partisan in the warfare - The ratification meeting at the Auditorium theater was the largest ever held in this valley. I was the
Diary 14, 1908 July 25	-25 th - only speaker. The stage was covered with my friends - the boxes & upper seats filled with ladies & the house jammed to the doors. I gave the News & the Oklahoma bunch the roasting of their lives. I realized that nothing which any of them would think about would be left undone to injure me - so I gave them the most vitriolic lashing that I could- & the crowd cheered me to the echo. The meeting was a great success & if it may be accepted as any criterion I v/ill carry a good plurality at least in Fairbanks. My friends made the town red until 2 o'clock in the morning. Ready to go to Nome on the returning boat.
Diary 14, 1908 July 26-28	-26- A large number of my friends at the boat to see me off to Nome. Ronan, Democratic candidate - also goes to Nome on same boat - the "Tanana" - to Gibbon. The N.C. Co, for me strong & the T.V. Ry. Co. I am sorry to leave Debbie alone but must go to Nome. Leave Fairbanks 9 a.m. on steamer Tanana. Learn that Nenana and Hot Springs friendly. -27 th - Ft. Gibbon this morning 7:30. Saw all people I could

	<p>- took the "<u>Sarah</u>" for St. Michael. -28th - Passed Nulato & Kaltag - the first about 2 o'clock this morning &</p>
Diary 14, 1908 July 28-29	<p>28 the latter at about 7 o'clock. Kaltag is the last telegraph station till we reach St. Michael - I received 2 telegrams from Boyer - one saying that Doherty & Murdock wished me to be friendly to Holmes at Nome, the other announcing receipt of telegram from Nome - "<u>Wire here from D.A. Sutherland, Orton, Holmes, L.L. Lane, and Soderberg that you are wanted at Nome and will poll large vote. Have instructed Orton & Sutherland to perfect organization and establish headquarters. Many there anxious for your success.</u>" Signed "Boyer". That's encouraging, and gives me some supporters to start with. -29- Making fast time on lower river.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 July 29-30	<p>29 At Anvik we took on some Innoko stampederers - and among them Allen, the dance hall piano .player who jumped the town when the last grand jury was investigating his alleged marital relations with a dance hall fairy. -30- Lower Yukon river - Andreofsky ... we are making a remarkably fast trip. We arrived in St. Michael this morning. –just four days from Fairbanks. Sent telegrams to Fairbanks and Nome telling of my arrival. Recd. telegram from Dan Sutherland saying "<u>Telegraph when leaving and on what boat, have secured Eagle hall for three nights.</u>" Evidently my friends are up & stirring. Owing the speed of our boat & the want of it in his boat we find Corson</p>
Diary 14, 1908 July 30	<p>30 here - he has not yet been to Nome and I will get there with him though he left Fairbanks a week ahead of us. Clum is here on his way up the river. Ronan, Corson. & I will get to Nome together & from what I</p>

	<p>can gather here we will go - into a hot bed of politics, <u>good</u>. Zip, the N.C. Agent asked me to be their guest & I am again at the table in the old N.C. quarters & have a room in the hotel across the street. Clum is also there. Have canvassed St. M- today & find many supporters - think I can beat Corson here. Strong wind blowing this afternoon & we cant go over to Nome till tomorrow. Dancing & music at hotel tonight. A large number of Fairbanks people here, all acting as "<u>boosters</u>" for me.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 July 31- August 1	<p>-31- Storm quieted somewhat & we left St. Michael on the "<u>Gussie Brown</u>" a small stub of a whisky peddling steamer -at 5 o'clock in the afternoon for Nome. -Aug. 1- All day rolling - sea sick - toward Nome. This damned little measly craft rolls twice for every foot ahead - at 5 o'clock we reached the front of Nome & my friends in a steam launch with flags flying met the boat & took me off - found headquarters opened for me - everything ready for business - in the Golden Gate Hotel. Am agreeably surprised to find the Cale men here shouting & working for me - Orton, Sutherland, Homes Lane, & too numerous to mention.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 2	<p>Sunday Aug 2nd Spent the day in headquarters meeting friends - a steady stream coming all day. They report that Corson is weak here, and that Chilberg will beat him at the polls. The betting in the saloons four days ago - <u>here</u> - was 15 to 1 against me - tonight it is even with Corson & Ronan - & <u>that</u> on local conditions. Corson held a meeting tonight and I and Ronan each hold one tomorrow night in different halls. My friends are busy & brave and active. It look much better than I anticipated. I am getting tickets for out of the way places & find plenty of men to go & make the fight. The "<u>Nugget</u>" is nasty.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 3	<p>-3rd - Midnight - This has been my test day - and I made good. The largest audience that ever yet gathered to hear a campaign orator in Alaska met one tonight in Eagle Hall. The Hall is the largest in Alaska and it was packed from pit to dome with ladies, miners and the</p>

	<p>people of Nome, and I kept them at fever heat for an hour and a half as I roasted Corson, his platform and his newspaper - the Nugget. The meeting was a great success & my friends are elated and thoroughly aroused for the fight.</p> <p>It has been a strenuous day - we are sending out ballots etc. to the creeks for election day – and</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 3-4	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>I have a large band of young men in fighting array behind me. It was a great night & I feel satisfied with my effort.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>My effort last night seems to have struck the people just right - the whole town is laughing and cheering yet and my enemies are on the run.</p> <p>One portion of my speech was loudly cheered for so long a time as to surprise me - I said, speaking of my permanent residence in the Tanana that I lived in "<u>my own house, with my own wife.</u>" It was a mere slip of the tongue, but for a few minutes the house roared - & then roared again. Today I am informed that the people applied the statement to the owner (Dr. Whitehead) of the Nugget who is living in his <u>own house</u>, with</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 4	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>a woman who is <u>not</u> his wife! This afternoon he called on me at my headquarters and in the presence of my manager Dan Sutherland, suggested that he had heard that a personal campaign etc. was to be indulged in and desired that it be avoided - I readily agreed, and thus by a happy accident I am to be saved any reference to my own early accusations or other similar charges. Public sentiment is so rapidly changing that whereas at the beginning the gamblers and book makers were posting me at 15 to 1 - the hind man in the race I am now moved to the first place as favorite & the gamblers are hedging to cover what they consider a certain loss. They have been telegraphing all over the territory</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 4	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>and the answers invariably favor my election, hence the change in betting. The Bar tenders - the saloon keepers, waiters Union etc. have declared for me, and while I have not so far even entered a saloon nor spent a cent in buying liquor for the small crowd of boozers I</p>

	<p>am informed by the saloon men that almost without exception they will vote for me, though Corson & Ronan have spent hundreds of dollars in the saloons filling up a small band of "<u>soaks</u>" who follow them from place to place. I attended a social session of the Eagles Lodge tonight - the great big Eagles hall was set with the banquet tables & I received many times the applause accorded to Ronan when we each responded to toasts.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 4	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>The newspaper situation here is against me – the "<u>Nugget</u>" is for Corson & has been all the time. The "<u>Gold Digger</u>" has been on the fence in a receptive mood, but yesterday it came down off its perch & took up the Corson fight! "<u>Big Mit Steve</u>" as its owner is called, had been purchased by the Corson crowd & took up his fight.</p> <p>The "<u>Pioneer Press</u>" is supporting Clum, and the little "<u>Industrial Worker</u>" is supporting Chilberg, - thus leaving me without a paper. It is no loss, but a gain, for I can talk longer, louder & more to the purpose & the people who know the situation give me a more active support & sympathy in consequence. Things look encouraging tonight.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 5	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>The campaign is getting real warm - we cannot get a paper to publish our side so we issued a broadside circular today with all telegrams & the "<u>Nugget</u>" tonight cries fraud - forgery - crime & on account of the character of the telegrams which are from all parts of the Territory and highly favorable to me. We went to work immediately - demanded that the editor of the Nugget come & see the originals, which he did - we pasted the originals on a card & posted them in a front window down town, with an offer to give the Hospital \$500. if the Nugget should show that any one of them was false.</p> <p>When Whitehead & the Ed. found the telegrams posted & the people angry they hunted our Committee up & agreed that if we would withdraw the</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 5-6	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>telegrams from the window they would publicly apologize in the paper tomorrow & we agreed & did so.</p> <p>The saloon men are favorable to me though I have</p>

	<p>not spent a cent in their saloons yet and will not do so. I am greatly pleased that the young men of this part of the Territory are coming to my support in such a handsome matter. Telegrams from territory all one way - none are received by the enemy favorable to their case, but all the other way.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 6th -</p> <p>Corson had his big meeting at Eagle Hall & roasted me to a turn - he denounced me as a friend of Hoggatts -& referred to my letter to Hoggatt of Feb 1907 against territorial government & my</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 6	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>friends are scared & think he made inroads upon us, and he and his men feel elated over the success of their meeting. Corson felt that the situation was slipping away from him & that he had to do something - he did well & they claim more than they are entitled to in consequence. My friends are afraid that I cannot recover the lost ground. We have only one more night - tomorrow night - and they fear that I am unable to explain the Hoggatt letter -Have been calling on business men along the street today, and my friends are busy sending out tickets etc. to the creek s and distant places for election day.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 7	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Well the last big speech is over tonight at the Eagle Hall - the greatest audience of the campaign - 2000 men & women cheered me for nearly 2 hours while I roasted Corson & Ronan the Siamese twins in party politics. My supporters are delighted - they say that we fully answered and offset everything Corson did to us last night & more. They declare that my speech has effectually disposed of him as a candidate in this town & will greatly aid in defeating him. There is the greatest excitement & interest in the fight, especially locally- thousands</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 7	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>of dollars are being bet, At first the bookmakers (as the regular systematic gamblers are called) had me 15 to 1 - that is for \$1.00 they would bet you \$15. that I could not be elected - I was the tail ender, but now I am the favorite and the pools 4 to 5 in my</p>

	<p>favor - that is you have to bet \$5 and if you wind you get \$4. Telegrams from all over territory look good - all the newspapers here are fighting me in consequence of their belief that I am first man. I have all the newspapers & money against me - & I so declare at the meetings - and it does good & not the reverse. I am obliged to roast my opponents personally -& the crowd enjoys it. Things are hot & getting hotter.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 8	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Another strenuous day - Ronan announced his intention to assault me - but I went down on the street & passed him a time or two & he did not. Went out on the tundra to the camps at noon & met a lot of the men this evening. Made a speech at Center Creek Roadhouse & also at Little Creek. Got Back town at 12 o'clock my friends say that the meetings this evening - of the opposition - were tame & tasteless - so Pete Overfield got drunk & tried to thrash Ronan in the Bank Saloon. Ronan & his friends are to roast me tomorrow (Sunday) at their meeting.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 9	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 9th</p> <p>Spent the day out on the Happy New Year claim guests of Jack Leedy, - Rex Beach's partner - with a party of friends – Mr. & Mrs. Emory of Spokane, Mrs. Ames & Mrs. Regan, & Mr. Samuel - inspecting the underground workings & processes of mining the old third bench back next the hills - three miles back from present sea beach. Dinner tonight with Mr. & Mrs. Gilmore – she is a Tacoma girl – one of the girls. Another sister lives here – Chauncey Cowden's wife. <u>Capt. Jarvis came in this afternoon on the "Northwestern" & has been trying to see me but I have purposely avoided him</u> - he is the Pac. coast manager of the Guggenheim interests - and since I am loudly</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 9	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>called a Guggenheim man I am at a loss to understand his actions. He cannot assist me - he can only do me an injury by even inquiring for me & exhibiting an interest in my presence here. I will not permit him to assist my candidacy & I hesitate to act</p>

	<p>discourteously toward him - I wish he would let me alone.</p> <p>Metson of the Pioneer Mining Co. is also just in on the "Northeastern" & he can aid me and I am willing to have him do so. The Miners Union have now started a fight on me in the hope - they say - of aiding Chilberg - but I think the bills are being paid by Corson! I hope that Chilberg gets more votes than Corson or Ronan¹ Things are hot. <u>Campaign Corson & Ronan meetings today.</u></p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 10	<p>-10th -</p> <p>Well, I'm done. My work in this campaign is finished - the last speech is made - the workers appointed for tomorrow & only the voters & election officers have work to do. It has been a day of bustle, noise - enthusiasm. I was not able to get a hall tonight and the band was not obtainable. We could not get space, for advertising even, in the newspapers and all four - the <u>Nugget</u>, <u>Gold Digger</u>, <u>Pioneer Press</u> and <u>Industrial Worker</u>, have column after column of criticism abuse and attack, and I have had no chance to answer except on the stump - face to face with my audience - but the people have understood & it has not hurt so much as</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 10	<p>10</p> <p>it seemed at first it would. A general combined assault has been made on me for four days past - the betting has been all in my favor -and my telegrams printed on dodgers & spread over town have made them believe that I was the strong man -&the result was a general pounding from all opposition - but I am still alive and in the lead. Tonight we held my final speaking on the wharf -I spoke from a box & had a large & enthusiastic crowd -without music or other aid. At the same time Ronan had less than 50 persons at his much advertised meeting in the A. B. Hall - the Chilberg people had a good rally in the Eagle Hall</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 10-11	<p>10</p> <p>while Corson had a failure at his later meeting in the A.B. Hall. Front Street was crowded at midnight with a dense mass of miners, shouting for their favorites & I was pleased to hear my battle cry not last. My friends are ready for the fray tomorrow while I</p>

	<p>am beginning to pack to go home via St. Michael on the "<u>Northwestern</u>" tomorrow evening. <u>I am satisfied so far.</u> <u>Aug 11, 1908</u> <u>Election Day</u> -</p> <p>This was a strenuous day - my friends were the best people in Nome & vicinity. The whole Corson-Chilberg-Ronan – Clum</p>															
Diary 14, 1908 August 11	<p>-11-</p> <p>-Republican-Democratic-Union-Newspaper-Trust-Guggenheim sack crowd combined against me & yet we won a clear plurality on the Seward peninsula - the vote standing</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Wickersham</td> <td>917</td> <td>my plurality</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chilberg</td> <td>752</td> <td>165</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corson</td> <td>374</td> <td>543</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ronan</td> <td>113</td> <td>724</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clum</td> <td>107</td> <td>810</td> </tr> </table> <p>Advices tonight are that Chilberg breaks even with me in Fairbanks - the whole opposition combining there to beat me also, but that I may pull through in S.E. Alaska. It is a victory - in Seward Peninsula for clean politics and against corrupt politicians - am yet quite confident of election by south coast not heard from.</p>	Wickersham	917	my plurality	Chilberg	752	165	Corson	374	543	Ronan	113	724	Clum	107	810
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Diary 14, 1908 August 12	<p>-12-</p> <p>Leaving Nome tonight - am now in room 4, "Northwestern" bound for St. Michael & home. Nothing much today except calling on my friends & thanking them for their help & writing letters for same purpose to those out of town. Nome is doing me all kinds of kindnesses & especially am I pleased that the women & boys are so loyal to me. My meetings have been attended by crowds & enthusiasm of the wildest kind has greeted my efforts. I left Nome at midnight - attended out to the "Northwestern" by a crowd of my partisans to the beach and to the vessel half a mile</p>															
Diary 14, 1908 August 12	<p>12</p> <p>off shore by a launch load, who cheered me & wished me luck & a pleasant trip home. Among my workers at Nome were Dan Sutherland, manager; Ira O. Orton, Pete Overfield, Tom White, _____ Margraf, Jack Ansbey, Capt. Byers, Capt. Olsen, W.A. Gilmore, W.H.</p>															

	<p>Holmes, Frank Aldrich, and so many others that I cant name them - Judge T.N. Reed, etc. etc. From Candle, P.H. Watt, Judge Kepner, Starr Ballard. When I left Nome tonight it was known that I was ahead of Chilberg in the Nome Div. about 250 votes, and that from all returns Chilberg was ahead of me about 50 - but my judgment is that I will have 250 votes ahead of him in each division when the returns are all in.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 13	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>A beautiful trip over to St Michael on the N.W. Reached St M. at noon - the telegraph line was down but a batch of telegrams - all congratulatory, without information had gone through to Nome for me, & the operator gave me copies. No definite information about S.E. Alaska, but congratulations came from Seattle, Valdes, Copper Center & Fairbanks & I trust they know that I am entitled to congratulations . As usual I went to the N.C. Quarters for meals & hotel opposite for room. Jack Ross, Billy Kleinberg, John Drake & wife & others here - Ronan, on board N.W. with me, bound for Fairbanks.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 14	<p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Went out along St Michael canal this forenoon to inspect dredging etc. being done by the government. Fine day and I enjoyed the inspection etc. very much. We will leave tonight for the Yukon on the "Susie". Midnight - on the Susie. They gave me room No 12, the large bridal chamber & a fine room. Zapf the N.C. agent & his wife entertained me nicely at St. M - but no news from S.E. Alaska and I go away from the telegraph line without knowing whether I am elected to Congress or not - will probably learn at Kaltag - two days from now.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 15-16	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Bishop of Alaska, a man of broad mind, good sense and great strength of character. The Bishop is about 45, square, broad shouldered, but not tall, with a wealth of flowing hair and a beard with a glint of burnished bronze in its color. The Bishop does not strike one as a particularly learned man, but rather a ready man of the world, resourceful and active to accomplish. They are going up to the Russian Mission & the Bishop kindly exchanged photographs with me, writing on his a kindly sentiment.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Sunday, Remained at Andreofsky 10 hours cleaning boilers. Bishop held services at chapel 3 mi. down the beach - Beautiful weather & we are making good time traveling -</p>
Diary 14, 1908 August 17	<p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Russian Mission early this morning - the Bishop -Abbot - Priest & Deacon got off with a procession of Indians - Eskimo - followed them to the church - while guns were fired etc. Anvik tonight - nothing new.</p> <p>[clipping] Who wouldn't be a congressman – if he could be elected? There's nothing in the job today to make a man dejected. In fact, there's truly very much to keep his glee alive, Including (incidentally) that seven thousand five.</p> <p>For Uncle Sam is getting good to all the statesmen eager Who work in Washington to spend their yearly stipend meager. To carry out the Ancient rule to give to him that hath He adds the members' salaries a needed needle bath.</p> <p>Who wouldn't be a congressman – if he could get credentials? Of course the needle bath may be among the nonessentials, But where's the statesman dead and done who wouldn't come alive With joy and glee (if that could be) for seven thousand five?</p> <p>The above is a clipping from the Times of Aug. 2, which also contained a roast of me that makes the hair crinkle. The "Susie" is pushing 2 barges tandem - making a</p>

	length of boat & barges of over 500 ft - consequently our speed is slow - but we never stop. Capt. O.J. Newcomb, Master.
Diary 14, 1908 August 18	-18- We passed Anvik late last night, but no news from the Innoko election. Simel agreed to go in there for me but sent his nephew - hence nothing heard from yet. Another beautiful day. Kaltag & telegraph line this evening. Ronan has laid aside his threats and anger & accepts my proffered peace offerings - he sat in my room last night for two hours & we talked of Wyandot Co. Kan. where I lived in 1868 & where he lived during his boyhood & grew quite friendly again. I am told that he spent \$20,000 in this election -10 to my one - & consequently he feels disappointed - but he is now good natured & publicly pleasant.
Diary 14, 1908 August 18-19	18 We reached Kaltag at 7. p.m. but the telegraph line has been down for days & the men had no knowledge of details - nothing except the general idea that I am elected. Could not send a message either way - the line us up - but the work is a week overdue and no new messages are sent until the old work is done - so I got nothing. Nothing from the Innoko either. -19- Nulato early this morning - no definite news but telegraph men say I am elected - Valdes gave me a solid vote, etc. so I suppose it is settled though no details yet. No telegrams from any one - just silence.
Diary 14, 1908 August 20	-20 th - First definite news of my election this morning by telegrams from Sergeant Merrill, signed Corps & Boyer from Fairbanks delivered to me at Kokrines - the telegraph station 80 mi. below Ft. Gibbon. Merrill's telegram: "Your majority over Chillberg nearest man over one thousand and still growing. Hearty congratulations. Grand reception upon your arrival here." Boyer telegram says: "You carried every district Southeastern Alaska

	<u>landslide. Victorious over thousand. Your arrival here signal great demonstration. Keep us posted your movements. Wires were down."</u>
Diary 14, 1908 August 20	-20- Certainly there are none so dumb now that they can doubt that my career as judge in Alaska, and President Roosevelt's action in continually reappointing me, have been approved and confirmed by the voice of the people of the territory. My enemies have been routed by the people and need no further attention from me. I shall now seek in every way to make good my pledges and aid in allying the foundations of good government in the Territory. Poor Hoggatt must feel that he is punished - as is whether he feels it or not, but aim I intend to punish further if the President will stand for it.
Diary 14, 1908 August 20	20 We reached Ft. Gibbon tonight about 8 ³⁰ . Met several Fairbanks friends waiting for Yukon river boats & they confirmed the news of my election. I sent telegrams: to Fairbanks that I would leave tonight on the Str. " <u>Schwatka</u> " for Fairbanks, one to E. Valentine, Juneau, thanking him & people of S.E. Alaska for active support and one to " <u>Theodore Roosevelt, president Washington, D.C. Your action in supporting me as judge in Alaska confirmed on August eleventh by people electing me delegate to Congress as Roosevelt Republican. Election was distinct approval of your administration and message on Alaskan affairs</u>
Diary 14, 1908 August 20-22	-20- <u>also approval my stand for territorial legislatures with carefully limited powers.</u> James Wickersham" Changed to Schwatka & left for Fairbanks about 10:30 pm. -21- All day on Tanana River - McCann, master Schwatka Fine weather & making good time. -22- Early this morning - 4 o'clock the "Seattle No 3" - steamer - met us on its way down stream Chauncey Boyer was on board & inquired if I was on the Schwatka & some one misunderstood & said no, - so

	he went on down the river to meet me! Fine day. At Wood
Diary 14, 1908 August 20	-20- River we met a crowd of prospectors - Dan Kennedy's train - from Valdes Creek & I got a letter from Dan Kain saying that I got 47 out of the 50 votes cast there & that the miners were looking for the 3 who had disgraced the camp. Other precincts except Kantishna were for me, but the latter gave 42 votes - 39 for Corson & 3 for Clum, not having heard that I was a candidate. I understand that I am to be tendered a reception upon arriving home - hope they will give me time to get a clean collar, for I am looking like a ragamuffin.
Diary 14, 1908 August 23-24	-23- Reached Chena at 7:00 a.m. The Steamer "Reliance" with a load of my friends came down to meet me with band, enthusiasm & noise, & conducted me up to Fairbanks X then up the street home. My friends here are certainly enthusiastic & happy. -24- Am in office receiving congratulation of my friends. Returns are coming in and are entirely satisfactory. I am more than a thousand votes ahead of Chilberg & nearly 2000 ahead of Corson. My friends are making preparations for a big reception tomorrow night at the Auditorium Theatre - as the close of the campaign.
Diary 14, 1908 August 25	-25- I was accorded the most flattering reception ever given to anyone in Alaska tonight. The Auditorium was filled to overflowing, flags, flowers, enthusiasm, music, speaking, dancing & cheers, made it a red letter event in my life. Debbie was present, she and her friends occupied the boxes - the Major presided, Dillon, Erwin, Joslin, & Light spoke before I did - I cried out that the war was over & for peace. It was a glorious evening & repaid me for the burden of the campaign. It ended in a dance & when we went home at 1 o'clock the young people were enjoying the dance.
Diary 14, 1908 August 26	-26 th - [clipping] Fairbanks, Alaska, Wednesday

	OVATION IS ACCORDED TO JUDGE WICKERHSAM Auditorium proves Totally Inadequate to Hold The Immense Crowd Which Gathers to Do Him Honor. By the largest concourse of people that ever gathered in a public hall in Fairbanks Judge Wickersham was welcomed home last night at the Auditorium. The hall was altogether inadequate to seat or even hold all the people who came to do honor to the newly elected delegate and many were unable to even get inside its doors. The gathering was thoroughly representative and in the gallery most of the seats were occupied by ladies.
Diary 14, 1908 August 26	26 [clipping] Mayor Fred Carter was in the chair and introduced the speakers. These later in the order they spoke were John Dillon, Judge L.T. Erwin, Falcon Joslin, A.E. Light and Judge James Wickersham. John Dillon after briefly reviewing the campaign and its purpose in happily chosen words delivered the speech of welcome to the judge. He was followed by Judge Erwin and Falcon Joslin and each had something of interest to tell regarding the judge and the fight he has just won and each told his story well. A.E. Light, Tom Cale's secretary, followed and told of some of the difficulties in regard to catching the speaker's eye at Washington and then Judge Wickersham was introduced. This was the signal that a number of schoolgirls ensconced in the upper boxes had been waiting for and they commenced a bombardment of the Judge with flowers. The Judge's reception was an ovation and it was several minutes before he could commence his address. The first declaration of the delegate-elect was to the effect that he had made certain ante-election pledges and that now that he was elected he intended to keep those pledges to the best of his ability. On the question of territorial government he said that while Alaska at the present time had two of the institutions that go to comprise territorial government - the judicial and executive departments - it lacked the third and most essential department - the legislative.

The Judge then stated that it had been demonstrated as a result of the past election that Alaskans wanted Territorial government and he was going to help them get it. As in his speeches made here and at Nome before the election the Judge stated that he was opposed to a top-heavy form of home rule that would overburden us with a multitude of officers and taxes, but to secure the former of government that he had heretofore outlined he intended to use every means he could command at Washington.

He then referred to other of the reformities he had declared himself in favor of and said that he was of the same mind yet, and would do all he could toward securing the passage of measures that would secure the desired ends.

Referring to the threat thrown out by his opponents during the campaign to the effect that Senator Helsow would block any legislation that he (Wickersham) might introduce, he stated that he knew Nelson to be too big a man to ever harbor any such intentions. He then read from the Dispatch of Juneau a statement that Nelson had made regarding the Alaska delegate contest which demonstrated that the Senator from Minnesota was cherishing no such ideas. The Judge then stated that he believed that Senator Nelson would be one of the first to help in the passage of any legislation which he was convinced was for the betterment of conditions in Alaska. Those that thought to stated otherwise, the judge continued, did not know the sterling worth of the Senator from Minnesota.

Referring to the fact that a certain saloon man was working hand in hand with a lawyer who had been prominent in the Corson camp to the end of submitting to Senator Nelson plans for legislation based on the Judge's platform with the idea of getting it enacted before the Judge reached Washington, the speaker stated that he would be only too glad if this much-to-be desired result could be attained so easily. He, however, warned the labor party against those who had been prominent in the Corson camp and who now came to them "carrying flirts to Caesar" and seeking an alliance.

The speaker referred scathingly to Guggenheim control and insisted that if they would go the length

of attempting to steal the election by such methods as had been adopted at Cordova, so soon after commencing operations in the country, they

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could be depended to go much further when once they had secured a good footing.

The conclusion of the judge's address was greeted with a burst of applause which lasted for several minutes. The hall was then cleared of the benches and chairs and dancing was indulged in until an early hour in the morning.

Much credit is due to the ladies who so tastefully decorated the hall for the occasion and to the splendid orchestra for the fine selections which were rendered before the speechmaking began.

[other clippings]
Wednesday, August 26, 1908

Last night's meeting at the Auditorium was a fitting climax to Judge Wickersham's successful campaign for the delegatship. It was also conducted in the right kind of spirit. There was no "slaughtering of captives" nor any unseemly crowding; rather the disposition was apparent that the bitterness of the campaign should be forgotten. Judge Wickersham made of the occasion the opportunity to thank his constituents for the honor they had conferred upon him and in so doing he made those present understand that he emphatically realized that they had also imposed a duty upon him. The meeting had served its highest purpose when the delegate-elect stated with the emotion born of sincerity that he would, to the best of his ability, do all he had promised to do.

Judge Wickersham's references of last night to Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota embodied the tribute of one big man to the bigness of another. They also tended to show in a marked degree the littleness of the small horde of heel-snappers who have been, for the past several years, attempting to misrepresent Judge Wickersham to the senior senator from Minnesota.

	<p>As it is Judge Wickersham' honest intention to do all he can to obtain for us at Washington what we led him to understand we needed, it surely is up to us to help him by all getting together and according what support is in our power.</p> <p>This is what Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota said the days before the election in reply to a query as to whether he would fight Judge Wickersham in case the latter was elected as delegate from Alaska, It is clipped from the Daily Alaska Dispatch of Juneau: St. Paul, Aug. 8. — Senator Knute Nelson was communicated to by long distance 'phone to-day. Regarding the flames Wickersham candidacy in Alaska for delegate he said he had no interest in the matter. He said he had his fight to head off the confirmation of Wickersham and when that ended he was done. Regarding telegrams sent him from Alaska to wire his bitter opposition to Wickersham, he said that was impossible as the people of Alaska and not Minnesota would elect their delegate to congress. He says he will listen to what the newly elected delegate has to say regardless of personal feeling.”</p> <p>This is the end of the Election - without the Guggs back the ballot boxes Westward.</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 August 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>A shooting scrap occurred on Dome Creek yesterday - Caribou Bill - W^m Deetering - shot Jack Ridenour - over dispute relating to Dome Creek cases in re. Barnette, Miller, et. al. It is a bad case, for Bill shot while Jack was walking away from Jim - 60 feet away - unarmed and there was no sufficient reason apparent for the act. Both men are good citizens & it is too bad that this thing happened. Col. Cooke, wife & Mrs. Whitfield (Lt. Wife) from Ft. Gibbon here. The Col & his wife called tonight. Getting used to home again.</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 August 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Am busy writing letters in answer to telegrams & letters of congratulations from friends throughout the Territory. Recd, letter from Senator Piles assuring</p>

	<p>me of his support. Things quieting down in politics. Telegram was received two days ago at Marshal Perry's office signed by Bonaparte, Atty. Genl. removing him from office, on account of his failure to remove his chief deputy, Dillow, for writing a “<u>smart Aleck</u>” letter to the Dept. of Justice on a business matter. I talked the matter over with Dillow & Abe Spring & I finally sent a telegram to Senator Piles in Seattle (where Perry is now) asking him to interfere & if he could not and</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 August 29-30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>found the Department “set” to assist me in securing the appointment of Dan Sutherland of Nome. The “Oklahoma bunch” has now found out about it and as soon as they can get over their surprise they will undoubtedly “get busy” to push McDonald, their boss grafter for the place. -30th -</p> <p>Sunday, Spent the day on the Ester Creek with Debbie & Lizzie - Edgars wife - visiting Bob. Chamberlain & the Jessen's. Beautiful weather & we greatly enjoyed a “clean up” by the mines - they got about \$7,000. - a weeks run through the sluice boxes. We stayed all night at Lee Jesson's & enjoyed the day very much.</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 August 31- September 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>Recd, telegram from Casey Moran, Seattle, asking help for Perry & saying they were to have a meeting with Senator Piles in Seattle today. Gave telegram to Abe Spring who is now busy sending telegrams supporting Perry- -1st -</p> <p>The Labor Day Com. fell into the hands of my political enemies & they have determined to run the exercises on that day without me. My friends are angry - but I have smilingly advised them to keep quiet & let the Maddocks, Ronan-Timmins -Bulletin bunch do the public honors on that day & it will be done as I have requested. They are organizing a Labor Party, in politics, to fight me two years</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 September 1-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>from now - the attempt is just a month too late and 23 months to early to do any harm, so let them</p>

	<p>snap their fangs in anger - they can't do any harm.</p> <p>Have stopped my subscription to the "News" and subscribed for the "Daily Tribune" - Many other people are doing the same and we hope that it will drive the News & Times into a business combine & thus rid the county of one pest. These two and the "Miners Bulletin" have formed a newspaper - political trust and they are trying to form the new "Labor Party" - we hope to cripple them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2nd -</p> <p><u>Raining!</u> I am building a new bed room on my house - 1 6 x 1 6 feet square & fixing the heating for winter</p>
Diary 14, 1908 September 3-6	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd</p> <p>Still raining. Peter Vachon & Miss Caro Clum married last night. Debbie could not attend but I did – a fine wedding and a nice young couple.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6-</p> <p>Have been trying to catch up with my letters - mail etc. No definite news yet from the Nushagak-Bristol Bay precincts, where the Guggenheims yet threaten us with a fraudulent vote.</p> <p>Nothing new about Perry and the Marshalship - Rumors that Love, H.K. will be appointed but no definite information yet. The Labor Day. Co. have given us a fine? programe for tomorrow - Addresses by <u>Maddocks, Ronan and Timmins</u>, -3 horny handed laborers, indeed!!</p>
Diary 14, 1908 September 7-9	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Labor Day Parade consisted of a brass band and about fifty struggling paraders - evidently the best part of the Laboring element do not intend to follow Maddocks, Ronan and Timmins very far! The Labor Day Ball tonight had 8 couples in attendance - the Gordon Rink had 180 couples & the few at the fizzle went over to Gordon's & the great opening of the Maddocks - Ronan - News - Times - Bulletin - Western Federation - Dodge - Political Campaign was at an end.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9-</p> <p><u>Dr. Cabell Whitehead</u> of Nome died from Railroad accident there. I am sorry to hear of his death – he was a rigorous, courageous and active miner & a</p>

	<p>good friend.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>The long waited for returns from Nushagak - Bristol Bay - Unalaska etc. received today - it <u>was</u> a disappointment to the "Mumblepeg Gamblers," in the Clerks office - <u>there was no election held in the Bristol Bay country -Nushagak or at Unalaska!!</u> and the thousands of Corson voters which his few boosters have talked about to change the result have vanished into thin air. It is now settled that I am elected, giving him all his Cordova fraudulent votes. What sort of an excuse the "Oklahoma bunch" can now put forth to keep from paying their bills will be interesting. I fear that they bet more than they owned, and it may be better to repudiate their honor than to pay money which they do not own! We'll see</p>
Diary 14, 1908 September 14	
Diary 14, 1908 September 17	<p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>The "Dome Creek Cases" which have divided the camp for so long have been finally settled. The shooting of Ridenour - Barnett's partner - by Caribou Bill, put fear into Barnette who is a moral and physical coward, though a fine specimen of manhood - & threats that he would be next brought him to terms. The decision of Judge Gunnison against the Barnette interest & of the Supreme court of Washington against him in the Causten case both came the same day, & what with the shooting of Ridenour set him to work to settle. Sullivan & Cook, two of the partners came to see me, and offered me \$2,500 if I would act as intermediary & get a compromise - but I refused.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 September 17	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>They then got another party who acted & succeeded in settling & the Causten case was also settled - all their most dangerous and expensive litigation is thus ended at a cost of more than \$250,000.00 - more than a quarter of a million dollars - the settlement was unexpected, but it puts Barnette, McGinn, Sullivan, Cook & Ridenour into possession of No 1. on Dome, supposed to contain a million dollars - and immediately the agony of spending it attacks them - the McGinns immediately changed their plans - John is going down the river, via Nome, while Mrs. McGinn, her mother, the bulldog, trunks, bags, boxes -oh yes, the baby too, will go up the river. All the talk is Seattle, Lexington Ky.</p>

	<p>rases, New York and Los Angeles -golf - etc. etc. - the mortgage</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 September 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>Its funny - and sometimes pathetic, when a miner, or even a bright lawyer is lucky enough to drop upon a small fortune - the first thought is how to spend it the quickest and the Barnetts and McGinns seem to be the usual "Newrich" folk.</p> <p>The papers have daily telegrams which seem to be authentic that Perry is out and that H.K. Love is appointed in his place. Well, Perry was a pretty good officer - far better than the average officer sent out to the territories and I am sorry to see him dismissed since his time would have expired anyway in February next - but he alone is to blame - he neglected to obey orders as he should.</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 September 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>On the 20th of last month I sent Pres. Roosevelt, from Fort Gibbon a telegram saying that I had been elected Delegate from Alaska, that his action in supporting was thus confirmed by the vote of the people etc.</p> <p>Today I received a letter from him dated the 22nd as follows: "Oyster Bay, N.Y. August 22, 1908. My dear Judge Wickersham: <u>It is a pleasure to hear from you. I look forward to seeing you and shall have much to talk over concerning Alaska with you.</u> <u>Sincerely yours,</u> <u>Theodore Roosevelt</u> <u>Hon. James Wickersham</u> <u>Ft. Gibbon, Alaska</u> Short, but alive. The talk that I could not get a hearing in Washington</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 September 18-22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>because I was not properly labeled "Regular Republican Nominee" seems to be without foundation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Learn today that H.K. Love has been appointed U. S. Marshal in Perry's place. I am sorry that Perry was not permitted to serve out his term which would have ended in Feb. next - though I must think the Dept. of Justice was Justified in removing him - the whole thing arose over his failure to remove Dillow for writing an</p>

	<p>impudent letter to the Dept. about public business - the Atty. Genl. instructed Perry to remove Dillow - he failed and long neglected to do it - and the natural result followed - his own removal.</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 September 23-25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd-</p> <p>I endorsed <u>L.S. Robe</u> for postmaster today-and with a number of other persons sent a telegram to the President saying so.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Debbies Birthday – The Robe-Pepper candidacy for postmaster is exciting considerable local interest – the Western Federation – Times – News, combination is now boosting Pepper – of course. The "Tanana" – on its last trip has gone out with the last mail and the last up river passengers, via Dawson. Still it's the most beautiful cloudless day – perfect fall weather. McGinn & others going out. Harry Steel's application for membership in Tanana Club posted – Nothing doing!</p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 September 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Have taken J.C. Dillow into the office - on probation – if everything looks like it a little later may enter into a permanent arrangement with him. I must have some one to do the running & small work. George is a good Stenographer but not worth a damn to accept burdens & take the initiative. We had an earthquake tonight that shook thinks gently and the most beautiful <u>Aurora Borealis</u> that I have ever seen. At its best it resembled great heavenly curtains of light and color moved by invisible hands - covering the whole clear starlit sky - the curtains fringed with special deep red - & the whole moving shifting scene colored by the vivid colors of the rainbow – <u>beautiful!</u></p>
<p>Diary 14, 1908 October 1-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Octo 1, 1908-</p> <p>My law business is growing and the income is satisfactory - much more than the Judgeship - several times that salary - and independence - freedom -</p>

	<p>and Opportunity. I am, however, pleased with my election to Congress - that aids rather than hurts the law business.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Oct. 9th -</p> <p>Fine fall weather - my law business good & getting better all the time. Everything quiet - <u>George Shea</u>, jury fixer from Nome appointed Dep. U.S. Marshal for Fairbanks. - think I'll fight him, as no one can be safe in jury matters when he is in charge. National election seems to be red hot, in the states.</p>
Diary 14, 1908 October 12	<p style="text-align: center;">October 12th 1908.</p> <p>Love assumed his office as U. S. Marshal on Friday & Saturday strict orders were sent here to stop all pool playing, card playing etc. & the saloons are groaning.</p> <p>All the deputies here except Phil North and Wiseman - (on Dome Creek) have been notified that they will not be retained - North is in charge of the office. This about closes out the Perry crowd & puts the new people in full control. I am not going to do anything about Shea until I see what he intends doing. Some of my friends think he is friendly - but a jury fixer cant be friendly to honest people very long. Fine fall weather - & rivers wide open & boats yet running. "<u>Finis</u>".</p>