

	<p>[Cover]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diary From Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – 1910 To April 19, 1911</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Hands Off.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James Wickersham</p>
<p>Journal 18, 1910 August 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 29, 1910.</u></p> <p>Reached Chena last night at 2 o'clock on Steamer "Tanana" - from Nome. Election trip. Found a great crowd of my partisans and friends there waiting for me with a special train who brought me home with enthusiasm - Debbie was there. Am now home &amp; resting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Partial Election Returns.</u></p> <p>[clipping] WICKERSHAM 2791 ORR 1782 O'CONNOR 1057</p> <p>ABERCROMBIE, Wickersham 19; Orr, 34; O'Connor, 6. CHATANIKA, Wickersham 87; Orr, 23; O'Connor, 80 CHENA Wickersham, 16; Orr 9; O'Connor, 38 CORDOVA, Wickersham 163; Orr, 186; O'Connor, 7. DOME, Wickersham 40; Orr, 15; O'Connor, 10. DOUGLAS, Wickersham 82; Orr, 80; O'Connor, 0. ENGINEER, Wickersham 55; Orr, 17; O'Connor, 28. ESTER, Wickersham 58; Orr, 15; O'Connor, 24. EYAK, Wickersham 24; Orr, 65; O'Connor, 11. FOX, Wickersham 55; Orr, 19; O'Connor, 19. FAIRBANKS, Wickersham 355; Orr, 219; O'Connor, 69. GRAEHEL, Wickersham 65; Orr, 31; O'Connor, 23. GILMORE, Wickersham 57; Orr, 7; O'Connor, 66. GIBBON, Wickersham 65; Orr, 83; O'Connor, 7.</p>

	<p>HAINES, Wickersham 38; Orr, 14; O'Connor, 0. HOT SPRINGS, Wickersham 76; Orr, 12; O'Connor, 50. JUNEAU, Wickersham 255; Orr, 71; O'Connor, 5. KETCHIKAN, Wickersham 145; Orr, 41; O'Connor, 0. LITTLE ELDORADO, Wickersham 9; Orr, 10; O'Connor, 87. LOWER FAIRBANKS, Wickersham 11; Orr, 4; O'Connor, 7. MILES GLACIER, Wickersham 2; Orr, 49; O'Connor, 8. NOME, Wickersham 493; Orr, 210; O'Connor, 208. NULATO, Wickersham 6; Orr, 11; O'Connor, 1. OLNES, Wickersham 12; Orr, 4; O'Connor, 16. PEDRO, Wickersham 27; Orr, 4; O'Connor, 8.</p>
<p>Journal 18, 1910 August 29-30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>[clipping continued] RICHARDSON, Wickersham 15; Orr, 17; O'Connor, 0. SILVER BOW BASIN, Wickersham 28; Orr, 1; O'Connor, 0. TRECDEWELL, Wickersham 9; Orr, 69; O'Connor, 0. SKAGWAY, Wickersham 134; Orr, 28; O'Connor, 0. SITKA, Wickersham 44; Orr, 31; O'Connor, 0. TIEKEL, Wickersham 35; Orr, 28; O'Connor, 23. UPPER CLEARY, Wickersham 44; Orr, 16; O'Connor, 63. UPPER FAIRBANKS, Wickersham 16; Orr, 9; O'Connor, 8. VAULT, Wickersham 55; Orr, 18; O'Connor, 79. VALDEZ, Wickersham 196; Orr, 84; O'Connor, 83.</p> <p>[clipping] Seward, Aug. 23, The returns from Kodiak precinct have just arrived her. The result is . Wickersham, 126. Orr, 20 and O'Connor, 0. This includes the Island of Afognak. -30<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Was given a public reception tonight at the "Gordons Hall" - beautifully decorated, lighted, etc. A flattering reception and one to make a man</p>

	<p>proud. I made a speech of an hour - roasted McGinn &amp; Thompson -the affair was turned into a dance after the reception &amp; it was a very pleasant and enjoyable event.</p> <p>Judge Overfield is holding court - but he is a moral coward - though I think he will probably make a good judge after the politics shall have been eliminated.</p>
Journal 18, 1910 August 31- September 1	<p style="text-align: center;">-31<sup>st</sup> -</p> <p>Quartz prospects on the creeks look better than ever, and it now looks as if Fairbanks will make a good camp.</p> <p>Thompson of the News-Miner is furious at the attack I made on him in my speech last night &amp; attacks me most viciously in his paper. "Let the galled Jade wince" etc. or to use the Western phrase - "<u>he can go to hell, for all me.</u>"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept. 1, 1910.</p> <p>Formed partnership with Henry Roden - leaving Heilig out of our firm. Heilig has betrayed me at every turn &amp; is secretive, unsatisfactory &amp; generally a nuisance as a partner. We will reorganize our firm &amp; leave him out, - then we may do business in peace.</p>
Journal 18, 1910 September 2-6	<p style="text-align: center;">2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Trying to reorganize my office. Heilig has utterly demoralized things and has left us in a bad shape. Roden and I will be partners from Sept. 1, and George A. Jeffery will remain with us as stenographer. Am also getting my mining interests in shape so that I can go outside for a time - some of them begin to look to have value.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3<sup>rd</sup> -</p> <p>Working in office. Nothing public. Letters today from Darrell - he is at Nanking, China.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Trial Russell v. Town of Fairbanks. I was for defendant - town lot case. We won. It is the old trouble about water front lot - wharf &amp; dock etc. Admiral Rogers is on Tanana hunting for evidence about his son drowned year ago.</p>
Journal 18, 1910 September 7-8	<p style="text-align: center;">-7<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>In court working on Harrington cases. Sorry I can't remain here - plenty of law business.</p>

	<p>Johnson v. Harrington, dismissed by Stevens rather than try it, after annoying my clients with it for nearly two years.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>The Insurgent Republicans seem to be winning out - La Follette in Wisconsin &amp; Townsend in Mich &amp; lesser ones in other states. The Attorney General Wickersham &amp; Sec. of Com &amp; Labor Nagel have reached Seattle on their way back from Alaska, and their interviews are far from what I hoped they might be. They talk of three "Territories" in Alaska and say that the government ought to be nearer to Washington etc. all of which means the Beveridge bill <u>or something like it.</u></p>
Journal 18, 1910 September 12	<p style="text-align: center;">-12<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Went hunting grouse Friday - killed 1. Am trying to get office work up to date.</p> <p>Heilig will quit our firm &amp; on the first of Oct. will quit our offices. Roden &amp; I will work together.</p> <p>Our boat for outside will not get away until 21<sup>st</sup></p> <p>My friends today came in with the Wickersham Campaign Committee accounts for political printing etc. &amp; I paid the balance \$225.00 and they assured me that that was the last cent due in this territory. I may find some more due in Valdez, however.</p> <p>News from California is that my friends the Insurgents won several Congressmen from the Stand Pat Republicans -they beat McKinley &amp; every one who stood for looting Alaska. <u>That looks good to me.</u></p>
Journal 18, 1910 September 13	<p style="text-align: center;">-13<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Election Washington today.</p> <p>My friends have me a "Sourdough" banquet tonight at "Mushous". About 60 men - miners, business men, laborers &amp; my friends present. Lushbaugh a miner on Engineer Creek was the toastmaster &amp; a good one. Speeches were made by many - the sentiment was, of course, Insurgent and in favor of Home Rule. West, an attorney from San Francisco, and John W. Troy, old Juneau &amp; Skagway newspaper man, &amp; many others spoke. We had rough tables, tin cups and barbequed ox heads, - fish etc. and whisky in tin cups. I spoke very briefly - did not touch politics or personalities -</p>

	it was a happy dinner.
Journal 18, 1910 September 14	-14 <sup>th</sup> - <u>Bully For Poindexter!</u> I am delighted at the result in Washington. The Democrats also carried Maine!! Ballinger and Taft are wrecking the Republican party as fast as it can be done. The next House will evidently be Democrat & Insurgent -Anti- Taft. The Atty. Genl. is quoted in press dispatches as favoring the Beveridge bill idea - well, we will see!!  [clipping] SEATTLE, Sept. 14.-The returns from the direct primaries throughout the state show that Miles Poindexter has won a seat in the United States Senate, over John L. Wilson and John Burke, by thirty thousand majority. Stanley Warburton of Tacoma, William La Follette of Spokane, Insurgent Candidates, are winners, and it is probable that Congressman Humphrey's will also win.
Diary 18, 1910 September 16-19	-16- Am not doing much except winding up my business affairs, collecting, and getting my office down to as small a basis as possible for the winter. Business in Fairbanks will be very small this winter & we are drawing in as far as we can see. We will keep only 2 rooms & thus reduce expenses. Jack. Lindsay, who runs the saloon that worked so hard against me in the election told me today that Gov. Clark & Shackelford agreed with him to secure the pardon of Bob Dunn –his friend- consequently Jack worked politics for them!! <u>Justice?</u>  -19- Working hard on my Business affairs - Have now concluded to go up river on the Steamer" Tana". Capt. Langley, to Whitehorse & thence outside.
Diary 18, 1910 September 20-21	-20- The very latest and last returns from the election - from Bristol Bay - Unalaska and Unga and neighboring precincts, came in by telegraph this morning - few votes & Orr slightly in the lead. It leaves me elected <u>sure</u> , but about 1200 to 1500 plurality.

	That settles it for two years more! -21 <sup>st</sup> - Just received a letter from Atty. Genl. Wickersham in reply to mine written at St. Michaels asking him to recommend that the President recommend to Congress an elective legislature in Alaska. He declines to do so & thinks the Presidents suggestion the proper one. <u>All right!!</u> That means a continuation of the fight for good government in Alaska
Diary 18, 1910 September 21	-21- against the Administration. With Washington, California, Idaho, Wisconsin, Kansas, Michigan & Indiana in the "Insurgent" column I shall hope to defeat the Beveridge Bill idea - but war is hell and no one may foretell who will get there first. Paid all my bills, got my business settled for the winter - with Roden & Jeffrey in charge of the office, left our house furnished but untenanted & left Fairbanks today at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the outside on the Steamer "Tana" - Capt. Wallace Langley. Stopped an hour at Chena - paid Griffin \$250.00 on act. stock in the Chena Quartz Mill. The quartz prospects look good & I hope this winters prospecting will make the camp a permanent one.
Diary 18, 1910 September 22-23	-22- We remained part of last night & today near the steamer "Dusty Diamond" which had the misfortune to run into a blind slough & go fast aground. We could not pull her off & her passengers left her some going back to Fairbanks & some with us to Ft. Gibbon. She was bound for Iditarod & had a big barge loaded with miners supplies etc. for the same place. The outfit will probably remain there until the river freezes & will then be moved over the ice. That means a years set back & a great loss to most of the mines & others whose property was aboard. -23 <sup>rd</sup> - Ft. Gibbon at 3 in the afternoon. Paid George Vautier another \$500. Making \$1000 on act of my new
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<p>September 23-25</p>	<p>building which he is putting in good shape. Bemis, the jeweler, is occupying it &amp; wanted a three year lease - but we could not agree on terms so I did nothing. Mrs. W- called on Mrs. Major Farnsworth, who is in command at Ft. Gibbon - we knew them in 1900 at Ft. Egbert - Eagle City. -24<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Rampart an hour. Visited my friends. Poor old Rampart is degenerating - her houses decaying &amp; her business moving away to younger &amp; more pushing places. -25-</p> <p><u>Debbies Birthday!</u> Victor, a Swede with whom I stayed all night in 1901 - Jany - no February, is on board going up to his cabin. We stopped at Carshes cabin at noon</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 September 25-26</p>	<p>-25-</p> <p>to take wood. It was here in the spring of 1901 that I found Carshe &amp; his partner living - one in each end of the cabin - neither would speak to the other - each had his stove, table etc. and cooked for himself. Though they cut wood together - it was a silent partnership. Carshe is still cutting wood - but now alone. Saw him in Ft. Gibbon - he looked well &amp; happy -his wood is fine &amp; well corded for delivery upon the boat. Yanerts this evening for wood. A warm, balmy and sunny day. -26<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Fine mild weather, but we are making very slow time on account of poor wood. Passed Beaver the new town below the mouth of the Chandelar last night &amp; "wooded" up at Petersons tonight.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 September 26-27</p>	<p>-26-</p> <p>Peterson was a mail carrier in 1900 &amp; I traveled down the river ten years ago - coming February. He married an Indian girl &amp; now has a cabin full of half breed children. He is building a house at Beaver &amp; will be one of its first citizens. He is a sensible level leaded Swede. He told me that the vote in Chandlar stood: O'Connor 13, Wickersham 11 and Orr nothing. -27<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Between Ft. Yukon &amp; Circle City. At Half Way</p>

	<p>Island we took wood &amp; I went out hunting - got 5 prairie chickens within sight of the boat. Joe lives here - he is one of my friends &amp; thinks my "speeches" are fine. Must send him them &amp; some pub. Docs.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 September 28</p>	<p>-28<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>At Circle at midnight. "Susie" there going down river. Did not go ashore - sleep. A beautiful clear sunny day -glorious autumn weather. Passed U.S. Army Steamer "Jeff C. Davis" going down river. Str. "St. Michael" on a bar above Circle - hard &amp; fast for the winter. Got to St. Michael about 2 oclock p.m. As we came opposite she gave 4 blasts of her whistle &amp; the Tana ran to the bar on the opposite side of the river, where they had a pile of wood, some freight &amp; dead men with lines. They were carrying wood to the St M- in small boats. The officers of the St M. where there and came aboard the Tana. After some talk in the pilot house the Tana cut loose from</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 September 28</p>	<p>-28-</p> <p>her barge, leaving it fast to a wire from a "deadman" on the island &amp; went across to the St. M. and at 3:30 was tied along side the St M. and working her engines &amp; wheels full speed trying to sluice out the bar upon which the St. M. was balanced. [Wickersham drew sketch of the Yukons flow and boats location]</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 September 28-29</p>	<p>-28-</p> <p>The St M. is afloat - or in deeper water - at her bow, but her stern is hard &amp; fast on the bar. Her wheel just touches water - her water line dips forward a foot or more. Her passengers were taken off by the Susie, which tried in vain to pull her off. -29<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Remained alongside the St. Michael cutting out sand &amp; gravel with the heavy current made by the Tanas wheel until 8 oclock this morning. At 9 we tied to our barge &amp; "set sail" up the Yukon after 19 hours salvage work. We did much good &amp; the St. M- swung down stream at right angles to her former position &amp; her</p>

	captain hoped to work down into the cut made by the Tana & thence into the stream.
Diary 18, 1910 September 29	-29- Mat Webers roadhouse on "left limit" of the Yukon two miles above St. Michael - The cranky old fellow still keeps a smoke coming out of the house. I expect I have told you this story before but I'll tell it again: In February 1901 I was on my way from Eagle to Rampart with a dog team & driver. I walked ahead & late in the evening I reach Webbers. As I came up the river bank he came out of the house to throw out his dish water. I was dressed in rough trail clothes. I had heard what a surly fellow he was and being a young judge thought to suppress any show of his crankiness by the dignity of my position, so I said: Is this Mr. Webber? He grunted acquiescence, and I then said "I am Judge Wickersham Mr. Weber" - and I got no further for
Diary 18, 1910 September 29	-29- he said, " <u>The hell you are! Well we had a pretty peaceable country here in the Yukon before the damned shyster lawyers began to come in but I suppose it will be different now, and my dignity wilted.</u> We just passed Coal Creek above Webbers and that brings to me another story of my early days on the Yukon: In Sept. 1900 I went down to Circle to hold court - the first term that far north. We ran on the bar opposite Coal Creek & stayed there till Sunday noon when we took small boats & floated down to Circle. We had several old. men who had been drawn on the jury, so I asked <del>Hendrickson</del> Reynoldson, Chief deputy marshal to take a basket of food & realizing that we would be until midnight or later & cold I told him to
Diary 18, 1910 September 29	-29- also put a bottle of whisky in the basket. Before the term was over he made up the Marshals account & put in the charge paid for the basket of food, but seemed to doubt what to do about the bottle. He asked me & I told him to charge it up as

	sustenance the same as the basket. The next day he presented the account with one item for basket of food ten dollars, and "1 bottle of sustenance \$5.00." I quietly allowed the item, and for two years or more thereafter the Marshals office was in correspondence with the Dept. of Justice about that 1 bottle of sustenance, \$5.00, and never did get paid. Beautiful day, clear, sunny - no sign of winter - but going slow.
Diary 18, 1910 September 30- October 1	-30 <sup>th</sup> - Nation, this morning, Sheep Creek at 1 o'clock. Sky overcast & it looks like snow. We are moving very slowly 70 Mile river (Star) at 5 o'clock & Eagle City about 8 p.m. Saw Jack Hilliard - visited Gay & Coxs, Whitleys & Riverside saloons & all business houses. Mrs. Myers down to see Mrs. W- U.G. Myers off on sheep hunt.
	-Octo. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Raining yesterday & little snow on mountains, but foggy & warm today - snow gone. A very fair & warm fall. At 40 Mile, Y.T. this afternoon & will be in Dawson in the morning. A good trip - but slow.
Diary 18, 1910 October 2	-Oct. 2. Sunday.- Arrived in Dawson this morning early - we went up to the poor old "Regina" - with its gilt rubbed off, unpainted & poorly kept it is a hobo reminder of the early days of 1900. The town is going to rack and ruin - it is a pitiful sight to see a town die. Visited the News - Selltemier is in charge & keeps it up much better than its surroundings. Got a lot of newspapers and Magazines. The "Hamptons" has a well written political article by Welliver on "The Collapse of the Taft Administration" - in. which he accurately prophesies the results which the newspapers of the later date detail.
Diary 18, 1910 October 2-3	-2- Maine Democratic, Poindexter elected Senator in Washington by 35,000 majority -etc., etc. Welliver has a very flattering paragraph in his article about the Alaska - my election. -Oct. 3.-

	<p>We left Dawson this morning early. Gov. Henderson and Mr. Congdon, M.P. called on me last night - at the boat and also Capt. Fitz-Horrigan of the N.W. Mounted Police. Tom McGowan is in Dawson - he is mild &amp; gentle - blames Shackelford with their defeat. The men in the Zero Club told me that Tom was loud in explaining how he had it fixed - but it came unfixed!!</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 4	<p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>In looking over the papers we got at Dawson I discover that the President declared publicly the day after the Progressive Republicans carried the primaries that it was his intention to <u>again</u> let the Insurgent or Progressive Republicans have the patronage in their districts. I cannot believe he will be fair to me - so I intend to recommend Dan Sutherland for reappointment as U.S. Marshal at Juneau!! I will have Valentine get petitions from that District &amp; I will protest against Faulkner. That will put the President in the position where he must be fair with me - or not. Making slow time upriver.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 5	<p style="text-align: center;">-Oct 5.-</p> <p>Selkirk - We have run up the Yukon to Selkirk alongside of a great lava bed which walls the east bank of the Yukon for 10 miles. The Pelly comes in from the East - flowing southward around the high wall of lava - This comes, probably, from a cone to the eastward of the Yukon &amp; north of the Pelly. The map of what I can see is [map of Yukon river and lava wall and Ft. Selkirk, by Wickersham] Evidently the Pelly once joined the Yukon ten miles below its present junction but was cut off where the lava flow filled the old valley. Going very slow.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 6-7	<p style="text-align: center;">-Oct 6.-</p> <p>Rink Rapids - much improved. Five Fingers bad. We came up through the westerly channel &amp; had a bad hour on the rocks but got through with no loss. The weather is perfect - no snow - clear &amp; warm. Ducks &amp; geese innumerable. Our Progress slow. -7<sup>th</sup> -</p>

	<p>A long-long day on a comparatively short journey - Little Salmon river &amp; Indian camp at noon. The interior Indians from Nulato to Whitehorse have the same identical bow - skinning implements, etc., as much alike as if made by the same man - they are truly one family - Apaches - Athapascans.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 8-9	<p style="text-align: center;">-8<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Hootalinqua in the morning - junction of Lewis &amp; 30 Mile Rivers. No snow yet - warm &amp; agreeable but telegraph office said it was 6° below zero last night in Dawson. All day in 30 Mile - barge heavy &amp; hard to handle in the swift current. -9<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>We had a breakdown last night &amp; only reach lower end of Lake La Barge this morning at daybreak. We left the barge - the burden of our voyage - which held us back more than a week at the lower end of the lake. Crossed the lake - 30 miles - followed by a snow storm. For the first time the banks are covered with a light fall of snow - &amp; winter – an Arctic winter is just behind us!</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 9-10	<p style="text-align: center;">-9<sup>th</sup> Continued-</p> <p>Whitehorse before noon. Went to hotel, bath etc. Walked up to the Rapids in the evening in time to see a big lumber raft come through - like a train of cars. -10<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Came over to Skagway on White Pass Ry. The road sent the private car out to Bennett with a party &amp; gave us the use of it back to Skagway. The train men on White Pass are very friendly to me. The people of Skagway have treated us very nice. Mayor Tanner presided at a public meeting &amp; reception at Elks Hall - I spoke on "Development in Alaska" - a reception followed - dance etc. a very happy and to me enjoyable evening.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 11	<p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Visiting my friends around Skagway. Telegram yesterday from Haines asking me to come there - will go if the storm -wind abates. Went over to Haines on the small steamer, "Hegg", was entertained by leading business men &amp; <u>their wives</u> at a banquet &amp; afterward made a public address in Elks Hall on the "Development of</p>

	<p><u>Alaska</u>" in which I contrasted the great corporate scheme of Monopoly of all right to development with the suppressed right of the individual. I am greatly impressed with the situation and advantages of Haines in respect to its railroad advantages. A road from the northerly end of the Inside Passage will lead across to the Tanana behind the great</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 11-12	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>coast range and this presents the most favorable opportunity to enter Alaska from the states without going to sea. The Haines harbor is never frozen, the railroad grades are excellent &amp; generally this point seems to me to be the natural gateway to the interior of our Territory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Arrived in Juneau this morning on the "Jefferson". Debbie went on to Seattle. Dinner this evening with Mayor &amp; Mrs. Valentine, and was given a reception tonight at the "Elks Club". Made a public address to a large crowd of my friends &amp; amplified my former ideas on the "true development of Alaska. Since the sweeping victories of my Insurgent friends in so many of the States President Taft has given out a letter signed by Norton. His</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 12	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>Private Secretary, holding out the olive branch to all insurgents &amp; saying that he will accord to each his full share of public patronage. I wonder if that includes the Delegate from Alaska? On coming down the hill from Mayor Valentines tonight the sidewalk being wet &amp; slippery, I fell &amp; hurt my back - not seriously, but just enough to shake me up - or down - and to make me sore &amp; stiff. I find a very good feeling here on the part of my friends - but the Administration bunch holds aloof &amp; refuses to come near me or to recognize that I am on the earth. In my speech I lampooned the "tin horn politician (Shackelford), the gum shoe Governor (Clark) and the weeping Major (Richardson)</p>

Diary 18, 1910 October 13-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-13<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Visiting my friends in Juneau. My fall last night was a heavy one &amp; I have a lump in the back just at the top of my right hip bone, as big as my hand. We'll go south in the morning on the Canadian steamer Princess Royal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Left Juneau at 6 this morning. Petersburg at 7p.m. &amp; Ketchikan at 4 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Saw Ingersoll &amp; Capt. Connell &amp; a few of my friends in Ketchikan. Port Simpson this forenoon. Prince Rupert afternoon &amp; we are now loading fish at the north mouth of the Skeena river (Iverness). Valentine is aboard - drunk.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 16-17	<p style="text-align: center;">-16<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Emory Valentine, Mayor of Juneau, &amp; his wife &amp; daughters are on board bound to Seattle - he has been drunk &amp; cross ever since we started &amp; wont quit. He is a man of great strength of character - courage &amp; independence - has one wooden leg - is an Alaskan Peter Stuyvesant, - he is hated most royally by his enemies &amp; rules his friends and neighbors with a rod of iron. In Sevausons Bay this morning – a splendid water power – paper mill &amp; saw mill. A beautiful sunny Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Reached Vancouver B.C. 4. pm Took Valentine family riding, dinner - theater etc. Left for Seattle on Steamer Victoria at 11 pm.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Reached Seattle at 8. a.m. Debbie at Rainier-Grand Hotel. Answering mail etc. etc. Got my tickets for San Francisco tomorrow at 11. a.m. on "Shasta Limited." M.J. Henley, railway contractor, Copper River Ry. died some three days ago - buried today in Seattle - Catholic Cathedral. Recd, an invitation to deliver a talk on Alaska before the Copper Union, New York in December - accepted. Also Sec. Arctic Club asked me to name date for a</p>

	Smoker - reception before the club - Ans. that it would be a pleasure after my return from San Francisco.
Diary 18, 1910 October 19-20	-19 <sup>th</sup> - Went over to Tacoma on early Train - attended to advertising for bids for clearing my Puyallup land - & then caught the 12 o'clock train for San Francisco. 6 o'clock - in Portland - Mrs. McGinn, her children & her mother boarded the train here for San Francisco - they were attended to the train by Fred Heilig - Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Brown of Nome are on the train. -20 <sup>th</sup> - Klamath River - Mt Shasta & Shasta springs this forenoon - Mt Shasta is a disappointment after the beautiful cones of Mt. Tacoma, St Helens & Hood which I saw yesterday. Dick Woods brother is agent at Shasta springs.
Diary 18, 1910 October 20-21	20 Down through the Sacramento. Benecia at 8:30 Oakland 9:40 Ar. San Francisco 10 o'clock p.m. -21 <sup>st</sup> - Palace Hotel. Called & met DeJournal at his office. He went with me to the U.S. Circuit of Appeals, met Monckton - Clerk, & deputy interviewed tonight by the Call & Examiner on general conditions in Alaska. Have started to work on my brief in the Belsea v Tindall case, No 1849. Judge Hanford of Seattle, U.S. Dist. Judge is here - sitting on Circuit Ct. of Appeals with Ross & Gilbert. San Francisco still shows signs of the earthquake & fire.
Diary 18, 1910 October 22	-Octo. 22 <sup>nd</sup> - [clipping] GUGGENHEIMS IN DISFAVOR OF WICKERSHAM Alaska Delegate Says They Control Resources and Would Run Government. HE WILL FIGHT THEM On That Ground Alone, He Says, He is Insurgent and

	Differs With Taft. James Wickersham, territorial representative of Alaska, just out from Fairbanks, arrived here yesterday and is staying at the Palace Hotel. His coming at this time caused considerable speculation yesterday among the Alaskans who preceded him from the North, for, while he insists that he is here simply to prepare a brief for the United States Court in a mining case, others of the territory, knowing Wickersham's insurgency leanings, have suspected that he has come to San Francisco to make some political alliance before the next session of Congress. Insurgency Mot Denied That he is an insurgent in some respects Wickersham does not deny, but he does deny that he has been rapping President Taft and openly defying the chief executive. "I am not rapping the President," said the Alaska delegate yesterday, "but I am taking issue on certain matters pertaining to the welfare of Alaska. We widely differ on the question of future government of our territory. The administration, as you know, favors a commission form of government for the territory while I am supporting an elective legislative form. I think we are entitled to it for many reasons. Alaska is the best cash customer the United States has and I don't see why she should not enjoy the same form of self government as any other territory. Alaska Best Customer "While you are crying for an open door to China and more self government for your newly acquired possessions, Alaska is sending you more money in trade than the Orient. China last year gave you \$48,000,000 against Alaska's \$52,000,000. Of the latter amount we gave up \$20,000,000 in gold, \$12,000,000 in fish and \$20,000,000 in domestic purchases. Every dollar that goes into Alaska is American and every dollar taken out is American. One Alaskan, in trade value to the United States, is equal to five Hawaiians, or 27 Porto Ricans, or 319 Filipinos. This is based on the population and the trade between those countries and the United
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	<p>States.          “Those are some of the reasons I stand for elective legislative form of government, but there are more important ones. I want to see the Alaskan territory opened wide and fully developed, but not under the existing conditions. The Guggenheim syndicate now controls everything of value in Alaska. The Guggenheims control all the copper output. The Guggenheims control the best of the coal interests, and the Guggenheims are very largely in control of the fisheries.          Supporting Commission Form.          “They are strongly supporting a commission form of government for Alaska and if they get that they will have not only all the resources of our rich territory but the government as well.          “That is why I am fighting for an elective legislature. I won my recent campaign on it and purpose making it my fight in the next Congress.”          Delegate Wickersham expects to remain here about a week. Coming out of Juneau he fell and injured his back, which is receiving medical attention here.</p> <p>After this was published this morning Alaska proper began to come in to see me.          Barnhill, from Juneau          Dan Callahan “ Fairbanks          Tom Kelley “ “          And a dozen more.          Capt. Baldwin from Nome, etc. etc.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 October 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23<sup>rd</sup> -</p> <p>Mrs. Nobel &amp; Margaret Mulrooney, from Fairbanks are in the city &amp; I called on them today - we went out to the Cliff House. Called on Ed. Jessen &amp; his family, 131 Central Avenue &amp; took dinner. Major O’Neil whom I met as Lieutenant in charge of Exploration in the Olympic Mts. in 1899, telephoned - he is at the Presidio. Capt. Barneson, of the Whaling Co. called &amp; invited me to attend a lunch to be given by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday in honor of Hon. Frank Pierce, Asst. Sec. Interior - I will go - but declined</p>

	<p>to talk. Capt. Geo. B. Baldwin, of Nome, is supervisor in charge of U.S. Census in S.F. One of my first callers today was Wm H. Harrison -Aunt Nancys son. Will is 68 - was a soldier in 1862.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 October 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> <p>We had a long talk about our home people - he knew my grandfather &amp; it was my father who aided him to escape for arrest in 1862 for stabbing Bill Poole &amp; who took him to St. Louis &amp; helped him to enlist.          He married Emma Snyder - Patoka, they have three grown &amp; married children &amp; a divorce. He often heard my grandfather Rev. James Wickersham, preach - he was a Campbellite preacher - and a better hunter. Will lives at Vallejo, Cal. and is employed in the Govt. Navy storehouse.          Am working on my brief in Belsea v Lindall &amp; find it awkward to do it in a hotel. Visited the parks today - they are beautiful. but poor S.F. is poor in her rebuilding - everything is so glaringly new.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 October 24-25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>Spent the day in my room working - have a dreadful cold in my lungs. Went to the Columbia Theatre tonight with Mrs. Noble, Margaret Mulrooney &amp; Barnhill. My cold is worse tonight.          -25-</p> <p>Was sick last night with my cold. I attended the luncheon to Hon. Frank Pierce, Asst. Sec. of Interior by S.F. Cham, of Commerce, and was most warmly welcomed. Was invited to speak which I did upon the worth &amp; development of Alaska. Think I did some good not only here but also with Pierce.          Recd, letter from Debbie - a pleasure, as it always is. My time is too much taken up with people who call -can do little else than talk - my work on brief is slow.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 October 23-24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23-24-</p> <p>[Complimentary cards, 15 days, of Army &amp; Navy Club; two weeks of Union League Club]</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 October 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>Met Ed. Condon, formerly of Fairbanks in the hotel today. He has divorced his Fairbanks wife - a</p>

	<p>Reno, Nevada, divorcee &amp; has married a young and dashing female &amp; looks well groomed - stall fed. He was with Mizher - Nome etc. Soderberg from Nome &amp; my friend H.J. Douglas, accountant for the Guggenheims &amp; the arch enemy of Jarvis &amp; that crowd came along.</p> <p>Douglas tells me that our evidence of last winter is being used &amp; that McNamara Asst. U.S. Atty Genl. from Washington, with 12 or 15 secret service men have been in Alaska all summer &amp; important developments will take place soon.</p> <p><u>Went "slumming" tonight with Barnhill, formerly Juneau &amp; to others &amp; accompanied by a city detective.</u></p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 26	<p style="text-align: center;">-26<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Went to de Journels office this morning; took a room &amp; went to work on my brief - nearly finished it by 6 o'clock this evening - will get it done by noon tomorrow.</p> <p>Had an engagement for lunch with Capt. Barneson – forgot it and must apologise in morning &amp; wrote him to lunch with me tomorrow.</p> <p>My friend Barnhill, lawyer from Juneau, gave me a dinner tonight at the Palace - informal. Mr. Ludwig M. Loeffler, was one of those present. He is one of S.F. great lawyers &amp; tells me he has a cousin Martin G. Loeffler, on Cleary Creek.</p> <p>Am going out to de Journels country home tomorrow to visit him &amp; family. He is settled S.F. forever.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 27	<p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>The 30th Anniversary of my wedding - at Springfield, Illinois - Oct. 27, 1880.</p> <p>God bless my good wife. I hope we can live together for 30 years more!</p> <p>Finished my brief in the case of Tindall v Belsea. Went out to DeJournals at Burlingame - near San Mateo dinner etc.</p> <p>Mrs. Noble &amp; Margaret Mulrooney there also. Miss de Journal sang &amp; we had a fine Alaska reminiscence – talked of the North.</p>
Diary 18, 1910	<p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p>

October 28	<p>Having much trouble to get proofs of my brief &amp; to get it Ready for filing in time tomorrow.</p> <p>Had lunch with Capt. Barneson &amp; Capt. Hibberd at the Bohemian Club &amp; I explained general conditions in Alaska -development, monopoly of the Guggs &amp; Rothschilds etc. with the result that I have persuaded them to help me. Later this afternoon I received an invitation from Gov. Gillett to attend the Pacific Coast Congress - Nov. 17-19. They want me to come &amp; talk on the general subject of the development of Alaska.</p> <p>Every hour is busy with visits from or to Alaskan me, many now in the city.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 29-30	<p style="text-align: center;">-29<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Oral argument before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, at 10:30 this morning, of case of Belsea v Lindall. Metson argues for plaintiffs in error &amp; I followed. Judges, Morrow, Rass, &amp; Gilbert. Think I will win</p> <p>- he knew nothing about the case &amp; only argued it orally so that he could charge Belsea a big fee.</p> <p><u>Was admitted to practice in U.S. Circuit court of Appeals.</u></p> <p>Got telegram from Debbie asking when I am coming home - answered tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Called on Major ONeil - started home at 8:20 p.m. sleeping car "Sandhurst", birth No. 10.</p> <p>Have had a very pleasant &amp; interesting visit to S.F. -saw much of it &amp; will long remember it.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 October 31- November 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-31<sup>st</sup> -</p> <p>Shasta Springs &amp; Southern Oregon - am enjoying the trip -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Nov. 1-</p> <p>Portland for breakfast - Tacoma &amp; Seattle at 4 in the afternoon. Greatly enjoyed the trip from Portland to Tacoma since I was acquainted with the towns etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2<sup>nd</sup> -</p> <p>Much about the Rainier Grand - Debbie at "Sorrento" -Valentine is at Rainier-Grand, and we called on Col. Blethen -Ed. Times - Am invited to "Smoker" at Arctic Club Friday night - in honor of self &amp; Congdon, M.P. from Yukon Territory.</p>

	-18 <sup>th</sup> -
	Have been in and around Seattle & Tacoma all the time. Debbie at Sorrento Hotel & I with her when in
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	town. Had a "Smoker" – in connection with Congdon. M.P from Yukon Ter., Canada at Arctic Club. John Hartman presided. Congdon talked glittering generalities about "Democracy" - I talked concrete facts about the "Development - or Monopolization of Alaska's Resources." Joslin put up a job on me and had Genl. (?) Carr – former Commissioner from Fairbanks, present who took the floor and answered me briefly and most impudently. It has started a fight in the Club – Joslin is trying to get Webster elected Pres. of the Club in his place - and that unfair & entirely gratuitous insult to the people of Alaska has started a fight on him that may defeat him - I hope so. Dr. J.J. Smith, of Enumclaw
Diary 18, 1910 November 18-19	18
	- died last week. He was married to Selma – Charley Hanson's sister - went to his funeral. Visited mother twice. Paid my taxes, had my land surveyed - my Indian blankets looked after, and am having a Miss Johnson asst. librarian Tacoma Library, make a list of my historical & ethnological library. Bought our tickets today for Chicago - we leave for the East on Sunday evening via N.P. Ry –
	-19 <sup>th</sup> -
	Have about finished up all my affairs preparatory to going to Washington. J.W. Ivey, once collector of Customs in Alaska, today swears fidelity & friendship - once my most bitter political opponent. Long talk today with Maurice Lechey, Sec. Arctic Club etc. He is trying to get
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	Humphrey to assist me in passing an elective legislative bill. Humphrey declared he was opposed to an appointive commission bill - but would not promise to support an elective bill in opposition to the President.
	-20 <sup>th</sup> -

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	Left Seattle at 7:10 in evening for Washington via Springfield, I11. Bought 1500 shares at each \$50 (\$750) from J.M. Lathrop in the Mineral Creek Min. Co. & at Valdez. 2/3 for myself and 1/3 for Darrell.
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	Montana - Rocky Mountains.
	-24 <sup>th</sup> -
	Minnesota -- Wisconsin - Illinois. Arrived Chicago, 10 p.m. Springfield, Illinois.
Diary 18, 1910 November 24-25	-24 <sup>th</sup> Cont.-
	Thanksgiving Dinner with John & Em. Kenney - at "Colonial Café". Em. looks well - she is older than Debbie.
	-25-
	We paid off the debt - mortgage - on Ems home & took a mortgage for \$1300, due in 3 yrs. in place. Their mortgage was long overdue & the parties wanted their money - so we took it. While the note & mtg. draw interest at the legal rate we do not intend to charge them any. Debbie has been visiting her school girlfriends – We called on Mrs. John M. Palmer, - the Senators widow also on his daughter Mrs. Jessie Palmer Webber, & also Mrs. Clark (Mrs. Fry) & a lot more.
Diary 18, 1910 November 27-29	-27 <sup>th</sup> -
	Left Springfield, Ill. at 7:20 a.m. for Washington, over the B & O Ry - via Flora-Cincinnati. X -28 <sup>th</sup> - X <u>Reached Washington this afternoon</u> & went to "Congress Hall" for the winter. We were not satisfied with the "New Varnum." Think we will like Congress Hall - it is new & clean. Barney Goss, my secretary, is very happy - his wife is happier - they have a bouncing baby boy - 10 days old! The office is in very good shape & Ready for work.
	-29 <sup>th</sup> -
	Just as I came to the office yesterday afternoon Mr. Laberee, of the Alaska Northern called me up on the telephone - & made a date to see me this forenoon at 10 oclock.

<p>Diary 18, 1910 November 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>He came with Mr. Patrick his attorney. He began by assuring me that I was mistaken in my speech before the Arctic Club in Seattle when I said that the Guggenheim - Morgan Syndicate owned or controlled the Alaska Central - the Northern. We talked long about railroad aid, etc, and I assured them that I favored aid to railroads &amp; would assist them in their enterprise - provided they would help me to pass the bill for an elective territorial bill. Patrick suggested that a Guggenheim lawyer told him that "we ought to get together" – "that it was now demonstrated that the people of Alaska were behind me - that I fairly represented them," and that "I must be recognized," etc. etc. We had a long &amp; fair talk about Alaska and their railroad schemes &amp; - they left in a good</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 November 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>frame of mind - &amp; <u>went to New York on the 2 o'clock train.</u> I think they called to "feel" &amp; went over to New York to report. One thing I did not agree with them about - I would not agree to support a bill to lease the coal lands in Alaska! D.A. McKenzie called this afternoon &amp; he brought the suggestion that Birch wished to see me &amp; that Birch said that Shackelford should (they would have him resign as National Committeeman &amp; that I should name his successor! - in short that the politics of the territory should be turned over to me! - Think I shall sit quiet for a day or two &amp; see what they suggest further. Evidently they are up to some trick. I'll see what it is before I stick my finger in the trap.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 November 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Busy writing letters in answer to those long piled on my desk. Learned that Hon <span style="float: right;">Bell,</span> recently candidate for Gov. of Cal. was in town boosting for the location of the Panama - Pacific Exposition to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal. I wrote him a nice letter tendering my services &amp; assistance. He and others called this afternoon to express their friendly regard. <u>I shall assist in every</u></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>way to secure the expo. to S.F.</u></p> <p>We have taken a nice suite of rooms at the "Congress Hall" &amp; I intend to do more in the way of getting acquainted this winter than I did last. Gov. Clarks annual report is being printed - am told it is mild &amp; gentle. I intend to be mild &amp; gentle this winger also - if they will let me!</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> -</p> <p>I am greatly pleased at the fine manner in which "Colliers" Magazine Aug. 6, 1910, published my article on Alaska – "<u>The Forty Ninth Star</u>" being a presentation of the right of Alaska to be a state - at once. I compared it with California in 1850, when the latter was admitted. Casey Moran's article "The Land to Loot" -a descriptive article on Alaska, and a poem "The Spell of the Yukon" By Robert W. Service, and a strong editorial -it is an Alaska number &amp; a fine one, too. Received today a threatening letter from Mike Boyle -one of several threatening to shoot me. Because he lost his blankets when he was taken to the penitentiary from Fairbanks.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 2-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-2<sup>nd</sup> -</p> <p>Busy writing letters today &amp; clearing up accumulated correspondence. Congressmen are getting in and I find a much warmer welcome than I did last year. Think it portends good -can tell after Message is in. -3<sup>rd</sup> - The "Herald" yesterday had an editorial strongly advocating the passage of an act for leasing Alaska coal lands &amp; declaring – <u>wrongly</u> – that the U.S. coal land laws <u>did not apply to Alaska.</u> It looks like one of the "Guggy stories" &amp; I have made a date with the editor of the Herald tonight hoping I can show him his error &amp; induce him to assist me in defeating the leasing bill. -4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday - rest &amp; worked in office.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 5-6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-5<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>3rd Sess. 61<sup>st</sup> Congress - Nothing except formal opening. -6<sup>th</sup> - Presidents Message today:</p>

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ALASKA.  
With reference to the government of Alaska, I have nothing to add to the recommendations I made in my last message on the subject. I am convinced that the migratory character of the population, its unequal distribution, and its smallness of number, which the new census shows to be about 50,000 in relation to the enormous expanse of the territory, make it altogether impracticable to give to those people who are in Alaska today, and may not be there a year hence, the power to elect a legislature to govern an immense territory to which they have a relation so little permanent. It is far better for the development of the territory that it be committed to a commission to be appointed by the executive, with limited legislative powers, or to make a popular government where there is not proper foundation upon which to rest it.  
The suggestion that the appointment of a commission will lead to the control of the government by corporate or selfish and exploiting interests had not the slightest foundation in fact. {Wow!} Such a government worked well in the Philippines, and would work well in Alaska, and those who are really interested in the proper development of that territory for the benefit of the people who live in it and the benefit of the people of the United States, who own it, should support the institution of such a government.  
I have been asked to recommend that the credit of the government be extended to aid the construction of railroads in Alaska. I am not Ready now to do so. A great many millions of dollars have already been expended in the construction of at least two railroads, and if laws be passed providing for the proper development of the resources of Alaska, especially for the opening up of the coal lands, I believe that the capital already invested will induce the investment of more capital, sufficient to complete the railroads building and to furnish cheap coal not only to Alaska, but to the whole Pacific coast. The passage of a law permitting the leasing of government coal lands in Alaska after

	<p>public competition, and the appointment of a commission for the government of the territory, with enabling powers to meet the local needs, will lead to an improvement in Alaska and the development of her resources that is likely to surprise the country.</p> <p>He reiterates his recommendation that the Commission bill be passed &amp; that the coal lands be leased - both of which I shall oppose. I expect that I will have trouble with my own friends -the Progressives-on the leasing question. They are afraid of <u>private ownership</u> &amp; that may defeat my idea - but I will present my objection anyway.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-7<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Went down to the New Willard Hotel tonight &amp; sent my card in to <u>Fremont Older</u>, editor of the San Francisco Bulletin. He was glad to see me f&lt; we went into lie dining room &amp; sat with <u>Rudolph Spreckles</u>, the prop, of the S.F. Bulletin and Burns the great detective. These three men &amp; Francis J. Heney as persecutor broke up the Renf gang of "grafters" in S.F. They were very cordial &amp; friendly to me &amp; expressed their pleasure at my reelection as Delegate in Alaska. They damned Taft &amp; his commission form of government for Alaska, &amp; assured me of their support &amp; friendship. They declared they intended to have McClures Magazine give us another good boost -similar to that in Colliers for Aug. 6th - They can do us much good &amp; I hope the interview will lead to more active work for Alaska by The San Francisco people.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-8<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Charles M. Crawford, miner from Fairbanks, blew into the office today &amp; took lunch with me. Says quartz on Cleary Hill - where he worked - is looking good. He is on his way to Yucatan, Mexico, where his partner has located a large coffee plantation etc. Left me his stock in the T.H.Co. Also gave me power of Atty., \$60,000 face. Good, M.C. from Iowa, and I went over to see Asst. Sec. of Int. Frank Pierce, today, on the subject of amending the placer mining laws of Alaska. Last spring he was bitterly against us – today he is for</p>

	<p>us!! Verily, verily a damned good licking has helped the administration! It now looks as if we can get some legislation in aid of the mining interests in Alaska, &amp; as if my bill limiting the power of attorney &amp; association placer mining claim may go through. No Gugg. Lobby yet in sight here - have just heard Shackelford would not come.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 9-10	<p style="text-align: center;">-9<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Big McDonald, one of Judge Reids bunch of Oklahoma "thieves" is here - from Oklahoma - on a political mission -not connected with Alaska, however.</p> <p>The President has again sent in the name of Faulkner, as U.S. Marshal at Juneau, and Murane, as judge at Nome. I have filed protests with the Judiciary Com. against both. It will probably do no good, but Ill make the record of my objection anyway.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Snowing and storming for several days, and again snowing tonight. D.A. McKenzie is arrested here yesterday on indictment for coal land frauds in Alaska - gave bonds. Ballinger-Pinchot reports filed - Divided jury - on <u>political lines</u>. Except Madison, insurgent, against Ballinger</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 12	<p style="text-align: center;">-12<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Recd, the following letter from Fremont Older Ed. S.F. Bulletin today:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"New York December 10, 1910.</p> <p>Hon James Wickersham, Congress Hall, Washington D.C.</p> <p>My dear Mr. Wickersham: The story upon told me the other evening impressed me very much, and since I came to New York I have felt that you ought to relate it to some people here who are very much interested in the Alaska problem.</p> <p>In this particular instance, I have reference to Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan and Miss Elizabeth Marbery. Miss Morgan has very independent and radical views of the situation in America, and so has her friend, Miss Marbery. I had tea with them yesterday afternoon, and told them briefly about my visit with you, and asked</p>

	<p>them if I might ask you over to meet them and have you tell them the story of Alaska. They were most delighted at the suggestion and found that they have next Thursday evening free. Therefore , if you can possibly leave Washington Thursday come to New York and meet me at the Waldorf Hotel at 6:30 We will then go and dine with these ladies and</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 12	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>a few other people. The dinner will be entirely informal, not dress in any particular. Just come in your ordinary clothes, but please do come. I feel that it will, perhaps, be the beginning of better things for you in Alaska.</p> <p>If you have any engagements that are not absolutely pressing for that date, I wish you would make an effort to lay them aside. Please let me know from the Waldorf Hotel as soon as you receive this letter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Very sincerely yours, Fremont Older."</p> <p>I showed the letter to my friend Good, M.C. from Iowa, who said not to accept, and to Debbie, who said to accept. My own judgment was to accept and I did so by telegraph. I do not like the idea of talking to Miss Morgan about Alaska conditions in which her father is so large a figure, but maybe he can even be reached and persuaded to do the right thing there. Anyway I want Older and the S.F. Bulletin - Rudolph Spreckles - Burns crowd to take up the Alaska fight. (We are getting out letters to every Senator &amp; Congressman with copy of my June 16 speech asking for help to kill the Presidents Commission bill).</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-13<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Asst. Sec. of Int. Pierce sent for me today and I sent over to see him. He said the Department had somewhat changed its views on amending the Alaska mining laws &amp; he suggested several matters wherever they would aid me. It will be one half or more of what I want, and I will now prepare his suggestion in the form of a bill &amp; submit it to him - when we can agree I will introduce it &amp; with the assistance of the Dept. I can get it through this session.</p>

	<p>Went to Belascos Theater with Debbie this afternoon to see Palowa - the Russian Dancer. A fine troupe of Russian and Hungarian dancers. -14<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Saw Pierce, Asst. Sec. Int. about Alaska Mining law amendments - he seems in a mood to help us - Saw Senator Piles - he is very cool - I understand he has also made objections to Faulkners confirmation as Marshal, - hope we can defeat it.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 14-15	<p>14</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> continued: Was called to the office of Hitchcock, M.C. from Nebraska - met Pinchot, Welliver, Graham, &amp; Hitchcock - in earnest discussion of some means to prevent the issuance of patents in the Cunningham coal claims. I am to look up the law touching their legal rights under their final Receivers Receipts. They are anxious to commit me to the leasing system. -15<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Went over to New York on the 9 oclock morning Congressional Limited train to keep my appointment with Fremont Older. Met him, Gov. elect &amp; Mrs. Johnson, of California &amp; together we went to the home of Miss Elizabeth Marbury, #122. East 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.Y. At the dinner were Gov. &amp; Mrs. Johnson, Fremont Older, Miss Anne Morgan, Mr. Cosgraves Ed. Everybodys Magazine, a Mrs. Alexander, from New Jersey, Miss Marbury &amp; I. It fell to me to escort</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 15	<p>-15-</p> <p><u>Mifs Morgan to dinner</u> - think what a nice morsel, in a political way, if it were announced in Alaska, that I had thus met &amp; escorted the daughter of J. Piermont Morgan, the head of the Alaska Syndicate to dinner!!</p> <p>Miss Marbury is fat, fair &amp; forty. - or fifty! She is a woman of keen intellect &amp; strong mind, &amp; having tired of all the pleasures that society &amp; wealth can give has now gone in for radicalism in politics. She is short and exceedingly plump, but is evidently seeking to know the radical leaders in political thought &amp; declares with Rooseveltian energy that things radical are "bully". She is a strong, clever, good and honest woman, who chafes at the</p>

	<p>confinements of her sex and environment, &amp; desires to aid the establishment of an order which would destroy both, her position, power &amp; wealth.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 15	<p>15</p> <p>Miss Anne Morgan is a worthy daughter of the greatest financier the world has ever known. She is 28 or 30 years old, rather tall and of a heavy mold, - but a woman of vigorous and clear mind. Miss Marbury and college professors of radical views have planted thoughts concern the reorganization of society &amp; business in her mind which have no place in the rules of business in Mr. Morgans bank or business. Miss Morgan is a handsome, Junoesque and clear eyed goddess who wishes to aid Pinchots ideas from the safety of the Morgan fortunes. She ought to say "Yes" to some strong and vigorous man in her own walk of life. However, she is an admirable character and will do much before she dies to undo the mighty things her father has done -wrongly. They urged me to talk of conditions in</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 15	<p>15</p> <p>Alaska, and I am free to confess that it required all my skill to describe with the proper show of respect the criminal things the Alaska Syndicate – Morgan-Guggenheim - is doing there, without being guilty of rudeness. One cannot presume that as intelligent a woman as Anne Morgan does not <u>know</u> &amp; fully appreciate <u>who</u> is responsible for those conditions. The dinner was elegant in all its appointments -and the few bites I took between periods were excellent -but they kept me talking. After dinner a Mr. Garrison, connected <u>sub rosa</u> with a new radical newspaper scheme - the establishment of the "National Post", intended to represent radical views and to be controlled by the Progressives with no one to have more than \$200. interest - gave his report upon that subject -and incidentally gave us a remarkably clever talk on how to reorganize</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 15	<p>15</p> <p>the National monetary system. I have no doubt his talk on that subject would have greatly interested Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, though Gov. Johnson &amp;</p>

	<p>Miss Anne Morgan both expressed regret that they could not understand or appreciate it. Mr. Cosgraves Ed. Everybodys, generally cut in with his cynical and incisive objections, - and seemed to be enjoying the joke from his sleeve. The "group" - for such it seemed to be, broke up about 11 oclock. Miss Marbury encouraged me to stand and fight for the rights of the people against the Big Interests (The Morgans), while Miss Morgan seemed to be far more interested in the establishment of young Mr. Garrisons radical newspaper. Gov. Johnson "stopped, looked, and listened", as the signboard at a railway crossing suggests - he talked but little and then with evident reluctance.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 15	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>I noticed that when we started away Mrs. Johnson declined to accept Miss Morgans invitation to ride in her carriage and walked two blocks with us in the cold wind to catch a street car. Older though much good had been done by the dinner - I think nothing was accomplished except that Miss Marbury &amp; Miss Morgan had the doubtful pleasure of entertaining &amp; listening to a group of radicals – While I got well acquainted with a vigorous and brave Westerner, Gov. Johnson - who was evidently bored by the whole thing. It was an humorous incident - no harm done - nor good either.</p> <p>Met Lou Olsen, Charlie Hanson's brother in law from Enumclaw. Waiting for Mrs. Hanson, his wife &amp; and Mrs. Anderson who are due on the Mauritania from Europe tonight.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 16-17	<p style="text-align: center;">-16<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Met Ed. Dunn, from Nome, had breakfast with him. Also Judge Mc &amp; Patcillo from Dawson, &amp; other people from the North. Went to Harpers &amp; other book stores &amp; bought some books on Indians &amp; N.W. Coast history. Back to Washington on evening train.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Charlie Herron is here "Knocking" &amp; attempting to get Murane confirmed as judge at Nome. Let him earn his "crumb" - no doubt he will try to make</p>

	<p>Murane think he did wonders -We are getting a large number of replies - acknowledged generally - from the letter &amp; copy of my June 16 speech sent out to Senators &amp; Members. A few commit themselves but generally they merrily acknowledge the receipt &amp; nothing more.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Sunday: Received a telegram from Judge Bachelor, Emporia, Kansas announcing the death of his wife: Mrs. Lou bell Bachelor - Debbies Sister. "<u>Inform your wife of her sisters death this morning. Funeral Tuesday afternoon.</u> Poor Lou - still she lived to a good old age - for she is nearly seventy. I first met her in 1878 at Mrs. Seeders in Springfield, Ill. when Debbie then boarded while going to school. In the winter of 1878-9 I boarded at her home, with Mr. Isaac Bell, Debbies father, at Berry, P.O. Sangamon Co., Ill. while teaching school at Berry. Lou kept house at home - her mother was dead before - I never met her. When their father died on the day Debbie graduated in 1880, from the High School in Springfield - Debbie &amp; I became engaged &amp; married on Oct. 27 &amp; Lou lived with us for a while - then went to Kansas &amp; Married Mr. Bachelor.</p>
Diary 18, 1910 December 19	<p style="text-align: center;">-19<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Am preparing objections to present to the Senate Com. on Commerce in opposition to a bill introduced Dec. 8 by Senator Clark of Wyoming, to give to the Gugg. Cordova Ry Co. an exclusive monopoly of the wharf - waterfront etc. at Cordova, &amp; all the tidelands &amp; the ownership in fee in the roadway 200 feet wide from the outer wharf to Mile 25 on the Ry. This would give them a complete monopoly of right of way &amp; transportation of the Copper Riv. valley &amp; the Katalla Coal fields - it is the daintiest piece of legislative gum-shoeing I ever saw.</p> <p>Am sending copies of my objections - upon the law &amp; the facts - to Senators on the Com. &amp; to Senator Jones &amp; to Gifford Pinchot. It is a bad bill and must be killed. Will send copy to Jack Dalton, Cordova, who has litigation with them over it.</p>



<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-20<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>I learned yesterday evening that Ballingers report on the Gugg. Ry. bill was to go to the Com. on Commerce this morning - so as soon as there was an answer to the telephone I called Major Brown, Ballingers Sec. and asked him to hold it till I could send them a copy of my objections - he agreed to do so and I sent a letter to Ballinger with a copy of my objections &amp; also one to Brown &amp; suggested to Brown that here was a good opportunity for the Sec. to do right and politics at the same time - to report adversely &amp; put himself before the public in opposition to an attempt by the Guggenheims to control the Alaska coal.</p> <p>I also saw Senator Jones &amp; he declared he would advise Ballinger to do it - I now feel sure that the bill will be killed whatever Ballinger does - Another victory for Alaska, that</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 20-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Alaskans will never hear about, or if they do it will probably be slurred and slighted by the Administration – Guggenheim press. But I am satisfied to win.</p> <p><u>Senator Jones also told me that if the next House, which will be strongly Democratic, will pass my bill for an elective legislature, the senate will pass it. He favors it and will support.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21<sup>st</sup> -</p> <p><u>Congress adjourned till Jany 5th.</u></p> <p>Briggs, from Seward, was in. He went to see the President yesterday &amp; had a row with him. The president raged against Alaska, her people &amp; her delegate. Among other things he declared the people of Alaska were of the kind who had left Washington &amp; other Western states &amp; had changed their names &amp; gone to Alaska to hide their past etc. etc.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Washington Times had this story today: [clipping] ALASKA SYNDICATE AGAIN UNDER FIRE Delegate Wickersham Al- leges Effort to Grab Cor-</p>

	<p>dova Harbor. SAYS GRANT WOULD MEAN MONOPOLY Under Bill Interests Could Control Great Seaport of Territory. By Judson C. Welliver</p> <p>James Wickersham, Delegate from Alaska, is getting ready for another strenuous session of Congress. Last winter Judge Wickersham, without a vote in the House, because a mere Delegate doesn't have a vote, kicked up one of the largest squabbles ever attributed to a disenfranchised member of Congress. He fought the National Administration, the Alaska Syndicate, and the government of Alaska - and won.</p> <p>Then he went home, and found the National Administration, the Alaska Syndicate which means the Guggenheim interests - fighting his re-election as Delegate in Congress. Nobody in particular was for him – nobody except the people of Alaska.</p> <p>The combination of Federal officeholders and corporation retainers fought Judge Wickersham down to the hour when the polls closed. The charges of corruption and undue influence have been such that it is difficult to believe that some sort of extraordinary investigation of that election can be avoided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Won Handsomely.</p> <p>Anyhow, with everybody except the people against him, Judge Wickersham won handsomely, and is back in Washington, devoting himself to the effort to save Alaska. It is doubtful if so difficult a task ever was imposed on a member of Congress. In a general way, everybody is positive that Alaska is a region of vast resources, which ought to be preserved for the benefit of the whole people. But that is about as much as anybody in particular knows about it.</p> <p>For two or three years it has been popularly understood that the Guggenheim interests were out to capture Alaska. The Guggenheims control the Cooper River and Northwestern railroad. That railroad runs from the town of Cordova, on</p>
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Cordova bay, up the Copper River to the heart of the richest coal field in Alaska.

There is only one route by which this coal field can be reached from the sea, and that is the one over which the Copper river road is being constructed.

Would Have Perfect Monopoly.

If the Guggenheims can assure themselves that nobody else will be able to obtain rights along the same route, their monopoly will be perfect. The Copper river road requires, of course, a terminal at one of the few open harbors on the southern coast of Alaska.

If the road can procure a monopoly on a harbor, it will have a monopoly not only of the transportation situation but of the great coal field which it is designed to develop. During the last session of Congress there was introduced a bill by Senator Clark, of Wyoming, by request, which Judge Wickersham alleges would, if passed, give the Guggenheims and their Copper river railroad a monopoly of the Cordova harbor. At the beginning of the present session the same bill was reintroduced, in new form, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

This particular bill has given Judge Wickersham his first excuse for "starting something" the present session. He has addressed letters to members of the Committee on Commerce and other influential statesmen, in which he protests against the passage of such a measure, and insists that if it passes it will complete the Guggenheim monopoly of the richest coal field and most valuable railroad rights in Alaska.

Would Tie Up Harbor.

Judge Wickersham alleges, in short, that the bill designs to give to the Copper river road exclusive ownership of the entire water front of Cordova bay and harbor, to the exclusion of everybody else. In his letter to Senator Frye, he says:  
 "This bill grants and confirms to the Copper River railway a strip of tide and shore land 200 feet in width along the entire waterfront of the town of Cordova, and between the upland and the tidelands. There are but three gateways to the

interior of Alaska, and Cordova is one of them. It is the central gateway and the outlet of the great Copper river coal and copper lands. If this bill should pass it would confirm a complete monopoly of approach between this gateway and the ocean. "It is the same as if one railroad owned all of the waterfront of New York, Chicago, San Francisco, or Seattle. If this bill should pass, this railroad could, and would, prevent any other railroad, or any other enterprise of any kind, or the people of the United States or of the Territory of Alaska from reaching the navigable waters of the Pacific from the Interior of Alaska, except under such terms as they should dictate. It would give them entire charge, control and ownership of the waterfront in front of the only harbor through which the Copper river comes, and the coal from the Katalla and Bering river coal fields.

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Could fix Own Rates

"Without any restriction whatever they could thereafter, for ever, charge such rates of wharfage as they pleased. Such a monopoly of a great seaport, through which the great interior of Alaska must trade, will be a handicap to the growth of the Territory, and a right never before given by Congress to any person or corporation. No one of the great transcontinental railroads of our country has ever had any such right, and the States of California, Oregon, and Washington own and control a harbor area for the express purpose of preventing just this sort of monopoly."

Judge Wickersham is making every effort to convince membe4rs of both houses of Congress that the bill ought to be defeated. To this end he has taken up the matter with the officials of the National Conservation Association.

"I think," said Judge Wickersham today, "that this is about the smoothest gumshoe effort the Guggenheims have yet made in the direction of controlling the Alaska coal fields."

Interest in Alaska.

Although accurate and detailed information about

	<p>Alaska affairs is rare, there are few subjects now before Congress which, apparently, hold more interest to the general public. Members of both houses say that since the problem of saving Alaska has become prominent, they are constantly receiving letters about it.</p> <p>He has, accordingly, asked to be heard by the Senate Committee on Commerce before the bill is passed upon, and it is promised that if a public hearing is given him there will be some sensational observations.</p> <p>Willis Abbott was over to the office for Alaska educational matter – and got it. We are constantly sending out “stuff” about Alaska &amp; educating our friends &amp; others about the Territory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23<sup>rd</sup> -</p> <p>I wrote a nice letter to Senator Clark of Wyo. who introduced the foregoing bill &amp; received a reply saying: “ I have yours communication of Dec. 21 at with reference to Senate Bill 9163. It should have been very evident to you from the fact that I introduced this bill “by request” - that I have no interest either in its passage or defeat. I was imposed upon by nobody with reference to the same and introduced it as I would for any person or any territory having no representative in the Senate to act for them.” The Senator does not seem to remember that Alaska has a representative at the other end of the Capitol.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 23-26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>He has since introduced two bills at the direct request of Senator Guggenheim - and was probably requested by that Senator to introduce the Cordova grab bill also. Am sending copies of the letter to Senator Frye &amp; the newspaper story to all the friendly papers in Alaska and to many people.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24<sup>th</sup> –</p> <p>Every one getting ready for Christmas - offices closed &amp; every one gone from Capitol. Am making few presents -but Christmas is without spirit unless there are young folks to make it happy.</p>

	<p style="text-align: right;">-25-</p> <p>Christmas – Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-26<sup>th</sup> –</p> <p>Working hard on a statement on “The Alaska Coal Land Situation”</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">-1<sup>st</sup> -</p> <p>[Inside back cover - card] Washington, D.C., December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1910</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BAR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE COURT-ROOM, AT THE CAPITOL, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 1910, AT TWELVE O’CLOCK NOON, TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES. MEMBERS OF THE BAR ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">-29<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Working busily on Alaska Coal Situation. Went to see Phillip P. Wells, counsel for the National Conservation Association, at his suggestion that he was keenly interested in Alaska coal matters. I plainly told him I was opposed to the Presidents plan of leasing Alaska Coal lands &amp; we talked over the objections to that &amp; other plans of protecting the public interest in Alaska coals at some length. Mr. Shipp, Sec. of the Nat. Con. Assoc. told me they intended to issue a Magazine in the interest of National Conservation beginning its initial publication on Feb. 1 next, and he invited me to prepared a paper on the need of Conservation in Alaska which I promised to do. It may enable me to suggest what I think to be the remedy for waste in Alaska.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1910 December 30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">-30<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Called on Senator Borah today at request of Colliers Magazine, to discuss illustrations for his proposed article in the Magazine on the Government Ownership &amp; Control of Railroads &amp; Coal Mines in Alaska. I said to him that I was not able to bring myself to agree with the President that a Government</p>

	<p>leasing of coal mines in Alaska was desirable - and he very promptly said he, too, was opposed to the plan &amp; had told the President so. He complimented me on my independent stand in opposition to the President &amp; said he would support me earnestly in both opposition to leasing the coal &amp; the Beveridge bill. Senator Jones has practically promised (and will when he knows Borah has) to assist me in both matters &amp; I feel certain of good strong support in the fight now.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 January 1	<p style="text-align: center;">-1911-</p> <p>January 1, 1911. <u>Happy New Year.</u> I am very much interested &amp; constantly engaged in preparing a statement of the Alaska coal situation. Necessarily it is quite long and embraces a statement of facts, of law and of objections to the proposed Nelson bill &amp; generally to the Presidents proposed leasing scheme. I am much better situated this winter than last. - the strong fight made on me by the President &amp; the Alaska Syndicate forces in my election &amp; their defeat, has attracted attention to my struggle to defend Alaskas interests, and has secured me many friends &amp; supporters who will hereafter assist me in the fight &amp; consequent victory.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 January 2	<p style="text-align: center;">-January 2<sup>nd</sup> -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AID FOR THE ALASKANS President Asks for Coal Land Legislation by Congress. CONFERS AT WHITE HOUSE Ballinger, Senators, and Representatives Call and Discuss Chances for the Pas- Age of a Conservation Bill at Present Session-California Oil Situation Also Gone Into-For Cheaper Fuel.</p> <p>President Taft learned last night what legislation may be expected of Congress at its present session on the conservation of natural resources. Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, chairman of the Senate committee on public lands; Senators Smoot , of</p>

	<p>Utah, and Flint of California, also of that committee; Representative Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming, chairman of the House committee on public lands, and Reresentative Herbert Parsons, of New York, a member of the committee, conferred with President Taft until a late hour on phases of conservation, relating particularly to the coal lands in Alaska, the oil situation in California, and the subject of appeals from the decisions of the Department of the Interior. The President urged upon members of the House and Senate committees present the necessity for prompt legislation on the most pressing needs of the country, particularly the Alaskan coal lands. Ballinger Has a Bill A tentative draft of a bill by Secretary Ballinger looking toward the opening of coal deposits in Alaska by the leasing system was discussed at length. The President, it is understood, emphasized the importance of an early opening of coal lands in Alaska, so as to afford the inhabitants of that district a more reasonable price on coal. The oil situation in California, as affected by the recent Yard decision, was touched on at the conference, the President being informed as to the probable action of the congressional committees on the whole proposition of oil legislation. A nice bunch of conservationists! An organization effort to assist the Guggenheims to monopolize Alaska.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 January 2	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>[invitation to The Post Parliament] Mrs. Moore has written to me for information about Alaska – she has been assigned to represent Alaska in the Post Parliament and now invites me to attend. I think I shall do it? [card] I spent the winter of 1908 1909 at Congress Hall and Mrs. Elbridge J. Moore knew most of the guests there. [?] It will be another chance to speak for Alaska and good government there – and may do some good.</p>

<p>Diary 18, 1911 January 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jany 3<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>Accepted an invitation from Mrs. Elbridge J. Moore to attend a meeting of the "Post Parliament" at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, N.Y. on the 13<sup>th</sup> – if I could get away from my duties here.</p> <p>Judge Thomas Burke of Seattle called on me today -he assured me of his most hearty &amp; earnest support in my efforts to defeat the Beveridge Bill &amp; also the Leasing of Alaska coal land bill, - not a mere perfunctory assistance but a real active working assistance. We went over the matters - &amp; I am sending to him at his Hotel the data go give him a complete mastery of the situation - he promises to see the President &amp; <u>try</u> to do something with him, but we both agreed that but little could be done - he has gone to far on his recommendations &amp; public approval of both to withdraw.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 January 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jan 4.</p> <p>Have prepared a tentative bill on the coal land situation in Alaska and have given a copy to Judge Burke. It proposes simply to control the rates &amp; prices for selling, transporting &amp; storing coal mined in Alaska, &amp; then to put the clause into the patents &amp; issue those which are lawful! &amp; abandon the reservations.</p> <p>Went down &amp; talked it over with Jud Welliver - muckraker &amp; my friend.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Congress reconvened today after the Holidays. [clipping]</p> <p>By Mr. WICKERSHAM: A bill (H.R. 30293) to reserve to the United States the right and power to fix, control and regulate the rates, prices, and profits to be charged upon coal mined in Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Public Lands.</p> <p>The President is holding sessions frequently with Senator Nelson &amp; Chairman Mondale &amp; Com. Pub. Lands &amp; working on a leasing bill which I shall oppose. I shall push my bill hard. Judge Burke, Seattle &amp; the Seattle Chamber of Commerce - approve my bill.</p>

<p>Diary 18, 1911 January 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-6<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Assisted Dick Rand to get his Railroad &amp; Bridge Bill from the Katalla Coal fields to Controller Bay in shape to avoid the objections which I made to the Copper River Road Bill.</p> <p>Mr. Shipp, of the Nat. Conservation Assoc. took lunch with me today &amp; we discussed his proposed Conservation Magazine &amp; my article for it. He took a lot of my photographs to choose for cuts for the first issue. Also Col. Fred Plummer my old Tacoma friend took dinner with us tonight - discussed a lecture he wants me to deliver here in Washington in Feb.</p> <p>Sent a copy of a proposed Resolution to Frank Goss, who is a member of the Wash. State Legislature to introduce - asking Congress to grant Alaska an elective Legislature -am to send others to Oregon California &amp; Idaho. I intend to start work along that line &amp; get it through next winter - &amp; make Taft sign it before he is succeeded by a Democrat.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 January 8-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-8<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Jan 8, 1911 Mr. &amp; Mrs. Morrison, from. Hot Springs – between Fairbanks &amp; Ft. Gibbon, took lunch with us today &amp; C.E. Davison, surveyor, from Fairbanks spent the afternoon with us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA CASE RULING Justice Barnard Upholds Inter- State Commerce Body. MANDAMUS IS REFUSED Petition of Humboldt Steamship Company Is Dismissed. APPEAL LIKELY TO BE TAKEN Court Holds That Both Requisites for Issuance of a Writ Are Absent.</p> <p>While maintaining the right of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in a proper case to grant a mandamus against the interstate commerce commission, Justice Barnard of the District Supreme Court today refused to compel the commission to take jurisdiction over the common</p>

carriers of Alaska.

He accordingly dismissed the petition of the Humboldt Steamship Company of California, which sought a mandamus when the interstate commerce commission, last June in a majority report, three commissioners dissenting, declined to take jurisdiction and to require the Alaskan roads to file schedules of rates.

An appeal probably will be taken by the petitioner to the Court of Appeals, and if Justice Barnard is sustained there will seek a final determination in the Supreme Court of the United States. A statement is on file in the case that the money interests involved are in excess of \$5,000.

The court holds that the case at bar is not one calling for the exercise of the extraordinary power of the court by way of mandamus. Such a writ should issue, suggests Justice Barnard, only when the party applying has a clear legal right to the relief he claims, which he cannot obtain by any other proceeding.

He must not only have a clear legal right, but there must be a clear legal duty on the part of the respondent which he refuses to perform, and that duty must be ministerial in its character and in no degree discretionary. Both these requisites for the issuance of a mandatory writ are absent, the court finds, in the present case, which has come to be known as the Alaskan rate case.

Thinks Legal Duty Not Clear.

"Can it be said," remarks the court, "that the legal duty is clear when a commission composed of seven gentlemen well versed in the law are divided in opinion as to that duty, four to three? And if the relator's right depends on the construction of the law, about which there is such difference of opinion among judges, can it be said that he has a clear right to the relief demanded? I have no doubt that this court has jurisdiction to grant the writ of mandamus against the interstate commerce commission, provided the case made is sufficiently clear.

"The relator has no other remedy, and if the case were plain the court would not hesitate to issue the

writ as prayed, but where there is any reasonable doubt of the existence of the essential conditions above stated the court should decline to issue writ."

The report of the commission consisted of a majority finding written by Commissioner Harlan and a dissenting opinion by Commissioner Clements, concurred in by Commissioners Cockrell and Lane. In the majority opinion the commission held that Alaska is not a territory of the United States in the sense in which that phrase is used in the act to regulate commerce, as amended, and therefore held the commission has no authority or jurisdiction over carriers operating in Alaska.

Jurisdiction of Commission.

Justice Barnard, in his opinion, makes it clear that he stands with the minority on the question of the jurisdiction of the commission when he declares that had the commission assumed the right to hear the petition "no one, I think, could successfully question their right to do so."

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If the District Supreme Court had appellate jurisdiction over the commission, Justice Barnard says, he would feel constrained to reverse the decision and to require the commission to pass upon the merits of the controversy therein described.

Justice Barnard disposes of the point made by the majority of the commission that jurisdiction over the carriers should not be taken because the word "district" instead of "territory" appears in numerous acts concerning Alaska. "My construction of the acts referred to," he says, "and my reading of the various opinions of the Supreme Court of the United States in relation thereto is nothing conclusive in that argument."

Attorneys Charles D. Drayton and John B. Daish represented the petitioner and the commission was represented by P.J. Farrell, its solicitor.

This is the case where we were attempting to secure a ruling that "Alaska is a Territory" but the

	<p>result is a "Dog fall" - as the boys say - we get comfort but no judgment. The court clearly holds with us on the argument, but- refuses for technical reasons to issue the mandamus.</p> <p>I wrote the brief used by Drayton - he took my <u>amicus curae</u> brief before the Interstate Commerce Commission &amp; used it bodily in the court case. I snatched a little victory today. As a member of the Com. on Military Affairs I moved to amend the clause appropriating \$100,000 for the construction and maintenance of roads in Alaska, but provident that not less than one-half thereof (shall</p>
Diary 18, 1911 January 9	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>be expended) <u>upon the military and post road bridges and trail between Seward and Iditarod.</u></p> <p>I only won my point after a long debate and then by a vote of five to six in my favor. While Sulzer voted with me he was plainly disappointed for he was interested in getting larger appropriations for his trail to Chandalar where he owes mines. Major Richardsons friends are threatening to raise a point of order against the item on the floor of the House - I sent telegrams to Seward to get the people there at work to pull him down by telegraph, and make him accept the amendment. Senator Jones of Wash, told me to stand fast if they threw the whole item out in the House he would get it back in the Senate!</p>
Diary 18, 1911 January 10-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Have resolutions off to Washington, California and Nevada for legislatures, recommending Congress to pass organic law for Alaska to give us an elective Territorial Legislature.</p> <p>Saw Senator Borah today &amp; he took the Idaho resolution &amp; promised to get it passed - sent Oregon copy to Senator Bourne, who is friendly &amp; I hope he will act with us. It is bread upon the waters &amp; we may get aid from the effort.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Recd, telegram from Joe Sliscovich, a Nome miner &amp; a "character" say Partner dead cannot effect settlement ten days wire me hundred."</p> <p>Sent him the hundred this morning with a telegram saying: Story about dead partner touched me.</p>

	<p>Dont let any more die. Mush for the mines with the hundred." Joe had evidently been going some.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 January 11	<p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup> continued-</p> <p>-11<sup>th</sup> continued-</p> <p>W. J. Burns, the great detective, brought McClure, of McClures Magazine, to see me today - McClure took lunch with me &amp; Debbie and we spent 2 hours on Alaska stories.</p> <p>I had just received through the mail the rejected story (by the Cosmopolitan) "<u>The Nome Court Fixers</u>" written by Jack Woodson, &amp; I gave that &amp; a good deal of my own affidavits etc. to him. He is to be back in a day or two to go into the subject of Alaska story.</p> <p>Went to see Welliver this afternoon, he is complaining that Pinchot &amp; I do not get together &amp; work in common, &amp; he called up Shipp, Sec. Nat. Conservation Assoc. &amp; made a date on next Monday for all of us to get together &amp; will talk over the reported scheme to put the Alaska Leasing Bill by a trick - and to beat it.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 January 14-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Had a running fight in the House today over an appropriation for the Seward - Iditarod wagon road appropriation. Mann, of Illinois, and Hay, of Virginia, made points of order against my amendment in the Military App. bill, directing the Alaska Road Commission to spend 1/2 of the \$100,000 appropriation on the Seward - Iditarod road &amp; while I beat them on the vote they succeed on the point of order. It is agreed, however, that if the Senate will put it in there will be no further objection, and in that way we may yet succeed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Spent an hour with Senator Jones discussing Alaska leasing bill - he is attempting to mollify my opposition to it.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 January 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>The coal leasing bill was to be heard before Senator Nelsons Committee on Public Lands today - but the California people took up the time with the oil land bill &amp; so we went over to Saturday. I am working &amp; have constantly worked for some time on a long complete statement of the Alaska</p>

	coal land situation & feel quite ready for the fray. I intend to propose a number of amendments & get the bill in the best shape possible -then fight it. Falcon Joslin is here - I am told he is opposed to the leasing scheme also. Recd, telegram today from Frank P. Goss, at Olympia, Wash, saying: “ <u>Without opposition House adopts memorial electoral government Alaska Senate votes Thursday.</u> ” <u>Bully Boy.</u>
Diary 18, 1911 January 19	-19 <sup>th</sup> - Senator LaFollette called me up today & I went over to see him. Found Mr. Hampton, of Hamptons Magazine there & we talked Alaska much The Senator is at last-interested in Alaska and promises me very possible aid & assistance. He promised to call a meeting soon of the radical group & let me talk to them on the Alaska situation - and he promises to give me assistance in the matter of appointments in Alaska also. His secretary also assured me that HE would call matters to the Senators attention if I could notify him so that nothing might be neglected. I prepared & gave an article to the National Conservation Magazine today - for its first number & on Alaska
Diary 18, 1911 January 20-21	-20- Dr. L.S. Kellar, from Skagway, arrived in Washington. He came from St. Louis at my suggestion and is a candidate for U. S. Marshal. -21 <sup>st</sup> - Hearing this forenoon before the Senate Com. on Pub. Lands on the Alaska coal leasing bill. Nelson hectorred me for the twenty minutes I was given – think of it! 20 short minutes – grudgingly granted to discuss the most important bill ever introduced in regard to the immense resources of that territory & I made strong objection to a blanket reservation of the Territory - & yet stronger against the item fixing the royalty at only 5 cents per ton! I offered a suggestion that the royalty be fixed at a maximum of fifty (50) cents and graduated downward upon the standard
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January 21	coal classification adopted[?] by the Govt. - four classes. Brooks, Holmes, Ballaine & Patrick all spoke in favor to the leasing system & the first two supported the 5 cent royalty plan. Senator Piles was present but kept “mum”- Recd, telegram from Hon Frank P. Goss from Olympia, Washington, saying that the memorial favoring an elective legislature for Alaska had passed the legislature. Telegraphed to Gov. Johnson, informing him and asking his State to help us also. Senator La Follette told me he would get his State Legislature to pass a similar memorial. It looks as if we might get such help along that line that we can beat Mr. Tafts scheme next winter & pass my bill.
Diary 18, 1911 January 24	-24 <sup>th</sup> - Dr. Kellar from Skagway is here & is a candidate for U.S. Marshal. Percy Charles, from Fairbanks, is also in the office today - he told me he had been here for some time - he seems to have kept away from my sight. He too was a candidate for U.S. Marshal & will be supported by the Shackleford - Clark faction. I shall do all I can to defeat his confirmation if he is appointed. I am busy on my objections & criticisms upon Senator Nelsons Coal land leasing bill for Alaska. Met with Rep. Madison, from Kansas, last night & explained its iniquities to him & he will help me fight it. So will Pinchot & the Insurgents. Mondell, ch of Com. On Pub. Lands, House, gave me a copy of the Coal land leasing bill for Alaska which he will introduce in the House today. It is as bad or worse than Nelsons & just about the same thing.
Diary 18, 1911 January 25	-25 <sup>th</sup> - Meeting of Com. on Ter. this morning to consider Sec. Nagels letter asking for additional legislation on Fisheries in Alaska. Telegrams a yard long in protest were received yesterday by the Chairman - Nothing can be done at this session - but I shall enjoy seeing them sweat - <u>we will pass a fishery law next winter!!</u> Sent my proposed amendments to the Alaska



	Coal Land Leasing. Bill (S.9955) introduced by Senator Nelson, over to Senator Jones & asked him to offer them this morning. <u>I sent one in the exact language of the Presidents message, &amp; I shall be interested to know what they do with it. I shall offer it as an amendment myself if the bill ever reaches the House.</u>
Diary 18, 1911 January 26	-26- Faulkner is on from Juneau and was before the subcommittee yesterday trying to explain that his father was a voter in the United States & that he is a citizen. How they will get over this affidavit in 1905, his declaration of intention, wherein he swore positively that he was not a citizen, I do not know. Dr. Kellar still here visiting his friends - receptive candidate for U.S. Marshal Ex. Gov. Brady - of Alaska - took lunch with me today -the old man is lecturing. Mr. Good, M.C. from & for the Com. on Ter. of House, today got report filed in favor of my law amending the placer mining law in Alaska - restricting the abuse of the power of Atty. in locating & limiting the Assoc. claim to 40 acres & also limiting the No. of claims which may be located in any one year.
Diary 18, 1911 January 27 <sup>th</sup>	-27 <sup>th</sup> - Com. on Pub. Land, H. of R. today gave a long hearing on the Alaska Coal Leasing Bill. Brooks & Otis Smith, of the U.S. Geo. Survey, Joslin, Ballaine, Bolander spoke for the leasing bill, while I "did my damdest" to beat it. I offered the Presidents scheme as a substitute for Mondells bill - but no amount of persuasion could convince Mondell that the Presidents suggestions are as good as his. Of course, I am opposed to both the Presidents & Mondells leasing ideas & favor a sale of the lands to individual purchasers - I am opposed to the United States going into the coal business - or any other business. Recd. telegram from Darrell today saying he would come home on Minnesota" leaving Manilla, P.I. February, 16 <sup>th</sup> .
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January 28	Dr. Kellar went home today. We do not think Faulkner will be confirmed - Senator Borah declares he will fight his confirmation to the end. But that dont help. What we have been trying to accomplish is to get the ST. Paul, Minn, influence strong enough on Nelson to make him "throw" Faulkner & urge Kellers appointment instead. The Sec. of War, & Sec. of Treas. have today put in a request for the additional \$50,000 for the Iditarod Wagon Road. <u>Our fight on the floor of the house got results!</u> Am going over to New York tomorrow morning & will tomorrow night deliver an hours talk at Cooper Union on Alaska.
Diary 18, 1911 January 29	-29 <sup>th</sup> - I stood on the historic Cooper Union state in New York tonight & appealed to the large audience for support in my effort to establish in Alaska a "government of the people, by the people, for the people." Here it was when Lincoln stood in 1860 and delivered his famous Cooper Union Speech. While mine was tame in oratory it was earnest and appealed strongly to my audience, who passed a resolution declaring it to be their wish that Congress shall establish an elective Territorial Legislature in Alaska. My friend Col. Sutherland, from Juneau , Col. Jerome of N.Y and Mr. Frank White a U.Y. Democratic politician, went with me to Cooper Union - and four other Alaskans were there - White & others think we can get N.Y. Legislature to pass resolutions in
Diary 18, 1911 January 29-30	29 same general form as those passed in Washington - both in N.Y. & in New Jersey. They say that I must write to Gov. Woodrow Wilson asking him to support them. Saw a lot of Alaskans around the Hotel - Charley Herron, Jack Hines, Dick Ryan, Willis Nowell, etc. Saw Stephen Birch & Mr. Ralph in the Waldorf dining room, but did not go near them & did not speak.
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	<p>Back from N.Y. this morning at seven. Nelsons leasing bill was reported to the Senate for passage on Saturday - It is loaded down with amendments, but they want anything - so that it can be used for political purposes. They do not think any good can come of it, but just politics. The Post this morning has a clipping</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 January 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>from the Boston Advertiser about the "Two Wickershams". [clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Two Wickershams.</p> <p>From the Boston Advertiser That there are two Wickersham in Washington public life is annoying to the Attorney General, who happens to be one such. His name is naturally often in print. His views on public questions are sometimes of the utmost importance. But before the people of the land knew there was such a man as George W. Wickersham head not of the Department of Justice, there was James Wickersham, delegate from Alaska and prominent in its affairs there. His views are not those of the Attorney General frequently, and especially are the two men at variance as to what should be done in Alaska coal matters, and their views appear in public print and all the public that contents itself with scanning only headlines know is that Wickersham said something. The Attorney General has had to deny many utterances as not being his, and considerable mystification and embarrassment has arisen. Both men wish that the other Wickersham were not about in public life.</p> <p>[clipping] NEEDS OF ALASKA. Delegate Wickersham Tells a Cooper Union Audience About Them James Wickersham, Congress Delegate from Alaska, spoke in Cooper Union last evening on "Alaska, present Political Problems and Disputed Policies." He said that he was glad to speak for</p>

	<p>Alaska on Sunday evening, because Alaska and the welfare of its people were his religion. Alaska, he said, had been called the "red-headed stepchild of the nation," and that this stepchild had many needs. Among them, he said, were money, young men, development of national resources and popular government. He said that Alaska was little understood in the East and that it was commonly thought of as a glacier ridden barren country. This was a mistake, he said, the truth is that glaciers are confined to the southern coast and the interior is as dry as Arizona. He said that there is as much sunshine in Alaska as in New York or Panama. In the six months between March 21 and September 21 Alaska gets three-quarters of her total amount of sunshine, so that a kind of forcing hothouse process takes place and they get good crops. Mr. Wickersham said that hundred of millions of dollars had been taken out of Alaska, especially in the seal industry, but not one cent went to building a home or a school in Alaska. He said that he is opposed to a bill now before Congress to lease the Alaskan coal lands, because the present plan is to give them to one corporation. He said that he wanted the coal lands conserved so that the people of Alaska themselves will own them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA COAL LANDS. Authorizing Their Lease To Be Reported To The Senate.</p> <p>WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.- A bill was ordered reported from the Senate Public Lands Committee to-day authorizing the leasing of coal lands in Alaska in areas of not less than 2,560 acres to one lessee, to be subject to the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission to intervene upon complaint and establish just and reasonable rates for transportation and reasonable prices for coal. Licenses to prospectors for a period of two years are authorized at the rate of 25 cents per acre for the first year and 50 cents for the second year, with the privilege of leasing for thirty years at the rate of 5 cents a ton if lease is executed within ten years from the passage of the proposed act. If made</p>
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	<p>after ten years the price shall be not less than 6 nor more than 10 cents a ton.</p> <p>The scale of rentals in addition is fixed as follows: "Fifty cents per acre of the leased premises for the first year; \$1 per acre for the second year; \$2 per acre for the third year, and \$4 per acre for every year thereafter during the continuance of the lease. Such rental for any year shall be credited upon the royalty accruing during that year. Every such lease granted under the provisions of this act shall be upon the conditions that the lessee will not monopolize or attempt to monopolize in whole or in part the trade in coal."</p> <p>Transportation companies in Alaska are expressly excluded from the privilege of leasing coal lands.</p> <p>The Delegate said that Alaska is without popular government. It has no legislative assembly, and in his opinion it ought to have one. Congress is the legislative body for Alaska, he said, and if you have ever tried to get a bill through Congress you know how much legislation Alaska gets.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham said he wanted an American form of government for Alaska. He said that the Guggenheims had got possession of the coal and transportation routes and that if they can get control of the civil government they would have the greatest fortune -the world has ever seen.</p> <p>[clipping continued]</p> <p>In conclusion he told the story of Jim and his dog. They were lost and Jim was likely to die of starvation. He didnt like to kill his dog and yet he must have food or die. So he cut the tail off the dog and made soup of it, which saved his life and the dogs. When he told of his adventure to a friend his friend asked him what he did for the dog to show his gratitude. Oh, said the trapper, I gave the dog the bone from his tail to chew on. That, he said, is what Alaska gets out of her resources.</p> <p>Hearings before the Com. On Pub. Lands on Alaska Coal lands –leasing – I appeared a&amp; approved the bill.</p>
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January 31- February 2	<p>Panama Exposition Bill passed, - San Francisco won! Bully.</p> <p>Recd, telegram from Valdes Chamber of Commerce saying "Full attendance regular meeting this Chamber unanimously endorse your amendments Nelson bill and applaud your efforts to extend Inter-State Commerce Law to Alaska."</p> <p>-February 2<sup>nd</sup> -</p> <p>Gifford Pinchot and Judge Madison, of Kansas, M.C. came to consult with me today about Alaska Coal legislation. I explained that even if the Leasing Bill shall pass, all the coal lands in the Katalla &amp; Matanuska fields have been located - proved upon - and paid for - the Govt. has accepted the money - there is nothing to lease. I also pointed out the vices of the bill &amp; they agreed with me.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 February 2-3	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Before they left we were invited to meet at Pinchots house on Sunday evening to meet Senator La Folette &amp; others interested in the Conservation of Alaska, to discuss ways and means to defeat the Leasing Bill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3<sup>rd</sup> -</p> <p>Saw Senator Borah this forenoon &amp; gave him all the information possible in a few minutes time with which to oppose the Nelson Coal Leasing Bill for Alaska.</p> <p>Senator Nelson got the Bill set today on the Calendar as the special order, which gives it the right of way. It may pass the Senate, but not without a fight from Borah &amp; the Progressives. "Tom" Shackleford, Louis' brother, came in to see us this morning. He is just out of jail here for passing worthless checks - the poor devil is a wreck - a derelict.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 February 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Febry 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Pinchot came to see me today - He &amp; Judge Madison had prepared a statement that will be issued by the Conservationists on Monday in opposition to the Nelson Coal land leasing bill - denouncing it as a fraud upon the government and the people and in aid of the "Big Interests." I am greatly pleased to get Pinchot &amp; his friends to</p>

	<p>fighting it. My statement prepared for the Com. on Pub. Lands, in opposition to the Mondell - and all - Leasing Bills is printed.</p> <p>The Gugg. bill to relieve the Copper River Ry. from taxation for ten years to come before the Com. on Ter. on Monday - I must kill it. Am going to New York to meet Frost &amp; get what information from him I can about the Matanuska coal &amp; Ballinger as their Attorney.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 February 5-6	<p style="text-align: center;">-Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Was invited to Gifford Pinchots, 1715 Rhode Island Ave. for dinner tonight to meet Senator La Follette, Senator Bristow &amp; Judge Madison and Senator elect Hitchcock to consult over the Nelson Coal Leasing Bill.</p> <p>The dinner was excellent - &amp; greatly enjoyed. After dinner we adjourned to the Library &amp; they took up discussion of the Leasing Bill. I had the maps, books &amp; every document letter etc. necessary for a full understanding &amp; explained the defects, etc. They fully agreed after hearing that the bill was bad and must be opposed in the Senate. We talked over Alaska matters fully &amp; they will generally assist me in opposition to bad bills.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>The Guggenheim bill for the exemption of the Copper River &amp; N.W. Ry. from taxation for 10 years came before H. Com. on Ter. - but on my objection it was postponed to give its advocates a hearing - It will never pass.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 February 6-7	<p style="text-align: center;">-6-</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> continued.</p> <p><u>My bill amending the mineral land laws in Alaska passed the House today.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Went over to New York on the 9 morning train arrived there at 3 p.m. Went to Waldorf-Astoria Hotel &amp; met A.C. Frost, of Chicago, who built or rather did not build the Alaska Central Ry. He gave me a map of the Matanuska Coal field - &amp; the locations of the Watson or Frost group. He told me that Ballinger had been his attorney for ten years - &amp; that not long since James A. Haight, Seattle lawyer, had telegraphed him that he would be</p>

	<p>indicated for coal land frauds etc. that hereupon he came to Washington &amp; saw Atty. Genl. Wickersham &amp; Sec. Ballinger - interviewed them etc. He is now on his way to Europe! Came home on train leaving N. Y. at 6 p. m. arriving Wash at 11<sup>30</sup></p>
Diary 18, 1911 February 8-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-8<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Writing letters today - catching up with my correspondence. Learn that Mondell will not push his leasing bill but will wait until the Nelson bill gets over &amp; take it as the bill to report to the House.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Hearing before House Com. on Territories today on the Gugg. Bill to relieve them from taxation for 10 years. The Gugg. Lobby was on hand in full force - but after a short hearing the matter went over till next week.</p> <p>Dick Ryan's bill to give him a grip on Controller Bay Harbor has gone through the Committee - Manns Com. &amp; will be reported to the House — It is an attempt to steal that harbor - just as the Guggs. tried to get Cordova - I think it is a Gugg. scheme - pulled along by Ryan</p>
Diary 18, 1910 February 12	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>The President has written a letter to Senator Warren, Ch. Com. on Mil. Affairs etc. asking that the Alaska road appropriation item be amended so that Army officers on the retired list may be appointed on the Alaska Road Com. -the purpose being = Richardson is to be retired from the Army - &amp; put on the Com. as a retired officer. He can then take such interest in politics etc. as he pleases - he will be the "old man of the mountain" on our backs forever.</p> <p>Had a talk with Lloyd, from Mo, the ranking member on the Com. on Ter. &amp; he told me that here was danger that Houston of Miss, would be chairman of the Com. on Ter. under the Democratic organization - I had a talk to night with Madison, of Kan. &amp; told him the situation - He will see members of the Com. on Corns &amp; try &amp; stop the scheme -Houston is against us.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 February 14	<p style="text-align: center;">-14<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>On Sunday Mr. Lloyd of Mo. Talked with me about</p>

	<p>the organization of the Com. on Ter. &amp; rather suggested that possibly Humphries of Miss. Might be chairman. I talked with Judge Madison about it &amp; frankly told him that Humphries was against us &amp; was much impressed by Fink &amp; his statements. Today Madison &amp; I went to see Ollie James of Ky, the great force in the Democratic Com. on Committees, which has the organization of the Com. in the next House. After full explanation he promised us that we should have a good, fair &amp; sympathetic Com. - I said that if Lloyd wanted to be chairman he would be appointed &amp; <u>that Humphries would not.</u></p> <p>Mr. Gifford Pinchot called me up on the telephone today and asked me to call &amp; have a talk with Dr. Holmes, the chief of</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-14<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>the Bureau of Mines. I promptly told him that I did not think it would do any good, but he replied it would &amp; said that Dr. H- was there and asked me to talk with him on the phone which I did. The result was that I was politely invited to come to the Bureau of Mines tomorrow after noon &amp; talk - I wonder what they want now?</p> <p>They have discovered, at least, that I am in Washington City. I presume it relates to the coal leasing bill, which I am proud to declare I have killed - alone and unaided! That's the second of President Taft's great schemes for Alaska that I have defeated - and rightly so. The appointive legislature bill &amp; a national coal leasing bill for Alaska would have been ruinous and Un-American &amp; I am getting the credit for defeating both - and am entitled to it.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-15<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Hearing this forenoon before H. Co. on Ter. on Tax Exemption Bill benefit Guggenheim - Cop. Riv. Ry. Steel, Law, ONeil &amp; a dozen other lobbyists present, and they are working like beavers quietly and secretly to secure the Com - <u>and it looks like they have it.</u> We - or rather Good, cross-examined Steele today - and the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.</p> <p>Tonight Lobbyist Law was around delivering copies</p>

	<p>of statements etc. in writing to members - saw him deliver to Lloyd, who is with us - and he saw he had to see "another gentlemen" - Hamilton is sick and that gives them a majority of one of the Com. Went to see Dr. Holmes of the Bureau of Mines today -he just wanted to talk. Barney is on a general spree and refuses to show up to the office. Fear I shall have to dismiss him.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>We had a great row this forenoon before the Com on Ter. over the Guggenheim bill for exemption from taxation for the Copper River Ry. Lloyd of Mo. &amp; Southwick of N.Y. first came together &amp; then when the Gugg. Attorney/ John N. Steele proposed to quit after stating the facts for his side &amp; refused to submit to cross examination, I taunted him with being a coward &amp; afraid to be cross examined etc. &amp; we nearly came to blows. On test votes they had 5 to our 4, but dared not report the bill &amp; finally adjourned to meet when he would return for cross exam. On later reports we now think we can probably control the Com. since Hamilton, who is home sick, will be there next Monday - (when the hearing is continuing) &amp; is with us, as also is McKinney of Ill.</p> <p>Dr. S. Hall Young saw the President today &amp; talked Alaska. The Pres. denounced me</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 16-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>as he usually does &amp; told Mr. Young that the saloon keepers elected me - Mr. Young said - "Mr. President, do I look like a saloon keeper" &amp; the President laughingly agreed that the parson did not, and Dr Young then said, "We'll I and the Presbyterians voted for Judge Wickersham" etc. He thinks he did a little good &amp; no harm &amp; frankly told the President that the people of Alaska were the equal of any people on earth &amp; ought to have self government, &amp; not an appointive legislative assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Learned that the Com. on Public Lands met last night and agreed to report out the Mondell Coal leasing bill for Alaska. Had a row with Mondell &amp; told him he was unfair &amp; had promised me a further</p>

	hearing - he did not deny but just walked off.
Diary 18, 1911 February 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Barney has been on a drunk all week &amp; I have really felt that out of protection to myself &amp; office I must discharge him but I will not if I can reduce him to submission again on account of his wife and baby.</p> <p>Wrote a letter to Mondell today protesting against his report of the Leasing bill without giving me a further hearing. It will afford me a fine chance to kick up a big row on the passage of the bill in the House.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANGRY WORDS PASSED IN COMMITTEE HEARING Clash During Discussion of Measure To Exempt Guggen- heim-Morgan Railway.</p> <p>A clash in the House committee on territories, in which Representative Lloyd of Missouri and Representative Southwick of New York exchanged sharp words, and in which Delegate Wickersham, from Alaska, and John N. Steele, attorney for the Guggenheim-Morgan interests, questioned each others veracity, resulted today when the committee reopened the hearings on the bill to exempt the Copper River And Northwestern railway from payment of the Alaska railroad license tax.</p> <p>The control of the railroad by the Guggenheim and Morgan interests had been admitted by Mr. Steele. He insisted, however, that the road was designed to be a common carrier and not simply an outlet for the Guggenheim-Morgan Bonanza mines.</p> <p>"I think this committee ought to vote to postpone the bill," said Representative Lloyd. "It is difficult to show the House that the Morgan or Guggenheim interests need any relief."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Criticism and Retort.</p> <p>It is a disgrace for any member of Congress to urge such an argument, interjected Representative Southwick.</p> <p>"The gentleman from New York has never shown any interest in the sessions of this committee</p>

	<p>except on the statehood measure and on this bill," retorted Representative Lloyd.</p> <p>Mr. Southwick became incensed at what he termed the "personalities" of Mr. Lloyd and for a time the feeling was intense.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Question of Veracity</p> <p>The committee finally asked Delegate Wickersham if he wanted to cross-examined Mr. Steele and the other lawyers who have appeared in support of the railroads.</p> <p>"I certainly do," said Mr. Wickersham; I intend to present some proofs and say some things to this committee, and Mr. Steel had best be here when I do it."</p> <p>"I dont need to be here," returned Mr. Steele; you have said things to other committees about Alaskan affairs that were not true."</p> <p>"That is not so," said Mr. Wickersham.</p> <p>The committee decided to go to the bottom of the Alaska matter. Instead of killing the bill in the committee it is arranged that Delegate Wickersham shall have the opportunity to cross-examined the attorneys for the Guggenheim-Morgan interests next Monday.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 February 18-19	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>18th continued: There is a deadlock in the House. Mann of ill. is filibustering to prevent the passage of the War claims bill -one filled with Southern War crimes &amp; the House does not adjourn - but takes a recess from time to time &amp; then the struggle is renewed. Have been for two days objecting to a bill - ordered reported - from the Interstate &amp; For. Com. Com. House, to grant the Controller Bay Ry. a fee simple title to tide lands in Controller Bay harbor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Sunday. The House continued in session all last night &amp; until 3 o'clock this afternoon, in a "filibuster" against the "War claims bill" - the fight was led by the Republicans - and is throwing the business of the Congress into shape where it may compel the President to call an extra session.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 February 21	<p style="text-align: center;">-21<sup>st</sup> -</p> <p>Debbie went to the Presidents Reception tonight -</p>

	<p>Army-Navy reception. I refused to go. Hearing today before Com. on Ter. and examined Steele, the Gugg. attorney - with the usual row. I am to have a hearing yet on the bill - sometime. - Think I can now kill the bill. -23<sup>rd</sup> -</p> <p>This has been a day of battle. In the first place I have for some days been getting my argument ready for opposing the Mondell Leasing Bill, and only yesterday got the first argument done by today asked for leave to put it in the record. I saw Mondell on the floor of the House today &amp; asked him when he expected to bring it up, &amp; he said he did not know that he had</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>made no arrangement about it, etc. He About two hours after &amp; without any word to me he called the bill up under the gag law suspension rule, allowing only forty minutes for debate &amp; without opportunity to amend &amp; started to "steam roller" it through. Madison, of Kan, James of Kentucky, Lenroot &amp; a dozen others joined in the fight against it. I was given a few minutes &amp; began an address against it. While I was in the midst of my argument Mondell - sitting not ten feet away, just in front of me, called me a liar - and there was an immediate mix up. I attempted to strike him but was prevented. The row was unseemly and I am very sorry that it occurred - but when a man calls another a liar, without smiling, it means a blow. As soon as I could I apologized &amp; a letter later Mondell made what the</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>newspapers called a "Scotch apology" -briefly he lied again. I was much concerned on Debbies account - but when we went into the dining room tonight at "Congress Hall" filled with members &amp; their wives, we were greeted with hand clapping and every evidence of approval. Many people came forward &amp; assured me that I did right &amp; that they quite approved all that I did. Anyway, we effectually killed the Alaska Coal Leasing Bill - after we had closed the incident the fight over the bill proceeded &amp; when debate was</p>

	<p>closed Tawney moved to adjourn - after much trouble that was defeated on a roll call – then the bill came on for final passage &amp; we beat it 5 to 1 – 151 votes against it &amp; but 32 in favor. I hope this will end all further attempts to create a National Landlord over Alaska &amp; prevent her development.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">-February 24-</p> <p>[clipping] {Extract from "Post"} <b>GRAPPLE IN HOUSE</b> Mondell, of Wyoming, Versus Wickersham, of Alaska <b>EACH CALLS OTHER LIAR</b> Exciting Scene is Enacted While Friends Separate Combatants Representative Hurls First Epithet as Alaska Coal Land Leasing Is Being Debated-Delegate From Territory, Prompt to Make Attack, Is Throttled in Turn by Foster, of Vermont-Bill Defeated After Apologies Are Made. Delegate Wickersham, of Alaska, shouting, "You are the liar if you say that," rushed upon Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, seated across the aisle, and clutched him by the throat, during the waning hours of yesterdays session of the House. The members who closed in upon the struggling men declared that no blows were struck. From the galleries, however, it was plain that this was not due to any disinclination on the part of either of the belligerents. Mr. Wickersham, his fingers around Mr. Mondell's neck, was seized in similar fashion by Representative Foster, of Vermont. And all the time the Wyoming representative was wriggling to get himself free, and making futile efforts to use the chair from which he had risen to use it as a weapon against his assailant. The crowd around the two men grew. Representative Longworth, of Ohio, and other members, who had been sitting close to Mr. Mondell, attempted to pull him from the tenacious grasp of the infuriated delegate. Mr. Wickersham, in spite of the grip which Mr. Foster had secured on his throat, was still able to express his sentiments</p>

in vigorous, if not parliamentary, language. Mr. Foster, as peacemaker, seemed to be the target for his characterizations, rather than the man he had started after, Mr. Mondell.

Mr. Dwight to the Rescue.

Finally, the Republican whip, Representative Dwight, of New York, who would weigh in at the ringside at about 250 pounds, interposed his bulk between Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Mondell, and the delegate was forced to release his hold on his opponents throat.

The rough-and-tumble fight occurred during a debate on the administration Mil, providing for the leasing of Alaskan coal lands on royalties. The Alaska delegate was vigorously opposing the measure. In the course of his argument he read a letter from Secretary Ballinger describing the operations of final certificates in land cases. He declared that the final receipt is issued in every case, and that is equivalent, under the decision of the Supreme Court, to a patent for a title.

At this juncture Mr. Mondell turned to Representative Burke, of South Dakota, and remarked, in a tone which carried easily across the aisle to the desk before which Mr. Wickersham was standing: "He is a liar. That is all there is to it."

This was the signal for Mr. Wickersham's onslaught. He hurled himself down the aisle and was upon Mr. Mondell before the members knew what was happening.

Representative Olmsted of Pennsylvania, who was in the Speakers chair, was making about as much disturbance with his gavel as the contestants on the floor. At his order, the sergeant-at-arms took down from its resting place the mace of the House, surmounted with its silver eagle, and, gingerly holding it at arms length, bore down on the congested crowd of hostiles and mediators. But whether he walked as fast as he could, or whether his progress was delayed by his sense of the dignity of his mission, by the time he reached the combatants and their friends the actual trouble was over.

Belligerents Resume Seats.

Mr. Wickersham, still panting and feeling his collar, which had been pulled somewhat awry by the enthusiastic efforts of the pacific Mr. Foster, was back in his place, and Mr. Mondell, his throat relieved from the Alaskans grip, was again seated and drawing in grateful breaths.

Mr. Wickersham was the first to take advantage of the calm which had been restored by such strenuous methods. Mr. Olmsted quickly accorded him recognition.

"I want the Record to show that I apologize to the House," he cried, "but I also want it to show that I was called a liar."

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The official stenographer was then questioned by Representative Tawney. The stenographer said that he had heard Mr. Mondell say, while seated, "He is a liar." He then read the retort which Mr. Wickersham had uttered, as he was rushing across to Mr. Mondell's seat.

"I apologize. I lost my temper," repeated Mr. Wickersham.

Gen. Keifer, of Ohio, was not quite satisfied. He wanted a more comprehensive explanation.

"I will make my apology as broad as any gentleman in the House wants it," replied Mr. Wickersham, addressing the House. "That's all I have to say."

Makes "Scotch Apology."

Mr. Mondell made somewhat of a "Scotch Apology." "I made no statement, such as has been reported, in debate," he explained. "I turned to the gentleman from South Dakota and said: 'Then he must be a liar.' My remark was not directed toward the gentleman from Alaska, and it was not uttered in debate, but to a gentleman who sat beside me. I realize however, that I should not have uttered the word here, or anywhere, for that matter, and I apologize to the House."

Representative Tawney, whether from reasons of a parliamentary nature or a desire to close the incident while apologies indicated a resumption of amicable relations, attempted to secure an



adjournment. The standing vote seemed to indorse his suggestion, but the opponents of the Alaska leasing bill demanded a roll call, and the House stayed on the job. The bill was then defeated, by a vote of 151 to 31. It would have required a two-thirds vote to pass the measure.

The Democrats and the insurgent Republicans made up the force in opposition to the bill. It provided for the leasing of coals lands, not to exceed 2,560 acres, on a royalty basis of from 3 to 10 cents a ton. The debate was extremely vigorous.

"No hot Southern blood in this scrap," said a member of the Kentucky delegation. "Alaska and Wyoming. Think of it! We can prove an alibi."

"I foresee another revision of the rules," remarked Representative Taylor, of Ohio, to a fellow-member, after the trouble has died down.

"It's too late," was the reply. "And what would be the use?"

"Incorporate the Marquis of Queensberry rules," carefully explained the Ohio member.

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**BLOW IN THE HOUSE**  
Delegate Wickersham Strikes  
At Mr. Mondell. {Star}  
**MEMBERS QUELL THE ROW**  
Word "Liar" Starts Trouble, But  
Both Parties Apologize and  
Peace Is Restored.

There was a fight on the floor of the House yesterday afternoon just before adjournment between James Wickersham, the Alaska delegate, and Representative Frank Mondell of Wyoming. While no blows were actually landed, this was not the fault of the belligerent members. It was necessary to put them "under the mace" before order could be restored.

The whole row grew out of a misunderstanding. The administration's bill to provide for the leasing of coal lands in Alaska, which is bitterly opposed by all those who took the Pinchot end of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, but which has been marked for passage on the President's program, was

before the House. Consideration of it had proceeded quietly enough, except for the attacks of democrats and republican insurgents on the ground that the measure would permit a Guggenheim coal monopoly in Alaska, until Mr. Wickersham took the floor. He read a letter from Secretary of the Interior Ballinger with reference to location and final certificates in land cases, and remarked that "the final receipt is issued in every case, and that is equivalent, under the decision of the Supreme Court, to a patent for the title." "He is a liar, that's all!" remarked Representative Mondell to Representative Burke of South Dakota, who was sitting behind him, and with whom he had been chatting.

"You are the liar, if you say that!" cried Mr. Wickersham, who evidently thought that the "liar" applied to him. And the row was on.

Swears at Peacemaker.

Mr. Wickersham made a rush for Mr. Mondell, who was only a few seats away, and tried to strike him in the face. His blow was short, and he continued his rush, clutching at Mondell's throat. Then Representative Foster of Vermont, the foreign affairs chairman, who is tall, broad and husky, grabbed Mr. Wickersham from behind. The delegate, wild with rage, struggled to escape and roundly cursed the peacemaker. Meanwhile Representative Longworth of Ohio had grabbed Mr. Mondell, who was trying to rise from his chair, and sat on him. Representative Dwight of New York, who is about Jim Jefferies' size, put an end to hostilities by getting between the two men.

Some form of this story has gone all over the country by Assoc. Tel. & probably to Alaska.

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**PRINCIPLES IN HOUSE ROW.**  
[pictures of Representative Mondell and Delegate Wickersham]  
Representative Olmstead of Pennsylvania, who was in the chair, had not been idle either. Between bangs of the gavel he had called for the sergeant-

at-arms, and that functionary advanced toward the combatants, bearing the sacred mace. It is a pretty serious proposition to be arrested by the sergeant-at-arms under these circumstances and there was no further effort to continue the row.

“Mr. speaker,” cried Delegate Wickersham, “I want the record to show that I apologize to the House. I was called a liar.”

Representative Tawney of Minnesota suggested that both men should make apologies to the House.

Apologies Are Made.

“That is what I want to do, apologize to the House,” Mr. Wickersham declared, adjusting his cuffs and smoothing his rumpled hair. “I lost my temper.”

Representative Keifer of Ohio arose long enough to insist that the apology go further than the words used and cover the “unseemly incident that followed.”

“Well, I want my apology to be as broad as any gentleman desires,” said Mr. Wickersham, amid loud applause from the democratic side.

Then Mr. Mondell took the floor, declaring that he had not said “he is a liar” in debate, but in a casual way of reference. He did not deny using the language of course, but insisted that his statement had not been directed against Delegate Wickersham.

“But I realize I should not have used the word ‘liar’ at all,” said Mr. Mondell, “and I apologize. I used it as a chance word. I regret that anything I have said here has caused this disturbance and led to this unfortunate incident.”

Mr. Foster, who had been handed some rude language by Wickersham, sat unbendingly in his seat while this was going on. He relaxed, however, when Mr. Wickersham approached him extended his hand and asked forgiveness.

The war being over, the opponents of the administration’s pet conservation measure joined hands and defeated it on roll call, by a vote of 151 to 32. Less than a fifth of the members present voted for the measure, whereas, under suspension

of the rules, a two-thirds vote was necessary to pass it.

Judge Madison & many of my friends think this unseemly row will have a good rather than a bad effect on Alaska, and point to our heavy vote as proof.

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THAT ROW IN HOUSE  
AS IT WAS REPORTED  
Stenographer Irland Qualifies  
As Sporting Editor of the  
Congressional Record.

Fred Irland, one of the lightning shorthand artists of the House of Representatives, was unofficially selected yesterday as the sporting editor of the Congressional Record. Mr. Irland’s fitness for the position is made manifest by the report in yesterday’s Record of the row on the floor of the House Thursday evening just before adjournment between Delegate Wickersham of Alaska and Representative Mondell of Wyoming.

Here it is:

Mr. Wickersham-But the final receipt is issued in every case, and that is equivalent, under the decision of the Supreme Court, to a patent for the title.

Mr. Mondell (from his seat)-He is a liar; that is all.

Mr. Wickersham – You are a liar if you say that; that is all.

(Menacing actions took place between Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Mondell.)

The speaker pro temper-The sergeant-at-arms will preserve order.

(The sergeant-at-arms, bearing the mace, appeared.)

How it Might Have Been

Now how much more proper and dignified is this account, reported on the floor by Mr. Irland with his flying pen, that the story of the Wickersham-Mondell rumpus that might just have accurately been written by a sporting editor not so thoroughly

	<p>imbued with the atmosphere of the House and the dignity of his job, such an account would probably sound something like this:</p> <p>Jim Wickersham, the Chilkoot Chaser, and Frank Mondell, the Wyoming Wonder, mixed it up on the floor of the House yesterday evening. If a couple of fresh guys hadn't butted in there'd have been as pretty a scrap as has been seen in Congress this winter. The wow-wow started this way:</p> <p>Jim had been speling about a bunch of Alaska land and had read a letter from Dick Ballinger telling about it, when Frankie bawls out He's a liar; that's all. You're another, says Jim, and swings for Franks nose, but is short. Then he kicks over a chair and grabs for Frankie's face, but Dave Foster comes up from behind, swings to Jims windpipe and closes his bellows. Nick Longworth sits on Frank and, except for some rough talk by Wick its all over but the apology thing.</p> <p>Nothing More to It.</p> <p>"Just when the mix-up is over along comes an old gent carrying a black stick with an eagle sitting on top of it. Everybody apologizes to everybody else and there's nothing more to it."</p> <p>Suppose Fred Ireland had put a report like that in the Record? It would have been equally truthful, but out of harmony with the rest of the publication. His selection as the Record's sporting editor will probably be confirmed by the House very soon.</p> <p>The row is already a thing of the past. While it was unfortunate that I should get mixed up on the floor of the House there seems to be a general feeling that I could do nothing else.</p> <p>It will have the effect to warn all that when they begin to try their patent nostrums on Alaska they must reckon with the Delegate &amp; I will not be snubbed anymore as Nelson &amp; Mondell have heretofore done it - they will be more polite, anyway.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 26-27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-26<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Darrell sailed from Nagasaki for San Francisco on the U.S. Transport Sherman on the 23rd &amp; will reach S.F. about March 15th. Debbie is greatly</p>

	<p>concerned for fear that she will not get to see him before she goes to Japan &amp; I dont think she will.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>While in my seat in the House this morning Rep. Foster, of Vermont, with whom I had a sub-rumpus when I struck at Mondell, came across the house &amp; offered to shake hands.</p> <p>I arose &amp; shook hands with him promptly, &amp; I hope that much of the matter is closed up. My Coal Monopoly speech is attracting some attention &amp; I hope it will do some good to Alaska. It can do no harm. I got a letter</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 27-28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>from Dr. S. Hall Young, my old Presbyterian preacher friend chiding me tidily, for my action, but on the same line tendering me absolution &amp; glorying in the death of the coal bill.</p> <p>I also received a telegram from the Valdes Chamber of Commerce congratulating me &amp; one from the Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, asking for a statement saying that the Times &amp; News were distorting the story - to my disadvantage, of course. Still, I am not altogether unhappy about it - we killed the bill anyway &amp; it was certainly a bad one.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>We are just about done with Alaska Matters. - my mining bill in the Senate is hung up. - Senator Dick has it in his pigeonhole &amp; whether or not he will let it out is a problem. Senator Guggenheim is on that Committee!! <u>He may get even with me that way.</u></p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 February 28- March 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>[clipping: caricature of clashing fists, one labeled Mondell and the other Wickersham; with Mondell saying "Liar!" and Wickersham saying "You're another!" Canton, O. News Democrat]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Mch. 1.-</p> <p>Saw Senator Dick, Ch. Com. on Mines &amp; he told me that there was difficulty etc. about my mining bill - some lawyer "objecting - Probably Joslin or Mondell. Think the bill will be killed - Gugg. on Com. Senate voted to sustain Lorimer today. Looks like an Extra Session - hope not.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 March 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>[clipping]</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOTTEST SPORTING DOPE IN THE COUNTRY. REFEREES POOR WORK AT BATTLE ROYAL. “Alaskan Kid” Not Allowed to Go to a Finish with “Fighting Frank”</b></p> <p>By Left Cross.</p> <p>The battle royal at the club Thursday would have been much more exciting if “Honest Joe” Cannon, the clubs regular referee, had officiated. “Uncle Joe,” who loves a scrap, would have let the fight go to a finish. As bad luck would have it, a chap named Olmsted was referee. We hear he comes from Harrisburg, Pa., but we never heard of him before. At any rate he had a fearful case of rattles and kept calling, “Time, time!” when he wasn’t yelling for the police.</p> <p>While it lasted, Alaska Kid Wickersham added to his reputation. When the gong sounded he rushed at Fighting [cartoon showing men fighting, titled: The Battle Royal in the House] Frank Mondell and jabbed him on the head with his left, but his right swing went wild, “Fighting Frank” missed with his left. In the general mix-up that followed “Baldy Nick” Longworth fouled Wickersham; actually gave him the strangle hold. If Referee Olmsted knew anything about the game he would have given Longworth the gate then and there.</p> <p>“Burlington Dave” Foster -butted in, too, and the “Alaska Kid” shook him from heel to toe with a right on the point of the jaw.</p> <p>The whole affair was very disappointing.</p> <p>Big John Dwight was being made receiver general when the police interfered. The whole affair was very disappointing.</p> <p>The editor of the Slam Bam is a modest man, but he feels bound to compare his style of describing a sporting event with that of the senior official reporter of the Congressional Record, one Fred Ireland, who wrote in his moribund sheet:</p> <p>Mr. Mondell (from his seat) - He is a liar; that is all.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham - You are a liar if you say that;</p>
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	<p>that is all.</p> <p>(Menacing actions took place between Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Mondell.)</p> <p>The Speaker pro tempore - The sergeant-at-arms will preserve order.</p> <p>(The sergeant-at-arms, beaming the mace appeared.)</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham - Mr. Speaker, I want the record to show that I apologize to the House. I was called a liar.</p> <p>The /Speaker pro tempore - the House will be in order. All gentlemen will be seated.</p> <p>How’s that for pink tea literature? Buy Slam Bang, the best Congressional sporting page in America. Send it to your constituents; members of the club can frank it.</p> <p>Generally the papers have been fair with me in the scrap but evidently the Big Interests publicity bureau got in their work for the Seattle and Alaska papers give me the very worst of it in every way.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 March 2-3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Mch. 2<sup>nd</sup> -</p> <p>The Senate has been in a hopeless wrangle - it looked so anyway - until this afternoon when it passed five big appropriation bills &amp; all are now hopeful that there will be no extra session. We are beginning to “pack” ready to go home Saturday evening at six p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mch 3<sup>rd</sup></p> <p><u>I sent a letter of invitation to the President today inviting him (to come to Alaska this summer</u> - Also the Senate tacked an amendment on to the Sunday Civil Affairs Bill, providing for a govt. Com. of 10 to go to Alaska and investigate things! Of course Piles introduced it &amp; its a <u>Guggenheim &amp; Taft scheme to prevent investigation!</u></p> <p>But I came up with my invitation with a smile - they will go anyway, so</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 March 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>why not invite the scamps &amp; then cuss them later for not doing what they ought - if they job us? Senator Dick thinks my bill for the amendment of the Alaska mining law cannot be got out of his Committee (Senator Guggenheim is the Coms</p>

	<p>leading &amp; most powerful member), but Ryans Railroad bill got out in 30 minutes!! Great is the power of the Big Interests! Things are boiling now in both Hoses, and it is the hour of jobs by amendment - by Senate Amendments on House Bills -What a sweet mess a Com. of 10 - 5 appointed by Sherman, Pres of the Senate &amp; 5 by Uncle Joe - will make of Alaskas complaints! And Senator Piles, of Seattle, is aiding as he always is - it will end in bankruptcy for Seattle, and it ought.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 March 4	<p style="text-align: center;">-4<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Congress adjourns at noon today. We will start west this evening on the Pennsy. Ry. <u>Results.</u> 1. Beat the Presidents Coal Leasing Bill for Alaska! which in my judgment ample satisfaction to date. 2. Got my own Mining law amendments through the House, but were hung up in the Dick - Guggenheim Com. in the Senate. Net result negative, but nothing could be more important to Alaska than the defeat of the Administration in its attempt to reserve the coal lands in Alaska and have them for thirty years! I shall hope for better and more constructive results at the next session.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 March 5-8	<p style="text-align: center;">-5<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Chicago –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6<sup>th</sup> –</p> <p>St. Paul.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>Butte.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8-</p> <p>Spokane in the morning Yakima at 2. p.m. I stopped off here to see Mrs. Charbonneau &amp; Margaret - about Mrs. C-trouble with Jesse Noble &amp; her recent horsewhipping of Ruser, the Cashier of Nobles bank - for whom I was attorney. While I have no intention of appearing as Attorney in these matters yet I feel that I must see that these women are not mistreated - for they have both been my friends &amp; political &amp; business supporters.</p> <p>[clipping]</p>

	<p>NO ALASKA TRIP THIS YEAR FOR TAFT Extra Session of Congress Will Keep Him in the Nat. Capitol WASHINGTON, March 6.- President Taft probably will be unable to visit Alaska this summer, although he had planned to do so, had it not been necessary to call an extraordinary session of congress. The following note has been received by Delegate Wickersham of Alaska: "I have yours of March 3, inviting me to visit Alaska. I did intend to do so, but uncertainties connected with the extra session render it impossible for me to make any plans at present." It is also considered probably that the recently appointed commission of senators and representatives to investigate conditions in Alaska will not make the authorized trip on account of the extra session. Members at present see no opportunity ahead for absence from Washington during the summer. Delegate Wickersham has left for Seattle, where he will spend several days in conference with Alaskans before returning to Washington for the extra session.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 March 9-10	<p style="text-align: center;">-9<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Spent the day in N. Yak. - visited Mrs. C. &amp; her sisters at their suburban home, consulted with Snively, their Attorney. N. Yak is a most wonderful little city in the center of a wonderful orchard region - I am greatly pleased with it &amp; enjoyed my visit here!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Arrived in Seattle this morning &amp; found Debbie at the Rainier Grand Hotel where we always stop. A boatload of Alaskans left here last night for Cordova &amp; Valdes, then inside. Travel northward is as great as ever &amp; the quartz discoveries around Valdes are attracting much attention. People here quite approve my stand against the coal leasing bill - I am credited with success in defeating it.</p>
Diary 18, 1911	<p style="text-align: center;">-11<sup>th</sup> -</p>

<p>March 11</p>	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TAFT TO DECIDE ALASKAN CLAIMS WITHOUT DELAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weary of Waiting for Con- gress to Act, President Will Give Judgment</p> <p>Special to Post-Intelligencer.</p> <p>WASHINGTON, March 6.- President Taft let it be known today to visitors at the White House that he will wait no longer for additional legislation looking to the opening up of Alaskan coal fields, but will do all in his power to bring about that much-desired end by effecting an early consideration and settlement of hundreds of Alaska coal land claims which have been held pending in abeyance so long, pending hoped-for action by the house and senate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Failure Moves Him</p> <p>The presidents decision is the result of the failure of Congress to pass the administrations leasing plan measure, and follows almost immediately upon the receipt of telegrams today from the commercial bodies of ten leading cities of the Pacific coast, urging him to act. The presidents declaration undoubtedly dignifies that he intends giving early consideration to the thirty-three Cunningham claims, which are in more advanced position than any similar claims before the government, and which, as previously announced, he would pass upon personally.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Will Co-operate</p> <p>After that, it is believed to be his intention to co-operate with the department of the interior in bringing final settlement to the 700 remaining claims still unacted upon.</p> <p>It was learned at the interior department today that the Cunningham claims are almost ready for examination by the President. That Mr. Taft will have questions of exacting magnitude before him for decision, is shown by the fact that legal advisers of the general land office are almost evenly divided upon the question of the legality of</p>
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	<p>these claims.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opinions Differ</p> <p>Some hold that they should be immediately turned over to the claimants, while others contend that they should be canceled.</p> <p>After these have been either confirmed or rejected by the president, it is his intention to proceed with all pending claims, so that Alaska coal may be mined and marketed at the earliest possible moment under existing laws. Alaskans now in Washington, who have heard of the president's newly-announced position, are more hopeful over the situation than they have been for the past two years.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Sent telegram to Mrs. C. - N. Yak. that her opponents here trying to secure her arrest for assault on Ruser. Went to Buckley to visit Mother &amp; Jen.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Sunday. Spent the day at Jens - Mrs. Charles Hanson - Enumclaw, Visiting relatives &amp; friends. All well here.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 March 13-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Monday 13<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Back to Seattle - but late in evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Mrs. C &amp; Margaret &amp; Judge Thomas here - warrant was issued for Mrs. C. arrest for horsewhipping Ruser, &amp; I and McElroy &amp; P.V. Davis are looking out for her safety. I have advised appearance &amp; plea of guilty - take a fine &amp; quit.</p> <p>The P.-I. is ugly &amp; will not even notice my presence in town - a pretty certain evidence that they have good reason to know it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Over to Tacoma today to pay taxes. The old town looks good - but I do not want ever to come back here to live -although I may have to. Not till I starve out of Alaska though - <u>Alaska for me forever.</u></p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 March 16-23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Wrote letter to Henry Roden saying I would not come in this spring that he must do all my Fairbanks law work. Also sent Henry J. Ray full</p>

	<p>power of attorney to collect the Julius Hoffman &amp; Bob Chamberlain mortgages etc. Another boat goes out tonight for Alaska - <u>Fairbanks, Valdes, etc.</u> I t makes me want to go! -23<sup>rd</sup> -</p> <p>I have been up home &amp; have assisted Mother in arranging her affairs etc. Have paid all my taxes - examined my house in town &amp; ordered repairs etc. Have been visiting, talking &amp; renewing acquaintance etc. Dinner with Debbie at Mr. &amp; Mrs. Olds, Tacoma, yesterday. Got the case against Mrs. Charbonneau settled - fine \$150.00 - but satisfactory</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 March 23-25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Am visiting with a lot of my Alaska friends here in Seattle every day - many are going in and dozens call each day to meet me. Darrell came to S.F. last week - went on to Washington &amp; was given 30 days leave - and at once went up to New York. He will be with us in Washington from the 4th to the 20th of April &amp; will then go to St. Louis on special duty of enlisting men for the Navy. -25<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Went to Buckley - bought all lots from Mother, Harry, Man &amp; Jennie in Wickersham First Add. lying east &amp; south of Pearl Street. Will clear &amp; put into garden. Had lunch today - before going to Buckley - at the Municipal League - with Mr. J.R. Recd - also spoke.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 March 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-27<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>We are living quietly at Rainier-Grand Hotel. I am invited to make an address on Tuesday Night at Commercial Club, on Wednesday morning at Wash. University, on Wednesday night at Arctic Club.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKANS IN FIGHT FOR MARSHALSHIP John L. Sale of Fairbanks Seems to Think He Has Won Appointment From Taft, but Others Think Not.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEPUTY CHARLES ONE ASPIRING CANDIDATE</b> Delegate Wickersham Keeps His Hands Off Political Chessboard, and Result Seems Much in Doubt.</p> <p>A spirited and many-cornered fight is being waged this week for the United States Marshalship in the -Fairbanks district of Alaska, the several scenes of conflict being staged in Seattle, San Francisco and Washington. From all indications, John L. Sale, of Fairbanks, now leads in the race and friends here who know of the influences working for him expect to hear of his appointment by President Taft at any time.</p> <p>The office is an important one and carries a handsome salary. Alaska is governed entirely by federal laws and the marshal of a district has authority less only that that of the federal court with which he is associated.</p> <p>Opposing Sale most strenuously is Percy G. Charles, formerly a well-known Seattle railroad and express man, who now is chief deputy under the present marshal, H.K. Love. Charles has qualified with a splendid official record and is in every way entitled to the place- if Sale's political claims are not stronger.</p> <p>Judge James Wickersham, delegate to Congress from Alaska, who returned to Seattle a few days ago, has not thrown his influence in favor of either of these candidates because, he explains, it is his belief that the administration will insist upon giving the plum to some Eastern member of its organization. The delegate does not believe that the slogan seriously adopted by the Washington powers, and has expressed the opinion that the Alaskan candidates will find themselves thrust aside for some man better known to the party leaders and with a stronger claim upon their favor.</p> <p>Sale, however, has received very strong encouragement and he told Alaskan friends in San Francisco a few days ago that he was confident he would land the appointment. He is one of the most popular men in the Northern country, is of</p>
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	<p>irreproachable character and has the backing of practically all the solid interests of the territory. He is "regular" in his Republicanism and therefore has the indorsement of all the big corporations in the North that took such an active part in the election for delegate last year. These included the Guggenheims and the Northern Commercial Company, both of which are reputed to have powerful influence at the capital.</p> <p>Charles is relying chiefly upon his showing as deputy in the present regime. Love has unqualifiedly indorsed him and has urged his friends at Washington to give him the appointment.</p> <p>Sale now is in San Francisco. The fact that he told friends that he intended to remain there indefinitely is taken for an indication that he has had a tentative promise of the job and is waiting for the appointment before leaving for the North.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 March 28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Father Duncan, of Metlakatla, &amp; I each delivered an address before the Commercial Club, tonight. My friend, Maxwell, who served in the Wash. Legislature years ago, presided.</p> <p>Father Duncan made a very interesting address on the subject of educating the Indians, while I delivered myself of a vigorous criticism of the indifference of Seattle business men in respect to aiding in the development of the resources and government of Alaska.</p> <p>I fear I was rather plain and drastic - but most of those to whom I talked thought it was just the right kind of talk. I am invited to talk tomorrow morning before the University of Washington and in the evening before the Arctic Club - I will give them about the same kind.</p>
<p>Diary 18, 1911 March 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-March 29<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>DELEGATE URGES ALASKAS NEEDS Mr. Wickersham Tells Seattle Business Men Their Aid Is Wanted TERRITORY IS NEGLECTED Speaker at the Commercial Club</b> </p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blames Seattle for Being Party To This Neglect of the North</b></p> <p>Before an audience which filled the assembly hall of the Seattle Commercial Club last night Delegate James Wickersham, of Alaska, roused his hearers to a high pitch of enthusiasm with an earnest appeal to the business men of Seattle to go to the aid of Alaska in the latter's fight for better government.</p> <p>Applause interrupted him at frequent intervals, and at the conclusion of his address the chair, by unanimous request, appointed a committee to act in conjunction with the other commercial bodies of this city for this purpose. The committee consists of George Murphy, chairman; H.L. Falkenburg, Edward Dorr, Alfred Daub and R.A. Littleton.</p> <p>Rev. William Duncan spoke on the needs of the Alaskan Indians. Mr. Wickersham then said:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seattle in Alaska's Debt</p> <p>"We have in Alaska a large population of white people who need to be cared for as well as the Indians. We have 40,000 American citizens who have practically no form of government. From the time when the news came down of the first discovery of gold in Alaska this city has grown and prospered wonderfully. Something is due to the commercial ability and perseverance of the people of Seattle, but it is also due to the people of Alaska and the resources of Alaska.</p> <p>"The trade relations between this country and Alaska are firmly established, but do not think that nothing may ever happen to them. There are two cities-Vancouver and Prince Rupert-both nearer to Alaska, and both increasing in commercial activity. Don't be too sure that you own the trade of Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alaska Wants Reciprocity</p> <p>"We manufacture nothing. We can't be hurt by the tariff. We, in Alaska, favor reciprocity. We take our money out of the ground or out of the sea. I call your attention most earnestly to the fact that you are interested in Alaska.</p> <p>"There were two bills introduced into congress at the recommendation of the president of the United</p>
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States, one reserving to the United States all the coal lands in Alaska and entering on a scheme for their release with a payment of royalty to the treasury of the United States. How many men in this body Recd those bills? (Seven hands upraised.) Only seven. These bills go right to the heard of the country from which you get your greatest trade. Here is a body of commercial men and only seven have Recd them. You ought to be ashamed of it.

“The other bill is to establish a civil government for the territory out of which you have drown rich. No wonder the delegate from Alaska and the representatives of Seattle dont always agree. You people are nearly as ignorant as congress.

Alaska Needs Aid Now

“There never was a time when Alaska needed assistance more than now. There is no other body of men so able to render that assistance as the men of Seattle. The senator from your city took one view of the coal land bill and I took another, and you dont know which was right.

I want help. I am a friend of Seattle and of the business men of Seattle. It is your business to see that we have a good form of government in Alaska. It is your business to see that 40,000 citizens have an opportunity to build up the country they live in. It is your business to see that the coal lands can be developed by opening up that country.

Needs of Alaska Overlooked

“There hasn’t been a law passed in ten years which has aided in the development of Alaska, and you are the people to blame for it. The territory of Alaska is a part of Seattle. You are our financial capitalist we come to you for everything we use in the development of the country, and now we come to you to ask your help in getting us some good laws. We are growing tired of getting nothing from the city of Seattle in the way of development. These matters are of vital importance to you. Give yourselves and Alaska the benefit of an effort which will tend to the development and insure good laws in that great territory.”

Rev. William Duncan, in describing his work

among the Metlakatla Indians said that, whereas in the fist winter of his work there were twelve murders in the village, there had been no bloodshed among the tribe in the last forty years.

“The right way,” he said, “is to take the whole man, teach his hands to work, teach his mind to direct the hands, and teach his heart of the love of God.”

Arctic Club Plans Banquet

Mr. Wickersham will be the guest of honor at a smoker to be given at the Arctic Club at 8:30 this evening.

There will be special music and addresses by prominent Alaskans now in the city.  
President C.L. Morris, of the club,

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will preside at the smoker. He has extended an invitation to all Alaskans and former Alaskans now in Seattle to attend.

Mr. Wickersham is returning from Washington, where he has been attending the sessions of congress.

The Alaska Club is also planning a smoker for Gov. Walter E. Clark, of Alaska, upon his return from the East to Seattle.

Mr. Ralph Royal, a student from Skagway, came down to the Hotel to escort me out to the University of Washington. Mr. John Nestor, of Nome & Mr. Ben Behrends, of Juneau accompanied us. Met the President, Kane & a committee of Alaska boys: Ralph Royal, Reed Heilig and Royal Pullen, who took charge of matters: The following is the official program.

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SOURDOUGHS ON  
“U” CAMPUS WILL  
HONOR DELEGATE

Alaskan Students to Hold Pot-  
latch for James A. Wickersham  
Who Will Address Regular  
Assembly Wednesday

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEAL STRICTLY NORTHERN ONE</b></p> <p>University students who hail from Alaska will be the hosts of James A. Wickersham, territorial delegate to congress, at a sourdough potlatch Wednesday noon at the Commons.</p> <p>Immediately after the address at the 10 o'clock assembly, when Mr. Wickersham will tell about the northland, he will be taken in charge by the Arctic students and shown over the campus and buildings.</p> <p>Jerry Riordan, manager of the Commons, is preparing a typical Alaskan menu for the potlatch. Tickets for the lunch may be obtained from the committee consisting of Ralph Royal, Reed Heilig and Royal Pullen.</p> <p>It was really invigorating to face an audience of 2000 young men and</p>
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	Menu from University of Washington Arctic Lunch
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	<p>women &amp; I greatly enjoyed my talk to them. They gave me close attention &amp; seemed also to enjoy my talk about Alaska. After the address my committee -3 Alaska Boys - took us around the rounds and showed us the advantages of the undeveloped grounds - their buildings, etc. and at 12 oclock we were taken to an informal lunch in the A.B. Building - erected by the Alaska Arctic Brotherhood, for use at the A.Y.P. Exposition. More business men from Seattle had come out. Dr. Moore, Clyde Morris, the Pres. of the Arctic Club &amp; others &amp; we had a very pleasant lunch &amp; some informal speeches - of course about Alaska. It was a pleasant day - &amp; I greatly enjoyed meeting seventeen boys &amp; girls, students – from Alaska.</p>
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	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ELECTIVE ALASKAN          ASSEMBLY FAVORED</b>          250 Members of Arctic Club Endorse          Wickersham Bill to That          End.          Members of the Arctic Club to the number of 250</p>

	<p>after listening to a brief address by Delegate Wicker-sham, of Alaska, guest of honor at the clubs smoker, last night went on record as unanimously endorsing the northern delegates bill giving Alaska an elective legislative assembly. The resolution also embodied a request that the Washington congressional delegation do everything in its power to further Judge Wickersham fight for self-government.</p> <p>Immediately following the adoption of the resolution, the following were appointed members of a committee to act in conjunction with representatives of other bodies instructed to assist in advancing the territorial bill and other Alaska legislation: C.B. Heifner, C.W. Corliss, A.J. Daly and W.T. Perkins.</p> <p>Judge Wickersham, in his address, urged the people of Seattle to help the North in its efforts to get a square deal. He expressed himself and confident that Congress, with the complexion of the lower house Democratic, will accede to the demands of Alaskans if the Washington delegation lends him its support.</p> <p>Previous to the delegate's speech \$2000 worth of bonds was paid off at the smoker. This makes the total paid off since November last \$16,000, a showing considered remarkable in view of the fact that it was not expected that more than \$10,000 would be subscribed this year. Officers of the club confidently expect to see \$25,000 worth paid off before January 1 next.</p> <p>A musical program, including a soprano solo by Mrs. W.H. Whittlesey, was presented.</p> <p>My reception tonight at the Arctic Club was most flattering. After an opening program of songs and music - I spoke for more than an hour on the importance of the business men of Seattle acting in unison on advancing their own and Alaskas interest by securing from Congress the passage of an act to authorize the people of Alaska to elect a Territorial Legislature. Certainly I had the applause &amp; probably the support of the 200 business men present to that end They adopted a resolution to</p>
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	appoint committee to work along the line suggested & instructed that Com. to act with others appointed by other commercial bodies in Seattle. I feel satisfied that the business men of Seattle are interested – if they don't go to sleep again.
Diary 18, 1911 March 30	-30 <sup>th</sup> - A few members & officers of the Commercial Club invited me to lunch today - they have also appointed a Com. of Five to act with the like Com. from the Arctic Club to secure favorable Alaskan legislation. The Arctic Club Com. called on me this afternoon & consulted as to ways & means for carrying out my suggestion in respect to legislation. <u>Cont.</u> Morris, Dr. Myers, Hegerman, & two more – promised to keep them well posted from Washington. <u>Left Seattle tonight at 7:10 over N.P. Ry. for Washington.</u> Darrell has gone on & Debbie goes back with me - he trip to Japan has been abandoned because of breaking down of vessel, the plague in Japan, etc.
Diary 18, 1911 March 31-April 4	-31 <sup>st</sup> - Spokane to Butte. -April 1.- Yellowstone River etc. -April 2.- St Paul to Chicago -April 3.- Chicago to Pittsburg -April 4- Reached Washington this morning at 8:40 and went to Congress Hall Hotel. Darrell reached town a little later & joined us. <u>Congress met at 12 m.</u> Champ Clark, speaker, Democratic. Fight on to change the Rules in the House. The Democrats promise to give me committee - Territorial & Public Lands - but I dont know what they will do yet.
Diary 18, 1911 April 4-6	4 <u>I introduced the Elective Legislative Bill again today-</u> -April 5 <sup>th</sup> – House still fighting over Rules. No committees yet. -April 6 <sup>th</sup> -

	Barney Goss came with me from Fairbanks, two years ago, as Secretary, and has been with me ever since. He married nearly 2 years ago - to a girl here in Washington & has a baby boy! But he is a fool Bohemian newspaper man, and <u>wont</u> be sensible and practicable. He is a most competent clerk - just the man I need - <u>but</u> he will get drunk & stay that way. He has nearly ruined the efficiency of my office by his drinking. Before the Session closed last March he
Diary 18, 1911 April 6	-6- was drunk most of the time & this week he has not appeared to work at all. My mail is unanswered - the work of the office is not done and, worse, I am not sure of his discretion or honesty - no drunk man is safe to trust in a fight with "Big Interests." I sent a capitol policeman today to hunt him up & get the keys - I could not get my mail - or into the desks. The policeman found him at the "Varnum" - drunk - and got the keys. Barney told him that he already had a job and that he would go tomorrow to accept it. If that is so it discloses a new feature - that justifies my distrust. Anyway I shall now discharge him & get another clerk. Probably Tom Coles, a student of the Seattle U. of W. from Juneau, will come - I shall ask him.
Diary 18, 1911 April 7	-7 <sup>th</sup> - The House adjourned yesterday till Monday to allow arrangement of Committees. The Republicans have allowed Minority Leader Mann to arrange the minority side of the Committees. What I will get in that case is doubtful. Mann is for the Administration & I fear will not give me consideration. However, James, of Kn. Lloyd, of Mo. & other Democrats have advised me to be quiet - that I shall be put on Territories & Public Lands - and thats all I want. Had dinner tonight at New Willard with McKenzie, - & Genl. Wilson, ex Senator Squire & a couple of younger Army officers. - Why? I do not know. Barney has not yet shown up and I have employed a stenographer & type writer temporarily - <u>and</u> have written to Tom. Cole, offering him the place.
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April 8-9	<p>Mrs. Goss has just been in to see me - she says Barney has not been home this week - and has probably left her! A man who will desert a young wife &amp; her and his first baby is a worthless devil!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9<sup>th</sup> Sunday –</p> <p>When the case of The Humboldt Steamship Co. v. The White Pass Ry Co. et. al. was begun more than a year ago I asked for permission to file a brief as <u>Amicus Curiae</u>, which was allowed, and I filed the brief sustaining the proposition that Alaska is a “<u>Territory</u>.” The Interstate Commerce Commission, by a vote of 4 to 3 held adversely &amp; the case was carried to the courts on an application for Mandamus to compel the Commission to assume jurisdiction and to act. The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in its opinion sustained our view that Alaska is</p>
Diary 18, 1911 April 9	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>a Territory, but effused to issue the Mandamus because of the want of jurisdiction. The case is now on appeal to the “Court of Appeals” for the District of Columbia and it looks very favorable that a decision may be rendered squarely determining whether the Interstate Commerce Laws for the control of Railroad Rates will - does - apply to Alaska. I have no doubt that the law applies and have confidence that the court will so hold.</p> <p>I received a letter from the Attorney General this morning, which reads as follows: “Office of the Attorney General, Washington D.C. April 8, 1911 Hon. James Wickersham, House Of Representatives. Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of 7th instant, transmitting a number of letters recommending Mr. Guy B. Erwin for appointment to the office of marshal of the Third (sic) Division of Alaska. I think this must be a typographical mistake for Fourth Division. I should</p>
Diary 18, 1911 April 9	<p style="text-align: center;">-9-</p> <p>be pleased to see you with respect to this nomination and other Alaskan matters, upon which you desire to confer, either on Monday afternoon,</p>

	<p>10th instant, after 3:30 or Wednesday morning 12 next, as you may prefer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Respectfully, Geo. W. Wickersham Attorney General.</p> <p>Well! what does that mean? I have not asked for any conference, did not recommend Erwin, or any one, and have assumed that I was <u>persona non grata</u>. Of course, I shall go and see what he wants. - I know that I want - the Legislative Bill! Benj. Wilson told me Friday night that General Wood was reading my speech on Coal Land Leasing in Alaska, with some interest. <u>&amp; Wilson recommended it.</u></p>
Diary 18, 1911 April 10	<p style="text-align: center;">-10<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>I went to see the Attorney General this afternoon - &amp; he wants <u>Peace</u>, and the Delegates from Alaska in 1912! I promptly presented my request for the support of my elective legislative bill for Alaska, &amp; while he reiterated his former opposition it was greatly weakened and he wanted to talk - seemed to want to be converted.</p> <p>He told me that Love had not tendered his resignation - <u>but that there might be a vacancy in the Valdes division!</u> He said many complaints of a serious nature had been made against Marshal Sullivan of Valdes, but that he intended to submit them to the <u>Grand Jury!</u></p> <p>He gave me no-assurances politically but the whole trend of his conversation was conciliatory and “convention”-al. He wants the western fight against Taft allowed!</p>
Diary 18, 1911 April 10	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>D.A. McKenzie is also making hay while the sun shines for the Guggenheims. He organized the dinner the other night at the New Willard &amp; sat me next to Genl. Wilson &amp; otherwise so conducted the scheme as to bring us together in amity. He was in the office today getting &amp; sending copies of my legislative bill for Alaska to Birch &amp; others with the announcement that they must support the measure. It appears to me that he is now the sole lobbyist for the Guggs. -well I intend to make them get into line &amp; pass the Elective Legislative Bill then</p>

	<p>the <u>great battle for Alaska</u> will be half won!</p> <p><u>Barney Goss came back this morning &amp; wanted to go to work again - but I told him no! that I had employed another man and that he must hunt another job! Poor Barney.</u></p>
Diary 18, 1911 April 12-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-12<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Wrote letter to Atty. Genl. today urging him <u>not</u> to reappoint Faulkner, Marshal at Juneau on the ground <u>that he is a Canadian citizen</u>. Also telegraphed to Martin Harrais asking him to recommend a man for appointment as Postmaster at Chena. The P.O. Dept. threatens to discontinue that office because the Postmaster has resigned &amp; no applicant has appeared for it.</p> <p>List of Committees made public in House yesterday. I am retained on both Territories and Military Affairs. Recd, notice today that the Com. on Ter. would meet tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Nothing - Congress slowly organizing Democrats playing better politics than the Republicans - My office work is reduced to nothing for the present</p>
Diary 18, 1911 April 14-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-14<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Recd, telegram from Griffin, at Cordova, en route to Chena, asking for the appointment of Mrs. Evelyn A. Davis, as P.M. at Chena. Wrote Postmaster Genl. asking same! Telegraphed \$100. to Tom. Cole today to come to Wash. to act as my secretary. Hope he will be a success.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Got a letter from Atty. Genl. today and I am satisfied t that Alaska need not look to him for anything in the way of fair government on development. I shall cast my lot with the Democratic committees and try and get them to make the bill for an elective territorial legislature a political issue. I shall begin to appeal to them on Monday &amp; hope they will take charge of the matter - and let me assist them.</p>
Diary 18, 1911 April 18-19	<p style="text-align: center;">-18<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p><u>Have succeeded in getting the Juneau public building site in good shape.</u></p> <p>Recd, telegram from A.J. Daly, Dem. Nat. Comt.</p>

	<p>from Alaska &amp; C.G. Heigner, Dem. State Com. from Wash, giving me copy of strong telegram they sent to Speaker Clark asking him to put through the bill for legislative Assembly in Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19<sup>th</sup> -</p> <p>Angus McSween, of the Baltimore N.A. newspaper reporter, has dug up the story of the elimination of 12,800 acres of forest reservation at Controller Bay, and has a big scare head story about it in his paper.</p> <p>Senator La Follette will offer a resolution tomorrow in the Senate to investigate the "graft." It promises a "hot time" again.</p>