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Diary 25, 1915 January 1	Three days ago I wrote letter to each member of the delegation in Washington, Oregon & California asking him to attend a meeting of the Representatives from those States in the Com. on Ter. room to take united action to secure an appropriation to get a dragnet & other aids to navigation for Alaskan waters. Met today: present: Kahn & Stevens of Cal, Humphrey & La Folette of Wash, Hawley of Oregon & I from Alaska Com. of Terr appointed – <u>Kahn of Cal. chairman Humphrey, Hawley &amp; I.</u> Instructed to inform other Rep's etc. and to aid Sec. Redfield to secure appropriations.
Diary 25, 1915 January 2	Com. on Public Lands could not get a quorum today to consider my Alaska bill so matter put over until Tuesday. Ferris, chairman, seems friendly & at his suggestion I introduced bill with only those sections left in that I am most anxious about. <u>Introduced amended bill today: H.R. 20.196</u> Mr. & Mrs. Peterson from Nome took dinner with us tonight.
Diary 25, 1915 January 3	Beautiful day – cold. Worked in office some – but rested more.  Smoking is hurting me.

	Am working on my Alaskan library & bibliography
Diary 25, 1915 January 4	Called at the General Law Office and talked with the Commissioner & Judge Proudfit about the bill to grant school lands to Alaska. They favor my suggestion to granting Secs. 16 & 36 for common school purposes & 33 in Tanana Valley for Fairbanks Ag, College & school of mines - but do not quite agree with me about mineral lands - and that now seems to be the point of difference. They are to get the Sec. of Interior to send a report on my bill to the Com. on Pub. Lands, House, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. School Land Bill is H. R. 20.196
Diary 25, 1915 January 5	Committee on Pub. Lands met this morning at 10 - Sec Land sent a report approving my bill H.R. 20.496 in every respect except that he refused to approve the grant of mineral lands. All members of the Com. present were favorable to my idea except Lenroot of Wis. but he even agreed to give us the full proceeds of the Sec. 16, 36 and 33 - if it should be found they were mineral lands. I asked the Com. to pass the bill by for two days and let me present the matter personally to the Sec of the Interior – granted, and I will be heard again on Thursday.
Diary 25, 1915 January 6	Saw the Com. of the G.L.O. and Sec of Interior Lane today about my School land bill. The Com. more readily agreed - but Sec. Lane is yet doubtful said he would telephone to Chairman Ferris, Com. Pub. Lds later & tell him what he had concluded after an examination of my authorities & citations of law - <u>Saw Chairman Ferris, Pub Lands Com. at dinner at the Congress Hall Hotel and he told me Sec. Lane has practically yielded to my wishes on the School Land bill. I hope so, for it means a solid foundation for the schools of Alaska &amp; the establishment of an Agricultural College and School of Mines at Fairbanks with a public land endowment of great value and never ending yield.</u>
Diary 25, 1915	Lenroot yet objects to my School Land Grant Bill &

January 7	<p>the Com. on Public Lands called a special meeting for me Saturday morning and agreed that Lenroot &amp; I could get Judge Proudfit &amp; Finney of the Interior Dept. with us &amp; any bill we could agree on would be accepted - so I have called Proudfit &amp; Finney &amp; they agree to meet with us on Saturday morning.</p> <p>I am in this shape - if we do not get Lenroot to agree he can prevent the passage of the bill for it must be passed - if at all, by <u>unanimous consent</u>.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 8	Working on Library etc. in office.
Diary 25, 1915 January 9	<p>Meeting of the Sub-Com, of Public Lands Com. in my room - present Lenroot &amp; I and Judge Proudfit &amp; Finney of the Interior Department legal force.</p> <p>We discussed the matter fully and Lenroot dictated certain suggestions - the Interior Dept force then took the notes for correction etc and will meet with us again at 10:30 Monday morning to try &amp; get an agreement to report to full Committee on Tuesday -</p> <p>I am hopeful of getting a workable bill out of it - and getting it passed at this session.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 10	<p>In office working to get the proposed amendments to my land bill in shape. Prepared a telegram to send in the morning as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Washington, D.C. Jan 10, 1915</u></p> <p><u>Wallace Cathcart: Chamber</u> <u>Commerce, Fairbanks, Alaska</u> <u>Telegrams land matter received. Send me promptly pictures group Frank Miller and Russell families, fathers mothers and all children. Also send me picture all Fairbanks school children south side school house, also send negative plates for enlarging. School land bill pressing.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>James Wickersham</u> <u>Delegate from Alaska.</u></p> <p>Debbie &amp; I take dinner this evening with Geo. Hackett at the New Willard - from Cordova, Alaska.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 11	<p>Hearing before Com. on Pub Lands on School bill - over till tomorrow.</p> <p>We are working every day - Mr. Morrison,</p>

	<p>George Jeffery &amp; I on the list of Alaskan books, etc. It is a big job and seems to be growing as we advance. We are just now completing a list of Alaska newspapers &amp; magazines - when we get as far as we can I will have many copies made and will send one to each publisher &amp; person who knows much of the history of newspapers in Alaska for correction, etc.</p> <p>Com. on Pub. Lands appointed Lenroot &amp; I a sub-committee to examine &amp; report on the School land bill for Alaska.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 12	No meeting of Pub. Lands Com. today - account & early meeting of Congress on the Woman Suffrage bill -
Diary 25, 1915 January 13	<p>The Com. on Public Lands went over my Alaska School Land bill again today &amp; as amended and agreed upon by Lenroot &amp; I as a sub-Committee - ordered it reported with the recommendation <u>that it do pass!</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked me to report it but I asked Lenroot who agreed to do so - though he asked me to prepare the report.</p> <p>As there are some slight amendments to the final draft the Chairman suggested that I introduce the draft as a bill - &amp; then report the printed bill without amendments.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 14	<p>H.R. 20851 is the final draft of the School Land bill for Alaska. Am preparing report &amp; will introduce today.</p> <p><u>I wrote the report today on the favorable report of H.R. 20.851, my bill for school lands &amp; the establishment of an Agricultural College and School of Mines in Alaska.</u></p> <p><u>It was signed by Mr. Lenroot - and I had it put on the unanimous consent calendar for Monday.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 15	<p>Worked in office all day.</p> <p><u>The Bureau of Fisheries has a bill pending before the Ways &amp; Means Com. To create a new bureau</u></p>

	<p><u>in Alaska to have charge of Alaska game etc. Which I am opposing. Am to have a hearing before the Com. On Monday -</u> Report No 1280, to accompany H.R. 20851 on hands this morning - my Alaska School land report written yesterday</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 16	Letters etc. in office and working up data for use Monday against H.R. 20897, introduced by Mr. Palmer, " <u>A bill to protect certain game in Alaska.</u> "
Diary 25, 1915 January 17	Darrell remained with us until 5:30 this afternoon & then returned to his duties on the Kentucky at the Philadelphia Navy yard.
Diary 25, 1915 January 18	<p>Unanimous Consent day but we did not get half way to my Alaska School Land Bill - and will not, I fear, on the next U. Consent Day.</p> <p>I spent the forenoon before the Sub. Committee of the Com. on Ways &amp; Means fighting the bill proposed by the Bureau of Fisheries giving it full and complete jurisdiction over fur bearing animals in Alaska. It is an attempt to organize a new Bureau - &amp; to get control of fur farming in Alaska! I intend to fight it to the end - but the bureau idea is strong and may prevail.</p> <p>It seems that Mann of Illinois is rather opposed to my School bill - I must try &amp; get him friendly - or it will be defeated even if it comes up in Unanimous Consent.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 19	<p>The River &amp; Harbors bill passed the House today with my two items for the survey of Dry Straits &amp; the Harbor of Nome included.</p> <p>Henry W. Elliot is working on biographical data for me for a few days - in, re bibliography of Alaskan literature. He is very conversant with Russian authors - having so much to do with the examination of their works in his search for material on fur seal lore.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 20	Working in office on biblio. & on official correspondence.

	<p>Am preparing letter to Speaker Clark importuning him to let my Alaska School land Bill go on the Suspension list -it is now about the only way to get it passed at this session.</p> <p>Dr Jones report on his trip to Alaska made public today -he certainly gives Alaska a black eye. He is a bad mis-fit.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 21	Wrote and delivered letters today to Speaker Clark & Minority Leader James R. Mann, begging them to allow my bill for the reservation & grant of School lands in Alaska to go through the House under suspension of the rules. Lenroot thinks it might be done if I would permit an amendment to be made striking out the clause giving Alaska the income from coal etc. on such lands, but that I cannot do - it is too much to give up - we would have too little left.
Diary 25, 1915 January 22	<p>Hearing today before the Committee on Ter. on my bill to transfer the Alaska Fund from the control of Congress to the control of the Territorial Legislature.</p> <p>Committee, much to my surprise, seems inclined to give us what we want, &amp; suggested that as the session was late it might be accomplished by a Joint Resolution and Judge Watson of Va. Curry of Cal. and I were appointed a sub-committee to prepare such a resolution.</p> <p>Of course I cannot hope to see it go through the Senate at this Session since Senator Nelson, under Richardson's persuasion would defeat it. Made a complete record &amp; at least I will get the matter fairly before the Territorial Legislature for the people of Alaska.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 January 23	Working in office Have Henry W. Elliott, the fur seal expert assisting me in the preparation of the notes & bibliography of Alaska.
Diary 25, 1915	Sleety Sunday, in office reading Alaskana.

January 24	
Diary 25, 1915 January 25	Am trying to get Judge Watson of Va. to prepare a report on my Alaska bill to transfer the Alaska Fund to the control of the Legislature.  <u>Also yet persuading the Com. on Ways &amp; Means not to pass the bill to take over the control of fur bearing animals in Alaska - its a bad bill &amp; restrictive of the power of the Alaska legislature.</u>
Diary 25, 1915 January 26	<u>Saw Minority Leader Mann Majority Leader Underwood &amp; Speaker Clark today &amp; did all I could to persuade each to assist in putting my Alaska school bill through the house. They are not enthusiastic - Mann is the hardest to persuade.</u>
Diary 25, 1915 January 27	Introduced two pension bills today for Alaskans. Working on my Alaskan bibliography - with Mr. Morrison & Henry W. Elliott.
Diary 25, 1915 January 28	At Departments etc. Another pension bill for a Juneau man, F. J. Jamant. Working on Bibliography  The Committee on Ways & Means today reported the bill to give over control of fur bearing animals in Alaska to the Bureau of Fisheries - to the Sec. of Commerce. I will, of course, oppose the passage of the bill, for it takes away the power of control from the Legislature of Alaska.
Diary 25, 1915 January 29	<u>Called on Senator Sterling &amp; asked him to introduce my bill H.R. 20.851, School Land Bill.</u> <u>For some days I have been trying to find a verse of Russian-Alaskan poetry for use in an article which I am writing about Alaska books and authors - in vain.</u> <u>I got Henry W. Elliott to assist me &amp; today we found an item in Dall &amp; Bakers list of Russian etc. Publications under Zagaskin which referred to a song by Baranof - in the Muscovite for March,</u>

	<u>1849.</u> <u>We found the magazine in the Congressional Library &amp; Mr. Elliott translated it literally - it is an invocation by Baranof at the dedication of Ft St Mikhail (old Sitka) Aug 15-20, 1799, and throws a new light on the character of Baranof. I am very much pleased - this is its first appearance in English.</u>
Diary 25, 1915 January 30	Received a fine copy of a Russian Atlas of the World including Alaska etc. From Mr. Golder St Petersburg - atlas is dated 1827.
Diary 25, 1915 January 31	In office smoothing over an article on the Literature & Authors of Alaska etc. for magazines.
Diary 25, 1915 February 1	Read copy of Report on Alaska Fisheries by Dr. E. Lester Jones, Dept. Fish Com. Bunk! Mr. Joseph E Davies, Commissioner of Corporations called me on the phone & at his request I met him at the House. He said the President had sent him to me confidentially to inquire about Wm H. Parry, of Seattle, - whether he had represented any special interest in the Alaska Ry. bill etc. whether he was on the square etc. I told him Parry had remained in Washington some weeks at the time of the passage of that bill working earnestly in line with the Presidents ideas and singly for the good of Alaska - that he represented <u>only</u> the Seattle Chamber of Com - only the interests of Alaska and the whole Pacific Coast & that he did not represent any special interest. He thanked me & again repeated that his inquiry was for the President & confidential. I spoke earnestly for Parry & am satisfied that he will be appointed on the Com.
Diary 25, 1915 February 2	Senator Sterling today introduced my School Land bill in the Senate just as we have it reported in the House.  S. 7515.
Diary 25, 1915	Answering mail etc.

February 3	Bought copy of Voyage of the Mexicana and Sutil = one of the rare Spanish books on the Exploration of the Pacific Coast, \$121.50
Diary 25, 1915 February 4	<u>Com. on Territories ordered a report today on my J.R. to transfer the "Alaska Fund" from the control of Congress to the control of the Alaska Legislature = Judge Watson of Virginia ordered to make the report.</u>  Jas P. Daly, of Nome, is here on his way from his old horn in N.Y. back to Juneau - he is member of the Ter. Legislature of Alaska.  Received 5 copies of the 4th Alaska Reports today from West Pub. Co. St Paul, Minn, of course I am pleased to see this volume upon which I worked so long & to add one to my library.
Diary 25, 1915 February 5	Working in office Sundry Civil Appro- bill is before the House - it carries the Alaska appropriations = \$2,000,000. for the Railroad, \$75,000 for the Juneau Public Bldg & minor appro, for many of the departments & bureaus.
Diary 25, 1915 February 6	Darrell came down to spend Sunday with us.  Genl. Debate on Sunday Civil Bill - 6 hours.
Diary 25, 1915 February 7	Visiting with Darrell.
Diary 25, 1915 February 8	Sundry Civil bill – the Juneau public building item read & agreed to-.
Diary 25, 1915 February 9	Sundry Civil bill - Working on a letter to the President trying to convince him that the Bureau of Fisheries needs revision - needs new life injected into it - that it is now being run by the Alaska - Seattle fish trust.
Diary 25, 1915 February 10	Same as yesterday.
Diary 25, 1915 February 11	Same as yesterday. Secretary- Houston, Agricultures, sent me a copy

	of his letter approving my bill for reserving School Lands in Alaska - Introduced for me in the Senate by Senator Sterling.
Diary 25, 1915 February 12	We reached the Alaska items in the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill today & some opposition developed to the appro, of two million dollars to build the Alaska Ry - I made a 5 minute talk on that & also on the item for the support of the insane etc. asked leave to extend my remarks etc. We carried both items by a good big majority & Alaska is o.k. so far. Governor Hatfield of W. Va. is being attacked by Ex. Gov. of Alaska W.E. Clarks newspaper & they are down here to see me to get material with which to go back at Clark & I am giving it to them.
Diary 25, 1915 February 13	Interview with Genl. John C. Bond of W. Va. who comes to see me with a letter from Gov. Hatfield - about Clark - am giving him much material - Clark seems to be making them uneasy & they are anxious to treat him in the same way. Am extending my remark of yesterday in the House & adding other data about Alaska.
Diary 25, 1915 February 14	Have been in my office (as usual) nearly all day working on a statement which I intend to send to President Wilson about the urgent necessity for legislation in the effort to protect the fisheries of Alaska from Destruction by the Seattle-Alaska Fish Trust. Dr. Jones in his Report has recommended just about what the Trust wants & I am trying to put the other side to the President - though I fear it will have little effect.
Diary 25, 1915 February 15	Mann objected to my Alaska school law bill today when it came up on Unanimous consent - it went over until next Monday.  Com. on Ter. tomorrow will hear Judge Watkins J.J. Reso. to transfer Alaska Fund to the control of the Alaska Legislature.

	Joslyn & Clyde Morris are here from Seattle trying to get a contract for building the Alaska Ry. Prepared my Income Tax Statement today.
Diary 25, 1915 February 16	<u>The committee on the Territories held a meeting today and made favorable Report on Judge Watsons H.J. Res. No. 421, introduced by him on the 13th.</u> This is the substance of my bill - Sec 2. to transfer the Alaska Fund from the management of Congress to that of the Territorial Legislature.
Diary 25, 1915 February 17	Senate Com. on Public Lands this morning favorably reported S. 7515, introduced by Senator Sterling, at my request. It is an exact copy of my bill H.R. 20,851, House Report 1280. This favorable Report gives the bill favorable report in both houses of Congress and by both the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture - in both Houses - 8 favorable reports: Even if I fail to get it thru this session I cannot fail the next. <u>The Bill passed Senate.</u> Five minutes after the Senate met Senator Sterling saw an opportunity - moved the passage of the bill & it went through without a question <u>Good Senator Sterling.</u>
Diary 25, 1915 February 18	House Committee on Territories this morning instructed Chairman Ferris to call up S. 7515. which passed yesterday - & get it through the House as soon as possible. Everybody is happy today for it is announced from the White House that there will not be an Extra session and we are all going home to remain for the summer. - During my three terms in Congress we have had an extra session each summer so that I have hardly been home in the six years.
Diary 25, 1915 February 19	The House Com. on Public Land this morning instructed Chairman Ferris to get my Alaska School law bill off the Speakers desk & passed by suspension of the rules. I am told Minority Leader J.R. Mann, of Illinois, will oppose it - but I will see him & persuade him

	not to do it -if he is persuadable! John E. Ballaine, the damned fool from Seward - town lots - is around trying to defeat it because he wants the Agri. College & School of Mines located at <u>Seward!</u> What do you think of that?
Diary 25, 1915 February 20	Finishing up my letter to the President in protest of the activities of Dr. Jones & other Bureau of Fisheries officials in aid of the Seattle- Alaska Fish trust.  We are very much pleased today to be able to get an additional office room. We now have No's 167 & 169 and that gives us a fine office & library for the next two years.
Diary 25, 1915 February 21	Finishing - last touches on letter to the President & moving into the new office.
Diary 25, 1915 February 22	Same as yesterday. Getting ready to go home on March 4 <sup>th</sup> .  <u>Will H. Parry</u> of Seattle was appointed a member of the Trade Commission - sent him a telegram of Congratulation.
Diary 25, 1915 February 23	Geo. & Charlie Dribelbis are here - and also Mrs. U.G. Myers from Eagle City - Alaska. We are moving office today - taking possession of another room in addition to 169 which have so long occupied.  Finished my letter to the President today- have gone over it for the final corrections – <u>Want Mr. Claude Kitchen, the Democratic Majority Leader of the next Congress to go over it before I deliver it to the White House.</u> Kitchin not interested in the Alaska fisheries - though very friendly to me - and expressed himself as against the Palmer bill etc. but will not do anything.
Diary 25, 1915 February 24	I was greatly disappointed today - we got the School Land Bill up on Unanimous Consent Calendar and Norton of North Dakota objected & threw us out. Both Norton and Falconer of Wash- opposed it -

	<p>and I knew instantly where the opposition came from for Ballaine sold Falconer a number of lots in Seward - &amp; Ballaine is fighting the bill - hence - Norton &amp; Falconer. I am disappointed at Norton for I though he was one of my friends.</p> <p>I feel very bitter toward Ballaine &amp; will keep him away from my office henceforth. He is thoroughly selfish &amp; unreliable - of course what they want is the location of the Agricultural College &amp; School of mines at Seward - near their lots.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 February 25	<p><u>Sent a telegram to Hon. Dan Sutherland, Juneau, asking him to get the governor &amp; the members of the Territorial Legislature to send me the following telegram:</u></p> <p><u>We strongly favor the passage by the House of Representatives of Senate bill 7515 reserving sections 16 &amp; 3jp in each surveyed township in Alaska for the support common schools and the location of Agricultural College and School of Mines on Government experiment farm at Fairbanks as recommended by Secretary Lane Secretary Houston and the Senate and House Committees."</u></p> <p>Shortly after sending the telegram I was informed that the cable to Alaska is out of order &amp; the telegram may not be received &amp; answered before Congress adjourns on the 4th of March.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 February 26	<p>Have just returned form the White House where I delivered to Tumulty, in person, my letter, dated yesterday, and directed to the President, - presenting my view of the Alaska salmon fisheries question.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 February 27	<p>Working to clear up business in office &amp; waiting for my turn to move Suspension of the Rules Passage of S. 7515.</p> <p>Received a telegram from Governor Strong &amp; 19 members of the Alaska Legislature approving S. 7515.</p> <p>Bully for Dan!</p>
Diary 25, 1915	<p>Darrell came over from Philadelphia last evening to</p>

February 28	<p>pay us a last visit before we start west. He is in good spirits &amp; health &amp; has a very pleasant place on the "<u>Kentucky</u>" as Ex. officer.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 1	<p>Attending close on House meetings - am promised recognition by Speaker Clark to move passage of S. 7515.</p> <p>Am working industriously to complete 3 chapters of an article for magazines on "Alaska Literature and Authors. - Have George making photographs of title pages of rare Alaskan books for me.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 2	<p>In House all day - till 11 o'clock at night but no opportunity to get up my bill yet.</p> <p>I asked Unanimous consent in the House today to extend my remarks in the Record on the subject of Alaska Fisheries &amp; got it. My reason is that Dr. Jones, Dep. Fish Commissioner for Alaska is interviewing the members of the House from the Pacific coast asking them to introduce a copy of the old "Tentative Bill" prepared by the Bureau of Fisheries &amp; the Cannery trust in 1913 - all have refused so far - but he will get someone to introduce it and when it is I am going to put a copy of it &amp; my letter to the President in the Record - I will stick as hard as I can for it then becomes an Administration bill &amp; the President will not help me - but those who drew the Tentative bill - the Trusts.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 3-4	<p style="text-align: center;">-3-</p> <p>House met at 10:00 &amp; I was there. About 2 o'clock Speaker Clark called me to him &amp; said I am going to recognize you - but it may be late - wait &amp; I'll get to you -and I waited all day - until nearly 2 o'clock in the morning - last night.</p> <p>On today I began waiting again - and sat in my seat &amp; waited &amp; then. We now understand the session of today will last until tomorrow.</p> <p>About 4 o'clock on the morning of the 4th my bill was reached - the speaker called me to the desk &amp; told me to try it on a request for unanimous</p>

	<p>consent first, and if that failed, second, to move to suspend the rules &amp; pass the bill. When he recognized</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>me I asked unanimous consent - &amp; Falconer of Washington after long delay &amp; fighting objected whereupon I moved to suspend the rules &amp; pass the bill - Falconer fought as hard as he could - Lenroot, Ferris &amp; others assisted me &amp; finally we got it to a vote and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-The Bill Passed-</p> <p>Alaska now has a bill to reserve School lands and to establish &amp; Agricultural College &amp; School of Mines at Fairbanks &amp; I am very - very glad of it.</p> <p>My office is in good shape - I left George in charge but Mr. Morrison will be engaged this summer in finishing up my library. Left Washington this afternoon at 6:15 for the West.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 5	<p>I am greatly surprised that Falconer should make such a bitter and inexcusable fight to prevent my School bill from passing Congress last night. Of course his interest is in Seward town lots which Ballaine sold him while we were in the midst of the Alaska Ry. bill fight - but do they expect that Seward is to have everything and Fairbanks nothing?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Now for the Alaska Legislature &amp; a Territorial school system bill!</u></p> <p>Before I left Washington yesterday I prepared my first blow at the tentative bill - introduced in the House by Carlin, of Virginia - by a speech - a few preliminary remarks - then the Carlin Bill - then a few remarks &amp; then my letter to the President. I ordered 8,000 copies printed. Chicago today - leave for the west at 8:05 p.m.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 6	<p>We reached Chicago yesterday over the Penn. Ry. &amp; left at 8:05 in the evening on the 'Golden State Limited' train - on the Rock Island Ry - system for San Diego, Cal.</p> <p>We passed through Illinois and Iowa in the night &amp;</p>

	<p>across Missouri &amp; Kansas today. There is snow everywhere - a foot deep across Kansas. Kansas City – Topeka Hutchinson – Pratt.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 7	<p>Today we are crossing New Mexico - Santa Rosa, Alamogordo Valley – Ft. Bliss &amp; El Paso, and in the evening along the boarder to Douglass, &amp; Ft Columbus. Many soldiers all along the border &amp; trouble may come up with the Mexicans any day.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 8	<p>This morning we were in the most easterly part of the Colorado valley which the So. Pac. Ry. crosses - then at Yuma, Salton Sea, San Bernardino valley - and arrived at Los Angeles at 3:30 - just half an hour too late to catch our train to San Diego. We went to the Alexandria Hotel - tired is no name for it - we are both exhausted - but a good bath &amp; a nights rest will put us in shape.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 9	<p>Long automobile ride out to Pasadena etc. Met Ferguson from Iditarod, Jas. Bell, Lawyer, from Nome, Geo. Baldwin, miner, from Valdes etc. at the Hotel. Left Los Angeles at 3. p.m. for San Diego - where we arrived at 8 o'clock.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 10	<p>Took in the Exposition today in company with Barney Goss -who lives here now. He and Debbie rode all over the Expo, grounds in a motor chair while I walked. We visited the various State buildings, etc. I gave particular attention to the "Pueblos" - an accurate copy of the houses of Taos etc. - visited the ethnological sections etc. The buildings are in the old Spanish type - and it is a fine exposition. The grounds are beautiful – altogether it is a lovely – satisfactory exposition.</p> <p>Barney &amp; Mrs. Goss live here &amp; expect a second baby now any day.</p>
Diary 25, 1915	<p>Had a fine automobile ride out to Point Loma -</p>

<p>March 11</p>	<p>Barney and his little son Frank went with us. <u>Recd. A beautiful bouquet "Compliments Alaska Society -San Diego, Mar. 11. 1915."</u> - Beautiful sunny day. <u>We were greatly pleased this evening when 30 members of the Alaska Club of San Diego called at our hotel &amp; held a reception in one of the small parlors for us.</u> Mr. Meeker, formerly of Nome, Pres, Mrs. West, " Valdes, Mrs. Patterson " Esther Creek, Jarvis Funchion &amp; wife " Fairbanks, Beckstead from Nome, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Heacock – son's in Fairbanks. Mifs Grant, formerly of Fairbanks, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Sheperd. I spoke to them about Alaskan legislation, - Ry. Schools etc. and several of them responded - fine.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 12</p>	<p>The father of my Secretary - Geo. A. Jeffery - called at the Hotel to see me this morning. He is a good quiet placid man, and we had a long talk about Geo. I told him much about his life in the <u>North</u>, etc. <u>We left San Diego today</u></p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 13</p>	<p>We visited Point Lomo &amp; everything in and around S.D -and left there today - the train was late on account of a wreck out on the line - it was 11:30 when we reached S.F. &amp; we went to the Cecil Hotel.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 14</p>	<p>San Francisco Expo. We came out to see the Expo, today - it is a beautiful display - the buildings and general effect is far more wonderful than anything of the kind I ever saw. We saw Beachey go up in his new monoplane - saw him loop the loop 4 times etc. On his second ascent his plane collapsed &amp; he fell to the earth - or rather into the waters of the bay &amp; was killed! Went out to the Fair tonight to see the lights - beautiful.</p>

<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 15</p>	<p>Called on F. W. Bradley – " " Senator Chas. W. Fairbanks, of Ind. at the St. Francis Hotel. Visited the Expo, again, &amp; tonight went out with the Hartfrants &amp; saw the illumination. Debbie called on Mrs. Jessie Palmer Webber who is sick in the Adler Hospital – she is getting better and will soon go home to Springfield, Illinois.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 16</p>	<p>Went to the Polo game this afternoon with the Bradley's - Mrs. Davis – Mrs. B's sister &amp; Mr. Plate. Fine afternoon &amp; good game between "<u>Cooperstown</u>" and "<u>San Mateo.</u>" - the former won by a small margin.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 17</p>	<p>Left San F this a.m. Went over to Oakland, early &amp; called for Annie Corey one of Debbie's schoolmates. Automobile ride through Oakland - and called on <u>Mrs. Florence Heilig Force</u>, whose father &amp; Mother reside in Fairbanks. Left Oakland at 11:43 on the Shasta Limited train for Seattle.  Jafet Linderberg &amp; Mr. Scott Bone on the train with us.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 18</p>	<p>Reached Seattle tonight at 8 o'clock &amp; went to the Frye Hotel. <u>Learned today &amp; received letter from Henry W. Elliott here telling me that Dr. Jones deputy fish commissioner for Alaska has been transferred to another position - that my letter to the president has some effect –</u>  Also received letter from the Attorney General saying that he had given the matter of opening the Detention Hospital at Fairbanks - &amp; in effect, agreeing to do it. Another instance of getting something by fighting for it.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 19</p>	<p>Spent the day resting. Went out to see Mother who is at Mays. Will go over to Tacoma tomorrow. Some letters etc. from Wash, but nothing of any consequence.</p>

	<p><u>Dan Sutherland was made President of the Territorial Senate &amp; E.C. Collins Speaker of the House - both my friends &amp; political supporters.</u></p> <p>Also learned that Ward T. Bower, Asst. Supt. Agent U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, who has long been one of the Cannery friends, and whom I asked the President to remove, was "<u>Promoted</u>" out of the Alaska Salmon fisheries to a position in the fur seal fisheries - but Jones &amp; Bowers! out of the way in 10 days! <u>Good.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 20	<p>Went over to Tacoma to see Peterson about clearing. Went out to my ranch to see about the clearing being done by Joe Wells - am surprised to find so little done - seems to me too much has been paid for the work done - will see to it - Could not see either Peterson or Wells.</p> <p>Called on Minnie with Debbie &amp; Mother. Back to Seattle - tired.</p> <p>Invited to Dinner with the Seattle Commercial Club &amp; spoke on Alaska fisheries. This club is fighting the fish trust - hence is very friendly to me.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 21	<p>Stayed at Hotel - rested.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 22	<p>Luncheon at Arctic Club - tendered to me by the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Present: Scott Bone, chairman, J.E. Chilberg, Jafet Lindeberg, Hechey, etc. about 20 prominent business men - a very pleasant and flattering reception.</p> <p>Went up to Enumclaw with Mother to visit Jen &amp; Charley &amp; their children. They have a fine family of three beautiful children.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 23	<p>Over to Buckley this morning - visited Uncle Tom &amp; Aunt Kate. Paid Harry - &amp; looked after my clearing etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Back to Seattle.</u></p> <p>I am greatly surprised to find that my agent Chas J.</p>

	<p><u>Peterson has overpaid Joe wells on account of Clearing my land in the Puyallup valley &amp; that in addition I am responsible on liens for a still larger sum.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 24	<p>Went over to Tacoma this morning to see Chas. T. Peterson etc. about my clearing - he was in Portland - so I gave Geo. T. Reid, my stake holder, notice not to pay any more money to <u>Joe Wells</u>, on account of clearing, except on my order - Revoked Petersons power - by oral order to Reid.</p> <p>Reid tells me he has paid on account of clearing the sum of \$3748.96 - being at least \$1000. and possibly more, in excess of the sum due!</p> <p>Charley &amp; Jen came down this afternoon to visit us.</p> <p>Will not go to Alaska today since I must settle clearing matter before I go.</p> <p>Settled Henry T. Rays act. with Valentine &amp; received warrants payable by City for \$677.<sup>00</sup>.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 25	<p>Paid Jen. for Harry, bal. \$64.00 and Mother for Harry, 10 lots \$200.00.</p> <p>Debbie went to Enumclaw this morning with Charley &amp; Jen.</p> <p>Took dinner with Nixons, Tom Williams &amp; McKay - went to Caspar Fishers dance hall &amp; visited for an hour.</p> <p><u>Got a bundle of old Alaska papers from J.A. Ward &amp; sent them on to Washington for my library.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 March 26	<p>Am greatly disappointed at not getting business engagement with Charley Peterson about my land clearing - he is in Portland. Hope to do so today or tomorrow forenoon so I can go north tomorrow evening on the "<u>Jefferson.</u>"</p> <p>Debbie back from Enumclaw.</p> <p>Got my money from Bank &amp; will go to Tacoma in Morning &amp; will take boat tomorrow evening for Juneau - anyway.</p>

<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 27</p>	<p>Consulted with Peterson &amp; Joe Wells, at Tacoma about Wells work on my land. We went out to the land and examined clearing, ditches, etc. I agreed on extent &amp; price of ditching; agreed on price to be paid for posts but not on number; refused to concede anything on unauthorized work of clearing on north 24.5 acres. Demanded completion of contract of clearing 30 acres at \$100 [?] per acre. My refusal to pay or act otherwise than in accord with my written contract induced Peterson to agree to take over Wells contract &amp; he personally agreed with me to complete Wells contract at prize agreed on. Paid Peterson \$340. act. wages due. Left Seattle at o. p.m. on "<u>SS Jefferson</u>" for Alaska.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 28</p>	<p>Beautiful day - Gulf of Georgia. Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jas A. Smiser, U.S. Dist. Atty. are on board bound to Juneau. – also U.S. Marshal Bishop &amp; his wife. J.B. Howard, also.</p> <p>I intend to stop off in Juneau one boat &amp; go on there to Cordova &amp; Fairbanks.</p> <p>Debbie will stop with me in Juneau, but will not go to the interior until June.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 29</p>	<p>Another beautiful sunny day - Queen Charlottes Sound to Seymour Channel. Mr. &amp; Mrs. Smiser - U.S. Dist. Atty. are interesting - they are delighted with the weather - expecting to find only rain &amp; snow! - wait until they get to Juneau.</p> <p>Bishop, U.S. Marshal is still suffering from a stroke of paralysis. He and his wife are kind, modest &amp; sensitive folk.</p> <p>123 passengers on board - many bound to canneries.</p> <p>Received telegrams from Ketchikan inviting me to</p>

	<p>remain &amp; speak - answered that it was not possible to do so.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 30</p>	<p>At Ketchikan this morning at 8 o'clock. Forest Hunt &amp; many friends me - Bob Oliver asked me to assist him to go to Juneau - he wants to assist in passing good fish legislation through legislature now in session. I feel under some obligations to him &amp; agreed to advance him \$50 which he agreed to repay!</p> <p>Wrote a letter to Atty. Genl. telling him what Case of Seattle Com. Club told me about the efforts being made by business men of Seattle to get Allen U.S. Dis. Atty to dismiss indictment No. 2791 U.S. v Booth Fisheries Co. et al.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 March 31</p>	<p>Noon - reached Douglas &amp; Juneau at 1 p.m. Went to Alaskan Hotel. Met at Wharf by Valentine, Sutherland, Driscoll &amp; others of my friends. Visiting and renewing my acquaintances etc.</p> <p>There is a strong fight on here against me by the Democratic Federal Crowd - Jennings, Strong, Troy &amp; their followers - basing their attacks on their cry of "We are for a full territorial form of government." They assume that I am opposed to such growth of government but I am <u>not</u>. To meet this attack my friends - the "Dispatch" &amp; others have raised a cry for the organization of the State of Alaska - for the State form of government.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 April 1</p>	<p>Went with Senator Sutherland and Mr. Thane to visit the new mills of the Alaska - Gastineau Mine Co. - -Thane, Mgr. We examined the whole plant - only part of which is yet in operation - the first units being put to work in February of this year. Mr. Thane, the manager is a young man of high merit as an organizer while the plant seems to be the beginning of the greatest mine in Alaska.</p> <p>Moved from the Alaskan Hotel to the New Cain Hotel where we have good rooms.</p>

Diary 25, 1915 April 2	<p>The war between the newspapers - the 'Dispatch supporting me add the Empire fighting me - over the question of "full territorial form of government vs. the organization of a State government is amusing to me - for I favor both - in order of development. I am urged to speak to the public on these questions next week. I will do so.</p> <p>Was invited to meet with the Joint Com. from both Houses of the Legislature having in charge the preparation of a school bill - did so &amp; talked with them quite freely &amp; the subject &amp; advised them to go ahead with their work &amp; if there were limitations in the organic Act which barred them - to pass the bill as it ought to be enacted &amp; I would get congress to remove the bar.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 3	<p>Went out with Valentine &amp; Sec. of Terry. Chas. E. Davidson to visit the Price Homestead north of town - there is some trouble about this claim &amp; they want me to assist the [?] claimant which I will do - if it is possible.</p> <p>Working today to catch up my correspondence etc.</p> <p>Also met with Com. on Education on preparation of School Bill.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 4	<p>Easter Sunday Went through the underground workings of the Treadwell mines today - down to the 2100 ft level - with Mr. Phil Bradley, Ed. Russell, Senator Dan Sutherland &amp; two or three other men.</p> <p>Dinner tonight at the Cobbs – present Mr. &amp; Mrs. Cobb, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Smiser, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Sutherland, Debbie &amp; I, and Mr. Lang Cobb. One of Mrs. Cobb's fine dinners - with good Tennessee hot biscuits.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 5	<p>Working today on data for my speech Wednesday evening. Rainy &amp; bad weather.</p>

Diary 25, 1915 April 6	<p>At work today on my speech for tomorrow night. Juneau town Election Valentine &amp; his crowd defeated.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 7	<p>I heard Strong, agent of transportation interests at Ketchikan, say to Senator Tanner in the Senate chambers, this morning, <u>publicly</u>, that he (Strong) wrote the address which Dr. Jones, the Dep. U.S. Fish Commissioner made in Seattle!</p> <p>Made a speech tonight at the "Rink" - a big crowd. I spoke on the subject of the need of removing limitations on the power of the Legislature and severely criticized John W. Troy, Editor of the Juneau Empire for his pessimistic crusade to keep the Legislature from using the powers it has. My speech taken in shorthand &amp; published in Juneau Dispatch of April 9<sup>th</sup>.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 8	<p>Dinner tonight with Gov &amp; Mrs. Strong.</p> <p>The Daily Empire, John W. Troy, Editor, is fighting mad at me over the speech I made denouncing him &amp; his opposition to Statehood - last night. He is belaboring me in each issue of his paper and is exerting enough influence to prevent the legislature from performing its duty in passing needed legislation for the Territory.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 9	<p>In this afternoons Empire Troy changes that I misquoted the Democratic platform in my speech Wednesday night - my friends will publish the plank in the Democratic platform of 1912 favoring Statehood - &amp; will post it in Valentines tomorrow morning - we have the "<u>goods on him</u>". <u>Leave Juneau tonight at midnight on the S.S. "Alameda" for Cordova.</u> <u>Debbie will remain here</u>, till the River opens &amp; will come in that way.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 10	<p>At Skagway at noon. Dr. Kellar thinks now is the time to begin the reorganization of the Republican Party.</p>

	<p><u>Jack Kellar gave me Oct of printed reports of the Arctic Brotherhood 1901 - 1913.</u> Tonight going out of Icy Straits - 9 p.m. Fine day - warm but fleecy fogs. Mts. beautiful. Alaska is the land of glorious scenery - how I love it.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 11	<p>Yesterday there was a heavy blow &amp; today the waves are high and long - they come quartering from astern and the vessel has a long corkscrew roll - and I remained in bed feeling rather sea sick - We well get into Prince William Sound late tonight. I am a poor sailor - but I find there are many others like me.</p> <p>Reached Cordova at 1 a.m. &amp; went to the Rainier-Grand Hotel. Learned that the Peoples, from Fairbanks are here -at the Northern - but as I go out on the Ry. in the morning will not get to see them.</p> <p>Saw Horace Leach, Harry Thirsted &amp; many of my friends.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 12	<p>Left Cordova at 8 this morning on the C.R. &amp; N.W. train -it was raining in Cordova &amp; along the coast Out at the Miles &amp; Childs glaciers the sun was shining &amp; when we reached Chitina the sky was blue and bright.</p> <p>At Palmers hotel tonight &amp; hope to get away tomorrow, on the Automobile - Bob Sheldon's - for Fairbanks.</p> <p>Wrote to Debbie &amp; George. Dinner with Wm O'Connor, Commissioner - and a candidate two years ago against me for Delegate to Congress.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 13	<p>Waited for Automobile &amp; Ashton - chauffer - came in at noon - bluntly informed me that he could not take me -no more passengers. I answered that I had waited for him &amp; the Orr Stage had gone early in the day - &amp; insisted that he overtake the stage with me. We left Chitina at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in his auto. Mouth of</p>

	<p>Tonsina at Jake Nefsteads R.H. at 5 o'clock for dinner &amp; after a long hard &amp; muddy ride we reached Copper Center - 51 miles at 1 o'clock in the morning. Bed at 2 o'clock - at Blix Roadhouse.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 14	<p>Left Blix Rd. House at Copper Center at 7 and muddy ride to Gulkana for lunch as with Buck Hoyt. Reached Sour Dough Roadhouse late - Mrs. Nelly Yeager - an old Dawson-Alaska pioneer woman - and a great friend of Bill McPhees.</p> <p>Warm south wind.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 15	<p>Left Sour Dough Rd. House at 7 oclock - lunch at "Our Home" Rd. - at noon passed Mier's Rd. House at 5 oclock and reached Paxson's at 9 p.m. tired, but enjoyed the spring birds and beautiful day.</p> <p>Warm south wind continued but it is colder up here &amp; much more snow. Came here on stage sleds.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 16	<p>Left Paxson's at 8 oclock in the morning - 8 horses each drawing a double ender sled in one of which I lay wrapped in robes. Crossed Summit Lake on the ice - met Bob Sheldon on lake hauling his Ford Automobile off on a sled. Yosts R.H. for early lunch &amp; then to Miller (the old McDevitt) roadhouse, now kept by John Bauman where we stay for the night.</p> <p><u>Lloyd Beckett, one of the stage drivers promises to get me 2 mountain sheep lambs in June.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 17	<p>From Miller (old McDermitt) roadhouse to Rapids R.H. for lunch - changed to the wagons. Met U.S. Marshal Towne &amp; guards with 6 prisoners &amp; 2 crazy men - in two wagons going south. On down to Donnelly's Rd. House - the old "Nigger Bill" Roadhouse - for the night. South wind - down the Delta - cold &amp; strong. Snow all gone &amp; spring one month early in the Tanana Valley.</p>

<p>Diary 25, 1915 April 18</p>	<p>From Donnelly's R.H. to McCarty's on the Tanana. Snow on the Dome, but all disappeared when we reached Jarvis Creek &amp; the Tanana.</p> <p>Surprised to learn that the connecting stage will not meet me here until Tuesday - so telegraphed to Fairbanks for an automobile - but refused to come account of bad roads.</p> <p>Melo Haidukevich &amp; Charlie Spann want me to stay over a week and go up to Clearwater - 12 miles - to hunt &amp; I am inclined to go.</p> <p>Sent telegram to Henry Ray that I would go up river hunting a week.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 April 19</p>	<p>Left McCarty Station at the mouth of the Big Delta this morning at 8 o'clock on foot for the Clearwater Creek. Accompanied by Charley Spaun, an old Dome Creek miner and Mels Haidenkovich a Montenegrin, walked up the Tanana valley to Clearwater in 4 hours - 13 miles. We arrived at the road-house at the crossing of the Healey river trail kept by Ed. Smith, an old Texas frontiersman. Big cabin nicely cleared grove, beautiful hunting station on the bank of the stream. This river rises 35 miles - 15 miles on an air line towards the Mts. south of the Tanana. A beautiful day - wide and fertile valley - no snow and grass beginning to grow. Spring song birds from the south - high white mountains - birch hills on the north side of the valley.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 April 20</p>	<p>Very windy and the ducks and swan not flying but we went out to the lake - west side of big Clearwater - to hunt. Saw Ducks &amp; Swan too wild &amp; far away - nothing, so came back to fish. We fished from a boat tied to the shore at an eddy just above roadhouse. The water is so clear &amp; the schools of fish - grayling and white fish - so large that it is easy to catch all we want.</p> <p>The water is so clear that we can see the fish as plainly as through a plate glass which enables us to select the fish we want &amp; catch it!! This is a remarkable stream, about 200 ft. wide, 6 ft. deep, level gravel bottom, clear &amp; never freezes! It is fed</p>

	<p>evidently by springs &amp; the temperature the year around is the same. In the spring the grayling &amp; white fish come from the river to spawn &amp; later in the season the salmon use it. They all come in incred-</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 April 21</p>	<p>ible numbers - it is the most perfect and valuable spawning stream in the interior of Alaska. It is so quiet and lake like that the fish spawn on its gravel bed rather than in the lakes. It is now filled with the coming hoards of grayling &amp; white fish &amp; the small shallows along its banks with minnows! which hatch here earlier than in any stream in Alaska! This stream ought to become a fish reservation! <u>Fairbanks is 512 ft. above sea level, McCarty is 940, Clearwater about 952 or 400 ft. above Fairbanks and 100 miles away along a level valley. It will afford a great water supply - under heavy pressure - for down valley points.</u> Around the lakes &amp; rivers today - but there are too few waterfowl in yet to make hunting good. This is a beautiful spot &amp; great hunting country.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 April 22</p>	<p>Wandering around today hunting - more wildfowl coming in - spring birds too.</p> <p>Am greatly interested in this part of the Tanana valley - It is higher - and warmer - (?) than the valley down about Fairbanks. Fine country - good agricultural land - some timber - coal east of Big Delta - 25 mi - south - and altogether promises to support a large population of people. Just now it is the finest game country in Alaska - Bear, moose, caribou, waterfowl, wolves, etc. My, Sheep abound &amp; I have made arrangements with a hunter to catch 2 or 3 lambs for me this summer &amp; will try to get them crossed with domestic sheep &amp; thus start a new band of hardy sheep.</p> <p><u>Walked from Clearwater down to McCarty's Station this afternoon - a splendid vacation but little success in hunting.</u></p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 April 23</p>	<p>Remained at McCarty, at the mouth of the Big Delta - southside - till noon &amp; then took the stage - 4</p>

	<p>horses -for Richardson. Reached Richardson at 6 oclock &amp; staid at Samuelson's Roadhouse. Visited with Judge Griffin - Justice of the peace. Recorder &amp; Com. and others. My mail bags of seeds for free distribution are on the stage &amp; are being delivered at each Post office as we go along the trail. It looks good - does the valley of the Tanana! Am beginning to hear good reports from the new placer camp on the Tolovana river -hope it is a live one.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 24	<p>Richardson to Munson's Rd House, at the mouth of the Salcha. Visited the Episcopal Mission this evening - Mrs. Maud B Stone - Thompson, in charge &amp; Mijo Frederick, nurse &amp; medico. <u>They are doing good work among the Indians.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 25	<p>Fairbanks is dull - oh so dull! A long dull winter and no immediate prospect of railroad work - and all who can are going to the new strike at the Tolovana. Think I'll go over and take a look at it. Henry T. Ray met me last evening and is doing what he can to assist me in getting settled in my old home. Invited to meet with Town Council &amp; Chamber of Commerce this evening to discuss telegram from Driscoll - member of the Legislature from Fairbanks - in the matter of opposing a bill to levy real estate tax for territorial purposes etc. They sent telegram as I suggested. Charly Joynt &amp; I will go to Tolovana this week.</p>
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Diary 25, 1915 April 27	<p>Am writing letters etc. and beginning to bet my affairs straitened out - a small job - but necessary before I go to the Tolovana.  Have had a preliminary talk with Ray about locating two limestone ledge claims at Fox, and taking options on either Cleary or Dome Creek mining claims for sale in masse to dredging Co. - he seems favorably inclined.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 28	<p>Staying quietly at home - eating my meals at the Arcade Restaurant. <u>Just resting.</u> Intended to go to Tolovana tomorrow but Joynt was summoned on the Dr Hall jury &amp; must wait for him so trip is postponed.  Many persons coming to talk politics etc.  Further talk with Ray about locating limestone ledge claim each at Fox.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 29	<p>At home.  Attended public meeting tonight at Court House in aid of wagon road from Fairbanks to Tolovana. Nothing important except I promised to Subscribe \$50.00 to assist in building the road.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 April 30	<p>Apr 30, Fri Went out to Fox, on Goldstream to look at a ledge of limestone - found it has been located by one Frank Flynn. Had a good visit with my old friend "Whitehorse" Smith, knew him first in Circle in 1900. Called with Ray &amp; Smith on Mrs. Collins, wife of E.B. Collins. Speaker of the 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislatures of Alaska.</p>

	<p>Mail in tonight from outside - letters from Debbie &amp; Darrell &amp; many business letters.</p> <p>Recd my Mch Salary check = \$625.<sup>00</sup></p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 1	<p>Writing letters - answer to mail of yesterday.</p> <p>Henry T. Ray located a limestone ledge at Fox today - it is a chance for lime &amp; cement.</p> <p>Deposit in First Nat. Bank to date \$1625.00</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 2	<p>Beautiful warm Sunday - ice melting out &amp; no rise or rush of water. Warmer weather. Will go to Tolovana tomorrow.</p> <p><u>Invited to deliver 30 min. address at High School Commencement May 21st.</u></p> <p><u>Robins singing in the trees.</u></p> <p>Dinner tonight with Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jack Healey.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 3	<p><u>The Ice went out of Chena river last night –</u></p> <p><u>Left for Tolovana camp this afternoon at 4. Will remain all night at Olnes &amp; go over the hill from there.</u></p> <p>(Entries May 3rd to May 25th are copied from my notes made on sheets of paper &amp; used for copy-)</p> <p>Left Fairbanks for Tolovana diggings on 4:30 auto car. Tanana Valley Ry. Met gasoline car at Fox - stuck on grade up Fox, bad track - drunken Prostitutes. Reached Olnes at 8 o'clock &amp; put up at Tommy Quirks log road house - a relic of the old camp.</p> <p>Our fellow travelers - the swift ladies, retired to the stockade where their noisy cries &amp; laughter could be heard to a late hour. My friend, White, the socialist still flourishes.</p>

Diary 25, 1915 May 4	<p>Left Olnes at 7 o'clock - crossed to Chatanika river in a row boat just above the new unfinished footbridge. Up Little Willow creek across the divide, down Big Willow to the forks, up to west Fork &amp; across the divide to Washington Creek. Here we had much trouble to cross the swollen stream, but finally succeeded by walking on a half submerged tree - reached the Snow Shoe R.H. hungry, wet and tired - <u>16 mi.</u></p> <p>This house is kept by a Jap named K. Imamura, &amp; is roughly built out of small round logs. The beds are of the primitive kind, - round pole bunks, filled with boughs and adorned with cotton blanket or two - no sheets - no pillow cases - no cleanliness - just as the last traveler rolled out! - but when you are tired you can sleep in there <u>&amp; I did.</u></p> <p>Snow today while crossing the Wash. Creek divide.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 5	<p>Left Snow Shoe R.H. - head gulch at 8, climbed to divide - then Kettleton &amp; I left Joynt &amp; Joslin, and climbed the "Wickersham Dome" at the head of Wickersham Creek - a tributary of the Beaver river. From its summit we had a wide &amp; glorious view - Mt Hayes &amp; the big white range south of the Tanana, - the Beaver Mts &amp; Sawtooth range toward Rampart &amp; all the lesser ranges &amp; valleys, while the Tolovana flats &amp; valley lay below us. A beautiful day - Crossed down to Globe Creek Roadhouse kept also by two Japs. Quite a crowd of men here at Globe R.H. some going to &amp; others coming from the new diggings. Good grub - but same old beds - everything dirty but warm. My ankles are sore &amp; my heels skinned by my new rubber boots. Moose sign everywhere.</p> <p><u>Limestone buttes on Globe Creek.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 6	<p>Left Globe Rd. Ho. at 7 o'clock &amp; followed north along a small creek that comes down from between two large limestone buttes - over the divide to O'Brien creek down that creek &amp; across a divide to the Tatlina and Lanke's cabin. Here we met Frank Miller, John Zug, &amp; Gerahz on their way to Fairbanks. Stopped with them &amp; gave them lunch. Crossed another divide to the middle fork of</p>

	<p>the Tolovana at Casey's Rd. Ho. Hurt my foot in a fall - badly swollen &amp; black - limping &amp; sore. Hot water &amp; liniment. 19 Mi. today. Rd. Ho. Keeper tells us that the creeks around his neighborhood prospect well. Tolovana here is a beautiful but small river. Old Indian hunting camp at bluff here.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 7	<p>My foot is badly swollen this morning but I changed shoes with Kettleleson &amp; as his soles are heavier I can walk - 8 mi. to Olive Creek where we stopped for lunch. Gus Peterson's mining plant here but he has prospected the ground and intends to move over to Livingood - We cross up Olive and over the divide to Kinny's R. Ho. on 6 above Livingood - Kinney, Gus Conradt, Franklin, &amp; others. Jimmy Haney - will stay here with Kenney while we look over the creeks. Only one woman - the "Laughing Kid" - on the Livingood - she weighs 200 and is a "sport." Some unchivalrous ones call her the "Tolovana sow."  Harry Patterson has up the first gin pole on Livingood &amp; a small flag flying from it - in honor of the Delegate from Alaska.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 8	<p>This morning we start out to see the "camp." The best prospects so far found are on the "bench" claims 3rd tier, right limit. Only one hole to bedrock, but the miners think the pay is back there. Cascaden has the one hole to bedrock but Harry Patterson is putting down another 500 feet up stream on the same claim. Patterson is using my plant which Ray leased to him till Aug. 1. Jack Curry working for Cascaden and Harry Pierson has the lay next to Patterson - down steam. No paystreak yet, but one hole to bedrock - though that has some pay. Probably a dozen men sinking shafts in the hope of reaching the pay which Pierson has in the Cascadian shaft.</p>

	<p>This is a good looking creek &amp; country- hope it has some gold in it. Limestone here - back of No 6, a R.L.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 9	<p>Joynt &amp; Joslin went down to Lake City - in the lower Livingood valley &amp; Kittleson will go down tomorrow &amp; they will go back to town - but I will remain 3 or 4 days. Visited Dan McCarty &amp; some of the miners today - Livingood Creek is about as long as Cleary Creek at Fairbanks &amp; has but little water &amp; wood. Will wait here till Harry Patterson gets his shaft down to bedrock - Wheeler is also putting down a shaft downstream a mile on 30 bench. If both strike it, there <u>may be</u> a pay-streak on the Creek. Patterson using my plant. 8 H.P. Scotch marine boiler, hoisting plant etc. good plant. There are a dozen miners here in the tent bunk house and we talk &amp; tell hunting &amp; trapping stories &amp; talk mining until late bed time every night.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 10	<p>Kinney &amp; Gus Petersons crew are bringing Gus' outfit -boiler &amp; mining plant, from Olive around the hill to No 6 above, 2nd tier bench, on Livingood. It is the first real mining plant in the country. Patterson digging hard to get to bed rock, for if he strikes pay it will add much to the spirit of optimism which always buoys up a mining camp even before pay is struck, Panning at Pierson's &amp; waiting impatiently for Patterson's shaft to get bottom. Dave Cascaden and Dan McCarty are old Fairbanks miners of 1902.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 11	<p>Panning around Pierson's &amp; Patterson's dumps - but it is early yet to guess whether there is pay here or not. It needs more prospecting. Peterson's boiler coming up the Creek - they will use it here at Kinney's to saw lumber until there is pay located on Cascadian - Pierson's hole &amp; then it will go to mining.  Dan McCarty, Jr. is one of the owners of these bench claims where they think they will have pay.</p>

	<p>I first met Dan on Goldstream (Fairbanks District) in April 1903, when I came across from Circle. He had a little dump on No 5, Goldstream then - they - he a his father afterwards took quite a fortune out of Goldstream.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 May 12</p>	<p>Went over the Livingood divide today with Harry Pierson and J.W. McCord to "Alabam" Creek. Frank Cleary after whom Cleary Creek, Fbks. Dist. was named has a cabin at the mouth where Alabam empties into Mike Hess Creek. We went up to Barthel Bros claim on upper Alabam - 8 miles - Coming back we climbed on the limestone outcrop on the left limit of Alabam - from which we had a wide &amp; beautiful view over the surrounding country. Saw many cross beaks - the cock in his British red coat and his wife in her olive green dress. In an old miners cabin a well thumbed copy of Plutarch's Lives. We examined the divide at the head of Livingood -Hess creek can be brought over into Livingood with a two mile ditch for mining purposes. Moore, an old Yakutat miner, Jim Girourd, socialist &amp; Alesek miner - bright &amp; ready talker - great reader, - 16 miles today - walk.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 May 13</p>	<p>About noon a fire sprang up in the heavy spruce timber near the head of Livingood and is now raging and roaring through the valley like a storm at sea. Miners all back firing. Keen's cabin and outfit burned. <u>Prepared a Notice of Location of Water Right for Mike Hess intake &amp; Haney, McCord and McCarty will go over tomorrow &amp; post &amp; locate water with the intention of ditching &amp; fluming it over to Livengood for mining purposes. Names of Locators: Chas. W. Joynt, Dave Cascaden, Henry T. Ray, Dan McCarty, James Wickersham, J.W. McCord, Harry Pierson &amp; J.A. Haney.</u> Prospects on Livingood look much better today - two more holes to bedrock &amp; pay is lining up on the high benches.</p>

<p>Diary 25, 1915 May 14</p>	<p>Country is afire today - dry &amp; fire spreading. Haney, McCord and Dan McCarty went over to Mike Hess today, accompanied by Ingraham, the surveyor, and located and surveyed water ditch from intake to divide. I paid Ingram \$20. my share and for Joynt &amp; Ray. Panned at Patterson's and Pierson's - 3rd tier bench, opposite No 6 above discovery, Right limit. Livingood - good prospects and camp really looks better. My feet are getting well but my broken big toe is yet sore and swollen. "Scotty" Bryson, cook at Kinney's, is an old sailor and lived in Juneau years ago - He is a typical character - sailor, cockney English - intelligent and fiery.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 May 15</p>	<p><u>Left Kinneys this morning to go home - down the Tolovana river - few have ever gone down it - though trappers and prospectors have done so.</u> Walked down to Discovery - met Livengood, Koegley and many other prospectors and miners - Nothing but a few tents &amp; two or three log huts. Went on down to Lake City - on the Tolovana flat valley near the Livengood creek. Lunch there with Geo. Coleman, agent N.C. Co. Fairbanks, also Ray Rutherford, Ed Suter, Howard Merritt, Tom Blalock, Elam Harnish, F.S. Gordon. - Fairbanks business men – in charge of John Wigger, boatman. They just arrived <u>up</u> the Tolovana river in a launch - Rutherford's launch to the Big log jam, &amp; in Wiggers small launch from there up. Left West Fork in row boat at 5 oclock &amp; floated down to John Wiggers cabin, for the night.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 May 16</p>	<p>Wiggers cabin typical hunters cabin. Beautiful morning, birds singing, ducks, geese &amp; swan innumerable - beaver abundant. Saw a big bull moose standing in the birch trees on the bank and we floated almost under him before he moved. Floated into a beaver town - big brave hit his tail on the water - "plop" - &amp; at the signal others disappeared but curiosity brought them out again soon. Hundreds of trees cut and stumps</p>

	<p>everywhere. Reached portage above log jam in evening - jam is in three mile bend - portage across 2100 feet. Fine birch forest along this part of the river. Built our camp alongside of Capt. Al Lieris tent house - he is cutting a trail for portage road. With me are "Benner, McCord, Haney, and we are having a fine trip &amp; I am especially enjoying it. The river is narrow and has high dry banks covered with a beautiful growth of birch &amp; while small grassy lakes are numerous - filled with waterfowl.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 17	<p>Went duck hunting this morning along the river in Lieris motor boat!! Beautiful stretch of river - It looks like a tropical river - high banks covered with white stemmed birch. McCord &amp; I went over this afternoon to watch the beaver work - but "plop!" went the master trowel tail &amp; they all disappeared - but soon you could see a head &amp; a pair of eyes looking to see if the enemy was near. Saw a big lynx along the river but he saw us, too, &amp; ran. Shot an owl through the head with my 22° rifle. We will wait for the "Wigger" to come down with Coleman and others &amp; will then go down the river. <u>Capt. Al. Lieris tells me the Tolovana Hot Springs are 6 mi west of here on a high hill-side. He also declares they have the rare medicinal value of restoring lost manhood - or at least boosting it like hell", as he graphically put it. He says he has tested it!</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 18	<p>We assisted Al. Lien in cutting right of way for Tramway. At noon the Coleman-Gordon-Rutherford party arrived -after dinner Haney, McCord, Benner &amp; I embarked in Al Liens gasoline launch for Tolovana River lined with beautiful forests of white birch - late in the evening we reached the first hill - on west bank - high grassy &amp; Indian signal hill seen for 20 mi - all over the wide valley etc. Fell &amp; cut my face badly. We reached the next hill -Chief Charley's (Ya-gas) cabins &amp; there we camped at 32-midnight. We slept on the hillside just above the river -on a terrace cut by the Indians</p>

	<p>for bed places - sat up most of the rest of the night - listening to the wild animal &amp; bird calls - geese - ducks - robins etc. - a glorious night.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 19	<p>At an early hour we made breakfast &amp; caught a net full of fish. Went up to Chief "Ya-yas" cabins - and along the grassy ridge to the Indian graves - on the highest point - from which we saw a splendid view - Mt Hayes &amp; the big mountains across the Tanana - the 10 mile wide Tolovana valley at our feet -a grand view of Ya-ga's hunting grounds. It is the most beautiful view in the interior - an Indians paradise. If I were an Indian I would wish to be buried on this spot - a cloudless warm &amp; glorious morning. Left Chief Ya ga's - campground - down the river - passed the intake of the Chatanika river and reached the mouth of the Tolovana at 6 in the evening put up at Vashon's Road house. It has been a day to be remembered - a hunters - Indians paradise, ducks, geese, swan &amp; all kind of game - large &amp; small. The Indians protest against the entrance of the white man into their hunting grounds - but in vain.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 20	<p>We are told there will be no boat to Fairbanks before the 23rd. Sent a telegram to Mrs. Zimmerman, school director, excusing my absence from Commencement exercises on Friday. Rutherford's launch with the Coleman-Gordon party on board came down the Tolovana &amp; up the Tanana today - no room on it for us! We are washing - shaving and getting rested - I am still quite sore from the fatigue of traveling &amp; from my fall on the hillside on the 18th. Two bad cuts on the right side of my face.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 May 21	<p>Am interested in Vashon's fox pens and especially in his new crop of foxes, born in the pens. Altogether he has 70 foxes and seems to be quite successful in raising them. Called on Chief Alexander (Sta-tad-tuna) first "a" sound as in "ate", second short as in "at". The Chief of this bunch of Indians, at the Indian village on the point of land at the mouth of the Tolovana.</p>

	Most of his band are at Minto - fishing and hunting.
Diary 25, 1915 May 22	Chief Sta-tad-tuna called on me today bravely arrayed in his paint, feathers, bead work & moose skin coat. We had a long "talk" about game laws, reservations, schools, etc. He and his squaws are making a beautiful birch bark canoe - cleaning, tanning & stretching moose hides & doing sewing & bead work.
Diary 25, 1915 May 23	The steamer "Reliance" left Ft. Gibbon - the mouth of the Tanana river, last night and will be here tomorrow sometime. Beautiful clear weather and I am enjoying myself along the river bank talking to a number of hunters & trappers here from the Kantishna river with furs. They and the Chief Sta-tad-tuna interest me with their stories of hunting trapping - of animals, birds. Sta-tad-tuna gave me the names - the Indian names of the various Chiefs on the Tanana River as follows: Chief Alexander, of Tolovana Sta-tad-tuna Chief Charley - upper Tolovana Yaga - as in father Chief Thomas, of Wood River "Be-yits - e long Chief Ivan, of Crossjacket - Kuz-ra
Diary 25, 1915 May 24	Steamer Reliance reached here at noon & Haney & I took passage on her - McCord & Benner left this morning on a launch with some miners - all for Fairbanks. On the Reliance are Riggs - R.R. Com. & Senator Gaustad & Speaker Collins on their way to Fairbanks Senator Sutherland left the boat at Rampart & will cross, via Tolovana. Senator Gaustad told me that Collins is coming home with a promise from Shackelford that in case he can carry the Tanana interior with delegates favorable to Shackelford for the Del. to Rep. Nat. Convention next year, ye (Collins) shall be appointed Governor!!

	Now what do you think of that?
Diary 25, 1915 May 25	Nenana early this morning & reached Chena this evening about 7. p.m. Took train for Fairbanks & home - dog tired.
Diary 25, 1915 May 26	Commencement Exercises Fairbanks High School this Evening.
Diary 25, 1915 May 27	[Commencement program included]  [clipping] The annual commencement exercises of the Fairbanks high school took place last night at the Orpheum theater, which was crowded to capacity to witness the advent of five students into the workaday life of the world after closing their school careers in Fairbanks. They were Albert Willis Nicely, Helen Marie Bentley, Edgar Riley Wooldridge, Johanna Frances Miller and Arnold Mauritz Nordale. Delegate Wickersham addressed the students, giving them sound advise and picturing many of his own experiences as a schoolboy, later as a college student and finally as a lawyer. He preached the great doctrine of "Work, Work!" This is the first time that Delegate Wickersham has been in Fairbanks at this time of the year for a long while and the graduates were fortunate in securing him for the occasion. Diplomas were presented by Rev. H.H. Lumpkin of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, while the music, which was particularly good was under the direction of Dr. Aline Bradley.
Diary 25, 1915 May 28	Pat Mahoney, carpenter, with one assistant began repairs on my house today. Ray went out to Wolf Creek to see "cleanup" tomorrow. Hess came down and we discussed the proposition of buying up Cleary Creek and McCord, Gus Peterson, Haney, Dan McCarty & Charly Joynt were down to talk about organizing a Water Ditch Co. on Livengood Creek - the new Tolovana

	"diggings."
Diary 25, 1915 May 29	At home looking after carpenters who are repairing the house - intend to get into good shape before Debbie gets here.  Fine weather - clear, sunny, warm - fine garden days.  Henry Ray came in from Wolf creek today - he attended a clean-up on one of my claims while out there but the miners are evidently <u>not</u> on the pay for the cleanup only yielded about \$800. <sup>00</sup> .
Diary 25, 1915 May 30	Beautiful sunny day. Saw the Baseball game.
Diary 25, 1915 May 31	Carpenters at work on house - I am answering correspondence and getting business affairs in shape.  Outside Mail in today = Recd my April salary \$625 <sup>00</sup>
Diary 25, 1915 June 1	Working at house - watching the carpenters etc. Recorded Notice of Location of Livingood Water Right etc. Dan Sutherland came to town today - he had dinner with me - Edgar, Lizzie & Henry T. Ray. Steamer Delta in from Dawson.
Diary 25, 1915 June 2	Dinner at Edgars - present Dan Sutherland, Edgar & Lizzie & I. Dan left this evening at 7 p.m. on the Delta for Ruby - Judge Bunnell also, & court party - for Ruby and Iditarod. Sent Jennie \$150.00 for Nan - \$25.00 a month July - December.
Diary 25, 1915 June 3	Writing letters - appointed Aaron Edward Rucker of Valdes - reappointed - Midshipman at Annapolis U. S. Naval Academy - Debbie reported on the Steamer "Yukon" - now trying to get into Lake LaBarge. Will be here in a week.

	Drove a pipe well at the house today.
Diary 25, 1915 June 4	Made agreement with Hess - verbal - to assist me in securing options on Cleary Creek mines, etc.  Full settlement with Henry T. Ray - he to deed me 2 lots in Seattle in full payment of what he owes me - & to give me warrants for \$545. <sup>00</sup> .  Gave him my check for \$50.00 in full to date.
Diary 25, 1915 June 5	Jesse Noble & I talked over Scouse case etc. He took copy complaint - says he will stand by & be square. Morning paper says the S.S. "Yukon" left Dawson last night - Debbie aboard. Rushing work on house -
Diary 25, 1915 June 6	The carpenters worked on my house today as I am anxious to get the house ready before Debbie gets here. The Yukon was in Eagle today & will be here about Thursday.
Diary 25, 1915 June 7	Working on house with carpenters, painters, etc. Citizen has statement & editorial about Fairbanks Agr. College & School of Mines that I am preparing to lay corner stone July 4th.  [clipping] <b>THE COLLEGE PROJECT.</b> Delegate Wickersham is determined to promote the building of an agricultural college and school of mines, as authorized for Fairbanks by congress, but unless he can stir up enough public support but little can be accomplished. Without concentration of effort a community, like an individual, can never accomplish anything worth while. The building of an agricultural college has nothing to do with any kind of political or other factional issue, and therefore every man, woman and child who is interested in the welfare of this city and of Alaska in general, should co-operate in this effort to establish here a college, which will be supported by the government as soon as the

	<p>Territory erects the necessary buildings.</p> <p>When agricultural colleges were constructed in territories in the past, they have not, it is understood had lands allotted to their support, as has been done in Alaska. The bill passed by congress in its closing hours provides that if the sections set aside for the proposed agricultural college contain coal, the school shall have the profits from the mines which would otherwise be due the government, and the same applies to gold-bearing lands.</p> <p>But the school need not rely upon such lands for revenues, for the general laws of the country provide for an annual appropriation of \$50,000 to be used in maintaining each agricultural college. Of course the large institutions of that kind have much larger incomes, but every one of them gets the general appropriation of \$50,000 a year.</p> <p>If the people here co-operate with Mr. W-, the next session of the legislature can certainly be induced to appropriate money for the school buildings that will be necessary to start the school. But that time the government railroad will be nearing completion, and the Interior should be increasing in population very rapidly. The demand for a school of that nature will be more apparent than now, and it is quite certain that it will be but a few years until students will flock here from all parts of the territory to the young institution of higher learning.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 June 8</p>	<p>Same as yesterday - News that Bryan has resigned as Sec. of State - accepted. He made Wilson President.</p> <p><u>Henry T. Ray delivered me deed to Lot 6, Block 44, and Lot 25, " 45 in Denny &amp; Hoyts Add. to Seattle in payment of what he owes me = \$2100.<sup>00</sup></u></p> <p>Str. "Yukon" with Mrs. W- aboard left Tanana - Ft Gibbon -today. Here about Thursday. Am trying to get house ready.</p>

<p>Diary 25, 1915 June 9</p>	<p>Have forwarded deed to lots in Seattle to A.L. Valentine Board of Public Utilities, Seattle, for record - also two warrants for money due - one due me for \$545. and one due Henry T. Ray for \$132. for collection.</p> <p>Working several men on house - pay \$1.00 per hour = \$10.00 per day for carpenters &amp; painters.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 June 10</p>	<p>Working, on House. The Steamer Yukon reached Chena at 4 o'clock - the train went down &amp; brought passengers up to Fairbanks. I went down after Debbie &amp; tonight we <u>are at home</u> for the first time since November 1912!!</p> <p>There were a number of old Fairbanksans on the "Yukon" &amp; more on the boats following.</p> <p>Many of Debbie's lady friends were down to the station to see her and to welcome her home.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 June 11</p>	<p>Working at house &amp; trying to get settled.</p> <p>It will take us several days yet for I am having the house fitted up very comfortably - good heating plant - well - new kitchen etc. etc.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 June 12</p>	<p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p>Have asked Louis Rhodes to send Tony Goessman in from the Creeks - he is getting tired of staying alone on the quartz claims between Bedrock &amp; Chatham - &amp; I will ask him to do some work on the limestone ledge at Fox - prospecting.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 June 13</p>	<p>Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce - Nordale, Pres. has asked Gov. Strong to speak on 4th of July - but Gov. declines in this morning paper - says he will not be here on the 4th.</p> <p><u>I am arranging to lay the corner stone for the Tanana Agricultural College &amp; School of Mines under the Act of Congress of March 4, 1915, on July 4th.</u></p>

Diary 25, 1915 June 14	Working on house.
Diary 25, 1915 June 15	Working same as yesterday.
Diary 25, 1915 June 16	Same as yesterday.
Diary 25, 1915 June 17	Same work as yesterday.
Diary 25, 1915 June 18	Same. Tony Goesmann my Cleary Creek friend in town.
Diary 25, 1915 June 19	Finished working on House, fence etc today. Have put in new foundations under the house, additions to rooms, new heating plant etc. = cost about \$1500.00  Tony Goesmann, miner, to dinner.
Diary 25, 1915 June 20	Beautiful Day - Tony Nordale, chairman Com. on 4th July, invited me to deliver Oration on 4th, but I declined on account of my determination to deliver the address at the laying of the Corner stone of the Agricultural College –  Dinner at home - Dave Dunbar, of Seattle & Henry T. Ray with us.  Prepared form of Contract of Option by which to purchase Cleary Creek mines - Hess & Henry R. Ray & I.
Diary 25, 1915 June 21	At work preparing a tentative list of officials for a bold bluff organization of the Alaska Agr. College & School of Mines. Also getting ready to select spot to lay the cornerstone! I intend to “keep going” until we get the College built & opened.  It must not be allowed to stop - the interest of the people must not be permitted to lag. So I am pushing forward the organization, though without authority of law -just “in the name of the great

	Jehovah and the Continental Congress.”
Diary 25, 1915 June 22	Ready to go out to the Agri. College site today but a heavy rain held back the party.  The Steamer Yukon in tonight - Dan Driscoll & others on board.
Diary 25, 1915 June 23	[clipping]  <b>SITE CHOSEN FOR SCHOOL OF MINES</b>  To select a site for the new government school of mines and agricultural college, Delegate W- and a party of friends visited the experimental station near Ester siding yesterday morning. The trip was made in Grove's automobile and the party consisted of Delegate and Mrs. Wickersham, Mrs. Luther C. Hess, Mayor Andrew Nerland, and Rev. H.H. Lumpkin.  They selected a site on top of the hillside, just a short distance toward Fairbanks from the farm. The site overlooks a pretty valley for miles and is considered ideal.  While no definite arrangements for the laying of the cornerstone on July 4 have been made, Delegate Wickersham, said that a meeting probably will be held within a few days, at which time definite plans will be outlined. The delegate thinks, however, that the Masonic lodge will be in charge of the ceremony.
Diary 25, 1915 June 24	Recd, copy of a bitter letter from Col. Richardson today - written to the Fairbanks Commercial Club but abusing me viciously because I will not agree to his mis management of our Alaska Fund. <u>Father Monroe, Catholic, is protesting because the Masons are to assist in laying the cornerstone of the Agri-college buildings - sorry for he is one of my old time friends. Went over and invited him to be present &amp; offer prayer - or talk - or do any part of the ceremony -but he refused. - Well, we will lay it anyway!</u>  90° in the Shade

Diary 25, 1915 June 25	Am busy getting things ready for laying the cornerstone of the A.A.C & School of Mines on the 4th. Am getting very little assistance but it is because - I suppose - I am doing it without asking much assistance Gross, Anderson Bros & Nerland, Ray, McCauley, & a few others are helping.  Very hot day! Standard U.S. Thermometer 94° in the shade & 115° in the sun.
Diary 25, 1915 June 26	Working on my address for the 4th. & preparing generally for the ceremony etc.
Diary 25, 1915 June 27	With J.C. Groves & J.C. McCauley preparing the wooden box & letters for the corner stone.
Diary 25, 1915 June 28	Went out to College site & pointed out spot where stone is to be laid - the material for the stone delivered - saw the R.R. Co. about cutting trail up to site & running train there on the 4 <sup>th</sup> . We cut the first road through the woods up to the corner stone site.  Laid Corner stone today - by mistake the record is written on the following page, it should come here - We just cast the stone - in the box - ready for the 4 <sup>th</sup>
Diary 25, 1915 June 29	<u>Mon 28</u> Went out to corner stone site today - cut roads - cleared land - & back this afternoon & cast the cement stone in the big wooden matrix prepared for that purpose.  Mr. Groves has kindly aided me in the work & others out there today. Mrs. Groves. Mrs. Robinson. Migget Johnson, Queen of the Native Sons & Daughters James Haney Jack Bellerby Groves & I.

	29th, Tuesday Conference with Hess & Gaustad about buying up Cleary Creek on options. Working on Address for the 4th of July.
Diary 25, 1915 June 30	Am preparing an address to be delivered on Sunday at the laying of the Corner Stone of the A.A.C. & S.M. The stone is now finished & ready - took off the front & some of the letters in the word "Corner Stone" were broken so we have filled them up & left only the following: "A.A.C - S.M." "July 4, 1915, " "L.D. 5915."
Diary 25, 1915 July 1	Working same as yesterday.  Recd answer from telegram to Gov & Mrs. Strong - they will be here tomorrow & Mrs. W- is to give a reception to Mrs. Strong, from 3 to 5. for all the ladies of Fairbanks.
Diary 25, 1915 July 2	A beautiful day. The Steamer Alaska came in early & a Com. came up with the Gov & Mrs. Strong - I went over to the T.Ry. depot & met them. Mrs. W- reception at our home this afternoon to Mrs. Strong was a success - a hundred ladies called. Mrs. Hess & Lizzie assisted. Mifs Fitts & Hazel Deicer & Florance Smith – assisted. It was a beautiful function, & Mrs. W- was pleased, and both the Gov & Mrs. Strong seemed delighted. They left this evening at 8. on the Steamer "Schwatka" for down river – St. Michael & Nome.  My address is finished & printed.
Diary 25, 1915 July 3	My address for tomorrow on laying the cornerstone of the A.A.C & S.M. is completed & printed - and all preparations ready.  Much interest is taken in the function by the people many of whom profess to think it very encouraging.  [clipping]

	<p>F.&amp; A.M. ATTENTION.</p> <p>A special communication of Tanana Lodge No. 162 is called for 12:30 p.m. July 4, 1915, at the temple, from which place the lodge will go in a body to conduct the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Agricultural College and School of Mines.</p> <p>By order of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER,</p> <p>Attest: FRANK B. HALL, Secretary.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 July 4	<p>Well It's laid!</p> <p>The Corner Stone of the A.A. C - S.M. was laid at 2 oclock with Masonic Ceremonies fine day - bright sun big crowd - &amp; everything went off fine.</p> <p>Speakers: <u>Pratt</u> <u>Neal</u> <u>Wickersham</u></p> <p>We went out in Mr. Groves automobile. It was a successful function, &amp; everything went off well.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 July 5	<p>The Sporty 4th today - games, races etc. etc. I spent the day with 12 chiefs and headman of the Indians - from Salchaket to Ft. Gibbon - in company with Riggs, R.R. Commission &amp; the officers of the U.S. land office talking and advising them about Indian Hd. &amp; Reservations. They seem most opposed to reservations - Mr. Madara Episcopal minister is urging opposition to Reservations - Our whole days "talk" is to be sent to Sec. of Interior Lane, in Washington &amp; we will also write him about their wishes.</p> <p>We had a large photograph of Indians &amp; officers taken by Johnson, the photographer.</p> <p>Fine day - 94 in shade.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 July 6	<p>Another long meeting with Indians today -This is report of yesterday [clipping]</p> <p>What was the first meeting or council ever held in the interior between government officials and the</p>

	<p>Indians took place in Fairbanks yesterday afternoon at the public library. Fourteen well known Indians were present, ten of whom were chiefs. Delegate Wickersham, Railway Commissioner Riggs, Charles Richie, special agent of the United States land office and Rev. Guy II. Madara did the talking for the white men, using an interpreter. The subject under discussion was the establishment of reservations for the Indians and how they could best protect themselves from the usual encroachment of the whites. The chiefs were a unit against reservations.</p> <p>In the afternoon a picture of the party was taken and the council resumed at four oclock, not concluding until six oclock. It was a meeting fraught with great interest to the natives and of such importance as to eventually lead to the introduction of legislation in the near future.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 July 7	<p>Am quietly working on my correspondence etc.</p> <p>Also working at plan of buying up Cleary Creek.</p> <p>Trying to help Lony Goessman settle up the claims which he has against Tanana Quartz &amp; Hydraulic Min. Co. in which I have stock.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 July 8	<p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p>The river is full of steamers &amp; scows bringing up the years outfit of merchandise - It looks like a busy harbor –</p> <p>Joe Wells who worked on my Tacoma land came here just before the 4th &amp; now wants me to pay him some more money on that account which I refused to do - I sent Chas. T. Peterson \$200. on the matter before Joe left Tacoma &amp; I think that more than pays my contract price - but today I loaned him \$100. - drew check &amp; took receipt as a loan.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 July 9	<p>Spent the day in dictating letters to Stenographer - trying to get my correspondence up to date.</p> <p>The News Miner yesterday and the Times today</p>

	print letter from John E. Ballaine in which he denounces my efforts toward securing the location & building of the A.A. C & S.M. at Fairbanks. He also declares we will not get a Railroad etc. - The usual "Major" rot - the Times roasted him editorially this morning & the N.M. tonight.
Diary 25, 1915 July 10	Paying my bills today.  Sent packages of Alaska pamphlets & papers (2 pkgs). to Washington office today. Am now pretty well up with my work for the first time since I came in –  The total expense of laying the corner stone for the A.A. C & S.M. was about 125.- I paid all of it except \$20. paid by Theodore Johnson. Mr. J.H. Groves did a great deal of work & furnished his truck etc. for which is not included – his act is probably equal to \$50 or \$75 more. We three " <u>paid the freight.</u> "
Diary 25, 1915 July 11	Home & comfortable. Ed. Stier & A.S. Danbrick old Tacoma friends, took dinner with us this evening.  Weather is fine - warm & plenty of good rains - fine growing weather & the gardens are growing beautifully.  Have received copies of the Alaska Forum, Rampart published by James Wingate 1900 - 1901.
Diary 25, 1915 July 12	Am doing what I can to hurry along my scheme to buy up Cleary Creek on options - to sell. Hess, Gaustad & Ray are to help me & I have prepared a form of option & am having it printed. Am getting many interesting and rare newspapers to add to my historical library. W. F. Thompson gave me a file of the News Miner of the month of July, 1910 containing the account of the ascent of Mt. McKinley by the Lloyd party - and my joint debate with Shackelford.

	Bion A. Dodge gave me a file of the "Northern Light 1906 – 7. Romeo Hoyt gave me a copy of the Sitka Post Oct. 20, 1876, & the War Bulletin, June 1898. Capt _____ gave me a copy of the Caribou Sun. May 16, 1898, Klondike Nugget, June 16, 1899, & May 6, 1899.
Diary 25, 1915 July 13	Same as yesterday The Christian Science Society of Fairbanks asked me to introduce their lecturer Mr. Win R. Rathvon tonight at the Auditorium & I will do it. Did it!  [clipping]  FREE LECTURE. The Christian Science Society of Fairbanks, Alaska, announces a free lecture on Christian Science by William R. Rathvon, C.S.B., of Denver, Colorado. Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston Massachusetts, to be held at the Auditorium, Fairbanks, Alaska, on Tuesday, the 13 <sup>th</sup> day of July, 1915, at nine o'clock p.m., and cordially invites the public to be present.
Diary 25, 1915 July 14	Working in back yard cleaning up etc.  <u>We - Debbie &amp; I will go out to Chatanika this afternoon on the Ross Daily Automobile - &amp; stay all night - back tomorrow Debbie has never been out to the creeks!</u>  Left at 4 oclock & reached Chatanika at 8 & stayed all night at Mrs. Jewel's.
Diary 25, 1915 July 15	Had a fine visit to Chatanika, Cleary, the Rhodes - Hall stamp mill, the summit & down Pedro & Goldstream home. Debbie was greatly pleased with the trip. The view across the range north from the Summit was fine - altogether it was a successful trip.
Diary 25, 1915	Finally got a copy of Col. Richardson's letter of

July 16	June 23rd addressed to the Fairbanks Commercial Club, in which he abuses me in his usual fishwife style for the performance of my duties as Delegate from Alaska. I will answer it immediately.
Diary 25, 1915 July 17	<u>Hess, Gaustad, Ray &amp; I have signed our agreement to work together in securing an option to buy, within 2 years, all the worked out placer claims on Cleary Creek.</u> We are now ready for business - if we can get the owners to sign we ought to make some money.
Diary 25, 1915 July 18	Same as yesterday!
Diary 25, 1915 July 19	Gaustad was out on the Creek about Options - but finds many objections to the 2 years time limit.
Diary 25, 1915 July 20	Same as yesterday. Working on letter to Col. W. P. Richardson etc. rel. political letter from him –  Beautiful weather warm - hot even for this country.
Diary 25, 1915 July 21	Same as yesterday.
Diary 25, 1915 July 22	The steamer "Yukon" came in last night - Mr. Frank Carpenter & his daughter of Wash. D.C. & Mr. J. L. McPherson Sec. Seattle-Alaska Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, on board. Carpenter is touting the country in the interest of a long list of newspapers - McPherson is looking after a celebration of the semi-Centennial of the Purchase of Alaska. Called on both of them this morning.
Diary 25, 1915 July 23	<u>We had Mr. Frank Y. Carpenter and his daughter Francis to dinner</u> tonight & enjoyed them very much. The Carpenters live in Washington & Bluemont, Va- and are traveling in the interest of Syndicate newspaper stories about Alaska, etc.
Diary 25, 1915 July 24	Finished my first draft of a letter to Col. Richardson Pres. Alaska Board of Road Commissioners, who

	recently wrote me a mean letter about my criticizing his road work.
Diary 25, 1915 July 25	Sunday and a good rain last night - nothing doing - much.
Diary 25, 1915 July 26	The Fairbanks Commercial Club met this evening with McPherson to determine about what they would do for the Expo, in 1917. Tom McGowan, general counsel for the N.C. ran the Club business as usual. They sent Badger after me but I excused myself & would not go - saying that I wished to get their views, etc.
Diary 25, 1915 July 27	Str. Alaska in this morning with excursionists etc. Beautiful weather.
Diary 25, 1915 July 28	Str. Alaska left down river this evening with Mr. Carpenter & his daughter... & all the Excursionists. They have had a fine visit to Fairbanks & Carpenter went away with an enthusiastic "boost." We have certainly had glorious summer weather - the finest summer I ever saw in the Tanana I the visitors are surprised & delighted with it.
Diary 25, 1915 July 29	Miners from Tolovana are whispering around that a new strike on a new creek near the Livengood will create a new stampede there.
Diary 25, 1915 July 30	<u>Finished my letter to Col Richardson, re Alaska wagon roads &amp; in which I "roast" him for drunkenness, incompetency, etc.</u> If there is any "scrap" in him he will feel like giving me battle - a thing he has threatened for 2 or 3 years.
Diary 25, 1915 July 31	Sent Richardson letter through mail & also sent copy to the Secretary of War & another to Fairbanks Commercial Club. This Club is run by the N.C. Co. employees - McGowan, Clark, Coleman, Merritt, etc. President is Nordale, who is under their control.
Diary 25, 1915	Had to dinner tonight Mr. & Mrs. Frank Clark Mrs.

August 1	Heilig & Reed.
Diary 25, 1915 August 2	[Blank page]
Diary 25, 1915 August 3	Gaustad told me today that he would probably take over the News-Miner from Thompson - said Mel. Boyd would go into it with him. Wants me to endorse for them & help them out financially.
Diary 25, 1915 August 4	Finished preparation of the appeal in the Kolde Hd. case which Father Monroe asked me to prepare.  Working to get Joslin to aid me in taking over Tony Goessman's int. in Quartz mines on Cleary Creek.
Diary 25, 1915 August 5	Took copy Appeal etc. papers to the U.S. Land Office & delivered them to Kirstens in presence of Richie - K- promised to copy them for me & both promised to read them over before signing by Kolde.
Diary 25, 1915 August 6	Sorting old papers - newspapers – for my Alaska library - mostly Fairbanks papers - hard to get files - can only get extra numbers.  Talk with Joslin today about Quartz & Placer options on Cleary Creek. He is very much interested for he thinks it will give the Tanana Valley Ry. of which he is Pres & Genl Mgr. a new lease of life.
Diary 25, 1915 August 7	Sent out copies of my Address on laying the Corner Stone of the A.A. C & S.M. to Senator Sterling, Rep's Lenroot, Mann, Ferris, Sec's Lane & Houston & to Alaska Legislators who signed the telegram favoring it, also to Com. which I appointed to look after College.  Sent telegram to Mayor of Nome asking if any action yet taken toward survey of Nome Harbor & Snake River?  Assisted today in the organization of the Tolovana Power & Water Co. - the ditch scheme which we started when I was on Livingood Creek.

	Harry Badger tells me that a year ago Col. Richardson was threatening to kill me - cursing & abusing me. Says F. C. Club friendly to me.
Diary 25, 1915 August 8	Recd, telegram from Nome: Nome Alaska, Aug 8, 1915 <u>Wickersham.</u> <u>Fairbanks.</u> Letter from Capt. Shinbeck will visit <u>Nome August twentieth.</u> <u>Diamond,</u> <u>Mayor.</u>
Diary 25, 1915 August 9	Have this day loaned O.P. Gaustad and M.R. Boyd, the sum of \$500. for six mo. without interest, to assist them in buying out W. F. Thompson in the ownership of the Fairbanks News-Miner. Also drew contract by which they are to purchase the remainder of his stock. They have bought & paid for 1320 shares out of 2500. - \$10. per share - & take an option for the rest, to be taken up on or before June 1, 1916. They agree to establish a Republican paper! Contract also with Patterson & Finley for sale of my mining plant at Livingood - they paid me \$125.00 and will pay me \$875.00 more by June 1916. Contract in writing.
Diary 25, 1915 August 10	Assisted "Whitehorse" Smith to prepare a location Certificate on Mining Claims - White Horse Association Claim" - Livingood Creek, heretofore located by Dave Cascaden etc for himself & Smith, but when Dave found out it was valuable he changed to stakes, notice etc. cut Whitehorse out & put McCord in - a fraud.  <u>If weather is not too bad will start for Chena Hot Springs in the morning.</u>
Diary 25, 1915 August 11	All ready to go to Big Chena Hot Springs but boat out of order etc.  At home at work.

<p>Diary 25, 1915 August 12</p>	<p>Raining this forenoon but promised that boat will go this afternoon - up Chena river.</p> <p>Steamer Tanana in at noon with Yukon river - outside passengers, Miss Cooley – Fred Crouch – frances – on board.</p> <p>Left Fairbanks this afternoon on Bjermarks launch for upper Chena river. Edgar B- , Bob Chamberlain &amp; I - we two latter bound for Big Chena Hot Springs &amp; two first on hunting trip. Mr. Schorser, of Fox, is along - going up to the Springs for health - start tonight at Dilleys ranch - Meadow brook Farm - 3 miles up Chena river - 13 miles from town.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 August 13</p>	<p>Launch breaks down on slightest excuse - &amp; we are traveling very slow.</p> <p>Camped this evening on the river bank 15 miles up Chena river from Dilly's. Ducks &amp; beaver sign - in abundance . Good weather.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 August 14</p>	<p>Launch made better time today &amp; tonight we are camped in woods on river bank just below the intake of Horseshoe Lake. Passed Hawks Nest Bluff at noon. Launch will not go any further - low water &amp; many sweepers - hanging trees, etc. This is a great river for beaver - their cuttings are along the banks - signs common.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 August 15</p>	<p>Bob, Mr. Schoeser &amp; I left the launch at Horse shoe Lake - where its waters enter the Chena - and walked north to the Chena trail &amp; thence East along trail to Johnson's Roadhouse on the Colorado Creek. It was a hot day - the country was boggy - marshy - &amp; the trail worse than the imagination can picture. Am worn out tonight - tired - wet and muddy. Still we are here.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915</p>	<p>Left Colorado Road House this morning along the</p>

<p>August 16</p>	<p>trail -it is more like a Canal - We get a packhorse to carry our packs. Road as bad as a bottomless swamp can be - and we did not reach the Forks of the Chena until 7:30 when we found an empty cabin &amp; put up for the night. We are at the point where the Chena divides into the Middle &amp; North forks. Bad sleeping - but good weather &amp; nothing to complain about except the Canal road.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 August 17</p>	<p>Left Forks this morning &amp; followed old game trail up the middle ridge - across the mountains and down the divide to Hot Springs - about 65 miles from Fairbanks. Reached here at 5 oclock in afternoon. Big log Roadhouse kept by Chas &amp; Mrs. Beam. Mr. &amp; Mrs. Geo. Wilson also here -&amp; no one else. We stay at Beams. Drink water &amp; take baths. Hot soda &amp; sulphur waters - fine.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 August 18</p>	<p>Hot springs basin is quite a flat valley surrounded by high hills - and affords a fine site for a Home for Alaska disabled or aged prospectors. The water is about 150° hot and is said to be highly beneficial in rheumatic &amp; other bodily ills. There is a very good site for hostels etc. The springs rise out of granite - and flow about 500 or 600 gallons per minute. Hotels or houses could be heated with the water. The outlook here is fine - but the roads are wanting!! Still an automobile road from town can be built along the bluff toe north of the river all the way from town.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 August 19</p>	<p>Bob Chamberlain went out hunting today &amp; killed two caribou. We are resting &amp; taking a daily bath &amp; drinking the waters.</p> <p>Mrs. Beam is quite a hunter. The day we came here she was out hunting &amp; saw &amp; shot at a bear - she killed one about two months ago. I first met her in Rampart in 1903 -she had then just come down from Koyukuk with - or rather without - her first husband - Tom Rockwell.</p>

Diary 25, 1915 August 20	<p>Geo. W. Wilson located the ground at and around the springs 4 or 5 years ago - He was not the first discoverer for the Swan Bros. - according to a notice written on a tree here - built a cabin &amp; bath house here in 1905, but made no claim to the ground.</p> <p>Wilson's claim is being contested by the U.S. &amp; has been denied by the Com. of the Genl. Land office - but is now on appeal to the Sec. of the Interior.</p> <p>Wilson's wife came up here 3 or 4 years ago to take the baths but married him &amp; remained. She formerly ran a boarding house in Fairbanks.</p> <p>Wilson is a Canadian but has now declared his intention to become a citizen of the U.S.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 21	<p>We are hourly looking for Gregg, one of the Trappers and river men who has a cabin just below here on the Chena. If he gets here in time I will go down the stream with him in the poling boat and thus escape the bad trails. Beam went over the mountains to the Forks yesterday but Gregg had not yet come. It is raining now - &amp; the roads will be worse.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 22	<p>It was a sunny day &amp; I am disappointed that Gregg does not come. If he is not here by morning I will not wait longer. Have gathered all the data I need for making a report on this site to the Governor &amp; other members of the Commission for the location of the Old Prospectors Home, &amp; will start back tomorrow - Gregg or not.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 23	<p>No Gregg yet, and Bob and I left Hot Springs today for Greggs cabin - about 8 miles across the mountain - down stream on the bank of the Chena.</p> <p>Arrived at Greggs Cabin this evening - but he was not at home. Has not yet returned from Fairbanks.</p> <p>Bob was advised where Greggs Key to the cabin was hidden &amp; we entered &amp; cooked supper &amp; slept there. Gregg's cats have a "safety" hole to get under the house -we fed them but they seemed scared &amp; wild. Cabin is well built - clean &amp; well</p>

	<p>furnished. Gregg is a fine photographer &amp; a great hunter as well.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 24	<p><b>58TH BIRTHDAY!</b></p> <p>As a Sort of a celebration of my 58th birthday we crossed the swollen river at Griggs this morning with much difficulty then climbed the long divide to the Domes south of Angel Creek - thence to the long ridge on the left limit of Colorado &amp; thence down that long ridge to the Colorado Roadhouse - a distance of not less than 20 miles - over high ridges &amp; the last 8 miles in a pouring rain. We reached Colorado Rd. House about 8 o'clock - wet &amp; tired.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 25	<p>Woke this morning none the worse for my hard trip of yesterday! Felt fine &amp; employed Alex Johnston - the road house man to take us down to Fairbanks in his poling boat. We left the mouth of Colorado Creek at 7 this morning - Bob &amp; I in the boat with Johnston.</p> <p>The river is high &amp; the current strong. Before noon it was again raining hard &amp; it was a bad day - but we floated &amp; worked our way down stream. The river is rising &amp; full of floating drift &amp; logs.</p> <p>Tonight we are at an old abandoned cabin about 25 miles up the river from Fairbanks. Will get home tomorrow!</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 26	<p>From old Hunters Cabin - 28 mi up Chena river - to Fairbanks &amp; arrived home at noon.</p> <p>Paid Johnson \$42.00 for bringing us down in his poling boat - high because he must pole his boat back again &amp; it will take him 5 or 6 days to do it.</p> <p>Beautiful sunny day &amp; Debbie well.</p> <p>Passed camp of women &amp; children on Chena river about 18 miles up from Fairbanks - country trip for some of the town folks</p> <p>Word "<u>Che - Na</u>" Che. means big rock. Na. means river. at the mouth of the river where it joins the slough is</p>

	the big rock - high & standing in the valley - Hence the name " <u>Big Rock River</u> "
Diary 25, 1915 August 27	<p>Busy today with much mail which had accumulated in my absence.</p> <p>The ladies of Fairbanks are to give Debbie a Reception tomorrow – a public reception at the Masonic Hall!</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LADIES TO HOLD BIG RECEPTION Mrs. James W- to Be Guest of Honor at Reception.</b></p> <p>In honor of Mrs. James Wickersham, wife of Delegate James Wickersham, the ladies of the Women's Civic club of Fairbanks, will hold a public reception tomorrow afternoon from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock. The reception will take place at Masonic temple on First avenue and all ladies of the town are invited to be in attendance.</p> <p>At a recent special meeting of the Civic club, it was voted to tender a reception to Mrs. Wickersham at the earliest opportunity as she is to leave for the Outside during the early part of next month.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 28	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLUB RECEPTION IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR</b></p> <p>At Masonic temple yesterday afternoon, the Women's Civic club of Fairbanks held a reception in honor of Mrs., James Wickersham, wife of Delegate Wickersham. From two o'clock until five o'clock in the afternoon, the reception rooms were filled with ladies and throughout the reception was a most auspicious start for the Civic club, as it was the first social affair given by the organization.</p> <p>Masonic temple was beautifully decorated, there being a profusion of sweet peas and asters, many beautiful bouquets appearing all through the hall. Along the walls there were a number of garlands, intertwined with pretty vines, which, with the room</p>

	<p>darkened by drawn blinds and the great chandeliers throwing forth a brilliant light, presented a tropical splendor.</p> <p>In the receiving line were only Mrs. Luther C. Hess, president of the club, and Mrs. Wickersham, the guest of honor.</p> <p>The punch bowl was presided over by Mrs. Edgar Wickersham, assisted by a number of young ladies.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 29	<p>[clipping continued]</p> <p>The musical program consisted of a number of piano sections by Miss Clara White Cooley; two solos by Dr. Aline Bradley and Mrs. J.H. Caskey; and a number of excellent selections on a Victrola, Mrs. R.W. Calderhead having furnished a phonograph and some select records. for the vocal selections, Mrs. J.C. Sayers was accompanist.</p> <p>To Mrs. O.P. Gaustad, Mrs. L.F. Protzman and Mrs. J.G. Moore, the committee on arrangements, great praise was given for the manner in which the reception was conducted. Throughout the afternoon, Mrs. James Wickersham had an opportunity of renewing many old acquaintances and of meeting a number of ladies who have settled in Fairbanks during her residence in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Had Judge &amp; Mrs. Pratt, Harry Pratt and Henry T. Ray to dinner tonight.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 30	<p>Saturday Evening News-Miner &amp; Sunday morning Times contain announcement that Fairbanks P.O. is to be moved into N.C. Go's Hd. rooms instead of into recently purchased buildings on West half court House site.</p> <p>Have just sent long telegram of protest to Post Master General.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 August 31	<p>Postmaster Deal comes back this morning with defense of removal to N.C. building - says if move into government building that light &amp; heat will cost as much as N.C. rent &amp; Light &amp; heat!</p>

	<p>I answer in the News-Miner this evening</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>“Well, if MR. Deal and the business men of Fairbanks think it better, cheaper and more beneficial to the town to rent the N.C. tin storerooms at two hundred per cent of their value than to have our own public buildings, I shall not quarrel with them. It will relieve me from working longer for the \$250,000 appropriation for a government building.</p> <p>If Mr. Deal's special plea that it is cheaper to remain in the N.C. Co. quarters is good now it will be good for years to come, so there is no need for a public building.”</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 1	<p>Str “Yukon” in - big mail.</p> <p>Prof. Brooks, U.S. Geo Sur also in town –</p> <p>Busy writing letters.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 2	<p>Working on Cleary Creek options from day to day. We are not getting them as rapidly as we wish for - but slowly. Still its a job to get miners to give two year options!!</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 3	<p>Same</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 4	<p>Am to be one of the judges at the Agricultural Fair to begin Monday - Neal, of Agri. Ex. Station Joslin and I are to be the three judges.</p> <p>Fine weather so far - rainy but no freeze - no frost to hurt and our flowers are a joy to us yet. Our yard never looked so nice &amp; we have greatly enjoyed our flowers.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 5	<p>Dr. Brooks, U.S. Geo. Sur took dinner with us this evening - also Mifs Cooley -</p> <p>Joslin came down after dinner &amp; we had a pleasant evening discussing many things.</p>

Diary 25, 1915 September 6	<p><u>Tanana Agricultural Fair</u></p> <p>It is a small Fair but a fine large display of garden &amp; farm products - such as potatoes, cabbage, turnips etc. etc. oats, wheat, barley etc. It is a demonstration that the Tanana Valley is a farming country &amp; can feed its own and the adjoining mining population.</p> <p>At meeting of the Pioneers Lodge tonight - a large crowd present - I made statement of my trip to Chena Hot Springs &amp; my general idea of establishing a Home for Aged Prospectors - U.S. Marshal Erwin was on his feet instantly to oppose - and there you are again!</p> <p>He can probably control Gov. Strong &amp; Sec. of Ter. Davidson against me- and I will not fight. Let the people of Fairbanks think it over!</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 7	<p>Agricultural Fair.</p> <p><u>Neal, Joslin &amp; I</u> were the committee on Awards.</p> <p>Harvest Ball tonight at the Auditorium - <u>we went</u>.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 8	<p>[Blank page]</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 9	<p>Preparing judgment in the case of Goessman vs. Tanana Quartz &amp; Hydraulic Mining Co.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 10	<p>Judgment Tanana Q. &amp; H. M. Co. signed by Judge Bunnell.</p> <p>Debbie bought her ticket for Seattle – boat goes tomorrow.</p> <p>Frank Howard &amp; wife are here from Koyukuk, and will go outside on boat with Debbie.</p> <p>Howard established the “Alaska Free Press,” in Jan'y 1887, and I appointed him Com. in Koyukuk when I was Judge.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 11	<p>Rainy this morning.</p> <p><u>Debbie left for the outside this evening at 7 oclock - the “Reliance” took the passengers down to Chena</u></p>

	& the "Alaska" from there to Dawson.
Diary 25, 1915 September 12	A rainy, lazy Sunday - Wind blowing and rain dashing on tin roof - I'm lonesome - Cannot go to the Creeks tomorrow for the rain which poured down all last night and today.
Diary 25, 1915 September 13	Regular equinoctial storm 40 hours rain without cessation river rising - creeks flooding - no end in sight yet. Sorry - for I wanted to go to the creeks this afternoon - but no use trying - better remain in a dry & comfortable camp than in a drowned one.
Diary 25, 1915 September 14	Raining & the river high - a big drift is down against the bridge & it looks like it may go out. It is the highest water ever known in the river at this season.
Diary 25, 1915 September 15	Part of the bridge went out last night - also the Graehl bridge - water higher than yesterday, but at flood. Raining stopped & the barometer rising.  Will go to Creeks as soon as waters recede.  Water rising in my cellar.  Pleasant evening visiting with Brooks, Bill McPhee & Joslin <u>Pioneer Days</u> .
Diary 25, 1915 September 16	Water 6 in. in basement & cannot use furnace, but river falling, whole country flooded - and waters so high that it will take days to drain off - Steamer Yukon expected in tonight.
Diary 25, 1915 September 17	Dr. Brooks, Geologist, U.S. left for outside on "Yukon" today - have had many very pleasant talks with him & Riggs, Ry. Com. & Joslin. Flood is over & waters receding - but too wet to go to Creeks before Monday –  Heard that Marshal Irwin & threatening me with onslaught next fall at election times.

Diary 25, 1915 September 18	Nothing much - just waiting for the water to run off so that I can go to the Creeks. <u>John H. Sullivan, Co "9" 2nd artillery, U.S.A. at Ft. Wrangell in Mch. 1869. In 1871 transferred to Sitka -assisted post Adjutant in publishing "Sitka Times" - an abbreviated copy of the original. Sullivan is one of the - if not the oldest white resident of Alaska - Al. Mayo came in 1873. Sullivan lives here in Fairbanks - came to see me today about assistance for an increase of Pension by Act of Congress.</u>
Diary 25, 1915 September 19	<u>Trip To Wickersham Creek</u>  Left Fairbanks this afternoon on gasoline car T.V. Ry, for Olness - Stayed Olness all night. Am accompanied on the trip by Al. Copeland, an old prospector who came to Fairbanks in 1902 with Capt. Barnette, on the Steamer "Isabelle" as foreman, and also by George Colendich an Austrian.
Diary 25, 1915 September 20	Purchased some supplies at Whites store and Copeland & I prepared packs for trip. Colendich divides the load with us. We left Olness at 8- Mr. Sommers, of the Alaska Road Com. saying their team would take our packs to Washington Creek - 8 1/2 mi. out on the new building Tolovana trail which is cleared to that point. We carried our packs down to the Chatanika - 2 mi - and at noon the Com. wagon picked them up there & took them into Wash Creek Camp - where we remained tonight in a tent Rd. House kept by a Japanese. Road so far is very - very wet - bad - & bottomless. No grading - nothing but trees cut - building a bridge across Wash. Creek - same crossing as Tolovana Trail saw in May & June.
Diary 25, 1915 September 21	Left Rd. House at Wash. Creek early & went north along newly cut trail to divide south of Wickersham Creek - here there was heavy fog & we became bewildered & followed out on a long divide N.E.

	toward the creek - Camped for the night on one of its tributaries - as we were making camp I panned some gravel - clay & found fine prospects of gold - 2nd pan the same - then discovered that our pan was an old one & the colors of gold were burned into the pan - in other words we were salted! Glad we found it out so soon.
Diary 25, 1915 September 22	This morning I thought I recognized a high dome across the valley north of us as Wickersham Dome - so guided thereby we went N.E. down a long ridge for 8 or 9 miles to Wickersham Creek & thence down the Creek. At noon, as we were looking for a camping place intending to remain a day or two and prospect, Copeland ran on to two moose and shot both - and greatly to my disgust we were obliged to spend the afternoon in dressing them to save the meat. At present prices, 15 cents per lb - they are worth more than \$100.00 to him & George, and they are cash - and not even the prospect of finding gold could drag them away. So we have now put up the tent & they are cutting up the moose & arranging a high cache on three cut off trees -about 10 ft. above the ground. [sketch included]
Diary 25, 1915 September 23	We were very uncomfortable last night - it froze ice on the water half an inch thick & we were forced to sit up by the fire after 1 o'clock. We got the cache built & the meat up out of reach of the bear by noon and after noon we concluded to go home <u>via</u> the Wickersham Dome - across the valley!! After a long hard walk across the valley & up the mountain, where we arrived about 5 o'clock, we found we were mistaken - that we were really 6 or 7 miles further down the stream than we thought - and at dark we were driven off the high divides down to-heavy timber where we were forced to camp for the night - on the mountain side. Here we sat all night before a camp fire - cold, and without tent or blanket - and the cold east wind driving the smoke & ashes into our faces.

Diary 25, 1915 September 24	This morning we found we were on the north side of Wickersham Dome - and by noon we were across the Dome & down to the Snowshoe Roadhouse where we had an hours sleep & a good meal, after which we mushed on to the Jap Roadhouse at Washington Creek for the night. My feet are pretty badly cut and skinned by my rubber shoes which wrinkle up and cut like a file.
Diary 25, 1915 September 25	Left Washington Creek Rd House this morning & came into Olness at noon - lunch & a rest & the 2:10 train for town carried us into Fairbanks at 7 o'clock in the evening. My! But my feet were sore! Home - clean clothes & a Turkish hath - a good dinner & a better bed - good night.
Diary 25, 1915 September 26	Resting today & looking over mail & telegrams. Nothing important. Wrote to Debbie and had dinner with Edgar & Lizzie.
Diary 25, 1915 September 27	Moved my letter files and cabinet from Guy B. Erwin's office down to my house today and am sorting over letters -old letters - will send my steamer trunk out on one of the boats with my most important old letters - for binding.  Paid C. V. Joynt \$100. my one half of the price of a map of Cleary Creek for use in our enterprise of taking options on the Creek.  My balance in the 1st Nat. Bank today was 992.92 <u>250.00</u> Patterson check \$1242.92 <u>100</u> Joynt check \$1142.92 Bal.
Diary 25, 1915 September 28	Al. Copeland will start out to Wickersham Creek again tomorrow <u>at my expense</u> on a prospecting trip. In addition to past payments I gave him \$20.00 more today.

	<p>Took dinner tonight with E.B. Collins, Shackelford's candidate for Gov. of Alaska - in case Collins delivers this Div. to Shack - for Delegate of the Nat. Rep. Con. &amp; <u>also</u> in case the Rep. elect the next President, and more particularly, also, if Shackelford don't change his mind.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 29	<p>Working on my mail - sending out to the Washington office such letters etc. as must go there. - the boat goes tomorrow.</p> <p>Am finding much trouble to get options on Cleary Creek mines etc.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 September 30	<p>Steamer "Tanana" down river today with mail etc. <u>Preparing my report to Gov. Strong &amp; Sec. Davidson on the location of Old Prospectors Home at Big Chena Hot Springs.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 1	<p>Spent part of the day in examining the record in the old Scouse case &amp; generally in resting! Am ready to go to the Coast as soon as it freezes up - now the mud on the roads is bottomless. Nothing doing.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 2	<p>Tommy Watson cut the grass in the yard - pulled up the flower stalks and put the beds in shape for winter - or spring rather. It was a beautiful fall day - sunny, war, but with a hint of the coming cold.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 3	<p>Consultation with Pearson &amp; Johnson, owners of Cleary Creek claims about option. It is important to get them to sign options - for it will bring others - and we care not getting along as well as I hoped we would.</p> <p>Dinner this evening with Pete Buckholtz - present his son, and Bill McPhee, Frank Wiseman &amp; Adolph Bruening, &amp; I</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 4	<p>As Usual today. Mail - nothing important except that Academic Board at West point refuses to accept Howard Rolston's reappointment - that debarb him though I</p>

	<p>have regularly appointed him. If I can I will nominate him as cadet at Annapolis Naval Academy &amp; stay by him as fully as I can.</p> <p>Attended meeting of the Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No 4. ; tonight. A Mr. Hofstad presents the igloo with a copy of No. 1. No 6, "<u>The Dyea Press</u>" &amp; the meeting gave it to me!! The only copy of the paper I have, and am pleased to get it.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 5	<p>[clipping] Mrs. Wickersham Safe In Seattle SEATTLE, Oct. 5. (Via. Ashcroft). -Mrs. James Wickersham, wife of the delegate from Alaska, arrived in this city today on her way to the exposition. Mrs. Wickersham reports a pleasant trip.</p> <p>Attended the Reception at the Library tonight - and "also spoke", - talked about Libraries &amp; the necessity for some practicable plan of support for common schools &amp; libraries in Alaska.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 6	<p>Mr. Richard H. Geoghegan spent the evening at my house - we talked about the Indian languages of Alaska - and his recent trip to Japan - ethnology philology etc. and had a most enjoyable time of it.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 7	<p>Klopsch, the former publisher of "The Alaskan World" Vol. 1, No 1. printed at Fairbanks May 23, 1912, today gave me the first five days - 6 copies of the earliest papers which soon ceased publication when the Editor Klopsch was sent to jail for contempt of court! K- is a fine fellow for all that. Snowing this afternoon &amp; looks like winter.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 8	<p>Nothing Doing.</p> <p>Snowed last night - 2 inches, but melting.</p> <p>Automobile Stage started out over the trail to Chitina this morning - 17 passengers - It's very</p>

	muddy & they will have a hard time of it.
Diary 25, 1915 October 9	<p>My political enemies in the Fairbanks Commercial Club, the Federal salary bunch &amp; the Times office, are just now making a big fight against me. They are boosting Richardson - the Alaska Road Commission etc. and damning me vigorously. But they have always done that so let them yell!</p> <p>Riggs, Ry. Com. spent the evening with me talking -just talking</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 10	<p>Took dinner with Pete Buckholtz - present Gaustad, Pat Meehan, Bill McPhee, Geoghegan, Kenyon &amp; I - &amp; host.</p> <p>Will go to Cleary Creek tomorrow.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 11	<p>Mr. Luther C. Hess and I went out on the 9 o'clock morning train to Chatanika, to secure options on placer mining claims</p> <p>Walked up the creek as far as old Cleary City - stayed all night at the "Igloo" - the old Nordale Hotel of richer and happier days - the days when Cleary City sported 2000 population of very kind instead of the 20 that now live there. "Dick," the Chinaman cook lived in Tacoma in 1885 when the Com. of 15 drove the Chinamen out - &amp; Dick and I talked it over.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 12	<p>G. Hinton Henry, Editor of the Fairbanks "Socialist," -the "Yukon Press" of Tanana, the Hot Springs "Echo" etc. was at this roadhouse last night. He "collected" yesterday and scattered it last night. He was loudly - vociferously drunk and scolded himself during the latter hours of the night for his admitted sins.</p> <p>We have made the tour of the Creek and have been quite successful in gathering "options" our purpose being to acquire options on all claims on the Creek &amp; then sell them to some large financial concern! I have 2 1/2 claims of my own which I hope to sell also.</p>

Diary 25, 1915 October 13	<p>Back from Cleary today &amp; feel quite like we have been successful in securing options - it begins to look like a fairly successful start - now we want a few more &amp; then a purchaser.</p> <p>Cold - down to zero last night, but now getting warmer.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 14	<p>Mr. Hess and I spent a busy day getting Cleary Creek mine owners to sign options to sell us their claims. We are more successful than I supposed we would be and have secured so many that we may now fairly begin the work of looking for a purchaser for the entire Creek - worth \$20,000,000.00.</p> <p>I purchased Gaustads 1/4 (one fourth) interest in the options today - he has done nothing to assist us but I gave him \$250.00 to assign his equity &amp; quit.</p> <p>I was invited to dinner at Caskeys tonight - <u>and forgot it</u> - went over later and apologized &amp; spent the evening -</p> <p>Began taking depositions in Scouse v Carbonneau case!</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 15	<p>Still snowing - some - cold &amp; the roads solid. Taking dispositions today in Scouse case. <u>Gaustad made an assignment of his interest in the Cleary Creek options to me , which gives me a half interest - Hess one quarter &amp; Ray 1/4.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 16	<p>Got an option from Jesse Noble on his Cleary Creek claims - at a reasonable sum, too, which is surprising.</p> <p>Hess will leave for the coast tomorrow morning, and leaves all Cleary options with me &amp; Ray.</p> <p><u>Alaska Day -</u> <u>Pioneers Igloo No. 4 had a big meeting tonight &amp; we talked about Statehood for Alaska.</u></p>

<p>Diary 25, 1915 October 17</p>	<p>Working in gathering things in house and preparing to leave it for the winter. Cold &amp; clear today but reports are that it is a bad condition on the summit at Yosts across the Isabelle Pass. Trails block - deep snow &amp; all automobiles abandoned. Took Henry Cooks deposition in Scouse case also John A. Clarks, etc. –</p>
	<p>[clipping] {Fairbanks Times, Oct. 17, 1915} A CLEARY PIONEER You talk of the deeds of the old pioneers and laud them to the skies But never a word of the woman or the grave wherein she lies, Who's asleep out here on the hillside where people as they pass Oft catch a glimpse of the little grave half hidden in the grass That holds the first white woman who trod this golden land, Who brightened the hopes of many by extending the helping hand, Who went through all that you did –camp'd on the same old trail – And fought for her life like you did in the blizzard and the gale.</p> <p>There's a picked fence around her, but no sign of slab or stone To tell the name of the sleeper or explain why she's alone, Alone out here on the hillside in a little fenced-off plot, Slumbering on in silence, by everyone forgot, With none to plant a flower or shed a single tear In honor of the grit and nerve of the Cleary pioneer, Who went through all that you did –camp'd on the same old trail -And fought for her life like you did in the blizzard and the gale.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">F.C.</p> <p>{Fred Crewe}</p>

<p>Diary 25, 1915 October 18</p>	<p>Got an option from Jesse Noble on his Cleary Creek claims – at a reasonable sum, too, which is surprising. Hess will leave for the coast tomorrow morning, and leaves all Cleary options with me &amp; Ray.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alaska Day –</u> <u>Pioneers Igloo No. 4 had a big meeting tonight &amp; we talked about Statehood for Alaska.</u></p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 October 19</p>	<p>Stages away for the coast, this morning - two automobile states - <u>I go on the next one.</u></p> <p>Making contract with Al Copeland to grub stake him in mining - prospecting for the coming winter.</p> <p>Read, copy of old paper “<u>The Yukon Press</u>” Vol 5, No. 3, Mch 22, 1899 from Mr. Howard Turner of S. Francisco, today by mail. Turner was in Circle at that time &amp; it contained short account of his journey which accounts for his preserving it. It is the only copy I have ever seen of that paper &amp; I am pleased to get it.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 October 20</p>	<p>Finishing up Cleary Creek options - now have 29 owners signed up - the greater part and enough to give us control of the richest gold stream in Alaska! Made arrangements to go out on the N.C. automobile stage on Friday morning. Have much business to finish up tomorrow for I did not expect to go until Saturday.</p> <p>Dinner tonight with Mr. &amp; Mrs. Dunham – present also Fairborn, Schooling &amp; Hopkins.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 October 21</p>	<p>Finishing up business matters to go out - will go on tomorrows stage. Have grubstake contract with Al Copeland. Leave Goessman Sale of tomorrow. 2 oclock — with Guy B. Erwin, atny. Recorded Cleary Creek options today - me \$171.<sup>73</sup> A dinner tonight by my friends at the Alcade - a dozen present and a good cheer time.</p> <p>[clipping]</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WICKERSHAM TO LEAVE TOMORROW</b></p> <p>Tomorrow morning Delegate James Wickersham will leave for Washington by way of the coast towns. He will go out by automobile. Mr. Wickersham has enjoyed his summer vacation immensely and feels fit to take up the fight for Alaska's interest. He will visit Seward and the other coast towns on his way to Seattle. Mrs. Wickersham will join him in Washington.</p> <p>As companions on his trip across the great white way, Mr. Wickersham will have Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Nolan, who are going to visit the exposition in San Francisco. Jack Reagh is also going out on the stage to visit the exposition. He will combine business with pleasure. All who are leaving expect to be back in Fairbanks next summer.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 22	<p><u>Left Fairbanks For Washington.</u> Left on Pierce-Arrow automobile with Ray Porter in Charge. Lunch at 18 Mile House with Wm Bergman. Reached Munson's Rd. House for night - Went over to Episcopal Mission &amp; called on matron - Mrs. Maude Stone - Thompson - a daughter of John Stone - one of my Pierce Co. Wash, friends &amp; the ex wife of W. F. Thompson recently Ed. of the Fairbanks News Miner. Good weather - roads rough but frozen solid.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 23	From Salcha - Munson's to Richardson, where we stayed with Samuelson.
Diary 25, 1915 October 24	Richardson to McCarty. Here we leave the automobile & will go to Donnelly's on big bob sled stage. Lunch at Beals Cache.
Diary 25, 1915 October 25	<p>Donnelly R.H. to Millers, formerly McDavitt's. Fine weather clear and warm - good snow &amp; while we are going on N.C. mail time - 8 days to Chitina, we are well satisfied.</p> <p>Here we take the double ender sleds - each of us in his own sled - sleigh horse.</p>

Diary 25, 1915 October 26	<p>Left Millers Rd. House at 5 oclock - clear but some wind =12° below zero. Reached Yosts at 10 oclock &amp; rested while the horses ate, then across the summit &amp; along the shore ice of Summit Lake, to Paxson's Rd. House &amp; Lunch at 2 oclock- Then we changed from the double ender sleds to the big bob sled stage &amp; went on to Meier's Rd. House for the night.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 27	<p>From Meier's Rd. House to the Sour Dough Rd. House -only. We arrived here at noon but on account of the mail schedule we cannot go on till tomorrow morning. From here we take the truck automobile which will arrive some time this afternoon or evening. This difficulty about the schedule will probably prevent us from reaching Chitina in time to catch the Friday morning train. Telegraphed to Chitina asking to have an automobile come out to Copper Center and meet us tomorrow evening &amp; take us on in - <u>The auto bus reached here at 8 oclock with Geo R. Coleman &amp; wife &amp; another woman for Fairbanks.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 28	<p>Left Sour Dough Rd. H. at 7 oclock this morning on the auto - truck Morris Ashton driver &amp; lunched at Gulkana RD House to Copper Center for 8 oclock dinner. We were met by Harry Chamberlain &amp; his ford auto &amp; we left at 7 oclock - 5 packed with the auto for Chitina - where we arrived at 1 oclock &amp; went to the Palmer's - the Commercial Hotel - to be awakened at 5 next morning to catch the train. Forgot my tin tube with Cleary Creek maps etc at Sourdough &amp; telegraphed back from Copper Center for Mrs. Yeager to forward. Traveled 99 mi. today from Sour Dough to Chitina.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 October 29	Left Chitina at 6 oclock this morning on the C.R. & N.W. Ry. for Cordova. At mi 6 bridge was washed out & we waited for 3 hours for train to reach us from below - transferred to work caboose & met

	our relief train at Mile 50 - the Big Copper River bridge. Reached Cordova at 7 o'clock & went to Cordova House - Inn by Thirsted & Ross, my friends.
Diary 25, 1915 October 30	Slept till noon & visited around in the afternoon. No regular boat before Nov. 7 or 8 - but I hear that the "Cordova" loaded with dynamite!! for Anchorage will come in tomorrow or next day - but will not take passengers - may be I can stow away.  Dinner tonight with Horace Leash & wife.
Diary 25, 1915 October 31	Saw the Captain of the S.S. "Cordova" now unloading coal etc at the dock, about traveling to Valdes or Seward on his boat - he says he can let me off at Valdes & that he cannot take passengers but I can to go Valdes etc. Just rested today - walk around town - went to the moving picture show with Harry Thirsted.
Diary 25, 1915 November 1	Beautiful day - sunny & warm - fine summer weather. Doing nothing - just reading. Dinner tonight with George Hazlett, - just us two - in his fine dining room - He seems never to have recovered from the loss of his wife-
Diary 25, 1915 November 2	Brrr- my what a storm A regular Sou' Easter – a high wind & snow & ice - a fierce winter storm & the wind whistling loudly. The "Cordova" left for Valdes - but would not take me or any one as passengers! So I'll have to stay here till Saturday before I can move. Am to take dinner tonight with the Leache's.  Dinner with Horace Leach & wife - Geo. C. Hazlett and Harry Steel also present. Afterward attended a "Smoker" given to the Sailors on the U.S.S. "Prometheus" - the usual thing - boxing - a 4 round prize fight etc. I was asked to talk!! and did so for 5 minutes.
Diary 25, 1915 November 3	Storm of yesterday has blown by & the weather is fine. Recd, telegrams from Seward & Anchorage to

	be sure & come there & have replied saying I would! Dinner tonight with Judge Frazier & Dr "Ed." Boyle. Just "waiting" for the boat.
Diary 25, 1915 November 4	Same as yesterday – waiting boat here about Sunday!!
Diary 25, 1915 November 5	Watchful waiting! The train brought Abe Stern, Barney Simons & others from Fairbanks, and also my tin tube of maps, which I forgot at Sour Dough.
Diary 25, 1915 November 6	Same, hear the boat will be here tomorrow evening Dinner tonight with Chase, Harry Thirsted.
Diary 25, 1915 November 7	My ten days stop over here has not been without some compensations - have visited around among my friends -political supporters & otherwise and find a very friendly spirit prevailing toward me - and an inclination generally to support me in Alaskan matters. It is friendly & encouraging "Admiral Krause" boat came in at 10 a.m. & I left for Valdes –  Saw Mr. & Mrs. Peoples who change here from boat to rail on the road to Fairbanks. They saw Debbie in Seattle. Also Mr. J.B. Howard.
Diary 25, 1915 November 8	Ellemar this forenoon & Valdes at 2 o'clock. Out with Dr. Boyle, Charlie flay, Senator Hubbard, John Frame et al. and visited all the saloons etc. Visited around town & met many old friends. Nothing much. Snow storm on.  Letter from Debbie sent here in care of Dr Boyle.  On the boat are: Chas. E. Herron, McBerny, Stone, Ed Seward Gateway, Dr. Bogle, Chas Day, J.B. Howard – who got off on Culinso Is. to build a mining plant.

<p>Diary 25, 1915 November 9</p>	<p>This morning we are in Prince William Sound - a fine sunny day, but cold. We are up in Port Wells, at the Granite Mine. Millard is here in charge and is very nice to us. The boat is unloading oil at Millard's wharf for the mine.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANCHORAGE TO RECEIVE WICK NEW RAILROAD TOWN PLAN- NING BIG RECEPTION FOR DELEGATE</p> <p>ANCHORAGE, Nov. 8.- Anchorage is planning to give Delegate Wickersham a big reception on his arrival here on the Evans. The reception will be given under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. President Smith of the Chamber has named the following committee to meet the delegate: Arthur Frame, T.R. Needham, Judge David, Commissioner Fred Mears, E.J. Warner, L.F. Shaw, James O'Reilly, E.J. Wendler, John Reid, A.F. Stowe, Jack Robarts, Thomas Price, G.M. Campbell, J.A. Moore, Ray Larsen, S.R. McClinton and District Attorney Spence</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 November 10</p>	<p>Reached Seward at 4 o'clock this morning &amp; as my friends came to call I got up &amp; went up town - to Sextons hotel - Saw as many as possible &amp; left at 7 o'clock for the trip around to Cooks inlet.</p> <p>Lt. Meares, member of the Alaska Eng. Com. in charge of building the Ry. surprises me - he is on board &amp; came at once &amp; asked me to go to his house in Anchorage &amp; stay during my visit there. I declined but accepted his invitation to dinner. He acts as if he thought I was coming to get information to start a fight on the Commission. Another man from Anchorage met me here &amp; accompanies me as the representative of the town - he, too, has some scheme to work along the same line.</p> <p>John F. Ballaine is boosting me &amp; shouting at Joslin and Richardson!</p>

<p>Diary 25, 1915 November 11</p>	<p>We left Seward at 8 o'clock &amp; were all day along the south coast of Kenai Peninsula reaching Seldovia - at 8 in the evening. Sent the mail ashore in a launch &amp; we went on all night up Cooks Inlet - reaching Anchorage Friday morning.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DELEGATE WIRES HIS ACCEPTTANCE</p> <p>Hon. James W-, Alaska's staunch and able delegate to congress, has accepted the invitation to visit Anchorage tendered by the local Chamber of Commerce. Information to this effect reached President J. H. Smith this forenoon. The distinguished guest will reach here on the Admiral Evans, due tomorrow or Monday. The Committee in charge is making big plans to give the delegate a fitting reception.</p> <p>Through error, the names of Mr. James O'Reilly, general superintendent of railway construction, and L.F. Shaw were omitted from the reception committee as published in yesterday's issue.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 November 12</p>	<p>The "Admiral Evans" came into the harbor of Anchorage this forenoon - a committee of the Chamber of Commerce met me at the boat and took me to the Crescent Hotel - I am pleased with the condition so far as I see them here.</p> <p>Met Bob Hunter who seems to be ready to fight the Alaska Eng. Com. which has charge of building the Ry - &amp; he tells me he will put in a newspaper soon for that purpose.</p> <p>Took in the town site this afternoon escorted by a part of the committee in a large sled - The town is but 6 mo. old - has 2500 inhabitants and many well built houses. Streets are cleared &amp; graded - new schoolhouse etc.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 November 13</p>	<p>This morning I was taken out on the Ry. to Eagle River bridge accompanied by Commissioner Mears &amp; the Chamber of Com. Com.</p> <p>It is a good road bed - though many sharp curves - 14 miles of track laid to Eagle River, 30 miles of</p>

	<p>grading in all.</p> <p>Tonight made a speech in Roberts' Hall - 600 or more present &amp; I strongly urged all to stand by the Commission &amp; aid in building the Ry. My attitude seems to please the people very much.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WICK TO WORK FOR R.R. MONEY</b></p> <p>ANCHORAGE, Nov. 12.- Delegate Wickersham announced here today that he will work in congress for an emergency appropriation for the construction work on the railroad so that the work will continue throughout the winter. He has expressed surprise at the growth of Anchorage. He was tendered a fine reception yesterday and spoke to the Anchorage Woman's Club. He was driven over the town and the railroad works today and is now riding out the line with Mears, O'Reilly and members of the reception committee. Tonight he will speak in Robards hall and will be given a banquet afterwards.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 November 14</p>	<p>Went out on Admiral Evans at noon but she is still unloading freight. We left Anchorage at 5 o'clock this evening and are now pushing down Cooks Inlet.</p> <p>There is much ice in the Knik Arm - but so far it is not dangerous.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>ANCHORAGE, Nov. 12.-In Robart's hall last night Delegate James Wickersham spoke to an audience of five hundred people and called on the people of Alaska to abandon anything that might look like agitation. He urged harmony among all the people to the end that the construction work on the railroad might not be delayed. He also discouraged petty attacks on the Engineering commission or its members or officials and he expressed the belief that the members of the commission are entitled to every support and encouragement.</p>

<p>Diary 25, 1915 November 15</p>	<p>This morning in Kachemack Bay - at 1 o'clock we are in Seldovia Bay &amp; I went over to the town and visited my old friends.</p> <p>Seldovia is a pretty harbor and the mountains across Cook Inlet are grand. They are free from clouds and colored by the morning sun. The Redoubt, Iliamna and St. Augustine are perfect in grandeur and beauty.</p> <p>A glorious day.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DELEGATE WILL INTRODUCE ALASKA STATEHOOD BILL But in the Meantime Will Try to Get Broader Powers for the Legislature.</b></p> <p>On his way on the Evans, Delegate Wickersham stated that at the coming session of congress he will introduce a bill to grant statehood to Alaska. A constitutional convention would be necessary and there are various other reasons which seemed to make the delegate believe quite a delay likely. In the meantime, he said, he will try to secure broader powers for the territorial legislature. Mr. Wickersham says he will also support Secretary Lane's plans for the establishment of a Development Board and he believes such a board would be almost of inestimable advantage to the territory.</p>
<p>Diary 25, 1915 November 16</p>	<p>We reached Seward again at 2 o'clock &amp; gathered a few more passengers - among them are Commissioner Edes &amp; family the Ballaine's &amp; others.</p> <p>Today we are on Prince William Sd. &amp; will go into Landlock Bay for one.</p> <p>Took one on in Fidalgo Bay - also Landlock.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEEK APPROPRIATION FOR ALASKA RAILWAY Chairman Edes, Delegate Wicker- sham and the Ballaines on</b></p>

	<p>Way to Washington By Cable to the Associated Press, SEWARD, Alaska, Nov. 16.- Chairman Edes, of the Alaska Engineering commission, and Delegate James Wickersham, John E. Ballaine and Frank Ballaine sailed for Seattle today on the steamship Admiral Evans en route to Washington. They are confident of obtaining sufficient appropriations at the coming session of congress to continue work on the government's Alaska railroad.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 17	<p>Valdes this morning early - went up town - made power of attorney to Chas. M. Day to locate iron mines at Seldovia. Reached Cordova this evening at 4 oclock - Went up town -had dinner with my friends &amp; talked over the political situation. Advised them to attend Republican primaries &amp; Territorial Convention &amp; work for reorganization of Republican Party. George Hazlett came down to the boat &amp; advised with me along the same lines. Boat left Cordova at 1 a.m.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 18	<p>Went into Katalla but too rough to go ashore. Into Yakataga Beach some time in the night.</p> <p>[clipping] GO TO WASHINGTON SEWARD, Alaska, Nov. 17.-enroute to Washington to ask congress for a new appropriation with which to carry on the construction of the government railway, Chairman Edes, of the engineering commission, and Delegate James Wickersham, John E. Ballaine and Frank Ballaine started South yesterday on the steamer Admiral Evans.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 19	<p>From Yakutat - 6 a.m. - to Icy Straits - 8 p.m. Ship rolling but not rough.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 20	<p>Juneau at 4 a.m. Was up and telephoned from Thane to Ed. Russell but he was in Seattle - and Thane in California. I wished to see both and will not stop but go on South.</p>

	<p>Recd, telegram from Arctic Club, Seattle, "<u>We wish to arrange dinner or evening smoker honor yourself and Chairman Edes. If agreeable please answer collect suggesting date or length time you will remain in Seattle.</u> <u>Arctic Club</u>" On consultation Mr. Edes suggests Wednesday evening &amp; I will so wire from Ketchikan. Stormy – strong head wind which prevented us from getting into Petersburg until late tonight.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 21	<p>Remained at wharf in Petersburg until noon loading boxed halibut. Through Wrangell Narrows. Reached Ketchikan about 8 p.m. Saw Hunt and other friends &amp; talked fisheries. Things here not in as bad shape as I expected. At Mr. Edes suggestion I sent telegram to the Arctic Club saying that Wednesday evening would be agreeable date to him for <u>smoker</u>.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 22	<p>Dixons entrance in the night &amp; now all day down the Inside Passage. Bad wind - head wind - waves &amp; generally bad weather.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 23	<p>Crossed Milbank and Queen Charlotte Sounds in the night very rough - now going down East coast of Vancouver island and will pass Seymour Narrows about 5 p.m. In Seattle tomorrow morning.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 24	<p>We reached Seattle at noon and I went to the Frye Hotel,</p> <p>[clipping] WICKERSHAM AND EDES TO BE GUESTS TONIGHT Progress of Work in North and Plans for Future Will Be Discussed. Delegate James Wickersham of Alaska, and Chairman William C. Edes, of the Alaska engineering commission, will be the guests at a</p>

	<p>dinner this evening in the Arctic Club given by members of the Arctic Club, the Alaska bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and prominent business men of Seattle.</p> <p>Invitations are extended to all those interested in Alaska. The dinner will begin at 6:30 o'clock and will be followed by a reception in the main club rooms.</p> <p>Delegate Wickersham, who was elected to congress in 1908, will make an address on the proposed appropriations to be submitted to congress at this coming session. He is also expected to speak on the question of statehood and the necessity of good roads for the territory.</p> <p>Chairman Edes will discuss the progress being made by the engineering commission in the construction of the Alaska railroad.</p> <p>{A fine dinner!}</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 25	<p><u>THANKSGIVING DAY.</u> Mother, May, Harry and Helen took dinner with me at the Frye Hotel.</p> <p>And then went to see "Daddy Longlegs" at the Theatre.</p> <p>Gave Mother \$50. and agreed to buy 11 lots at \$20.00 each.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 26	<p>Saw Chilberg today about sale of Cleary Creek - my talk was not long but even then quite satisfactory for it seemed to him to be a fairly big and attractive mining proposition.</p> <p>He said he would take it up with me further when he came East in January.</p> <p>Also had a long talk with Scott A. Bone, Ed. P-I, about reorganization of the Republican Party in Alaska.</p> <p>He promised to take the matter up with Shackleford &amp; others &amp; see if something fair could not be done.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 27	<p>Spent the day in Tacoma trying to get some final settlement in my Reservation land clearing accounts but Peterson was in Portland &amp; nothing done. Am to go back in the morning when I hope</p>

	to see him.
Diary 25, 1915 November 28	<p>Day in Tacoma with Chas T. Peterson getting final account &amp; settlement in re my Puyallup land clearing etc. Did not get it quite done but left it with W. P. Hopping with instructions to cooperate with Peterson &amp; get final &amp; completed statement - also made arrangement with Peterson to rent 45 acres of my cleared land for 3 years at 25.00 per acre per annum - to take out balance due him on settlement &amp; pay difference - out of -this months advanced rent - to Hopping who will thereby collect the rentals.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 29	<p>Left Seattle this morning at 8 o'clock via N.P. for Portland- Saw Tacoma - Lake View - Hillhurst, Roy, Yelm, etc. on my old stomping ground 1823 - 1900!!</p> <p>Reach Portland at 3. p.m. &amp; found Ben Boone, Iver Jonnson &amp; John Matheson - owners of Cleary Creek mines - will give me options.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 November 30	<p>Secured options from Boone, Johnson, &amp; Matheson on Cleary Creek placer mines.</p> <p>Lunch today with Bishop Row and J. J. Crossley - the later the U.S. Dist. Atty. at Fairbanks for several years.</p> <p>Left for the East tonight over the N.P. Ry-</p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 1	<p>Spokane to Butte.</p> <p>Emil Hurja, a newspaper boy from Fairbanks, now going to school at the University of Washington, on board train going to New York. He is accredited from the U. of W. and will join the Ford Peace Mission, which starts from N.Y. on Saturday &amp; Wed. of next week to secure peace in Europe! <u>It is a childs</u> Crusade to kill the monsters etc, but I sympathize with it nevertheless.</p> <p>I gave Hurja a letter asking that he be allowed to represent Alaska also.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 2	<p>Montana &amp; Dakota. Fine weather - little snow, clear &amp; cold.</p>

Diary 25, 1915 December 3	St. Paul this morning Chicago at 9 <sup>30</sup> and went to the La Salle Hotel for the night.
Diary 25, 1915 December 4	Left Chicago at 10:30 P. Ry. Pittsburgh at 9. Sent telegram to Darrell asking him to sent his mother over to Washington tomorrow.
Diary 25, 1915 December 5	Reached Washington at 8 a.m. and went to the Congress Hall Hotel & took our suite of rooms for the winter which we have occupied for several winters past. Debbie came over in the afternoon train & we are "at home." Congress meets tomorrow & many of our old friends are here - and many new faces as well. George A. Jeffery has been in the office all summer & has it in fine shape. He has systematized the books, papers, etc. and it is in good shape to begin the work of this session.
Diary 25, 1915 December 6	<u>64th Congress met today</u>  [clipping] By Mr. WICKERSHAM: A bill (H.R. 228) to amend the United States homestead law in its application to Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Public Lands. Also, a bill (H.R. 229) to authorize the purchase of certain lands in the District of Alaska; to the Committee on the Public Lands. Also, a bill (H.R. 230) to authorize the Survey, platting, dedication, sale and rental of the tide lands and the harbor area in front of and adjoining the town of Juneau, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the committee on the Public Lands. Also, a bill (H.R. 231) to increase the limit of cost for the construction of the U.S. public building at Juneau, Alaska; to the committee on the Public Lands. Also a mill (H.R. 232) to reestablish a commission form of government in the administration of national affairs in Alaska, and for other purposes ; to the Committee on the

	Territories.  Called & had a long talk with Sec. Lane - but was not satisfied with his remarks.
Diary 25, 1915 December 7	Heard President Wilson read his message today - it contains some things of a stirring nature but the general result on my mind is one of disappointment. He acknowledges a failure of all his prior financial legislation and suggests plans for raising additional revenue to meet certain deficits in the Treasury.
Diary 25, 1915 December 8	Marshal (U.S) Irwin of Fairbanks is here "doing things" - he has secured the Dept. of Justice against the Detention Hospital - I wrote a letter to Atty Genl. today asking for details of expense of running the Hospital. Riggs tells me that Col Richardson does not expect to go back to Alaska. - I do not understand - but will find out, why - though I hope it is true without regard to the reason why!
Diary 25, 1915 December 9	Getting my correspondence cleaned up - mass of letters on my desk when I came here. John E. Ballaine, who is largely interested in the town-site of Seward, Alaska, is here - lobbying etc.
Diary 25, 1915 December 10	Correspondence. This morning - 10 <sup>30</sup> - Myers, secretary to Sec. Lane, called me up on the telephone & said that they had just been informed that I had reported & was published in Fairbanks News Miner that Sec. Lane said there would be no building on Railroad at Fairbanks for 3 years etc. I told him not true & asked to see Secretary & got date for tomorrow at 10:30. Am satisfied it is "Stubbs" Irwin "knocking"-  My friend Henry W. Elliott, of Alaska Fur Seal Report is in my office frequently - he is always welcome!
Diary 25, 1915	Saw Sec. Lane - it <u>was</u> Irwin & Sec. gave report no

December 11	<p>credence. His "Knock" failed to get results. Called on Ex Senator Fairbanks of Indiana at his hotel &amp; had pleasant talk about his receptive candidacy for the Presidency. Told him Ex. Senator Hemenway, of Ind. could control Hoggatt &amp; Shackelford - &amp; Alaska delegates to the National Convention etc.</p> <p>Also called &amp; had interview with 1st Asst. P.M. Genl. Roper about P.O. appts. in Alaska - I approved Dr appt. at Seward, but apposed Schiffler at Cordova, &amp; Herbert at Seldovia. Also talked about minor business matters &amp; will go again in a few days &amp; talk about Fairbanks post office.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 12	<p>Just a quiet Sunday - Worked in Office - Sorting Alaskana.</p> <p>Am getting letters from Dan Sutherland asking me to introduce bill to appropriate \$200,000 for completing the Ruby-Long Creek wagon road. Of course it would be easy to introduce the bill, but since the law requires it to be done by the "Estimate" plan, through the Sec. of War &amp; the report of the Sec. of the Treas. and since those officials have acted &amp; only "estimate" for a total of \$150,000. for all of Richardson's work - it will not avail anything to do it. R- knows that - but is lying to the people saying that I make no attempt to get additional appropriations, when he knows that I am barred both by the Law requiring "Estimates" &amp; by his Estimate for a less sum -saying that is all he needs!!</p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 13	<p><u>Hon James R. Mann of Ill. Republican leader telephoned to me &amp; said that in making up the house committees he had put me on all of my old committees &amp; asked if that was satisfactory - yes.</u></p> <p>Frank Monroe from Fairbanks called, also <u>Geo. Arbuckle of the Pioneer of Iditarod - one of my strong supporters.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 14	<p>Senator Lewis, of Ill. was my attorney nearly 30 years ago when I was attacked and scandalized by</p>

	<p>the Sadie Brantner affair. Today in the House corridor he told me that he recently met her here in Washington - that she married an Army officer who died - she is now a widow &amp; resides here in Washington - that she is frequently in the galleries &amp; expressed real regret at her action toward me. He did not give me her name or residence. I have not heard from or about her for 25 years - not since her last affidavit in the case wherein she fully exonerated me from wrong toward her.</p> <p>I am on the following Committees Indian Affairs Public Lands                      no man in Congress is Mines &amp; Mining                      on so many! Military Affairs Territories</p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 15	<p>Com. on Public Lands was organized this morning &amp; my Alaska Land bills were all referred to the Interior Dept - where I will go at once &amp; get favorable reports - <u>if I can.</u></p> <p>Sent A. L. Valentine \$275<sup>00</sup> to pay Special Asst. on Ray lots, sent Mother \$170. balance on \$220. for 11 lots -which she is to deed to me.</p> <p>Darrell came today to visit till tomorrow.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 16	<p>Just working in office Went to P.O. Dept. for information</p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 17	<p>The Com on Mines &amp; Mining met this morning to organize &amp; an attempt was made to approve &amp; favorably report two bills, but on my strong objection H.R. 531, providing that the Bureau of Mines should purchase all coal for the U.S. (including the Navy) was sent to the War and Navy Depts for examination &amp; approval. Also H.R. 18. to provide for the appointment of a Commission to modify &amp; suggest amendments to the general mining laws was postponed till January 4th for further hearing - when Senators Thomas of Colorado, Walsh of Mont. &amp; possibly Smoot of</p>

	Wash will be invited to support the effort to secure the Commission.
Diary 25, 1915 December 18	Went down to Sec Comr. of the Genl. Land Office about my public land bills- and to urge favorable and early report to Com. on Pub. Lands on my bills referred by Com. to Comr. for examination etc. Senator Myers, Chairman of the Senate Com. on Pub. Lands came in while we were talking & specially called his attention to H.R. a bill to cut Alaska Homesteads from 320 acres to 160 & to give a second Hd. claim in Alaska, both of which ideas both Senator Myer & Comr Tallman approved!! So if I can get the bill reported early I may get it passed at this session.
Diary 25, 1915 December 19	Working in office preparing statement on the Fisheries Bill - trying to get the jurisdiction of the Com. on Territories established so as to have the Alaska Fisheries bill sent from the Common Ways & Means back to the Com. on Ter. where it belongs.
Diary 25, 1915 December 20	Howard Rolston, the boy whom I appointed to West Point Military Academy came in today - he has been going to School at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. - we have been inquiring for him but could not locate him. I want to reappoint him to the Academy if they will take him back. Working on letter to Judge Houston about having Alaska fishery bills referred to his - the Com. on Territories.
Diary 25, 1915 December 21	<u>Appointed Francis Bowie Stoddert of Juneau, midshipman Annapolis. This appointment is made at the request of W. S. Bayless, of Juneau, the Republican National Committeeman from Alaska.</u>
Diary 25, 1915 December 22	Working on brief & Authorities to support Mr. Houston's efforts to get Fisheries bills transferred from the Committee on Ways & Means to the Committee on Territories

	<u>It must be done!</u>
Diary 25, 1915 December 23	Saw Mr. W.C. Edes, Ch of the Alaska Engineering Commission about appropriating money to work on Ry north of Nenana for 1916. <u>Think he will do it.</u>  Sent telegram to Gaustad News Miner, Fairbanks, sailing that Edes and Lane both promised Ry. to Fairbanks and informing G- that tie road would <u>probably</u> be built both ways from Nenana in the spring. It was an encouraging word - & they need it at Fairbanks this winter.
Diary 25, 1915 December 24	Went down to Offices of the National Conservation Assoc. & saw Mr. Satterlee about the Alaska fisheries bill -the Carlin bill and asked for assistance to defeat it. He promised to aid me & Mr. Pinchot will be over from New York Jan 5th when we will have a meeting and start the war. Heard a cardinal - red-bird in the thicket today, but did not see him. Strange that this shy & elusive bird should visit in the bushes alongside of the street car line with 5-minutes service on one side and a stream of wheezy and loud smelling automobiles shrieking & clattering on the other.
Diary 25, 1915 December 25	<u>Christmas Day</u> - Darrell came down from Philadelphia to spend the day with us.  Nice visit with Darrell Christmas tree at Hotel.  <u>On Dec. 4th Frame printed No 1. of his new paper "The Forty Ninth Star" at Valdes and on the same day Bob Hunter printed the No 1. of his new paper, "The Weekly Alaskan" at Anchorage.</u>
Diary 25, 1915 December 26	Darrell returned home.  Am now at work on a Bill to amend the Act of Aug.

	<p>24, 1912 creating Legislative Assembly in Alaska - amendments extend powers of Legislature. I do not hope to secure the passage of the bill - but will prepare it in accordance with vociferous demands of Troy, of Juneau Empire - <u>his Democratic friends in the Wilson administration will report against it and then I'll have the record on him and his political eloquers[?] in Alaska — its clean cut politics on his part and I'll give him a sample of the same kind of politics.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 27	<p>Working, in the office - Am now preparing a fool bill entitled: <u>"A bill to establish a "full territorial form of government in Alaska" etc.</u> The "Juneau Empire" &amp; John W. Troy, its editor has been howling for "full territorial form of government" &amp; every time anything seems wrong or deficient they shout that it is because we do not have "full territorial government" -but they never say what it is they want - Now I am going to introduce a bill to cover everything they have urges as part of "full territorial form of government" &amp; the Sec. of Commerce &amp; other cabinet officers will, when asked by the Com. on Ter. to pass on the bill, <u>denounce it — then the boot will be on the democratic foot!</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 28	<p>Working as usual in the office. Major Farnsworth, U.S.A. who was in command at Fort Egbert, at Eagle City, in 1900-1901, when we lived there was in the office today. He &amp; Mrs. F. called on Mrs. W- they live here in Washington now. Dr. Homaday of the N.Y. zoo, &amp; the great game man etc came in to see me about game preserves in Alaska &amp; in National forests.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 29	<p><u>I was quite surprised today when W.S. Bayless, Republican Nat. Committeeman for Alaska came to see me - from Baltimore. He came, he said, to thank me for appointing young Stoddart as a Midshipman to Annapolis! He then began on</u></p>

	<p><u>politics - and wanted to know if I wanted the Republican nomination for delegate. He showed me a telegram which he had just received from Shackelford expressing his appreciation of my appt. Stoddert and assuring me of his friendly disposition.</u> <u>I assured Bayless that I desired a reorganization of the rep. Party - a full &amp; fair primary - an unbiased convention &amp; said that on such reorganization I would support the nominee - He assured me of his support &amp; Shackelford's &amp; our general conversation was all in favor of harmony &amp; fair play.</u> <u>He went over to lunch with me - then left. I will act in accord with the conversation but intend to keep perfectly quiet &amp; let him &amp; my friends work out the reorganization alone.</u></p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 30	<p>Charles Sheldon of New York, big game Senator who wrote two or three books on hunting in Alaska took lunch with us -he is very much interested in having a game preserve - a National Park - established at and around Mt. McKinley.</p>
Diary 25, 1915 December 31	<p>Attended the meeting of the American Anthropological Assoc. at the Museum hall this forenoon. Mr. Morley read a paper on the rise and fall of the Maya civilization which interested me greatly. Without hesitation or doubt he fixed dates for the founding and the distribution of the Maya cities - evidently from a decipherment of the inscriptions on the Maya monuments which have not heretofore been deciphered. Is he right?  Am preparing letter to Senator Sutherland in answer to a request for me to introduce a bill to increase Col. Richardson's appropriation - will do it - but much against my inclination &amp; judgment - for it cannot pass!</p>