

	[cover] Diary of James Wickersham Jany 1, 1916 – July 22, 1916
Diary 26, 1916 January 1	January 1, 1916 We are staying at Congress Hall Hotel this winter; we have two rooms on the fifth floor - and a bath & toilet - all of which gives us good accommodations and plenty of fresh air - which Debbie must have. We pay \$200. per month for our suite & board - the table is good & altogether we are very comfortable. We have enjoyed the holiday quietly - Darrell came down from Phil, Navy Yard - he is a Lieutenant, Senior rank and in the - in command of the battleship Ohio. In office today at work - nothing important.
Diary 26, 1916 January 2-4	Jany. 2, Sunday. Debbie & I took an automobile ride - fine warm day & she greatly enjoyed it. Jany 3 rd . Mr. Wm. D. Coppernoll, of Seward, Alaska, called. He is interested in the location of a Customs Office at Seward & I volunteered to help him, but he seemed to want to do it alone! 4 th <u>I introduced three bills today - one to transfer fishery legislation to the Legislature of Alaska. The other to establish "Full Territorial Govt" there & the third to appropriate \$200,000 to complete the Ruby-Long Creek wagon road etc.</u>
Diary 26, 1916 January 5	Jany. 5 th [clipping] By Mr. WICKERSHAM: A bill (H.R. 6886) to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for further construction and maintenance of military and post roads, bridges, and trails in Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Military Affairs. Also, a bill (H.R. 6887) to establish the full territorial form of Government in Alaska, to amend

	the act of Congress approved August 24, 1912, entitled "An act to create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes," and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Territories The fisheries bill was "held up on account of the objections which I am making to the reference of fisheries bills to the Committee on Ways & Means. I gave my objections to that in writing to Chairman Houston of the Com. on Ter-this morning. The fisheries bill was "held up" on account of the objections which I am making to the reference of fisheries bills to the Committee on Ways & Means. I gave my objections to that in writing to Chairman Houston of the Com. on the Territories this morning. Attended meeting of the Committee on Mines-Mining - Senator Walsh of Montana, Mr. Manning of the Bureau of Mines, & Mr. Callbraith of the Am. Mining Congress, spoke in favor of a Commission to revisit the U.S. Mineral land Laws -I am opposed & will speak last.
Diary 26, 1916 January 6	-6 th - Com. On Mines & Mining heard Senator Thomas on the bill to appoint a Commission to revise the U.S. Mineral Land Laws - he concluded that a Commission <u>was not</u> necessary. The Com. on Ways & Means today agreed to return all Alaska Fisheries Bills to the Com. on Ter. - on my objections in letter to Judge Houston. <u>Good.-</u> Wrote to Chairman Hay, of Com. on Military Affairs, about App. of \$200,000. for Ruby-Long Creek wagon road - Also Chairman Houston referred my bill H. R. 6887 "Full Territorial Govt." to Atty. Genl. & to Sec. Redfield -for reports.
Diary 26, 1916	-7 th -

January 7	<p>The Committee on Mines & Mining finished the hearings on the Taylor bill, H.R. 18, to authorize the President to appoint a Commission to revise the U.S. Mineral Land Laws -and I am to reply - in opposition to the bill - on Tuesday.</p> <p>Mr. H. C. Strong, of Ketchikan, called - He is trying to put up the bars so that the Alaska fish cannot go through Prince Rupert, B.C. and over the Grand Trunk Ry. to Chicago & must go via Seattle!!!!</p> <p>President's Reception tonight. The new wife's first appearance - hence a large crowd. We have a card but will not go.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 8-9	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Dr. S. Hall Young, an old "mushing" parson from Alaska but now in charge of the Presbyterian board of Alaska missions, in the New York Board, 156 Fifth Ave. called this morning & will stay until Monday. We have spend the day talking Alaska books & papers.</p> <p>Am working at odd times on my Notes in opposition to H.R. 18, Taylor's bill to appoint a Commission to revise the U.S. Mineral Land Laws.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Sunday. Dr. S. Hall Young is visiting us over Sunday but he went to Frank G. Carpenters to dinner.</p> <p>Worked in office on Mining Com. bill.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 10-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Getting ready to present objections to Com. on Mines & Mining tomorrow against approval of bill to appoint a Commission to Raise the U.S. Mineral Laws.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Appeared before Com. on Mines & Mining this morning & spoke for an hour in opposition to the Taylor Bill - on Revision of the Mining Laws. The Walsh bill for the same purpose passed the Senate yesterday - no argument - no notice - nobody knew about it or paid any attention to it. You can get most anything through the Senate!</p>
Diary 26, 1916	<p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p>

January 12	<p>Called to see Mr. Edes, Ch. Alaska Eng. Bd about App. for Alaska Ry. We learn that "Uncle Joe" Cannon is in opposition in the House & Senator Nelson, "the friend of Alaska" - & Col. Richardson's backer will appose app. in the Senate.</p> <p>Director Manning, of the Mining Bureau told me that he intended to locate one of the 3 Mining Experiment Stations authorized by the last Congress, in Alaska & at Fairbanks -asked me to send him date etc.</p> <p>Com. Tallman, G.L.O. is making much objection to approving my bill to give Judge States his two lots in Juneau - most get some additional facts to support our claim.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 13-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Finished my talk to the Committee on Mines & Mining in opposition to the Bill to authorize the President to appoint a Commission to Revise the U.S. Mineral Land Laws -</p> <p>Dr. Council, of Cordova, called.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14th.</p> <p>Mr. <u>John F. Dillon</u>, of <u>Fairbanks</u>, long the U.S. Comr. there, called.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Another hearing today before the Committee on Mines & Mining - the supporters of the Min. Commission bill are hunting up the M.C.'s from western states & urging them to keep in the passage of the bill - Baker of Cal. supported it today & Sinnott, of Oregon.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 16-17	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Sam Bonnefield of Fairbanks is in town. Sam was for many years the boss gambler at Juneau, and later at Dawson: he came to Fairbanks an 1904 and organized and became President of the 1st National Bank - but when it went to pieces in 1907 he went crazy & has been more or less off mentally since.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Final hearing today before Com. on Mines & Mining of S. 53 & H.R. 18, bills to appoint Com. to Revise U.S. Mineral Land Laws.</p>

	<p>Senator Smoot begged manfully to get me to withdraw my objections that bill be reported favorably - but I could not do it. H.C. Strong of Ketchikan called - He is trying to cut Alaska fish out of Prince Rupert by a tariff tax!</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 January 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>Received a letter from Ed. C. Russell, ed. Juneau "Dispatch" asking me to meet him & Shackelford in Seattle about Feb. 1st to conclude a political treaty of peace. <u>I will not do it!!</u> <u>Shackelford is a liability & not an asset.</u> Called on 1st Asst. Postmaster General Roper, today, and took up at some length the matter of moving the Fairbanks Postoffice into the Wash-Alaska Bank Bld. which we bought this summer with the \$15,000. Appropriation which I got in the Sundry Civil app. bill of last spring. Don't yet know what he will do. He appointed Mrs. Christianson, P.M. at Seldovia, for me!</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 January 19-20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>Called on Hon W.H. Parry, member of Fed. Trade Commission - from Seattle - Learn that Com. on App. has agreed to report \$2,000,000 immediately for Alaska Ry. Uncle Ezra Meeker from Puyallup, Wash, called today - and young Mr. Cole from Nome called yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>The Urgency Deficiency Bill with the item of \$2,000,000 for the Alaska Ry. came before the House today - the Alaska item was approved by a test vote on the motion of Gillett, of Mass, to strike it from the bill. And again I am in trouble with the</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 January 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Alaska Fisheries Bill. The Corlin bill was introduced on the first day of the session & referred to the Com. on Ways & Means. I prepared a brief on the jurisdiction of that Com. in a letter directed to</p>

	<p>Judge Houston, Chairman of the Com. on Territories. He took it to Mr. Claude Kitchin, Chairman of the Com. on Ways & Means & to Speaker Clark, and secured an agreement by which the bill was transferred to the Com. on Ter. In the meantime I had introduced a bill on the same subject - the Speaker held my bill till the matter of jurisdiction was settled & then also referred it to the Com. on Territories.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 January 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>We assumed that settled the matter for all time - but today Mr. Alexander of Mo. introduced a bill - the Carlin bill as revised by the Secretary of Commerce & it was referred to the Com. on Merchant Marine & Fisheries, of which Judge Alexander is chairman. Now we have the two bills before the Com. on Ter. & the revised bill before Mer. Marine & Fisheries!! When I informed Judge Houston about the reverence of the Alexander bill he was angry. He called Judge Watson, of Virginia, a member of the Ter. Com. into conference and they started an investigation! Another hearing today before</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 January 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>the Com. on Mines & Mining on the bills to appoint a Commission to revise the U.S. Mineral Land Laws - Taylor of Colorado, who introduced the House bill is hunting up every member whom he can get to appear before the Com. to come and demand the passage of the bill - Mondell & Dill appeared today & as usual Mondell talked - & talked - & talked - but refused to answer my questions & very greatly prejudiced the Committee against his case. Have prepared a statement with many exhibits for Mr. Manning, Director of the Bureau of Mines, in favor of locating the Mining Experiment Station at Fairbanks.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 January 21-22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21st</p> <p>The Emergency Deficiency App. Bill with \$2,000,000. item for Alaska Ry. passed the House</p>

	<p>today without any real objection. This ought to end all question of a fight against it -without opposition yet lurks in the Senate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Wrote to Senator O.P. Hubbard and John W. Frame, Valdes suggesting that the Progressive-Independent Convention in Alaska be called - after they hear the date of the Democratic & Republican Convention dates - just three days ahead of those & that they declare strongly in favor of Statehood; <u>Am now drafting the enabling act for the state of Alaska.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 23	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd-</p> <p>I am now working industriously on the preparation of an Enabling Act for the creation of State government in Alaska, and in so doing I am following the Enabling Act of 1906 for the State of Oklahoma. This for two reasons - at least - it is a late act, contains many of the new ideas and is liberal in grants of money and land to the new State. Another thing - it is a Democratic State and its Enabling Act ought therefore to pass the eye of this administration with less criticism than one older and less liberal.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 24	<p style="text-align: center;">-24th -</p> <p>We finished the long struggle before the Com. on Mines & Mining today on the bill to appoint a Commission to revise the U.S. Mineral Land Laws - my side won by a vote of 7 to 6! - Sec. Lane sent a letter threatening not to approve any bills for bettering the mining laws - but demanding the passage of the Commission bill. I have made the fight alone (see the Hearings) but I still fear they will come back & get some of the members that have been supporting me</p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 24	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>to change their vote & approve the Commission bill. My main strength is Dr. Foster, Chairman who is strongly but quietly & influentially against it. Senators Walsh, Smoot & Thomas, Sec. Lane and a dozen members of the House from the West</p>

	<p>have appeared before the Com. with all the Min. & Metallurgical Soc. lobby - & yet they lost. I feel quite satisfied with my fight even if they overcome me yet with political pull. Joslin is here & took dinner with us. Dillon is here yet also.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 25-28	<p style="text-align: center;">-25th -</p> <p>Working on trying to get all of the Alaska fisheries bills before the Com. on Ter. & also on the bill - Enabling Act for Alaska Statehood. Move the admission of <u>John F. Dillon</u>, of Fairbanks, before the U.S. Sup. Court. Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Strong, of Ketchikan, took dinner with us this evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>Am working as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>The Dept. of Commerce, without any request, sent letter to the</p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 28	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>Com. on Ter. referring to the Food & Carlin Fisheries bills & disapproving them, and strongly urging the passage of the Alexander bill. This action is taken to cut off the jurisdiction of the Committee on Territories & to establish that of the Com. on Merchant Marine & Fisheries - & thus to secure the transfer of the whole subject from one Com. to another which is known to be favorable to the legislation desired by the Bureau of Fisheries & the Fish Trust.! Well, they shall have a fight that will be of interest to them!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 January 28	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>28th - Continued.</u></p> <p>Called & had a long talk with Judge Alexander, Chairman, Com. on Merchant Marine & Fisheries, about Alaska fisheries bill. Strongly urged him to agree that his Alaska fisheries bill introduced by him at the request of the Dept. of Commerce be Voluntarily referred to the Com. on Ter. or that he take all Alaska bills, since they are so intimately interwoven that one Com. should have Jurisdiction</p>

	over all. Agreed with him to prepare a statement etc. Brandeis appointed Judge US. Sp. Ct. today.
Diary 26, 1916 January 29	-29- Am at work on letter to Judge Houston & Judge Alexander Chairmen of Com. on Territories & Mer. Marine & Fisheries respectively, to persuade them to secure a reference of H.R. 9528, an Alaska fishery bill from Mer. Marine & Fisheries to Territories. Darrell came down to stay over Sunday. -30- Still on letter to Houston & Alexander - Another Fur-bearing Animal bill introduced yesterday by Alexander, for control of Alaska animals - Com. on Territories!
Diary 26, 1916 January 31	-31 st - Dr Foster, Chairman of the Committee on Mines & Mining asked me today if I would accept an appointment on a Joint Committee on the Revision of the Mineral Land Laws: At first I said <u>no</u> , but when he expressed surprise and disappointment at my answer I finally said "Yes." Am not informed what he intends to do but judge from that inquiry he expects to report against the Commission & in favor of a Joint Committee! He also remarked that I had been hard on the "Experts" in my opposition to the Commission bill.
Diary 26, 1916 January 31	31 In the winter of 1901-2 I was acting as U.S. District Judge at Nome and boarded at the Golden Gate Hotel. A young woman by the name of Mrs. Emily Dornberg was one of the guests –rather the guest of Mrs. Daggett, the proprietors wife. Mrs. D's husband had deserted her - & that winter she sought by the wiles of woman to get too near the Judge - too near even for a mining camp - and I put her out of my room to save myself from talk - & told her not to come back - & enforced my order.
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January 31	She left Nome next season & went to her fathers home in St. Louis, Mo, - and now She is now one of the leading actresses - was leading lady with Louis Mann for several seasons & is in Washington this week - at the Belasco theater in "The Co-respondent" - which is my excuse for the last page. Her stage name is Emily Ann Wellman. [clipping with picture of Emily enclosed]
Diary 26, 1916 February 1-2	Feb 1 st Not doing much today - out of sorts. Finished my letter to Chairman of Merchant Marine & Fisheries setting forth my reasons why H.R. 9528 out to be transferred to the Committee on Territories. -2 nd - Delivered my letters to Chairman Alexander, Merchant Marine & fisheries strongly urging transfer of H.R. 9528. - an Alaska Fisheries bill - to Com. on Ter- where all others on the same subject are pending. Big mail in from Alaska - much politics - not bad.
Diary 26, 1916 February 3-4	-3 rd - Prepared bills for appropriations for Nome Harbor, Dry Strait & for survey of log obstructions in Tolovana River: Also Concurrent Reso. for printing additional copies of "Soil Reconnaissance of the Matanuska & Copper & the Tanana Valleys." -4 th - Dr. Foster, Chairman Com. on Mines & Mining sent for me & introduced me to Judge Thompson, the law officer of the Bureau of Mines - who strongly supports my view of the Smoot & Taylor Commission bills - he says to make haste <u>slowly</u> in changing the U.S. mineral land laws.
Diary 26, 1916 February 4	4 [clipping] Belasco Tonight "The Co-Respondent" Went to the Belasco Theater last night with Mrs. Wickersham to see the Correspondent - played by "Emily Ann Wellman – Mrs. Emily Dornburg who

	<p>was at the Golden Gate Hotel the winter of 1901-'2, while I was there. She played well - is the leading actress - & deserves much credit for the difference between 1902 - & 1916! I am always glad to see an Alaskan <u>do</u> something.</p> <p>[clipping] By Mr. WICKERSHAM: A bill (H.R. 10757) to authorize the incorporated town of Juneau, Alaska, to issue bonds for the construction and equipment of schools therein, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Territories. Also, a bill (H.R. 10758) making appropriation for the construction of a jetty and the improvement of Home Harbor, Alaska; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors. Also, a bill (H.R. 10759) making an appropriation for the improvement of Dry Strait, Alaska; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors. Also, a bill (H.R. 10760) providing for a survey and removal of the log jam obstructions to navigation in the Tolovana River, Alaska, and an estimate of the cost of removing the same; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors. By Mr. WICKERSHAM: Concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 15) to authorize the printing of 50,000 copies of document "Soil reconnaissance in Alaska"; to the Committee on Printing.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 February 5	-5 th -
	<p>Working on a final draft of an Enabling Act for the admission of Alaska as a State. My friend Emil <u>Hurja</u> is just back from Europe where he went as a member of the Ford Peace Party! He took dinner with us and gave us an account of his experiences in Norway, Denmark, Germany & England - Writing letters to Alaska & sending copies of the Call for the Republican National Convention of 1916 to my friends - hope they can capture the Conventions in Alaska & thus get the organization.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 February 6-7	-6 th -
	<p>Long auto ride- Mrs. W. & I -& the Johnsons -</p>

	<p>Albert & Wife – M.C. -7th - Called on Senator Jones & talked the matter of Richardson & the Alaska Road Commission over with him - showed him Richardson's printed attacks etc. etc. He advises that we go and see Secretary Garrison & lay the facts before him & urge the transfer of Richardson & the assignment of some competent Army officer in his place - & if that is not done - then a <u>War</u> on the War Department! I called up</p>
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	<p>the War Dept. to make a date - but the Secretary is out of town & will not be back for 2 days - can get date when he returns. Lunch today at New Willard Hotel with Chilberg, Humphrey, M.C. & Larson - Seattle people. Chilberg is here attending the meetings of the National Chamber of Commerce - & incidentally knocking the confirmation of Brandeis for the U.S. Spr. Court Justice. Letter from Hess & wife - will be here Wednesday morning. Emil Hurja here for a week. <u>Congressional Ladies at Congress Hall gave a big Reception today - Tea.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 February 8-9	-8 th -
	<p>Just a working. -9th - Mr. & Mrs. Luther C. Hess, of Fairbanks came to Washington today and are with us at the Congress Hall Hotel. He and I went down to the New Willard Hotel this afternoon and consulted with Mr. J.E. Chilberg, of Seattle, about the sale of our Cleary Creek mining options. We went over the map & the U.S. Geological Repts. & agreed that if he found us a buyer he should have ten (10) per cent of what we obtained as profits on the sale. He is to take the matter up with New York & Boston capitalists.</p>
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February 10-11	Spent time today working on an abstract of the activities of the Alaska delegates to the Republican & Democratic National Conventions - rather a historical sketch of Alaskan doings in such conventions. Also made an engagement to meet Secretary Garrison at the War Dept. tomorrow morning with Senator Jones to consider Col. Richardson's administration of the Alaska road funds. <p style="text-align: center;">-11th –</p> Much to the surprise of the public this mornings papers announce that Secretary of War Garrison
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	presented his resignation to President Wilson yesterday - that it was accepted & he is out of office - & my engagement to meet him this morning with Senator Jones is off - This entirely disarranges my plan & I'll have to begin anew. Dr. Fm M. Boyle of Valdes, Alaska, came to town today took lunch with us & the Hess! Dug Morgan, one of my Alaska friends in today - He is a violinist & played at a reception tendered to me by the Tanana Bar Assoc. in May 1903 at Fairbanks & has been one of my ardent friends & supporters ever since. My, but I love those old "sourdoughs"!
Diary 26, 1916 February 12	-12 th –
	Mrs. Wickersham and I were invited out to dinner at Mayor Farnsworths – the " <u>Northumberland</u> " tonight - we had a delightful dinner. We met the Farnsworth's at Eagle City in 1900 - 1901. He was then Capt. U.S.A. at Fort Egbert, adjoining Eagle, & our relations were pleasant. But our pleasure last evening was greatly increased when, to our surprise, we were introduced to Major Palmer & his wife. He immediately inquired if I was from Illinois- & to our great surprise we found him to be the son of John Mayo -the Grandson of Governor John M. Palmer, with whom I
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	studied law in Springfield - 1877-80. Debbie went to school in Springfield with Jessie & Louis - &

	often visited at their home. We also met Major and Mrs. Connor - & Mrs. Daphne Marquette - Mrs. Farnsworth's sister. It was a pleasant evening. <p style="text-align: center;">-13th, <u>Sunday</u>.</p> Snowing. Working in office on statistics on political past in Alaska. <p style="text-align: center;">-14th –</p> Went up to the White House this morning - asked for & was given tickets of invitation to the Hess Mr. & Mrs. Hess, to attend the Reception Friday Evening - they are greatly pleased. Dr. Boyd was in today - talked politics in Alaska. - preparing for the fall campaign.
Diary 26, 1916 February 15	-15–
	We - Debbie & I - had Mr. & Mrs. Hess, of Fairbanks & Dr. & Mrs. Boyle of Valdes, to lunch, in the House Restaurant today - & enjoyed it! Hearing before the Com. on Ter. this morning on my bill, H.R. to transfer the "Alaska Fund" to the control of the Territorial Legislature, as per H. Joint Memorial No. 12. of the Alaska Legislature. Curry of Cal. & Johnson of Wash, apposed - thinking it might in some way hurt their constituents the Cannery Co's - the Alaska Fish trust. The matter was referred to a Sub-Committee Watson of VA, Hamlin, Mo & Johnson, Wash.
Diary 26, 1916 February 16	-16 th –
	Introduced bill today to grant the abandoned military property at Sitka to the Territory for use as a Pioneers Home. Dr. Boyle & wife left for New York. Got interview for tomorrow with Sec. Lane on subject of Public Utility Commission for Alaska - had interview today with Lenroot about Enabling Act - am anxious to get his sympathetic assistance on land grant matters - he is leader on Public Land Committee. Wrote Riggs letter urging Ry. Com. to name a station on the U.S. Ry "Densmore" - after Frank Densmore, early explorer on the Tanana & Kuskokwim & Nenana rivers.

<p>Diary 26, 1916 February 17-18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-17th –</p> <p>Saw Mr. Lane, Sec. Int. today about a Public Utility Act for Alaska - or a Ry. Commission Act, with control of rates, utilities etc, as a part thereof. He seems sympathetic & I also saw Judge Houston on the same subject. I think it necessary to have a Board of Control in Alaska with power to limit rates & control wharves, railroads, steamships etc. telegraph & telephone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18th –</p> <p>Mr. & Mrs. Luther C. Hess of Fairbanks accompanied Debbie & me to the public Reception to the White House tonight. We shook hands with Pres. Wilson, his wife & the ladies of the cabinet.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 February 19-20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-19th –</p> <p>Visiting Committees & securing action on my bills - it is pretty slow work.</p> <p>Went to the University Club with Mr. Hess, to hear Andrew J. Stone lecture on the Commercial Possibilities of Alaska. Pretty good talk & better pictures.</p> <p>Darrell came over from Philadelphia today - we are doubly pleased for we are anxious to have him meet the Hess.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20th</p> <p><u>Hess left for the West today</u> - could not wait longer for word from Chilberg who promised to send us word about the Cleary Creek placers this week. Darrell went home this evening.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 February 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Saw Col. Taylor, War Dept. in charge of engineering matters on the Pacific Coast about the Nome harbor & Dry Straits projects. No report yet on either - he agreed to write to Col. Cavanaugh, at Seattle, for reports.</p> <p>Judge Houston, Chairman, Com. on the Territories & I will go & consult with Mr. McChord, Ch. of Interstate Com. Com. about transportation rates etc. in Alaska.</p> <p>Louis Vogel, from Fairbanks is here working on his pension case.</p>

	<p>Letter from Chilberg today - sent it on to Hess at Pittsfield, Ill., wrote to him to go to San Fran. & see Jafet Lindeberg & W.P. Hammon - who is the Evans Est. Boston Expert.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 February 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Judge Houston, Chairman Com. on the Territories & I visited Chas C. McChord, Chairman of the Inter State Commerce Com. this forenoon & discussed at some length the control of transportation rates in Alaska. We discussed the various plans suggested for the control of public utilities, rates etc. on railroads, steamship lines on sea and rivers, wharfage, telegraphs, telephones and also the idea of a development board - or a commission to have charge of all the activities of government bureaus as well as the other matters - it was finally agreed that I should prepare a statement showing actual conditions in respect to each of these matters & that such statement should be presented to Judge Houston & by him to the Interstate Com. Com.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 February 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February 23rd</p> <p><u>Secretary Redfield is still "playing horse" with Alaska fisheries matters & attempting to extend the jurisdiction of his Bureau of Fisheries - & incidentally snubbing the Delegate from Alaska. Two days ago he procured Senator Johnson, of Maine, to introduce one of his bills, Senate 4586, "to protect & preserve the halibut fishing of the Pacific Ocean," etc. which bill should go into effect only when Canada should pass concurrent legislation to aid in preserving the halibut fisheries along the coast of British Columbia & Alaska.</u></p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 February 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p><u>I have today prepared, and will introduce tomorrow a concurrent resolution requesting the Secretary of State to procure a joint agreement by Treaty or otherwise between the U.S., Great Britain, Russia and Japan to conserve and protect from destruction the salmon, halibut, herring, cod, whales, walrus etc. and marine waterfowl, along</u></p>

	<p><u>the Pacific, Bering sea and Arctic costs of the U.S. British Columbia, Alaska, Russian Siberia, Japan and their adjacent islands</u> <u>This is the proper - and only way - to secure the result which party aims</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 February 23	<p>23 <u>at in the Johnson - Senate bill, and will enable me to head off his effort & probably secure the result which is so greatly needed. I have long had this idea in mind, but not until now have I thought I could secure a hearing, but the Johnson - Senate bill establishes the need of my Concurrent Resolution - which goes to the root of the evil while his Senate bill does not.</u> I intend to give Secretary Redfield something to do if he puts his job over, & he will know that I am here at least.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 February 24-25	<p>-24th- Answering mail & working on my statement of transportation conditions in Alaska. -25th- Same as yesterday. Had a talk with Senator Jones & urged a meeting of the Wash. OR. & Cal. delegations to consider Alaska fishery legislation. Have written letters to Senators Jones, Chamberlain & Works asking for such meeting on Monday or Tuesday. Telegrams from Nome protesting against Sec. Redfield's fishery bills & taking away the power of the Alaska Legislature over fisheries.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 February 26-28	<p>26.- Same as yesterday. Introduced a bill to validate the Hd. entry of John Kehoe, of Tanana, in same condition as Kolde, at Fairbanks. -27th- A windy blustery Sunday- -28th - Consultation with W^m A. Parry, also Senator Jones -about Fisheries Bill - Also with Gillett & Good, members of the Appropriation Com. whom I</p>

	<p>advised that I wished to <u>fight</u> Secretary Redfield's appro, for Fisheries Bureau work in Alaska. I intend to carry the war where it will hurt.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 February 29- March 1	<p>-29th- Am engaged in preparing a statement on the Railroad - Rate - Transportation - Public Utilities situation in Alaska. The Democrats are in turmoil tonight - the President has written a letter to the Com. on Rules demanding a rule and a test vote on the question whether Congress will support his views against Germany or not - it portends a "scrap" and no one can be much hurt except the President & his party - so let 'em to it. March 1st Attended meeting of Committee on Mines & Mining - Chairman Foster</p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 1	<p>1 introduced a bill, H.R. 12275, on Fed 25. "<u>A bill to revise, amend and codify the sections of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the location of mining claims on the public domain, and for other purposes.</u>" and is anxious to get it reported & passed! He announced that it was prepared by himself & Judge Thompson of the Bureau of Mines - & it looks like it! He also announced the following Sub Committee to consider it, Foster, Chairman, Taylor (Colo), Hamlin (Mo), James (Mich) & Wickersham (Alaska). I was called up from the War Dept. & went down to see the Dry Straits Report. It is quite favorable & recommends a more extensive survey with estimates.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 1-2	<p>1 I am informed it will be referred to an advisory board to consider whether the additional surveys shall be made – about next week. I telegraphed results to F. Matheson, Pres, Chamber Commerce, Wrangell, Alaska – which will get the benefit if the work is done – as it ought to be!</p>

	-March 2.-
	Com. on Public Lands reported My H.R. 228 to amend the Hd. Laws in Alaska. I prepared the report & put in the hopper. Also today appointed Howard Rolston of Fairbanks Midshipman at Annapolis, & Denig E. Sutphen of Ketchikan, Cadet to West Point Academy.
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	Also received long telegram from Bob. Hunter, Ed. Weekly "Alaskan" at Anchorage as follows: <u>Seattle, Wash. March 1, 1916</u> <u>Hon. James Wickersham, M.C.</u> <u>Washington, D.C. Letter received twelve hundred signed union roll and quit work Feby seventh work on Mears railroad at standstill. Men demand fifty per hour with better living conditions. Business men displaying show cards we endorse federal labor union. Am in complete harmony with union am authorized to ask you to demand wage schedule adopted, the removal of Edes and Mears who are incompetent and competent men put in charge. We want commissary abolished and that we be</u>
Diary 26, 1916 March 2	2
	<u>allowed to incorporate Anchorage, that the Commission build railroads not deal in groceries, town lots, red light houses and lighterage business.</u> <u>R.R. Hunter, anchorage, Alaska.</u> I favor the increase in pay to \$.50 an hour. Will send telegram to Sec. Lane tomorrow. I greatly fear this radical opposition of the workmen may result in forcing Sec. Lane to let building out by contract - he thinks that would be greatly to the disadvantage of the workmen, but I am inclined to think that it is the only way the government can build the road or any public work without constant quarrels & fights with its laborers.
Diary 26, 1916 March 3-4	March 3 rd
	Mr. & Mrs. James W. Hill, of Seattle, but formerly of Fairbanks, took dinner with us this evening. We had a mostly delightful hour - & they went over

	to visit the Congressional Library - and on to- New York. Sent advance copies my Enabling Act for the State of Alaska to the Juneau Dispatch - Frames "49th Star" at Valdes, and to the News-Miner, Fairbanks, and Nome Nugget with instructions to publish on Mch. 30th, on which day I will introduce the bill in congress. -4 th . Just working - Introduced bill for an appropriation of \$100,000. to build the Juneau bridge.
Diary 26, 1916 March 4	4 th Continued.
	My demand on the Sec. of War for an estimate to cover the Ruby - Long Creek road has had an unexpected result! I received a letter from the present Sec. of War, Major Genl. Hugh A. Scott, acting Sec. of War, approving my bill for the Ruby Road, & estimating for \$100,000, and also sending in an Estimate for \$400,000 more for the Fairbanks - Valdes road!! <u>Some result!</u> but I am yet to get favorable reports & the appropriation. The estimate is only the first step. Garrison (who just resigned as sec. of War) would not have made the estimate. So we are that far in luck.
Diary 26, 1916 March 5-6	-March 5 th -
	Recd, a telegram from Anchorage today as follows, <u>Anchorage, Alaska, Mar. 4, 1916.</u> <u>Hon James Wickersham</u> <u>Delegate from Alaska, Washington, D.C.</u> <u>Federal labor union organized eleven hundred sixty nine members, demand minimum wage fifty cents per hour. General strike pending. Mears claims no power to act. Wire immediately if we have your support also advise us on what action being taken.</u> <u>J.J. Ross, secretary.</u> -March 6 th - Sent following Answer: <u>Washington, D.C. March 6, 1916.</u> <u>J.J. Ross, Secretary Federal Labor Union.</u> <u>Anchorage, via Seward, Alaska.</u> <u>You may depend on my support fifty cents per hour. Secretary Lane asked Secretary Wilson</u>

	<p><u>appoint Mediation Commission. Appointed two commissioners, statistician and stenographer. They leave Seattle March fifteenth for Anchorage. Nothing doing here till Mediators hear both sides and report. Keep order & present facts.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>James Wickersham,</u> <u>Delegate from Alaska.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 7-8	<p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>[Invitation card]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANNUAL DINNER OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY</p> <p>Working on my Statement of Transportation Conditions in Alaska. Have received several copies of the Kennecott Copper Corporation - which is interesting as a formal combination of the Kennecott Mines, Copper Riv. & N.W. Ry. & the Alaska Steamship Co. etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Judge Houston, Chairman Com. on Ter. & I called on Secretary Houston & discussed Mr. Lane's "Development Board" idea. I tried to persuade him to withdraw his effort to build another Bureau on us in Alaska - but he really has no confidence in the people as governors but all confidence in bureaus!!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 9	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Sec. of Commerce has reported adversely on my "Full Territorial Government bill," - not that I blame him if he had sense enough to put it on the apparent idiocy of the bill itself, but it makes me mad to have him do it because he - like Sec. Houston - believes in the supreme competency of his bureau & lack of confidence in the people to rule.</p> <p><u>Hard at work on my Transportation Statement. It is a big job and the more I work at it the bigger it gets. - but I am going to take time to do it well.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 10	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>I was quite surprised today when Falcon Joslin came in to see me and told me he came from</p>

	<p>Steve Birch - that birch received a telegram yesterday from Shackelford at Juneau asking him (Birch) to send telegrams to Alaska to some members of the Republican Territorial Committee asking them to stand with Shackelford in organization and control. Joslin said Birch understood Shackelford and I were now working amiably and asked me what to do.</p> <p>I told him <u>no</u> That I was not in political combination or friendship with Shackelford - that Shackelford & his former friends -and my enemies -</p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 10	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p><u>where having a fight and Shackelford wanted me to aid him to defeat them, but that he could then turn and defeat me - if he could - afterward. I told him I did not wish to have any alliance with Shackelford - he wanted to know that Birch ought to do. I told him he ought to keep out of the fights. He went with no more than this statement contains.</u></p> <p>Really Joslin ought not to have expected me to confide in him - or in Birch! He assured me Birch was friendly to me - but I do not trust either one of the three. I never turn my back when I am with either of them and I would not give either of them my confidence.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 10	<p style="text-align: center;">10th - continued.</p> <p>Mr. Ed. Cathcart, of Cordova, Alaska, "came to town" today - loaded with letters of recommendation from his Idaho friends - for the job of Superintendent of the Alaska Government Railroad! And not one of them mentioned that he was a Democrat!</p> <p>Of course that does not make any difference with President Wilson Or Secretary Lane, in considering the qualifications of an applicant for that position - but they would see a Republican in hell before they would appoint him Supt. of this Peoples Railway - and Cathcart is a Republican!</p> <p>Darrell came over to spend the evening with us -</p>
Diary 26, 1916	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p>

<p>March 12-13</p>	<p>Telegraphed to Hess at Joslin's suggestion saying that Joslin wanted him to come back from Pittsfield, Ill., to N.Y. to assist in presenting the Cleary Creek project - but he answered this morning saying he could not come - that he would start west on Tuesday (14) for California & Alaska. -13.- Telegram from Hess saying he cannot come to New York, & for J- & me to act. Howard Rolston here - have advised him not to accept the Appt. to Annapolis Naval Academy - Working to get Jamart's pension bill reported favorably.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 14</p>	<p>-14th - Have telegram from Ed. C. Russell, Ed. of Juneau transcript chiding me for not forcing my friends in Alaska to assist him & Shackelford to gain control of the Republican organization. He must think I am foolish - I shall not enter into any alliance with Shackelford and I do not care what the Republican convention does - I do not have to have its endorsement - nor even the election! I am independent and intend to remain so - They can take their nomination & give it to some better man if they want to - I do not intend to change the attitude I have so long held in Alaska.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 15-16</p>	<p>-15- Just working in the office [clipping] ALASKA G.O.P. FOR HUGHES But Two Delegates to Chicago Will Be Uninstructed. Juneau, Alaska, March 15.- Full returns from the Republican primaries held last Saturday indicate the renomination of James Wickersham as delegate to Congress and the election of two delegates to the National Convention who will favor Charles E. Hughes, but will be uninstructed. George Schofield, of Nome, or Louis P. Shackelford, of Juneau, will be National Committeeman. The territorial convention will be</p>

	<p>held at Seward April 19. -16- Went to the Office of Asst. Sec. Interior Stephen Mather. He had invited Riggs, Brooks, Dr. E. Lester Jones, & members of the N.Y. Camp Fire Club, etc. to a conference over a scheme to create a Mount McKinley National Park. We just talked - no results. While I favor the park I think that Alaska now has enough of her area in reservation - & the scenery will not deteriorate for a few years! The area - 2,200 sq. mi. is though to be not enough by some - Unimportant.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 17-18</p>	<p>-17th - At a meeting in my office today, present, Thos. Riggs, J. Reaburn, & two representatives of the Camp fire club of N.Y. We talked the Mt McKinley Park matter over fully again & I have finally consented to introduce the bill, provided it contains a clause so as not to exclude mining and miners therefrom. That was agreed to and I will do it. -18th - Joslin, from Fairbanks, Harris, from Hawks Inlet, & Charlie Herron, in today. Took Heron up to meet Woods, of Iowa, Chairman Rep. Cong. Com. to talk politics - Herron -says I will be nominated in the Republican Convention, Seward, April 19th.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 19-21</p>	<p>-19th - Sunday - working in office -20th - Working on "Transportation in Alaska" -21st - Com. on Territories met today & the old hard fight of the "Fish Trust" aided by the Bureau of Fisheries is on again. The bill now is one prepared by the Sec. of Commerce, after the old Tentative bill prepared by the Fish Trust in 1910. - with the addition of a clause taking away from the Alaska Legislature its power to levy additional license fees on fishes. The Cannery men are here in abundance.</p>

<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Am informed by the Atty. Genl that he has finally secured some information through Roth & laid it before Interstate Commerce Commission - but did not tell me what it was. As I went down to the Commission's Secretary this morning & he showed it to me. The mountain brought forth a mouse! He called attention to the contract between the White Pass & Yukon Route the N.C.C. and N.A of Mch 28. 1906 and extensions thereof - & to a clause giving the N.C. Co. a rebate of \$12.00 per ton. Nothing new - & then says there is no violation of the law.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 23-26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd-</p> <p>My friend, Ed. Cathcart, a railroad man from Cordova, came here two weeks ago, full of enthusiasm & loaded with letters of recommendations, to carry away an appointment as Supt. of the Alaska Ry - he was just in to tell me that he is turned down hard by Wm C. Edes, Chairman of the Alaska Eng. Com. & is going back west disappointed!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24th -</p> <p>Working on transportation statement - writing letters - office work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>Sunday - nothing much; work same as yesterday.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th-</p> <p>Have now quit Transportation and am working on Fisheries. Hearings on again tomorrow, and am preparing questions to ask supporters of the bill to take power away from Legislature to levy add. license fees on Alaska fisheries.</p> <p><u>Also have just protested in writing to Sec. Lane against reservation of fisheries around Metlakatla Island, to lease to Harris & Co. It is unnecessary and a dangerous precedent. If the president may withdraw waters for the benefit of one group of Indians & lease - he may lease all Alaska fisheries a bad precedent.</u></p>

<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 28-29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>Another hearing today before the Com. on Territories on the Alaska bill to repeal that clause in the Organic Act, giving the Legislature power to lay additional license tax - I am trying to make the hearing general so as to get in my "Full Territorial Form of Government" bill - but so far without success.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Working today to aid John Felkel & others from Nome, to recover the value of a boat & cargo wrecked at Whalen, East Cape, Siberia, last year & taken in charge by the Russian officials. Also on Transportation.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 30th, 1916</p> <p><u>The 49th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of the Purchase of Alaska from Russia.</u> <u>Introduced the first Alaska Statehood Bill today.</u> H.R. 13987</p> <p>It seems that L. P. Shackleford and his friends are reporting in Alaska that I have entered into an agreement with him to surrender the control of Republican patronage, etc. to him in consideration of my nomination and election upon the Republican ticket - so I</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 March 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>have prepared, signed and sent to each newspaper in Alaska the following letter: <u>"Washington, D.C. March 30, 1916.</u> <u>To the Delegates to the Republican Territorial Convention, Seward, Alaska.</u> <u>Gentlemen:</u> <u>The people of Alaska seem to have concluded that there ought to be an effective organization of the Republican as well as the Democratic party in the Territory, and many of my most active friends and supporters have joined in the movement and are among your number. In view of their announced intention to present my name to your convention and because of many rumors tending to create</u></p>

	<p><u>misunderstanding and contentions hereafter I feel impelled in fairness to my friends and to those who have long been my political opponents to make this public statement in advance of any action on your part.</u> <u>I have not and will not enter into any combination or agreement with or against any person or faction in or out of the Republican organization for the control of patronage, in whole or in part, or at all, or for the control of my actions in any way whatever as the representative of all the people of Alaska, or for any other purpose. I will not be bound by</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 30	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p><u>any pledge made for me without it is clearly stated in the platform or resolutions adopted by the convention. It seems to me there can be no successful unity of action or reorganization of the Republican party in Alaska without entire frankness with the men and women who do the voting, and because of that I address this communication to you in this public manner. I can better do without the nomination or the election to congress than be placed in the attitude of having betrayed either my associates or the people whom I have represented with such freedom and confidence for eight years, and whom I must continue to represent with freedom and confidence</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 30	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p><u>or not at all.</u> <u>In the event of my election I pledge myself to harmony and fair dealing toward friends and past opponents alike, to the support of the bill which I have already introduced granting more extended powers to the territorial government, to the support of the Statehood bill, to the creation of better transportation conditions and the control and reduction of burdensome freight rates, and generally to the upbuilding of the industries natural to our Territory and to the development of its great natural resources free from monopoly and unjust restraint. If you nominate me upon this understanding there</u></p>

Diary 26, 1916 March 30	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p><u>will be but little chance for contention and disagreement hereafter.</u> <u>Respectfully,</u> <u>James Wickersham</u>"</p> <p>That ought to keep the Shackleford faction steady & stop their tales of having me under agreement. It seems to me they are trying to get credit for reorganizing the party and bringing harmony, securing the control of the organization - then defeating me at the polls & thereby securing to themselves all power of patronage - <u>which is all they want.</u> I shall not assist them anyway. <u>They may now refuse to nominate me.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 31	<p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>Shackleford is a "cunning cuss". Received the following telegram from him today: "Juneau, Alaska, May 30, 1916. Hone. James WICKERSHAM, Wash. D.C. Mr. Russell showed me your two letters concerning situation and very much gratified at the tone and spirit of same. There is but little question but that Seward Convention can be harmoniously representative of Alaska needs and our recognition which I modestly say we are both entitled to. Wish you would arrange to have talk with Hilles so you and he may have an understanding when the Convention meets and when the nomination is tendered to you as I expect it will be. L. P. Shackleford."</p>
Diary 26, 1916 March 31 - April 2	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p><u>No Answer!</u> What he wants is a reply that he can show to prove that he and I are working together - <u>and I'll not send it.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">-April 1st-</p> <p>Darrell down from Philadelphia to spend Sunday with us.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-April 2nd-</p> <p><u>Darrell's 34th Birthday.</u> Had a long automobile ride with him & his mother</p>

	today - a fine spring day.
Diary 26, 1916 April 3-4	<p style="text-align: center;">-April 3rd-</p> <p>House passed my homestead bill today - after cutting it up somewhat. I made no objection - for it was important to get it through when it was reached - it was about to be passed by - I can get it amended in the Senate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Another short Session of the Com. on Territories - examined Thurman, Solicitor of the Dept. of Commerce, -a big overgrown "boob," who has a high position because of his father - a great Democrat.</p> <p>Nothing much done - over for a week.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 5-6	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Am finishing up my petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a general investigation of Alaska transportation matters & a reduction of interstate commerce rates. It is quite a document for it is the first real effort to cover the field - and I hope for results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Am preparing data for Examination of Dr. Hugh M Smight, Com. Bureau of Fisheries next Tuesday. Long letter today from Valentine about politics in Alaska. It seems that Shackelford is working the "combine with Wickersham" story as hard as is necessary to induce my friends to assist him!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 7-8	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Recd, telegram from Cordova on politics: <u>"Cordova, Alaska, April 7, 1916</u> <u>James Wickersham, M.C. Washington, D.C.</u> <u>Your nomination assured without assistance of</u> <u>Shackelford. Believe it suicide for you to allow</u> <u>Shackelford name national committeeman. By</u> <u>making organization man Republican National</u> <u>Committeeman you can cement entire Republican</u> <u>party outside few personal friends of Shackelford.</u> <u>It all lies in our power - what shall we do?</u></p>

	<u>Thos. S Scott,</u> <u>Harry Thisted.</u>
Diary 26, 1916 April 8	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>This telegram is embarrassing to me for I wish very much to see Shackelford defeated as National Committeeman, but I do not wish to appear as a "boss," for that is the real offense of which he is guilty so I sent the following reply:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Washington D.C. April 8, 1916</p> <p><u>Thomas S. Scott.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>"Cordova, Alaska</u> <u>"I have great confidence in your judgment -</u> <u>must depend upon my friends at Seward to adopt</u> <u>such course as will inspire confidence and bring</u> <u>success at the polls. Wrote Thisted letter March</u> <u>thirtieth which will aid you. Get all of your mind</u> <u>together at Seward and act unitedly. Play ball.</u> <u>James Wickersham</u></p> <p>I do not intend to send telegrams ordering my friends to fight S- - for there can be no reorganization of the party in that way - but if they do act together and slit his political throat I will view the remains with interest though I may not shed a damn tear!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 9-10	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Sunday, and three inches of snow on the ground this morning. Worked in the office getting final corrections, etc. on my petition for reduction of Alaska rates which I intend to file with Interstate Commerce Commission tomorrow. Also working on data for Examination of Dr. Smith, Supt. Bureau of Fisheries on Tuesday in opposition to the Fisheries Bills now before Com. on Ter. approved by him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p><u>Filed my petition or complaint against the Alaska</u> <u>Ry. & S.S. Co's today with the Interstate</u> <u>Commerce Commission. When I filed</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 10	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>- or rather informally left them with Mr. M^cGinty, the secretary, he suggested that they be left with him</p>

	<p><u>informally & without filing in a contested case, for two or three days for consideration whether it is best to put the matter in the shape of an investigation by the Commission - or of a contested case upon notice. Of course, he said, before there can be any reduction of rates there must be a notice & a contest but that can come after the secret investigation of the Com. I agreed to have the papers for two or three days for consideration of the matter of proceeding.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 10-11	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Recd, telegram from Henry T. Ray Fairbanks, wanting to lease our house to Arthur Williams, saying that my friends are disappointed at my (alleged) agreement with Shackleford, inquiring why I do not answer his letter of Feb 18. Answered saying to lease house for \$30. per month, no agreement with S. & had not recd, any letter from him since leaving Fairbanks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th –</p> <p>Another hearing today before Com. on Ter. on Fisheries Bill - Dr. Smith, Com. of Bureau of Fisheries failed to show up - he is apparently very nervous & is trying to avoid examination - the Com. issued notice to him to appear next Tuesday - other witnesses unimportant.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 11-13	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>My friends Frank Howard & wife from the Koyukuk are here - Mrs. W's friend Mrs. McMillan - Patton from Hoquiam, Wash. also now at our hotel – today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12th.</p> <p>Hearing today before the Com. on Public Bldgs on Appropriation of \$450,000 for the completion of the Public Building for a Territorial Capital at Juneau, & grant of the abandoned military & naval buildings at Sitka to the Territory for Territorial use as Home for Aged Pioneers, etc, The Committee seems sympathetic – <u>but!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th –</p> <p>Working on correspondence which is unusually heavy –</p>

Diary 26, 1916 April 14-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th –</p> <p>Same old grind in office. My Friend Frank Howard, from Coldfoot, Alaska & his wife, are in the office today & took lunch with us. <u>He tells me he set up and printed</u> the “Local Mining Laws of Harris Mining District, Alaska” in 1887, for John G. Heid & G.W. Garside.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Just working etc. arranging books for binding & preparing for Com. Examinations on Tuesday - <u>Am working on address in support of Alaska Statehood bill. The Progressive - Democratic Convention meets at Valdes today.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 16	<p style="text-align: center;">-16th –</p> <p>Received the following telegram this morning from John W. Frame & Joe C. Dieringer, of Valdes, Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>“Valdes, Alaska, April 15, 1916</u> <u>“James Wickersham, Washington, D.C.</u> <u>“Progressive Democratic Convention met today nominated you delegate, Cobb for Attorney General. All divisions represented. Platform last election revised by addition Statehood greater municipal powers endorsement your efforts reduce freight rates. Shackleford here says you must retract statements in letter else he cant endorse you. Letter puzzles them.</u> <u>Frame – Dieringer”</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 16	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>The foregoing telegram amuses me through it may mean defeat. My independent friends have put one over on Shackleford and he may embarrass me by asking me if I accept the Progressive-Democratic nomination - <u>or</u> the Republican. Then, too, the Democrats may force Cobb off this Pro-Dem. ticket! As for me, I shall stand, for I would rather go to defeat with the men who have heretofore engineered my success than to leave them & trust to the mercies of Shackleford & my past enemies. I shall not decline to stand with Frame & the Pro-Dem, nomination though I am a</p>

	Republican. What
Diary 26, 1916 April 16	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Cobb will do I cannot conjecture nor will his action influence mine. The Republican convention meets on Wednesday - and Shackelford will have to look out for himself, for many of my friends & his opponents will be there seeking to dismount him & prevent his re-nomination as National Committeeman or his control of the party organization.</p> <p>Debbie and I went out for along automobile ride with Judge Howard & his wife & her mother - we went to Parks, Arlington, etc.</p> <p><u>Am working on address to go with the Statehood Bill for Alaska.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 17	<p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>This looks like defeat in the Republican convention: <u>Cordova, Alaska, April 16, 1916</u> <u>James Wickersham, house of rep- Washington, D.C.</u> <u>Unless definite understanding highly probable you not recd. nomination convention with Lloyd against you. Thisted Hazlett small majority against organization. Shackelford who controls without your supporters will have to endorse straight candidate unless you give us assurance. Are you thoroughly informed and with</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 17	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p><u>or against organization program.</u> <u>Boyle, Godall,</u> <u>Gootschalk, Chase.</u></p> <p>I have sent the following reply: <u>Washington D.C. April, 17, 1916</u> <u>Edward V. Boyle, Cordova, Alaska.</u> <u>I do not understand what you mean. What definite understanding do you want and what about?</u> <u>Threat to endorse straight candidate if I do not give assurance that I am with or against organization program unavailing until I know what the program is, what is it you want.</u> <u>James Wickersham.</u></p>

Diary 26, 1916 April 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>Just received the following telegram from Ed. C. Russell of Juneau, from Valdes <u>en route</u> to Seward Convention.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Valdes, Alaska, April 18, 1916</u> <u>Hon. James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress.</u> <u>Washin. D.C.</u> <u>Rush wire Chairman Seward Convention care Thisted and myself you accept nomination on platform as outlined your public letter addressed Delegates. This telegram will not be used unless your nomination is made under right conditions. Telegram Sutherland to Thisted indicates he accepts situation in right spirit due arrive Seward tomorrow.</u> <u>Ed. C. Russell.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 18-19	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Answered Russell telegram as follows: <u>Washington D.C. April, 18, 1916</u> <u>"Ed. C. Russell, Care Sec. Republican Convention. Seward, Alaska. You Thisted authorized represent me. Will accept nomination fair platform. Will assist reorganization party and urge harmony unity action upbuilding Alaska."</u> <u>James Wickersham</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>It is quite evident that S- & his lieutenants do not intend to accept my letter of March 30th as a final word on the matter of forcing me to abandon my right to represent the people of Alaska with independence & under the law.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 19	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>I am today in receipt of the following telegrams: <u>Seward, Alaska, April 18, 1916</u> <u>Hon. James Wickersham, Washington, D.C.</u> <u>As suggested in your recent open letter of March 30th we wire you under separate night letter copy of platform which Russell chairman platform committee will insert convention platform affecting patronage.</u> <u>Urge you wire Russell immediately your</u></p>

	<u>acceptance platform with this plank agreed. Caucus majority delegates, Wickersham for Delegate. Murane National Committeeman, Schofield, Attorney General, Shackelford - Gilmore, delegates</u>
Diary 26, 1916 April 19	19 <u>Chicago, Russell - Gaustad alternates. Platform covers every item mentioned your open letter. This is the best deal we can secure and have personal pledge every regular Republican attending convention will not only support ticket but organize Legislative tickets every division carry on aggressive and earnest campaign we realize we must have your acceptance this plank to insure your nomination. Rush answer. Ed. C. Russell, H. Thisted. An hour after receiving the foregoing I also received the following:</u> <u>Seward, Alaska, April 18, 1916</u> <u>James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress</u>
Diary 26, 1916 April 19	19 <u>Washington, D.C.</u> <u>We charge the Democratic administration with having ignored Alaskans in appointments to public office in this territory and with having disgraced our citizenship by the wholesale appointment of non-residents and carpetbaggers in lieu of our bona fide citizens and we condemn this un-American policy and practice as highly prejudicial to our people and detrimental to good government. We reaffirm our party slogan, Alaska for Alaskans, and demand that only bona fide citizens be appointed to public office. We believe that harmonious party organization and solidarity are basic principles</u>
Diary 26, 1916 April 19	19 <u>controlling good government, and to the end that our citizens voters shall have a voice in appointments to public office we pledge to the people of Alaska that all divisional appointments to public office shall be made only upon the joint endorsement of the Republican committee of that division and the Republican National</u>

	<u>Committeeman, and all other presidential appointments to public office in Alaska shall be made only upon the recommendation of the Republican National Committeeman of this Territory.</u> <u>Ed. C. Russell</u> <u>H. Thisted</u>
Diary 26, 1916 April 19	19 I promptly prepared an answer to these telegrams denouncing their suggestion to me as an insult, telling Shackelford to go to hell, and refusing to accept the nomination, etc. I took the telegram and my proposed answer to Mr. Frank P. Woods, M.C. from Iowa, and the Pres. of the Republican Congressional Committee - after reading the record & thinking it over <u>he strongly urged me not to answer the telegrams!</u> He insisted that since I had made it perfectly clear that I would not be bound by any arrangement to surrender my just independence & powers as a Representative of the People of
Diary 26, 1916 April 19	19 Alaska the wise thing to do is to remain silent & let the Convention act. If it refuses to nominate me I have the record showing the reason why: if it does nominate me I am in a perfectly fair position to repudiate anything they put in the platform in opposition to my statements in my letter of Mar 30, directed to the Delegates of the Convention. Upon Woods strong insistence I have concluded to accept his advice & make no answer to the telegrams. Debbie agrees with Woods & I am finally persuaded, although my own strong inclination is to send a
Diary 26, 1916 April 19	April 19 continued ringing denunciation & decline to consider their proposed nomination upon the demand they have made. It would leave me in a better shape to make an

	<p>independent fight for the office or a fight in opposition to them - but I am surrendering to Woods insistence.</p> <p><u>Heard President Wilson read his message to Congress today presenting his ultimatum to Germany</u></p> <p>With Mexico & Germany both on our hands and no Army, & the Navy in Daniels control we are in danger.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">April 20th, 1916</p> <p>Well, the Shackleford convention at Seward acted like a baby - as usual.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 20	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Have just received the following telegram (some clerical errors but the sense is apparent though I copy it exactly)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>“Seward, Alaska, April 19, 1916</u> <u>James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress,</u> <u>Washington, D.C. Principal part of Seward</u> <u>Convention steam rolled by Shackleford declared</u> <u>for Statehood in platform declaring we were unable</u> <u>to secure enough votes to insure clear nomination</u> <u>Russell refused to allow your name go before</u> <u>convention selection delegate to Congress left</u> <u>hands committee four advised you refuse to</u> <u>accept.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thisted.”</p> <p><u>And there you are!</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 20-21	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Am preparing a short statement & attaching copies of letters, telegrams etc. respecting Shackleford's attempt to hold me up & compel me to deliver all patronage etc. addressing it to Hon. Frank P. Wood, M.C. Chairman Republican Congressional Committee - & asking him & the Committee to take hold of the political situation in Alaska & make the “bosses” play fair.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">April 21st</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plans of Alaska Republicans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEWARD, Alaska, April 21.- The committee appointed yesterday by the republican territorial</p>

	<p>convention to select a candidate for delegate to Congress met today to formulate a plan for choosing the candidate.</p> <p>The platform adopted by the convention declares for statehood; for (Federal investigation of the alleged fish trust of the U-S-; for extension of the cable and wireless system; for community property rights for women; for restrictions of the resources of the territory for the people of Alaska; protests against the so-called war taxes of the democratic national administration and denounces the Mexican and foreign policies of President Wilson.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 21	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>Wrote & delivered letter today to Frank P. Wood, M.C. of Iowa, on Shackleford's successful plan to destroy Republican organization in Alaska. Really, between us, Shackleford has put one over on my friends & supporters - I am not surprised - nor very greatly disappointed. He does not care what the result is - he has the organization of the Republican party - <u>he</u> is one of the two Delegates to the National Convention & <u>his</u> candidate -or rather <u>he</u> is the Rep. National Committeeman! he will have control of all appointments in case the next President is a Republican - & that was all he wanted -the rest can go hang!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 April 22-24	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd-</p> <p>Nothing exciting - just working in office. Introduced Claims Bill today to pay Thomas H. Jeter \$10,000 for his farm etc taken at Anchorage, Alaska, by the U.S. Ry. terminals.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23rd-</p> <p>Working on office matters etc. Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24th -</p> <p>Gov. Strong, of Alaska, came in today. Am glad to see him for he can help me on the Appro, for the Alaska Capitol Bldg. & the Sitka Pioneers Home bill.</p> <p>The hearing on the Fisheries Bill was postponed on me for a week - but they cannot get their job through.</p>

<p>Diary 26, 1916 April 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-25th –</p> <p>My “tillicum” Tom Bishop of Tacoma came in to see me today. Tom is a half breed Indian and is looking up the Shaker Church record in part 2 of the 14th Ann. Rept. at the Bureau of Ethnology - a <u>church which I organized among the Indians on Puget Sound many years ago.</u> Gov. Strong & I called on Judge Houston, Com. on Ter. about Alaska legislation generally & on Frank Clark, of Florida, Ch. Com. on Public Bldgs. in support of the Appro, for the Juneau & Sitka public buildings.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 April 26-27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-26th –</p> <p>Gov. Strong & I appeared before the Com. on Public Bldgs. in support of the Appro for the Juneau & Sitka bills. Gov- & Mrs. Strong to dinner with us at the Congress Hall Hotel. Am notified today that the Com. on the Merchant Marine & Fisheries will take up the Alaska Fisheries bills! -27th –</p> <p>Gov. Strong was in the office and we have consulted quite fully in relation to matters Alaska. He is trying to get the Navy Dept. to surrender its claim over the land we want granted to the Ter. at Sitka for the Pioneers Home - & thinks he will succeed.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 April 28-29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th –</p> <p>Had Gov. Strong in office & went carefully over the Alaska Fisheries bills - Judge Houston, Chairman House Com. on Ter. wishes him to appear before the Com. on Tuesday & I am anxious that he shall understand the import of the various bills before he so appears. -29th –</p> <p>Senator Pittman introduced a bill in the Senate & Judge Houston in the House yesterday, S & H.R. giving the President power to make</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 April 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>rules & regulations for control of <u>police</u> power, sanitary etc. in <u>towns</u> & along Alaska Railroad - without limit!</p>

	<p>I can see from the situation - both bills are exactly alike - the bills were prepared in the Department of the Interior. No notice was given to me - and, of course, I'll oppose the bills. Judge Houston came in this afternoon & it happened that the Dept. of Interior official - Christensen - also came in & they undertook to convince me the bills ought to pass. I was rather fierce in my denunciation of the bills & got Judge Houston to greatly modify - but I am not yet</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 April 29-30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>satisfied – I intend to oppose to the end - though I do not really fear the bill if amended as Judge Houston agrees. Still it is bad as a precedent - & I'll oppose it. Am invited to attend a banquet of the Boon & Crocket Club at the Metropolitan Club tonight. -30th –</p> <p>[invitation to Boone and Crockett Club banquet]</p> <p>Had a fine time at the Boon & Crocket Club banquet last night. Some of those present were: Gov. Strong, Senator Pittman, Charles Sheldon, Belmore Brown, Dr. E. Lester Jones, Asst. Sec. Interior Mather, Judge Houston, Chairman, Com. on Ter., Ferris, Chairman com on Public Lands, Fitzgerald, Ch. Com. Appro. etc. Plenty of booze & grub.”</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 May 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 1st</p> <p>Attended dinner given at the Cosmos Club, by Dr. E. Lester Jones in honor of Gov. Strong. [clipping] ALASKAN GOVERNOR GUEST. Dr. E. Lester Jones Entertains at Cosmos Club for J.F.A. Strong. Dr. E. Lester Jones, superintendent of the United States coast and geodetic survey, gave a dinner last night in the private dining room of the Cosmos Club in honor of the Governor of Alaska, J.F.A.</p>

	<p>Strong. With the coffee and cigars, Dr. Jones invited his guests on a stereopticon journey through Alaska, upon which were seen the fields of luxuriant vegetation, the fishing grounds, the mines, the forests, the waterfalls, the glaciers, snow-capped mountains, the cities, the canneries, the harbors and other features of that vast undeveloped territory. The coast line of Alaska, it was stated, measures more than the distance around the earth, or 26,000 miles, of which about 10 per cent is charted so as to be entirely safe for seagoing vessels.</p> <p>Those present were Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce, Senator Chamberlain, Senator Jones, Senator Johnson, Senator Poindexter, Senator Pittman, Representative Kahn, Representative Houston, Representative Alexander, Delegate Wickersham of Alaska, Commissioner Parry, Assistant Secretary Mather of the Interior Department, Hugh M. Smith, commissioner of fisheries; Dr. Jones, Capt. Robert Lee Faris, Frank M. Warren, John O. LaGorce, John B. Smallwood, Capt. J.J. Reynolds, Ashmun N. Brown and H.C. Strong.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 May 2-3</p>	<p>May 2. Hearing today before Com. on Ter. on Alaska Fisheries bill: Gov. Strong appeared & stood by my usual stand on such bills fairly.</p> <p>May 3. Hearing today before Senate Com on Public Lands on Alaska Homestead bill - got a favorable report, <u>and a sarcastic scolding from Senator Smoot because of defeat of the bill for revision of U.S. Min. Laws - by appt. of Commission etc.</u> Referring to fight I made before Com. on Mines & Mining. <u>All Right!</u> I beat the bill anyway - and now got the Hd. bill approved - right in both.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 May 3-4</p>	<p>3 Gov. & Mrs. Strong leave for the West tonight. They have examined my library & promised to give me a large number of Alaska newspapers to full up</p>

	<p>my list! Called & bid Mrs. Strong adieu. -May 4th - Appeared before Com. on Appro, this morning and objected to new items of appropriation for the Bureau of Fisheries - stated my objections quite fully etc. but feel that it will do no good. After finished there I went to the Com. on Public lands to favor Bill to create the Mt. McKinley National Park. Objected then to an amendment offered by the Interior Department - in vain.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 May 5</p>	<p>May 5th Here is the situation between me & Mr. Shackelford -in poetry: [clipping] Said Wick to Shack Will you walk into my parlor, said Shackelford to Wick, and you may be the Delegate while I'm the "big stick." The way into my parlor is up a combination stair, and I've many political suckers to show you when you're there. Thank your, replied the old Wick fly, I'd rather be politically free. I've heard what's in your damned old parlor & do not wish to see.</p> <p>Took my petition - copy - filed before the Interstate Commerce Commission in re Alaska Railroad Rates over to Senator Norris. When he reads & understand he will call on the Clerk or Secretary of the I.C.C. & express his great interest in the matter – maybe they will then move - if they do not do it sooner!</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 May 5</p>	<p>5 The Mt McKinley Park bill was up before the Committee on Territories of the Senate & I happened by & objected to the amendment proposed by the Secretary of the Interior providing that before miners have any rights to kill game they must get license etc. from him.</p>

	<p>Also Chairman Edes & Town Site Com. Christiansen, of the Alaska Ry. Com. were waiting to put over the bill giving the President power to make rules & regulations to control "Police, Sanitary & Quarantine Powers," along the line of the U.S. Ry. & in town etc. during the period of U.S. building & operating same. I interposed an objection & the matter went over till notice to me of hearing.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 6-7	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th –</p> <p>It was a full day in the House! "Uncle Joe" Cannon is 80 years tomorrow & his friends made it the occasion of felicitations & happy speeches. Gen. Sherwood, of Ohio & Uncle Joe entered Congress together 40 years ago - Speeches by Rodenberg of Ill, Speaker Clark, Gen. Sherwood, Gillette of Mass, Kitchen of N. Carolina - it was an hour of happiness - and yet sorrow - hail & farewell.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th –</p> <p>Sunday - a rainy morning. Mail heavy - & office work growing burdensome.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 8	<p style="text-align: center;">May 8th</p> <p>First thing this morning I started to Lowdermilks Book Store - but met the Barnum & Bailey Circus parade & with at least 10,000 young Negroes. I stood on the sidewalk & watched the bands, the pretty angels on horseback, the cages, lions, tigers, the clowns, horses, elephants & calliope go by & My, but it was fun! Then I went on to Lowdermilks Old Book Store - am making up the set of the Proceedings of the National Conventions -Democratic & Republican! from the date Alaska delegates first appeared therein.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 8	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Also went to the War Department & consulted the Chief of Engineers - Genl Black & Col. Taylor about the Nome harbor report - they told me what to <u>try</u> to do.</p>

	<p>Had another consultation with Congressman Wood, of Iowa, Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee about the Seward Rep. Con. & the failure to nominate me because I refused to agree in writing to permit Murane to have the sole power of naming Alaskan officials - <u>if</u> the next Administration is Republican. Woods declares that if that fact were generally known it would renew the political suspicion that prevailed in the Taft administration</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 8	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>on Alaskan matters & would greatly injure the Rep-party. I asked Woods to consider the propriety of taking up the political muddle in Alaska and straightening out. - he thinks well of the suggestion. I received a letter today from Ed. Russell - my Juneau newspaper manager - he is piqued because I did not answer his telegrams - but, I told him that I was advised by the leader of the Republican organization in Congress (Wood) not to answer & told him what W- said of it as a piece of bad politics. Am sure Russell's letter was written by Shackelford & my letter was written on that basis - discreetly.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 9	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th –</p> <p>Hearing this morning before the Com. on Ter. on the Departments bill to give the President power to make rules and regulations in control of quarantine & sanitary affairs along the line of the Alaska Government Ry. - I opposed the bill - assisted by Davenport, Ogilvie, Johnson - finally its supporters referred it to a sub-committee of 3 - Hamlin, Davenport & Dowell.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Worked in office, correspondence etc. Nothing of much interest.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 11-12	<p style="text-align: center;">-11th –</p> <p>Conference with Leader Kitchen, relating to the proposed amendment to the revenue bill to exclude Alaska fish from the U.S. except what is shipped from an American Port -this to cut off bringing it via</p>

	<p>Prince Rupert, B.C. over the Grand Trunk Ry. Went to game of Baseball between Washington & St Louis -Wash - won: first game I've seen in 5 years.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Long contest today before the Senate Com. on Ter. on the matter of so amending the Alaska Ry. bill as to give the Pres. unlimited power to make rules & regulations in re Quarantine</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 12	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>Quarantine & Sanitary Protection along the line of the Alaska Railroad. I opposed the grant of power vigorously - but the unanimous vote of the members present, Senators Pittman, Nelson, Jones, Lippett & Harding were against me! The hearings are to be printed & I refer to them for vindication - at least to show that I did the best I could.</p> <p>Lunch with Joslin & McKenzie - nothing new about the Clearly Creek matter - Joslin is going to New York soon and may learn something there - Chas. A. Selden N.Y. Times in office tonight gathering date for Mt McKinley story.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 13	<p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Yesterday, Mrs. Hadley & Mrs. Johnson, wives of the Congressmen from the State of Wash- invited Mrs. Wickersham & me to a dinner last evening at the private dining room of our Hotel. It was a "Salmon Dinner" furnished by Reynolds & Warren, the Portland & Seattle lobbyists for the Fish Trust. Mrs. W. told me when I came home for lunch - and I told her I would not go and to decline the invitation which she did. Of course it was very embarrassing - to Mrs. W. & to the other ladies - but I would not accept & did not go. They have their nerve to ask me!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 14	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Sunday. Dr. Boyle came over from Philadelphia today & spent the day with me. We went over the political situation in Alaska fully. I showed him the letters & telegrams which passed between me and</p>

	<p>Ed. Russell, Shackelford, Thisted & the others who had a close and intimate relation to the Seward Republican Convention on April 19, & the demand made on me to pledge the patronage – appointments to public office in Alaska made a Republican President - as the price of my nomination as the Republican nominee for Delegate to Congress in that Convention. We talked over the details of the matter</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 14	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>and he goes back to Alaska on Thursday fully informed. I have asked him to stop off in Alaska at the various places as he goes home & sound out the temper of my friends and opponents & to advise me of the popular feeling. He has promised to do so.</p> <p>Darrell came over also, and spent the day with us. We all had an automobile ride through the parks.</p> <p>Tonight Capt. Reynolds, representing the Alaska cannery interests came in to consult about the Fishery's bills - he now offers to assist me in securing Alaskan control -but with four years of control under the Act of Congress -after which the Ter. Legis. may control.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 15	<p style="text-align: center;">-15th -</p> <p>Jim Duke, of Nenana, came in the office Friday - he had come on from Seattle, to consult me about the threat of Riggs & the Govt. Ry. officials to throw him off this fid. there & to use it as terminal, without compensating him for either his improvements or Hd. right thus lost.</p> <p>On Saturday I advised him to go home - stay on his land - sign no papers & if they sought to eject him to go to Fairbanks and employ Heilig as his Attorney - told him I could not act for him - my duty as Delegate prevented to employ Heilig.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 15-16	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p><u>Sent photos (1) of Mt McKinley (2) of myself, (3) of Sidney Lawrences graphic map of Prince William Sound & So. Alaska, showing proposed Ry. routes</u></p>

	<p><u>from the coast to Fairbanks, to Charles A. Selden, Magazine Dep't. N.Y. Times, for his use in preparing a story about the Mountain. - Asked him to return them when done.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-May 16th –</p> <p>Hearing today before Com. on Ter. It was entirely informal, but Judge Houston tried to get the bill introduced by him to give the President unlimited power to make rules & regulations relating to Quarantine and Sanitation along Alaska Ry. favorably reported, but there was</p>
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	<p>much opposition from Johnson and Davenport, both of whom take my view, & the matter went over for a week until the Hearings before the Senate Com. can be printed. I corrected proofs on the Hearings today.</p> <p>The Com. on Pub. Lands discussed the Mt McKinley Park bill, & rather concluded to postpone its consideration till next session. Rakers Mt Lassen National Park bill has precedence & the Com. seems to think they must help his bill through first.</p> <p>There will be a meeting of the Sub. Com. Com. on Ter. in my office Friday evening at 8. & to report on my bill to transfer the "Alaska Fund" to the Ter.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 17	-May 17 th –
	<p>This forenoon Mr. Elder, one of the employees or attorneys of and in the offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission telephoned to me to come and see him about the matter of the complaint I delivered there for filing with the Commission on April 10th.</p> <p>When I came to his office he said the members of the Commission had considered the complaint and declined to enter upon the investigation of the matters therein alleged under the power of independent investigation; that if I desired the complaint would be filed & time & place fixed for me to appear</p>
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May 17	<p>as a private complainant and take testimony etc. He then took me in to see a Mr. Stratton who repeated much of the same matter, and suggested that I could introduce a Resolution in Congress authorizing and directing the Commission to make the investigation etc.</p> <p>Then delivered me the complaint, map, exhibits & my letter of April 20th & I brought the whole record away with me. I shall now consult with Senator Norris, Judge Houston & others & determine what course must be taken in the matter - for it must go on to a conclusion.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 18	-18 th –
	<p>Edes, Ch, Alaska Eng. Com. in Charge Alaska Ry. came to see me & to ask me to withdraw my opposition to the bill giving his board more power - to make <u>rules & regulations</u> over Quarantine & Sanitation – nothing concluded.</p> <p>Saw Woods, of Iowa, Ch. Rep. Cong. Com. who agreed to write letter as of date when (April 19) he advised me not to accept nomination of Shackleford Seward Convention stating the same in writing.</p> <p>Saw him to tell him Shack, was forming coalition with the Democrats - they to support Schofield, & the Rep. Shack, organization to support the Democratic nominee for Delegate!!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 19	-19 th –
	<p><u>Joslin back from New York. He and McKenzie got a resolution through the Com. on Ter. today urging the President to build the spur of railroad from Mile 39 on the copper Riv. & N.W. Ry. to the Bering River coal field!!</u></p> <p>That may be a scheme to prevent the completion of the Seward road to Fairbanks - <u>only to Matanuska.</u></p> <p>Joslin came to see me & persisted in talking "politics" to me. He very earnestly put the inquiry - would I accept the Rep. nomination from the Com. of Four - if the obnoxious plank in the platform was withdrawn?</p>

Diary 26, 1916 May 19	19 I evaded a definite answer and suggested that nothing could be done until after the Dem. Convention at Juneau next week. I told him of Shackelford's scheme of coalition with the Democrats - but he said the Democrats would not do that - that they would not combine with Shackelford - etc. From Joslin interest I judge he has talked to Birch in New York. Joslin also told me Birch is to be married to a Miss Ryan of Minneapolis! Good for Steve! I congratulate him & wish him happiness.
Diary 26, 1916 May 20	-20 th – <u>Mckenzie & Joslin persuaded the Senate Com. on Ter. to adopt a Resolution favoring the immediate building of a branch line of railroad from the Copper Riv. & N.W. at mile 39 to the Bering River coal fields: the Com. sent a copy of the Resolution to Secretary Lane with a request that he give them his views on the proposition.</u> I received a telegram this morning from Harry Thisted, Cordova, as follows: Cordova, Alaska, May 18, 1916 James Wickersham, Washington, D.C. Consider it absolutely necessary hold Progressive Republican Convention.
Diary 26, 1916 May 20	20 Indications are Valentine will not call it unless personally requested by our friends here will do anything your interests.. Wire Valentine making his request follow by letter advise us at once. We consider the time short and this most important. Harry Thisted." Think it bad politics for me to push this matter. Valentine will not to do it - probably - and the affect on my part will expose me to criticism etc. Will send him a reply saying that I have already written Valentine fully on the subject and he has not acted - my friends must act - for I will not.
Diary 26, 1916 May 20-21	20 Sent Thisted the following telegram

	Washington, D.C., May 20, 1916 Harry Thisted, Cordova, Alaska. Have written Valentine fully on that matter several times and suggested course you propose but he does not act. Am writing you fully. Wait till after Democratic Territorial Convention before any further action. James Wickersham -May 21 st – Judge Houston, of Tennessee, Ch. of Com. on Ter. went to see Sec. Lane about transportation rates in Alaska -Lane & he discussed me & I fear agreed that I was
Diary 26, 1916 May 21	21 trying to gain political capital by filing my petition before the Interstate Commerce Com. etc. Houston will go to see the Commission this week & I will go to see Senator Norris tomorrow about the same matter. I think I am justified in playing politics so far as to get any fair advantage from an 8 years effort to better transportation conditions in Alaska. Have just finished the preparation of an optimistic statement in support of my statehood bill. Beautiful day - out riding with Debbie. Quails, robins, mocking birds, etc.
Diary 26, 1916 May 22	-22 nd - Consultation today with Senator Norris about Transportation situation in Alaska. Judge Houston will see the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission today or tomorrow & then we will act -unitedly. I have urged making such a statement to Sec. of Interior Lane as will get him interested & persuade him to act -that would put the Wilson Administration behind the movement & give it force. Letter from Dan Sutherland today - he complains of my long silence - thinks it affect my standing etc. Wrote him fully & sent him copies of telegrams etc. with Russell & Shack etc. Seward con.
Diary 26, 1916	-23 rd -

May 23-24	<p>Senator Jones and I appeared before the Board of Engineers for Rivers & Harbors, today in support of the project to improve the Nome Harbor. Capt. Shornback, had examined the conditions there and last summer made preliminary report upon the authority contained in the last Rev. & Har. bill in which I got an item for the survey. We made the best showing we could and urged a final survey and detailed report. The talk was hopeful - at least on our part. Sent telegram to Nome encouraging.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24th –</p> <p>Just working in office - correspondence. George is copying Address on Statehood.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 25	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Hearing today before the Com on Merchant Marine & Fisheries on H.R. 9528. Alexander bill, Alaska Fisheries etc.</p> <p>Judge Houston & I appeared before the Com. to object to the jurisdiction and I am presenting a long argument in favor of having all Alaska bills heard before the Com. on Ter. where they belong. The Com. ruled against us, & kept jurisdiction of the Alaska Fisheries Bills!</p> <p>This utterly wrecks the matter of securing legislation for Alaska - and I am seriously</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 25	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>disappointed. It gives the opposition - the Bureau of Fisheries and the representatives of the Fish Trust a great advantage, and may result in great injury to Alaska and her interests.</p> <p>Secretary of Commerce, Redfield, and his whole force of officials with the attorneys and lobbyists of the Fish Trust are now pushing their hearing before the Com. aided by Congressmen Hadley & Curry - (of Wash. & California, where the big fishing interests have their headquarters) & I am at a great disadvantage.</p> <p>I'll just grin & fight 'em.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 26-28	<p style="text-align: center;">-26th –</p> <p>Eddie Suter and Maude –</p>

	<p>Mr. & Mrs. Edward Suter, of Fairbanks came to town yesterday & are at our hotel. They & Mrs. W. are visiting around today. Nothing much in the office except answering correspondence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27th –</p> <p>As usual in office. Mr. & Mrs. Merritt, of Webster, Mass, the father & mother of Howard Merritt of Fairbanks, are at our hotel & they & the Suters & Mrs. W. are having a fine Alaska visit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>The crowd out joy riding but I am the office at work - Joslin is</p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 28	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>here from New York en route to Seattle. He tells me Birch & the crowd in New York want me to stand for reelection in Alaska. I told him I was inclined to let the matter drift and that I might not be a candidate etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th –</p> <p>Nothing new in the office. George and Mr. Morrison work daily on the bibliography of Alaska, but it is a Herculean job and seems never to end. I assist them constantly by advice and suggestion rather than otherwise - but the work goes on steadily. <u>Am anxious to get it ready for the printer this summer.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 May 30	<p style="text-align: center;">May 30th –</p> <p>Memorial Day - but I staid in the office and worked. Recd, this telegram today from Ed. C. Russell Juneau, Alaska, May 29th</p> <p>James Wickersham, Delegate etc.</p> <p>Thane and myself conferred with Coppernoll of Seward who will reach Chicago during convention and attempt secure meeting Mann, yourself, Shackelford, and me (the) National Republican Committee man. Hope some settlement looking your nomination, four divisions Republican convention July, generally agreed situation demands energetic compromise account solid front Democratic ticket which</p>
Diary 26, 1916	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>

<p>May 30</p>	<p>threatens Republican defeat all over Territory November. Coppernoll understands position all, was at Seward during Convention, Thane wiring Shackelford. Ed. C. Russell. Looks as though they are getting afraid that they cannot carry the load & they now want me to come to the front & tote the burden. Also received the following from Skagway: Skagway, Alaska, May 29, 1916. Hon James Wickersham, Wash. D.C. Democratic convention controlled by Erwin for N.C. and Donohue for Guggenheims. Alaska's only chance is independent convention to nominate full ticket.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 May 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>Democrats and Republicans disgusted with both conventions Valentine will call independent convention if you request. You are needed more than in nineteen and eight. Let me know v/here you stand. Something must be done. L.S. Keller. I took both these telegrams to Woods Ch. of the Republican Congressional Com. & he advised me to hold off any action until after Nat. Conventions - that he would see what could be done there to straighten out the snarl. He thinks Territorial Platform a mistake & denounces it & the Shackelford's for the mistake. (over)</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 May 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>On his advice I sent Keller this telegram: <u>L.S. Keller, Skagway, Alaska.</u> <u>Think advisable take no action until after both rational conventions adjourn. Have put Alaska record before Republican Congressional Committee for consideration. Letter this date coming.</u> James Wickersham Russell & the Shackelford fellows who want to elect a Republican Legislature in Alaska are now worried - they find it is easier to job a convention than to carry an election & want my help.</p>

	<p>Well we'll see.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 May 31 – June 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-31st –</p> <p>Working in office - nothing important</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 1st</p> <p>We left the Congress Hall Hotel today & moved to 200 East Capitol St. Will stay there for the summer. Recd, this telegram today: <u>Seattle Wn. May 31, 1916.</u> <u>Hon James Wickersham, Wash. D.C.</u> <u>Desire of your Alaska friends particularly Thane and Russell that you attend Chicago convention and arrange through Mann and now Chairman National Committee your nomination through district conventions. If you attend convention wire me Reno, Nev. Journal Bldg. and I will meet you Chicago concerning interview with Russell - Thane. Wm. D. Coppernoll.</u> Gave copy of the above telegram to Woods, Ch. Rep. Cong. Com. but I will not go to Chicago – (over)</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 June 1-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p><u>Had a long days hearings before Com. on Merchant Marine & Fisheries on the Alaska Fisheries Bill - the Chairman, Alexander of Mo. is very unfriendly to me. The fish trust lobby is there in full force & seemingly in command.</u> -2nd –</p> <p>Interview with Chairman of Interstate Commerce Commission today about Alaska rates, railroads, etc. They are forcing me to rewrite my complaint & leave out all statements of fact etc. & then promise to order a hearing - the whole burden is to be put on me - but I will assume it.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 June 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p><u>Have rewritten my complaint in the case of Samson Hd. Co. & James Wickersham vs. Kennecott Copper Co. Copper river & N.W. Ry. Co. Alaska S.S. Co. White Pass & Yukon route, Northern Commercial Co. N.N. Co. et. al. & will file</u></p>

	<p><u>it on Monday & start on the fight as suggested by the officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission. I am satisfied now that it is being presented in better shape that I had it in the first place – & complete.</u> Recd, telegram today as follows: “New York, June 2, 1916.” <u>Hon James Wickersham, Wash. D.C.</u> <u>If correspondents call on you about fisheries tell them what you told</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 2	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p><u>us yesterday. We may be able to reach some of them. W.B. Greeley.</u> Yesterday Greely, Burnham, & two other members of the Boone & Crocket Club, called on me about the Mt. McKinley Park bill & they took lunch with me. I gave each of them a copy of the Alexander Bill, H.R. 9528, & told them what it meant, etc. and as they are all members of the Pinchot Conservation school they were greatly interested & promised to assist me in fighting the bill -hence the telegram I really need help - though think I can defeat it anyway - but the offer of help sounds good to me.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 3-4	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd-</p> <p>Hearings before the Com. on Mer. Mar & Fisheries today - the Bureau of Fisheries & the lobby finished their testimony & Ch. Alexander tried to force me to close - not giving me time - When I said it would take me four hours to answer the arguments which other side has been four days in putting in - he rather intimated it was too long – He tried then to force me on Monday - but finally I got till Wednesday morning at 10. a.m. 4th. Studying facts en Fishery Hearings - am forced to presentation on Wednesday morning with my memos on full charge of the jury - & on the jury.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 5	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th –</p> <p>Senate has passed my Alaska Hd. Bill to give an additional Hd. location in Alaska to those who have</p>

	<p>had one in the States. Am busy working up Fisheries Case. <u>Called on Slattery, Sec. Nat. Conservation Assoc. & explained situation - he will be at meeting of the Com. on Mer. Marine & Fisheries on Wednesday to back me up - & will ask newspaper men to be present also.</u> Alexander Curry & Hadley are prejudicing the Com. against my contentions - Lobby is brazen & happy.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 6-7	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th –</p> <p>Telegraphed over to N.Y. and asked Frank Aldrich, Senator Territorial Legislature to come over for hearing tomorrow - answer & he would. Long talk today with Judge Hardy of Texas, - he promises me a fair hearing and time to make it - <u>that's all I want.</u> -7th – All day - all forenoon - Hearings before Com. on Merchant Marine & Fisheries on Alaska Fisheries Bill - H.R. 9528 -they have given me a better hearing than I expected they would though Slattery</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 7	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>Alexander, Chairman, is crobbed & ugly but I go ahead & pay no attention. I am trying to demonstrate that the bill will create a Monopoly etc. Mrs. Wickersham & I attended the wedding of Agnes, the daughter of Judge & Mrs. Shackelford, of Missouri - at the Catholic Church & Reception at the Congressional Club - Mrs. Wickersham Gave them the very large Cake, which Titus of the N.P. Ry. Dining Car Service made for me & which was presented at the dinner at the Arctic Club in Seattle last fall!! Mrs. Wickersham had it “wet” with wine & nicely “iced” & it was fine - everybody wanted a piece of the Alaska Cake - It was a fine wedding.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 8	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th –</p> <p>All day before Com. on Merchant Marine & Fisheries. Made pretty full statement & am satisfied with my effort to get the facts presented - but I fear the Com. will be swayed by the Depy. of</p>

	Commerce & the Bureau of Fisheries. The bill I am opposing has the full active support of the Wilson Administration & that is potent - Frank A. Aldrich, of Nome, Senator in Alaska Legislature appeared - just enough to tell them how he did it when he gets home. See the Printed Hearings of this date.
Diary 26, 1916 June 9	-9 th - [clipping] FEARS ALASKAN FISH TRUST. Wickersham Argues Against Bill for Granting Exclusive Rights. The "fisheries trust," and not the people would control the fisheries if the Alexander bill for the control and regulation of Alaska fisheries is passed, Delegate Wickersham, of Alaska, informed the House merchant and fisheries committee. "The bill would give the trust control of all the salmon trap sites Mr. Wickersham declared. "Anticipating the passage of the bill the 'fish trust' has surveyed all sites and is ready to gobble them up." In answer to Representative Green of Massachusetts, Mr. Wickersham said he expected shortly to lay before the committee complete evidence of the indictment of the Alaska fish trust for violation of the antitrust laws. The Alexander bill would provide licenses for fishing companies, gaining exclusive rights for fishing when surveys of trap sites are filed. The Republican National Convention at Chicago is engaged today in trying to nominate a candidate for President. The Progressive National Convention in the same city in another hall is trying to create harmony, union etc. The latter is offering to compromise with the former and as a compromise agrees to take Teddy T.R. Roosevelt, or the "Col." - but it looks like it will be Hughes of New York.
Diary 26, 1916 June 10	-10 th , 1916- Chicago Convention today nominated Hughes and

	Fairbanks. I sent Mr. Fairbanks this telegram: "Washington, D.C. June 10, 1916. "Hon Charles Warren Fairbanks, " Indianapolis, Indiana "Alaska's congratulations on "Hughes and Fairbanks. "You must accept for your "country needs you again. James Wickersham . I intend to support them and do what I can to assist in the election. The Progressives have no case left.
Diary 26, 1916 June 11	-11 th - Debbie went over to Philadelphia yesterday for a days visit with Darrell. Hughes & Fairbanks were nominated by the Nat. Republican Convention & Roosevelt in the Progressive Convention - <u>but</u> Roosevelt declines & thus the two great wings of the party are once more united! <u>I hope!</u> <u>Am correcting copy of my statements in the Fishery Hearings before the Com. on Merchant Marine & Fisheries.</u> <u>Frank Aldrich & I drew a plank for Territorial Govt. for introduction in Nat. Dem. Platform at St. Louis. He is a Delegate from Alaska.</u>
Diary 26, 1916 June 12	-12- Debbie is back from her visit with Darrell at Philadelphia. Saturday they ran out in his automobile from Philadelphia to York, where they put up for the night - Sunday they explored the Gettysburg battle field - & thence back to York, where she took the train & came home while he ran on back to the Navy Yard at Philadelphia. She is much pleased & had a fine trip. Finished correcting my evidence in the Fisheries Hearings. Working as usual in office, writing - dictating letters to George, etc.
Diary 26, 1916 June 13	13 th On the 7th - recd on the 8th - the Chairman of he Interstate Commerce Commission wrote me a

	<p>letter asking for additional copies of my complaint in the case of the Samson Hd. Co v Pacific & Arctic Ry & Nav. Co. et. al. for service on the defendants. In the letter, also, he informed me that</p> <p><u>“The Commission in conference Monday decided to enter into an investigation of the transportation of passengers and property in Alaska on its own motion.”</u></p> <p>In view of this determination I have just written to the Commission approving their action and staying my own</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 13	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>case. I also offer them any & all assistance in my power.</p> <p>On June 10, Frank Aldrich of Nome, Delegate to Demo. Nat. Con. was in my office discussing the Fisheries bill which I am opposing & which is now pending before the House Com. on Mer. Marine & Fisheries. I suggested a plank in the Demo. Nat. platform to cover the situation & “he asked me to draw it saying he would try & get it adopted. I drew it - by taking for its first phrase one used by Pres. Wilson in his message to Congress in 1913; the second from the recent platform of the</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 13	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Alaska Democratic Territorial Convention, and the third from the Demo. Baltimore Platform of 1912. By combining these three phrases we got a declaration like this:</p> <p><u>“We demand that the people of Alaska should be given the full territorial form of government: that the representatives of the people of Alaska are best qualified to enact laws to protect and reserve their game and fish and this power should be extended to the Alaska Legislature: and we believe that the officials appointed to administer the government of all our Territories and the</u></p> <p>[Written diagonally across the underlined portion Wickersham later wrote “was not adopted”]</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 13	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p><u>District of Columbia should be qualified by previous</u></p>

	<p><u>bona fide residence and citizenship in the Territory for which they are appointed.”</u></p> <p>Frank thinks he can get this plank adopted and inserted in the Democratic National Platform! If he does, I drew it: if he fails the democrats have refused to adopt in St Louis what they adopted in Juneau!!</p> <p>Frank agreed that I might use the facts - freely in my political campaign in Alaska - he declares he will support me there - hence his agreement!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 14	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p><u>Preparedness Parade</u> - the people are trying to parade the country into war to show their patriotism! The result - at any rate - will be enormous unnecessary Appropriations.</p> <p><u>Have just received the following:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Juneau, Alaska, June 13, 1916</p> <p>James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress, Wash. D.C.</p> <p><u>Result telegraphic appeal number friends from Alaska Shackleford – Murane leaving St Louis for Washington. Willing compromise situation. Result Chicago Convention and necessity combing several judicial divisions defeat democratic strength. Legislation fight demands action. Do not let personal</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 14	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p><u>dislikes - old feuds stand in way. Suggest Mann good man handle situation. Ed. C. Russell.”</u></p> <p>It is quite evident the Shackleford crowd has concluded they cannot carry the Territorial election without assistance. I assume the foregoing means that Murane & Shackleford will come here with a view to “compromise”, - which means to ask me to give them something they cannot get any other way - but I am anxious to get the Republican party in the Territory organized & I'll hear what they say - & if I can assist without wrong I may aid in organization - <u>but</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 14-15	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p><u>only upon the basis, of my open letter to the</u></p>

	<p>Delegates of the Republican Territorial Convention. Wm D. Wood, Ch. Rep. Congressional Com. did not see either Shackelford or Murane - or Gilmore, at Chicago. He did see Coppernoll, of Seward, who is now in New York, and speaks well of him. Will only consult with S. & M. in presence of Wood.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p><u>Last hearing on Fisheries bill today before Com. on M.M. & Fisheries - record closed & think I've got 'em beaten - but you never can tell.</u> Josh Vance, of Fairbanks, here & had good visit with him.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 June 16-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16th –</p> <p>Nothing exciting - just working in office - am engaged at odd times in writing up my Mt McKinley journal - Wrote a letter of congratulations to Steve Birch. - He is to be married on the 27th even if he does fight me & I him, <u>he</u> is an Alaska Pioneer!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th –</p> <p>Called & had long interview with Otto Barger, 2nd Asst. P.M. Genl. about transportation of mails in Alaska. Got him very much interested in the matter of Combination & Monopoly of Transportation & tried to convince</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 June 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>him it cost his Department large sums of money etc. He sent to the office this afternoon & got copy of my Complaints etc. filed with Interstate Commerce Com. & intends to study it & if he is convinced to submit it to the P.M. General & Attorney General. <u>Maybe so!</u></p> <p>Recd, telegram today as follows: <u>Juneau, Alaska, June 18, 1916</u> <u>James Wickersham, Wash. D.C.</u> <u>The school board and faculty of Juneau schools unreservedly recommends Simpson M^cKinnon, of Juneau, for nomination to Annapolis. Born and raised in Juneau. Fit physically and mentally- will be a credit to all.</u> <u>Juneau School Board</u> <u>Grover S. Winn, Pres.</u></p>

<p>Diary 26, 1916 June 18-20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th –</p> <p>Recd, telegram from Gov. Strong recommending the nomination Simpson McKinnon, a Juneau boy, to Annapolis Naval Academy. Beautiful day - I worked in my office all day writing out my Mt. McKinley trip, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th –</p> <p>Worked in Office. Coppernoll of Seward was in & talked politics. He is my supporter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20th –</p> <p>Coppernoll in again earnest - goes to West tonight. Offers Support. <u>Am writing letters to Thane</u></p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 June 20-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>and Bradley, of Juneau, asking them if they intend to support me, etc. <u>It is time for action.</u> Com. on Ter. today reported favorably my bill transferring "Alaska Fund," from U.S. Treasury to Territorial Treasury, but Curry (Cal), Johnson (Wm) and Guernsey (Me) voted "<u>no</u>". That means that no favorable action can be had at this Session.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21st –</p> <p>Working in office & attended the session most of the day - the Mil. Appro. Bill is on & I remained there in case of accident.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 June 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd –</p> <p>McKenzie tells me that Shackelford was in Washington yesterday, but went west last night. M^c says he talks agreeably - then why not act so? My letters to Thane & others in Juneau will beat him there. <u>M^c also says Shackelford said he was for Thane for Governor!!</u> So <u>thats</u> the milk in the coconut!</p> <p>Well, maybe <u>that</u> will get a favorable rise out of him & a friendly letter in answer to mine of yesterday! Lets wait & see! Attended the session today - no Alaska items yet.</p>
<p>Diary 26, 1916 June 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>Have nominated <u>Ellis Bernard Babcock</u>, the son of Capt. Babcock, U.S.A., cadet to West Point. His</p>

	<p>father, Capt. Walter Babcock, was Lt. under Abercrombie on the Valdez - Eagle Survey & Copper River Trail - in 1898 - 1901, - they lived at Valdez. <u>Will also appoint Simpson M^cKinnon from Juneau, to Annapolis Naval Academy.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 23	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd-</p> <p>Congress today passed (the House) a joint Resolution providing for calling out the State militia for service on the Mexican border. - it looks like War! The House also passed the Sundry Civil Appro. Bill carrying the Alaska Ry. appropriation of \$6,250,000.00 No objection to the item, though Mr. M. Madden, of Chicago, talked & tried to find something to object to, but he did not. Sent telegrams to Seward & Anchorage announcing the fact. <u>A fight between Mexican troops and ours in Mexico two days ago, but no particulars yet.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 24-25	<p style="text-align: center;">-24th -</p> <p>Spent the day in the House - the Sundry Civil Appro. bill is being considered with many Alaskan items and I remained in attendance to watch the proceedings - no opposition to the Alaska items & every one passed without question. Sent telegrams to Seward & Anchorage announcing the passage of the Alaska Ry. appropriation. -25th - Sunday-</p> <p>Am in receipt of letters from Dan Sutherland, Dan Driscoll & other friends from the interior. They advise me to run again,</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 25	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>and they and all the newspapers seem to assume I will & that I will again be elected. They say the Fairbanks country is all right, but advise me to look after Nome & Juneau. Yesterday I finished writing letters to Cobb, Valentine & others at Juneau about politics - laying carefully the plans for my campaign. Have also just recently written fully to Bradley, of</p>

	<p>the Treadwell & Thane of the Alaska-Gastineau - asking them frankly if they intend to support me - or Sulzer. I think both will support me - <u>but don't know.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 26	<p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p><u>Congress today finally passed my Hd. Bill, H.R. 228, limiting Hd. in Alaska to 160 acres and giving every settler in Alaska a homestead notwithstanding he may have had one in the united states proper. In my judgment it is a highly advantageous piece of legislation and will give every man in Alaska a home.</u> Also passed the Military Appropriation Bill carrying \$500,000 for Alaska wagon roads - I got that amount increased for \$150,000 which was the estimate made</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 26	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>in the Book of Estimates by Col. Richardson. I extended my remarks in the Record & put in a lengthy statement showing the means - letters & bills etc. by which I secured the increase, and to offset Richardson's charge in Alaska that I am not favorable to his appropriations and work. It is a full answer to his oft repeated charges, and I will have a great many copies printed and scattered to the voters in Alaska. <u>I sent a telegram to the Mayors of Anchorage, Nome, Ruby,</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 26	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p><u>Fairbanks, Valdes, and Juneau informing them of the passage of that appropriation, and of the railroad appropriation, of six and a quarter millions and also of my Hd. Bill giving an additional Hd. entry in Alaska, and reducing the area of Alaska Hds. to 160 acres.</u> Also sent this telegram: Washington D.C. June 26, 1916 <u>Henry T. Ray, Fairbanks, Alaska. You are authorized file nomination papers for me for Delegate bearing signatures not less than two hundred fifty qualified voters. Prepare three</u></p>

	<u>additional copies file with clerk</u>
Diary 26, 1916 June 26-27	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p><u>in accordance section eleven act Legislature Alaska April twenty seventh nineteen fifteen. File Clerks office before August twentieth. Consult Heilig. James Wickersham.</u> This telegram probably commits me irrevocably as a candidate for Delegate - <u>& I intend it to.</u> -June 27th -</p> <p>Filed 16 copies of Amended Complaints with ICC today for service in case of Samson Hd. Co. v. White Pass & Yukon Route, et. al. I intend to carry this case on earnestly &</p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 27	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>will soon put a speech in the record. Have just received this telegram: <u>Anchorage, Alaska, June 26, 1916.</u> <u>Hon. James Wickersham, Wash. D.C.</u> <u>Can arrange mass meeting here with two thousand voters present and demand Republicans of the whole Territory to call mass meetings every town for purpose nominating candidate for Congress.</u> <u>Of course this would mean you would make claim Territorial Committee attempting election Sulzer by their failure to nominate candidate. Would plan to work under district Republican Committee and grab Convention Valdes seventeenth,</u> <u>Arthur frame, Ray</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 June 27	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p><u>Wendler, Herron and myself consider what best to do advise your wishes.</u> <u>F.M. Boyle.</u> To which I answered as follows: <u>Washington D.C. June 27, 1916</u> <u>Dr. F.M. Boyle, Care Charles E. Herron.</u> <u>Anchorage, Alaska.</u> <u>My friends Fairbanks will file petition containing signatures two hundred fifty qualified electors under territorial law nominating me for Delegate.</u> <u>Heartily concur suggestion mass meetings endorsement at district conventions stated in your</u></p>

	<u>telegram. Go ahead. Will come Alaska soon as Congress adjourns and make fight.</u> James Wickersham.
Diary 26, 1916 June 28-30	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Wrote protest to Senator Martin Ch. Com. Appro. Senate against Nelson amendment providing funds to rebuild Harris cannery at Metlakatla -29th -</p> <p>Usual work in office. Sending Fishery Hearings to Alaska. -30th -</p> <p>Offered proofs in the "Armeria" & Saul Des Champs claims H.R. 17090 & 5900, before Sub-Corn, of Com. on Claims, Thos. W. Miller of Del. - "Armeria" claim ok but other wants more proof.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 1	<p style="text-align: center;">July 1st, 1916.</p> <p>[clipping] ALASKAN INQUIRY ORDERED. Railroads and Steamship Lines Accused of Favoring Copper Co, The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday ordered an investigation into the Alaskan railroad and steamship situation as a result of charges that the American Smelting and Refining Company and the Kennecott Copper Company have been able to monopolize and control the copper industry in the territory through railroad and steamship favoritism. Complaints against the carriers were signed by J. D. Wickersham and the Sampson Hardware Company. The inquiry is directed at all carriers except the government railroad, and is designed to determine whether the roads have been guilty of illegal practices.</p> <p><u>Have this morning received a Copy of an Order adopted by the Interstate Com. Com. on June 5th for a general investigation into transportation conditions in Alaska. Copies came to me by registered mail, service of my complaint has been made on White Pass Co's, Alaska S.S. Co., Copper Riv & N.W. Ry. Co., Pacific coast S.S. Co's</u></p>

	& allied corporations including North. Com. Co. etc.
Diary 26, 1916 July 2-3	<p style="text-align: center;">July 2nd.</p> <p>Worked in the office today - Sunday - Am transcribing my Mt McKinley Notes of 1903, and arranging them in some fair shape hoping I can secure their publication next winter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 3rd.</p> <p><u>Have just received another of my sister Nan's threatening letter's. I can only think she must be insane, for there is nothing too bad for her to accuse me of it.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 4th -</p> <p>Worked in office & went out with Debbie in the automobile to see the fire works - they were fine.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 5	<p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Dictating letter & preparing notes etc. Am now preparing two speeches - one on Transportation - the other Statehood - when I get them in the Record will have them separately printed as Speeches & send out through Alaska. Politically I am patiently waiting to see what the Divisional Conventions - Republican will do - I suppose I ought to have made an announcement but I am rather incline to let the people act first - if they do not wish to support me it is a good thing to know it in advance!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 6-7	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Working in office, as usual.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Was called up to the Com. on Public Buildings today & Com. told me the Treasury Dept. had objected to my proposed appropriation for the public building at Juneau, by adding an amount to increase its size & cost for the use of the Territorial Legislature.</p> <p>The Com. suggested that if I could offer them any precedents they would like to have me do so - otherwise that part of the appro, must be denied.</p> <p><u>Later chairman Clark signed letter repeating the Com. Objections etc.</u></p>

Diary 26, 1916 July 8	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Am engaged in gathering precedents to show that Congress has almost invariably appropriated money for building Territorial Capitals from Public U.S. Treasury.</p> <p>Went down to be Interstate Com. Com. today at request of the Sec. & talked with Messrs. Wilson & Kane, in charge of Alaska investigation etc. I am not pleased with their views or their efforts. - it looks very much like fighting the Germans with a popgun - but think it will turn out better than that. Gave them all my evidences etc. to examine.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 8-9	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Judge Spence, the U.S. Dist. Atty. from Valdes was in the office today & among other things told me he and Sam Blum, had a personal encounter growing out of the "Tillicum Club" liquor cases - & he blacked Sam's eye. Am glad he did, for Sam needed it, and it will do that camp good.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Sunday. Have been in office engaged in finishing letter to Chairman of the House Com. on Public Bldgs. in re Juneau appropriation. Think I will persuade the committee to allow it - also preparing letter political medicines for Juneau.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 10-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Just working in my office. The Interstate Commerce Com. is working on the Alaska transportation case, but I am disappointed at their extreme inertia and the youthful and inexperienced agents. It does not look good to me.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11-</p> <p>As usual, Mr. Spencer, of Valdes, U.S. Dist. Atty. was . in today but nothing new. Went down & had talk with the Atty. Genl. about complaint of the Civic League (Woman's) at Fairbanks, who want the "<u>restricted district</u>" abolished. Got no result from the Atty Genl.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 12	<p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Received the following telegram: <u>Anchorage, Alaska, July 11, 1916</u></p>

	<p><u>James Wickersham, Wash. D.C.</u> <u>Anchorage Republican Club nominated you last night appointed committee arranged big mass meeting Thursday night all citizen purpose endorsement. Also wired Republican Club over Territory asking their cooperation. Wired all papers same effect. Wired Sutherland - Valentine our action and expressed wish that it would meet with their approval.</u> <u>Charles E. Heron.</u> To which I answered:</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 12	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p><u>Washington D.C., July 12, 1916</u> <u>Charles E. Herron,</u> <u>Anchorage, Alaska</u> I shall value approval and support people Anchorage and pledge them my active support for appropriations and other legislation for prompt completion railroad and opening Matanuska coal fields on sufficiently large scale to supply public and United States Navy in Pacific with coal. <u>James Wickersham</u> Many letters from Alaska giving me assurances of support in the campaign. Am getting some speeches ready for the Record & for distribution in Alaska.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 13-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>As usual & also outlining ideas for speeches for "home consumption"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th –</p> <p>Same as usual - Am notified by the Com. on Public Bldgs that the Com. is no satisfied & will allow my full appro- for the Juneau public building - <u>very hot weather.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Alaska papers inform me that Sulzer is starting out on his campaign & is criticizing me as his principal argument. Working on speeches - intend to flood Alaska with them.</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 16-17	<p style="text-align: center;">-16th, Sunday –</p> <p>Correcting speech on "Full Territorial Govt. for</p>

	<p>Alaska etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th –</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Had long talk with Senator Jones who told me he sent the letter written to him by Mr. Woods Chairman Rep. Cong. Com. urging Republicans in Alaska to support me & intimating that if <u>Shackleford and his followers</u> supported Sulzer they might have trouble to have their appointees to Alaskan offices confirmed: Jones sent the letter to Geo. Schofield & said he endorsed it & warned Schofield & his crowd not to go too far!</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th –</p> <p>Just received the following telegram: <u>Valdes, Alaska, July 17, 1916</u> <u>James Wickersham, M.C. Wash. D.C.</u> <u>Republican district convention nominated Arthur Frame, E.L. Bedell, Anchorage: J.H. Murry, M^cCarty, William Henry, Seward, representatives. George Dooley, Cordova, Senator - all Wickershamites - endorsed primary law by vote thirty four to twenty. Endorsed Wickersham for Congress, Herron chairman convention. Everything harmonious except Finnegan, Harvey Sullivan and White hard against. Chas. E. Herron.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 19	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>I am growing more and more discouraged about <u>my candidacy for Delegate. Ed. Russell's paper, the Dispatch, & Ed, too, have always supported me, but now both are fighting me & are evidently organizing the Treadwell & Alaska - Gastineau - Thane - & Bradley against me. These forces, with Shackleford & his republican organization will of course, defeat me in that - the 1st division. There is no organization there for me & although I might be elected by</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 19	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p><u>carrying the other divisions, still it is damned discouraging to fight both the Democratic & Republican organizations, joined to the big transportation & fishing trusts, etc. I do not think I</u></p>

	<p><u>ought to be required to do it year after year & pay all the expenses of political organization in Alaska out of my salary. If I had to decide the matter tonight I should decline to run, but I shall not decide until after the date when Shackelford can nominate anyone, so if I do not run Sulzer will be elected by default.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 20	<p style="text-align: center;">-July 20th –</p> <p>Have received an invitation to be present at the notification to Judge Hughes, of his nomination for President - the function to be held at Carnegie Hall, N.Y. July 31, in the evening - <u>accept</u>. Examined the pension record of my uncle Samuel (Sampson) Richard Wickersham, Co. E. 111th Illinois Infantry, in the Civil War - & application of his father James L. Wickersham for a pension as a dependent member of his family etc. My grandfather in his letters in that record says his father - my Great Grandfather was in the Revolutionary War. My Grand father was in the Black Hawk War, 1832, in Illinois - in Capt. Onstolts Co</p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 21	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st –</p> <p>Am busy today preparing a speech for the Record & for distribution in & around Juneau on the Juneau Public Bldg. & the efforts I have made to secure appropriations for it. <u>Also spent an hour or two in the pension office going over the record in the matter of the application of my grandfather, James L. Wickersham, for a pension as a member of the family of his son, Sampson Richard Wickersham, of C.F. Ill. Inf. Vols. who enlisted in 1862 and died at Paducah, Ky. In 1864. They gave me a fine original letter written by my grandfather & photos of other records.</u></p>
Diary 26, 1916 July 22	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd –</p> <p>Finished my "Extension of Remarks," in "Full Territorial Form of Government in Alaska," and also on "Public Buildings in Alaska," which I intend to have printed & distributed for political purposes in</p>

	<p>Alaska. I will also prepare another speech on "Transportation Conditions in Alaska," for same use. Am also preparing my "Announcement," Statement and platform - Since the Republican organization will not endorse me I just run independently & issue my own documents.</p>
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