

Diary 31, 1919	<p>[cover]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diary of James Wickersham. Jany 4 1919- to Nov. 4, 1919 Sulzer contest – ended in my Favor January 7, 1919.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 January	<p>[inside front cover] [election propaganda ribbon saying] STICK TO WICK November 3 1914</p>
Diary 31, 1919 January 4	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1919.</u></p> <p>After an all day contest on the floor of the House yesterday on the effort to adopt the Report of the Elections Committee No 1. in my favor, in the Alaska Contest the fight was again carried on today. After Sulzer finished unanimous consent was given that I be allowed to address the House for an hour - which I did (see Congressional Record). Others for and against and the fight became exciting - my opponents finally made a Motion to Re-Commit, the Report to the Committee for further investigation, while my friends moved to adopt the Report. The arguments continued to be so late</p>
Diary 31, 1919 January 4	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>an hour that the House on motion set the matter for Vote on Monday at the convening. <u>My</u>, but the fight is bitter, and the Democrats being in the majority seem determined to make it a party matter - The Chairman of the Committee, Wilson of La. is humiliated at the fierce assaults on him & seem weak in his attitude. I fear if the report is recommitted it will be fatal to my interests & we are doing what we can to hold the Republicans solid and to get a few Democrats to stay with the Democratic Chairman of their own Committee - but we are not sure of doing it. There are even some weak Re-s - who do not like me.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 January 5-7	<p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Sunday - Am very much disturbed about the result in my Contest. It is not safe - there are quite a number of Democrats who will support me - but are there enough?</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wickersham wins Against Sulzer In national house Washington, Jan. 7. -- (I.N.S.) -- Charles A.</p>

	<p>Sulzer, Democrat, former resident of New Jersey and brother of "Bill" Sulzer, one time governor of New York, was unseated as congressional delegate from Alaska by the house this afternoon by a vote of 224 to 64. Sulzer's Republican opponent, James Wickersham, was seated in his place.</p> <p>Since his election on Nov- 7, 1916, Sulzer literally fought efforts to unseat him on charges of election frauds.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6-</p> <p>Monday. <u>Theodore Roosevelt died at his home in New York this morning</u> & the House adjourned immediately out of respect to him – so my Contest goes over until tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p><u>Victory</u>. The house of Representatives today seated me by a vote of 229 for me and 64 for Sulzer. I was then sworn in and the Alaska Contest of 1916 is ended.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 7-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7th continued.</p> <p>Sent a sheaf of telegrams to Alaska announcing the end of the case -- the result & appointed Henry T. Ray, of Fairbanks, my clerk-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th –</p> <p>Introduced H.J. Reso. to cure defective legislation in matter of assessment work on Alaska mining claims.</p> <p>My, but I am glad to have the contest settled - it has been a burden & I am glad to get it off my shoulders.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th –</p> <p>Nothing new - telegrams from Fairbanks of congratulations from Ray-Peoples, and many others.</p> <p>Getting things in order in Congress.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 10-12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Working on a letter to Lane, Sec. Interior, charging him & the Alaska Engineering Commission with inefficiency & failure in the management of the Government Railroad.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th –</p> <p>Am having some trouble with the Com. on Elections about my expense account - they are objecting to paying my expenses while here in Washington preparing my case and I am recasting my account.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Sunday. Attended the services this afternoon memorial services for Roosevelt at the Tabernacle. Speeches & music</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 13-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>Recast my expense account before Elections Committee No 1. in Contest case. - out in a claim</p>

	<p>of \$1000 , as attorney, for the preparation of Briefs, etc. Amt. \$3074.17.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th –</p> <p>Today I got my Salary & Mileage allowances credited from Mch 4, 1917 to Mch 4, 1919 = \$20.000! When I get my expense Act. settled will still have a claim for Clerks Hire & other small claims. I am endeavoring to get every cent which I would have received if I had been seated Mch 4, 1917.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>More telegrams from Soldiers who want discharge - from Isadore Stein - from Fairbanks. Also telegram from Tozier, Fairbanks about reported resignation of Marshal Erwin.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 15-16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-15th continued.</p> <p>John F. Ballaine reports that he had a “set to” today with Secretary Franklin K. Lane, over mismanagement & waste in Alaska Railroad. Senators Chamberlain & Walsh were with him & he says he told Lane many facts that surprised the Senators & caused them astonishment, etc. But John is such an exaggerator! (with one “g”.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Edes & Christenssen, the first the head of the Alaska Engineering Com. & the second the Townsite Manager, called to see me today - I was out. Evidently Ballaine's statement to Lane has steered them to action. Congressman Albert Johnson & wife & Mr. & Mrs. Stenton, took dinner with us tonight - played cards at hotel afterward.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Christensen, townsite manager on the Govt. Rd. called today & found me in. I talked very frankly to him, knowing he would carry my statements directly back to Lane, about the failure of the Secretary to make good in Alaska Transportation. I went over the points in the letter which I am writing to Lane (though I did not tell him that I was writing it) about his failure in that work. I criticized Alaska Eng. Com. caustically & blamed them with waste and bad administration in the building of the road. I knew he came to find out what I was doing & saying - & he found it out plainly - & will report the whole conversation to Lane!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th –</p> <p>I introduced a Public Building Bill for Juneau today to increase the present amount (less than 200,000) already appropriated by my bill of about four years ago = \$450,000 to finish the Juneau Capital Bldg.</p> <p>Also appeared before the Senate Com. on mines & Mining & got a favorable Rept. on the bill drawn by me & introduced in the Senate by Senator Jones, to cure defects in Pub. Reso. 10 & 12 of this Congress suspending the laws of Assessment on</p>

	<p>Mining claims in Alaska etc. for 1917-18 – 19. Am being flooded with telegrams & letters from Alaska soldiers who are seeking discharge from the Army.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 19-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-19th –</p> <p>Sunday - Worked in office all day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Today in the House I objected to the passage of a bill providing for making homestead entries on Coal, Oil & Gas land <u>surface</u> in Alaska. I am opposed to the reservations of all kinds on the same tract of land - 4 estates in one, and lessees of the Govt. in possession of each - seems to be to be entirely unnecessary - hence I opposed the bill & Mann, of Illinois, the Republican leader objected for me & the bill went off the Calendar.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>Busy in office work.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 22-24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Have introduced separate bill for increasing appropriations of Juneau Public Bldg. bill, Com. on Pub. Bldgs. & Grounds will leave both Alaska items in omnibus bill also.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> <p>Introduced new or amended bill for increase Juneau appropriation & grant Sitka public buildings & ground to Ter. for Pioneers Home. Office work in connection with discharge Alaska soldiers active & progressing well.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Alaska Bureau trying to put me over bad on matter sending Com. Congress to Alaska this summer.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>The telegram asks for Com. to visit <u>Alaska this summer instructed to investigate all matters of a governmental or administrative nature,</u> etc. Really this Bureau is very friendly to the Guggenheim transportation interests in Seattle & Alaska & <u>does not</u> want any investigation of the Alaska Govt. Railroad.</p> <p>In my answer I say: Corbaley, Sec. Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Washington. “<u>Just received telegram from your Alaska bureau urging appointment joint Committee Congress to visit Alaska this summer to investigate all matters of governmental and administrative nature including Alaska railroad. Mr. John E. Ballaine prominent citizen of Seattle here urging similar action. While I have not thought it advisable to start such an investigation it may be necessary and I will consult with Senator Jones about it today.</u>”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James Wickersham</p>

	Delegate from Alaska
Diary 31, 1919 January 24-25	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>I can imagine that these Seattle fellows will "throw a fit" when they get that telegram, for the <u>do not</u> want any investigation of the Alaska Rd. - they have received too much of the wastage themselves, - and then <u>how they hate Ballaine!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25th -</p> <p>Before House Com. on Pub. Bldgs & Grounds in favor of report on my Juneau Pub. Bldg. appropriation for \$350.000, and bill to grant to the Territory abandoned buildings & grounds at Sitka - for Pioneers Home.</p> <p>Have invited Senator Jones & wife & Senator Poindexter & wife to dinner with us tomorrow evening - they (the Senators) will come to office with me after dinner & go over the Alaska Rd. situation!</p>
Diary 31, 1919 January 26	<p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>Debbie & I took lunch today with Mr. & Mrs. [Will Southard] in their apartment on K & 18th N.W. He has been sick a long time, and in St Elizabeths Hospital for Insane - but he is not insane - only thoroughly broken down with hard work - He is now getting better - they reside in Seattle & he was years ago one of our C. St. friends in Tacoma. We are greatly pleased to see him coming back to health.</p> <p>We had Senator & Mrs. Jones & Senator and Mrs. Poindexter with us tonight for dinner, - and a pleasant dinner it was. After dinner the Senators came over to my office & I read them my letter to Secretary Lane - denouncing his administration of the Govt. Railroad in Alaska.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 January 26-27	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>They remained for over two hours going over the condition of the project, and finally suggested that I send the letter to him at once - that it is necessary to start the investigation of the expenditure of the appropriations rather than let it come from outsiders. I shall get it ready tomorrow, but I think I will submit it to Judge Houston of Tennessee, Chairman Com. on the Territories before I send it to Lane.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>Have the Lane letter ready.</p> <p>Saw the War Department today about Alaska soldiers - many telegrams from them demanding discharge - but cannot get it done by class - but will by individual cases. Corporal</p>
Diary 31, 1919 January 27-28	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>E.H. Jenkins, just discharged from Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, came here today as</p>

	<p>representative of the Alaska Soldiers there & will assist me. The matter of the confirmation of Roth, Dist. Atty. & Bunnell, District Judge, came before Senate Judiciary Committee today & was referred to a sub-committee - <u>Overman</u>, <u>Walsh</u> & Sterling. It's a bad committee for us - 2 politicians. -28th - Am holding up my letter to Sec. Lane for fear of a row over it stopping passage of my Reso. curing defects in Mining law assessments, etc. also Juneau Pub. Bldg. bill. Understand Senator Jones objected to confirmation of Bunnell & Roth & asks for an investigation of their political activities.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 29</p>	<p>-29th - [clipping] PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS AND COMMITTEES IN BRIEF {28th} SENATE Met at noon and recessed at 4:50 p.m. until noon today. Action on the renomination of Judge Charles E. Bunnell and District Attorney R.F. Roth, of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been held up for investigation at the request of Senator Jones of Washington, who charges both officials with pernicious political activity. Evidently Senator Jones got busy. Gave James Frawley letter to Atty. Genl. - he is candidate for appointment as Dist. Atty. at Nome. [clipping] OFFICIALS' NAMES HELD UP. Political Activities Charged Against Alaskans. Action on the President's renomination of Federal Judge Charles E. Bunnell of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been held up in the Senate at the request of Senator Jones of Washington, republican, who said that if possible he intended to prevent confirmation because of alleged political activities, particularly in the recent Sulzer-Wickersham contest for the seat in the House as delegate from Alaska. Both officials were named for reappointment in December and the Senate judiciary committee ordered a favorable report. Now, at Senator Jones' request, the committee has revoked its action and appointed a subcommittee, headed by Senator Overman of North Carolina, to hear the Washington senator's objections.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 January 30- February 1</p>	<p>-30th - Saw Sec. of War Baker today in company with Jenkins, discharged Alaskan soldier, from Camp</p>

	<p>Grant Ill. in an effort to get him to order discharge of all (about 600) Alaskan soldiers at Camp Grant. He was very kind & interested and promised us an answer soon.</p> <p>Judge John A. Shackleford, of Tacoma-Seattle, Wright, head of the Carlisle Packing Co, & Nels Hawkinson supt. came in to see me today about fishing on the Copper River - they have been limited to 30,000 cases for 1920 & want the limit raised.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Febry. 1st -</p> <p><u>Delivered letter on failure of the Govt. Rd. Administration in Alaska, to Secretary Lane</u></p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>this morning at 10 oclock. my friend Prof. Elliott took it down & delivered it for me.</p> <p>Soon after he was gone Judge Houston, of Tenn. called me to come up to see him & I took a copy along for him to read. After the first Paragraph had gone by his eye, he said: "My, my, that is pretty strong - have you sent this letter." When I answered in the affirmative he again said, "My, my, I'm afraid you've got your foot in it." I came away and left it with him to read. Interviewed the 4th Asst. P.M. Genl. Praeger, on charges made by Riggs & Lane against bad mail</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>service in Alaska & found my statements in the letter to Lane were exact & correct, so far as they relate to that matter.</p> <p>Later, today I am in receipt of tentative statement from the Shipping Board, on their examination into Alaska coastwise rates, and in it the Board makes a special plea for the increase of the Alaska Steamship Co. rates - & asks me to make answer thereto - within 20 days - <u>which I intend to do!</u></p> <p>Debbie went up to New York today to visit Darrell and to meet Mifs Mave Olds, from Tacoma, who is on her way to service in the war camps in France.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 2-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-2nd</p> <p>Recd notice from Navy Dept. that I could nominate a boy to the Naval Academy; Have sent telegram to Young McKinnon, at Annapolis about his cousin Johnson. Also telegraphed Marshall, Juneau that Alaska assessment law suspension will probably pass; also Juneau additional appro. for capital bldg.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Examined Record in Alaska Rate Case before Shipping Board today. I will write a letter - objections etc. Judge Houston read my letter to Sec. Lane today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Debbie returned from her trip to visit Darrell in New York - Mave Olds was there & they all</p>

<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 4-5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>had a fine Tacoma - home visit. Have begun the preparation of a letter of Exceptions to the Shipping Board in opposition to its Tentative Report in support of the excessive Alaska coastwise shipping rates. Am also having my letter to Sec. Lane mimeographed - am getting 50 copies made!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Working in office - as usual. Am engaged in preparing Bill of Exceptions to the Tentative Report of the Shipping Board in the Alaska Rate Investigation. The decision is against us, but it is too bad to permit it to go without exceptions & a final appeal to the Board for a square deal to Alaska.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 6-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-6-</p> <p>Have 50 copies of Secretary Lane Letter - in fine shape.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>Appeared with others this forenoon before Asst. Sec. Sweet, Dept. of Commerce & urged him to be more liberal in allowing Canneries to prospect the Yukon River for fish. I urged the widest latitude possible with safety to the reproduction of the fish. Am sending out few copies of my Lane letter to - Senators Jones, Poindexter, Borah, Chamberlain, Pittman & Dillingham; also to Repts. -Mann, Houston, and Wood of Indiana. - I must get it into good hands!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE POST-INTELLIGENCER. established 1863. CLARK NETTLETON, President and Publisher. THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1919. THE ALASKAN DELEGATE.</p> <p>Regulating the political affairs of Alaska is not part of the duties of the Post-Intelligencer. The principle of self-determination, even in the matter of choosing a delegate to congress, applies there with unassailable force. The neck-and-neck contests between Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Sulzer are always interesting as sporting events, and as such come properly within the field of newspaper comment. But as to their relative merits, no outsider should pretend more than a personal opinion.</p> <p>None the less the conclusion cannot be avoided that the peculiar political conditions existing in the north are not at all favorable to the interests of Alaska. If a delegate to congress from Alaska is to be of any benefit to Alaska he should be able to speak with some show of authority; he should have some mandate from the people of Alaska that is</p>

	<p>unquestioned. This, apparently, under the present conditions, is not probable or even possible.</p> <p>Congress has had one experience with a delegate who held his seat and drew his salary and mileage for the term for which he was supposed to be elected, only to discover at the end of the term that he was not entitled to his seat. His successful competitor for the seat gained a victory, empty so far as its political results were concerned and made manifest only by the payment of his salary and mileage.</p> <p>Now the prospects are that this routine will be carried through congress a second time. once more the same candidates are divided by a few votes, and whoever is declared elected by the Alaskan canvassing board is certain to have the result contested in congress. It requires no ponderous knowledge of human nature to realize that these political squabbles brought to the floor of congress will have a tendency to minimize the seriousness with which congress will regard affairs in Alaska generally. If the present conditions continue, Alaska will come to be a sort of congressional nuisance and will receive less and less consideration.</p> <p>Alaska should be able to regulate its internal political affairs so that it can come before the nation with a solid front. And this should be brought about by the elimination of personal policies and prejudices. It might be better for Alaska if both Mr. Sulzer and Mr. Wickersham should withdraw from politics and give their supporters a chance to start anew. There must be other men in Alaska as competent as they, without their personal following and personal enemies.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Com. on Pub. Bldgs & Grounds has agreed to permit me to prepare a favorable Report on my bill for Additional & increased Appropriation for Juneau Public Bldg. It will thus be in the Omnibus bill & in a separate bill & Chairman Frank Clark of Florida says I may "cry it through Congress" in the separate form if we fail on the general bill.</p> <p>Telegraphed situation to Mayor Valentine, Juneau, tonight. Am working on Exceptions to a Tentative Report made by the U.S. Shipping Board holding the steamship rates to Alaska are just & reasonable.</p> <p>Much office work these days.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEET TO CANVASS VOTE.</p> <p>Special to The Post-Intelligencer.</p> <p>JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 4.- The canvassing board, composed of Governor Thomas Riggs,</p>

	<p>Surveyor General Charles E. Davidson and Acting Collector of Customs Charles D. Garfield, will convene tomorrow for the purpose of counting the votes of delegates in the election held last November. Returns from the Nome and Fairbanks division are not all in, on account of the influenza quarantine in those sections holding up the mails. According to unofficial returns, Charles Sulzer leads by twenty-four votes. Both Wickersham and Sulzer will be represented by attorneys before the canvassing board.</p> <p>Attended the Roosevelt Memorial Services at 3 p.m. in the House of Representatives hall - the Senate, the Supreme Court, Army & Diplomatic Officers - Ex President Taft & a large crowd were in attendance.</p> <p>Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Mass. delivered the address which consisted of a biography of Roosevelt & an analysis of his character as a citizen and his motives and ambitions as a public man. It was an historical occasion and Senator Lodge both was learned & interesting.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Sec. Lane has sent in an additional Estimate asking for about \$9,000,000 in addition to and in excess of the authorized \$75,000,000 for the Alaska Railroad construction. Unfortunately the original act of March 12, 1914, limits the authorization to \$35,000,000 and in consequence the appropriation estimated for, so far as the excess is concerned, would be subject to a point of order, & might throw out the whole appropriation - even the valid \$4,000,000 remaining without further authorization. <u>So</u>, I have just drawn & introduced both a bill & a H.J. Reso. to amend the original bill by taking off the limit. We will probably get the \$4,000,000 for this year!!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 10-11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Have also drawn today a Report for Chairman Frank Clark Pub. Bldgs & Grounds recommending the passage of H.R. 14674, "A bill to increase the cost for the construction of the U.S. Public Building at Juneau, Alaska" - \$450,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Worked all day an assisting Alaskan Soldiers to get discharged from Army. At the War Dept. & then in sending telegrams & letters. It's a job!</p> <p>Am quite satisfied my bill for suspending Asst. work on Mining claims - also Curative Act will pass. Dr. Foster, Ill., Chairman Com. on Mines & Mining agreed to get it through on next Monday - I hope so!</p>

<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 12-14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Working in office - on Exceptions to Tentative Report of Shipping Board finding against Alaska Shippers on Alaska Rate Investigation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Sent \$1250.00 N.Y. draft to Dexter Horton Nat. Bank Seattle, in payment of my note for that sum - due 17th.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Prof. Henry W. Elliott is assisting me in the office for a month - preparing my scrap book - indexing it etc. Also Hugh A. Morrison is working at odd hours on bringing my Alaskan Bibliographical card index up to date & finishing it etc.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 15-16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-15th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Telegram from Marshall, my Atty, Juneau, saying Sulzer will get the Certificate of Election by small plurality - but will have a good case for contest. No figures & seems not finished - but Marshall concedes defeat.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> <p>Mrs. U.G. Meyers, wife of my friend U.G. Meyers, from Eagle, Alaska who was drowned on the "Princess Sophia" last fall in Lynn Canal is here to see me about her husbands estate etc. She is staying at our hotel with Mrs. Wickersham. Have gone over her matters fully today - nothing much except nervousness & want of familiarity with business matters.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Have spent the day in the House waiting for the Alaska Bill suspending Asst. work on Mining Claims & curing defects in prior acts. Got it passed about 7 oclock. Apparently my letter to Lane has stirred up the Seattle monkeys - McPherson, Sec. Alaska Bureau Seattle Chamber of Commerce got here tonight & others are coming. Explained to him the parliamentary situation in the request of Sec. Lane for more money than is authorized by the Rd. Act. of March 12, 1914; Sec. 2, of that Act limits the authorization for Appropriations to \$35,000,000 & \$31,000,000 have been expended - the remaining \$4,000,000 is all - until Congress shall authorize more by a special act increasing the authorization.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 18-19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>The general Coal, Oil & Gas Bill, with amendments favorable to Alaska came before the House today on the Conference Report. A hard fight was made against it - and I assisted in supporting it - made a short speech in its support. See the Record of this date.</p>

	<p>The Com. on Pub. Bldgs. favorably reported my Juneau item today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>Finished my Bill of Exceptions to Tentative Report in Alaska Rage Investigation pending before U.S. Shipping Board & filed it with Board. Also put the Juneau Pub. Bldg. bill on Unanimous Consent Calendar - will try my best to get it through this Congress.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 20-22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Working to get affairs in office up so I can get away west Mch. 4th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Sundry Civil Appro. bill carried my appropriation for the Public building item at Cordova. Much intense interest in Congress over Pres. Wilson's League of Nations idea - strong opposition growing. Darrell is here paying us a final visit before we start west. Mave Olds is in New York, trying to get away to Europe in YMCA war work. Have just today filled out a list of questions vouching for her loyalty etc.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 23-24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Sunday - good visit with Darrell - who went home at midnight to New York - here he is in charge of the Naval Recruiting Station etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Stafford, of Wis. will not let me get the Juneau public building item up - without objection. Have had the great mountain sheep head <u>Ovis Dalli</u>, which Jack Dalton killed on the headwaters of the Tanana & gave me, cleared & measured. It is the record head in the list.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Length of horn - 38 1/4 inches Around the base - 15 3/4 " Spread, tip to tip, 32 "</p> <p>On two measurements it beats the record head of the world, owned by the King of England.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Much interest in fight for the office of Speaker in the next Congress. Mann. of Ill. & Gillette of Mass. are the two principal candidates. The Gillett forces meet in my office for work - while I do not take any personal interest in the fight, because I cannot vote & may not be in the next House. Many of my friends are for Gillett etc. Am haunting the house, Waiting for the Sundry Civil Bill with Alaskan Ry & other items - so as to be on hand in case of criticisms. I do not want the Appropriation defeated - not even if there is waste & politics in the force doing the work!</p>

<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>Alaska Ry. item in Sundry Civil Bill provoked discussion and much criticism. A statement was put in the Record for Lane, attempting to answer my criticisms in letter of Jany 8 but it was careful to evade the most serious criticisms. I did not know, during the debate, what his statement contained and was careful to make my remarks conservative - <u>but</u> I asked leave to revise & extend my remarks in the Record & if on reading his statement I find it needs that sort of treatment I can put in the Record so much of my letter, in the form of a speech as seems necessary.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Lane's statement put in the Record last night is innocuous - it makes as good a defense for his work as he can, but refrains from mentioning me in a personal way - he avoids the most of my criticisms by silence - I shall put my remarks in the Record just as I made them last night without any additions from the Letters - or further attacks. I do not want to kill the appropriation or prevent the completion of the road - he has had notice, now , of waste etc. and may come to the front & complete it in a business like way. Hope so.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 February 28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>After having just about given up the bill increasing the appropriation for the Juneau Capital - I found today that the Senate was wrangling - counting time - calling the calendar - so I urged Senator Jones vigorously to adopt a plan suggested by me & with my assistance we got the bill considered by agreement in writing passed around - to approve it - got a unanimous report - & in the turmoil Senator Jones asked for its consideration & <u>the bill passed the Senate within an hour after we went to work on it!</u></p> <p>Senator Jones was delighted - <u>but</u> it is now up to me to get it through the House - and there the trouble lies but I have a plan & will go to work on it in the morning!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 March 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Mch 1st-</p> <p>Congress is in a turmoil - the President is attempting to put over his League of Nations idea, and the Senate is in strong opposition - the day of adjournment is nigh & the pressure for passing small bills - even the larger ones - is overwhelming. I am trying to get the Juneau public building through the N. Carolina Contest Case occupied today - until 11 oclock tonight. Am anxious to pack up and go home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Mch 2nd -</p> <p>Sunday - but House of Reps. in session under legislative date, of yesterday - I am also working in office & trying to get packing done - everything is</p>

	crowded.
Diary 31, 1919 March 3	<p style="text-align: center;">Mch 3rd</p> <p>Congress met at 11 a.m. today & will run through tonight and until tomorrow at 12am. Speaker Clark has agreed "sometime" to recognize me to get up the Senate bill for the increase in the Juneau public building appropriation & I sat all day and all night waiting. <u>But</u> - there is a deadlock on in the Senate - & in the House to prevent the passage of the Appropriation Bills - so as to compel the President to call an Extra Session of the next Congress at once! and no bill can be got through except by unanimous consent!!</p>
Diary 31, 1919 March 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Mch 4th</p> <p>The House continued in session all night - with the leaders constantly filibustering & killing time. Adjourned for two hours this morning for breakfast & then back for the final breakup. I have tried in vain to get up the Alaska Pub Bldg. bill - it is dead - <u>Stafford</u> of Wis. refused to let it come up by unanimous consent. <u>Walsh</u> of Mass & <u>Moore</u> of Penn. talked "rat" for hours - when it could have been passed - & killed it and many other good bills - Too bad, for Alaska needs it - & I wanted to get it through before I got out of Congress!</p>
Diary 31, 1919 March 5-9	<p style="text-align: center;">March 5-</p> <p>Am packing & getting ready to go home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8-</p> <p>Got everything packed etc. & left finishing touches with George A. Jeffery & Henry W. Elliott - & Debbie & I left Washington on the 6 p.m. train, Penn. Ry. for Chicago & Los Angeles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9-</p> <p>Kansas City & across the State of Kansas today.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 March 10-12	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Albuquerque & N.Mex.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11-</p> <p>Reached Los Angeles late this evening - went to the Clark Hotel. Went out to 826 Beacon Ave. & called on Jen & Charlie. Charlie has been very sick but is now better - able to sit up.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12</p> <p>Spent the day with Edgar & Lizzie & Jen & Charlie. Debbie will remain here with Charlie & Jen. they have a fine home - comfortable, & she will be very pleasantly situated. Edgar & Lizzie live over in Pasadena.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 March 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>Took the night train & came to S.F. am at Palace Hotel.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Was given a private dinner by the Chamber of Commerce & talked Alaska coal to them for an hour. Capt Robert Dollar, transportation man & president big steamship Co. & others present. - they were greatly interested in my proposition of bringing coal from Alaska to S.F. - <u>but!</u> Many Alaskans here - Bill McPhee & about 40 more gave me an "Alaska Dinner" tonight - it was very enjoyable & kept us up rather late - Go north tomorrow.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 March 15-16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>This morning Bill McPhee called my attention to a note signed in my name by Henry T. Ray in Jan'y 1917, for \$200. I told Bill that Henry had no authority etc. but luckily I had last months salary check for Henry - amt. \$146. & I paid that to Bill & he agreed to make Henry pay the balance. Henry is "<u>cultus</u>"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Arrived in Portland. My old friend Gilmore - who ran for Delegate against me in 1910 was on the train & we visited. Went to Imperial Hotel for the night.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 March 17-19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Nothing to remain in Portland for - left for Seattle, arrived here at 8 pm. & went to Frye Hotel - mail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>Over to Tacoma today to look after my <u>Card Index</u> & Sheep head - crated & shipped from Wash. D.C. & found them both here & in good shape.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>Up to Buckley today to see Mother - she is in good health and looks-much stronger & happier than when I saw her last. Was greatly interested tonight when Frank Wright, one of</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 March 19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>the leading Alaska cannerymen called to see me, in company with Judge Shackelford, of Tacoma, and proffered me the job of a trip to Juneau, for the Pacific Steamship Co. as lobbyist to oppose the passage of an 8 hour law by the Legislature. They suggested that the SS. Co. would pay me \$2000. for expenses etc. It was, I think, a cunning & not too honest effort to prevent me from making further <u>objection</u> to an increase in SS. rates to Alaska, which goes into effect on tomorrow! I told them firmly but without apparent anger that I would not accept any such service from the Pac. SS. Co!</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKAN WEDS HERE. {Mch 19 1919}</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Leroy Tozier, Well-Known Fairbanks Attorney, Takes Bride.</p> <p>As a climax to a romance of the North came Wednesday the announcement of the marriage of Leroy Tozier, Alaska, and Mrs. Carol Bell, of 1018 Summit avenue north, formerly of Fairbanks. The ceremony took place Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Koontz, 2916 Stevens streets. {Seattle.}</p> <p>Within a few days Mr. and Mrs. Tozier will leave for California on their honeymoon, and late in the summer will return to Alaska.</p> <p>Mr. Tozier has been prominent as an attorney and as a leader in the Republican party in the North for many years.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 March 20-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Newspaper reporter long engaged in sending telegraphic news to Alaskan papers came to my room tonight & told me he had heard, privately, about my letter of Jan 8 to Sec. Lane, about failure of the Alaska Ry. and that he wished to secure its publication in the Seattle P.I. and S.F. Examiner! I have agreed to think it over & let him know.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>As usual - have consented to permit my letter to Sec. Lane to be published in the P.I. and Examiner. Have concluded publicity will do good - so let it go!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 March 22-23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Gordon, Sergeant at Arms, H. of Reps saying the certified check which I sent Darrell for \$950. for bonds etc. had not been paid when I left Wash. & had now come for payment & "no funds." I telegraphed the amount through Dexter Horton Nat Bank.</p> <p>Up Buckley to visit mother. Purchased my ticket to Juneau, via SS. <u>Alaska</u>, 27th.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23rd</p> <p>Sunday. With mother in Buckley all day. Harry, May. & Jennies children there also - and we had a pleasant day.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 March 24-26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24th</p> <p>Helped mother paint and clean the yard - back to Seattle in the afternoon. Many Alaskans calling & much interest in north land.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Am packing, writing letters etc. and preparing to go to Juneau.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>The Seattle Post Intelligencer is out with a big scare head on the front page "<u>Wickersham Scores Lane</u>" & gives the first part of my letter of Jan. 8th denouncing Lanes mismanagement on the Govt.</p>

	<p>Ry. in Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wow!</u></p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 March 27-29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>The P-I- has another chapter of my letter to Lane - it is attracting much attention & I am continually getting telephone & other messages about it - and many persons speak of it - generally the tone of the comment is favorable to my action.</p> <p>Left Seattle today on the SS. "Alaska" for Juneau.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Across Queen Charlotte Sd.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p> <p>Ketchikan - several hours and visited many friends Rivard, of the Progressive-Miner friendly & promises to print chapters of my letter to <u>Sec. Lane.</u></p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 March 30- April 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Arrived in Juneau and went to Gastineau Hotel. Have gone to work on petition in the Contest Case no returns from the Nome precincts yet, so no certificate yet issued. Paid Marshall & Rustgard <u>each</u> \$150.00 (300) on acct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>At work on Contest Papers. There is an election (city election) tomorrow - Valentine is the Candidate for Mayor on one side & Dolly Gray, on the other. It looks like a hard fight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 1st</p> <p>Election day. Working on Contest Petition. Valentine defeated - it</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 1-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>does not seem to be a very great disappointment to him - he tells me he has acted as Mayor - or the head of the Town Govt. for Eleven terms since he came to Juneau.</p> <p>The U.S. Grand Jury is in session - nothing exciting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-April 2nd -</p> <p>Am about finished with the Petition for Contest - John B. Marshall & John Rustgard are my attorneys & we are preparing for a hard fight. Am meeting the members of the Legislature (4th Biennial Sess.) and we talk over conditions around the table at the hotel every day. It seems the Cordova Daily Times got hold of a</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>copy of my letter to Lane and published a synopsis of it with sharp and cunning criticism on March 22 - <u>four days before the Seattle P-I- published it.</u> That paper (the Times) now declares that it was my letter which prevented the passage of the appropriation bill's! all of which failed to pass</p>

	<p>Congress before Mch 4th - ended the Congress - the Alaska Ry. appropriation was in only one - the Sundry Civil - but since they all failed it is quite far fetched to declare that I defeated them for the purpose of defeating our appropriation! What fools these mortals be! Sulzer is not in Juneau - we may have trouble to get service!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Am preparing full sets of Petition in Contest, Depositions etc. The latter we are preparing specially & fully for Nushagak, Unalaska & other places (Jack Wade) - and intend to forward them long in advance to my friends there so that when I give notice of taking their depositions <u>the data and papers will be there.</u></p> <p>The "Farragut" (SS) was in last night from Seward & Cordova - Charles E. Herron was aboard & he is now playing "foxy," - he intends - evidently - to grata the Rep. National Committeeship for this Ter & become a boss like Shackelford!!!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 4-5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>Same as usual. The Legislature is working slowly and aimlessly - there is no plan of development in the minds of the Gov. or others - and they are wasting their time in small quarrels.-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Have had a good visit with many of the legislators today I finished preparation of my Petition in Contest against Sulzer. Have prepared copies of Notices testimony, depositions, etc. and am ready for the opening chapter. Am satisfied from the information coming to me that there was very much more fraud in 1918, than in 1916, and my judgment is</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>that I can defeat his claim to election in a Contest before the House of Representatives hence the Contest of 1919. On consultation with my attorneys John B. Marshall & John Rustgard, I have determined to go down to Seattle & send the necessary documents for taking depositions out to Unalaska and Nushagak from there - get some information from Col. Lenoir, U.S.A. Signal Corps in command of Alaska cables & telegraphs - & then come back to Juneau - & thence to Valdes & probably to Fairbanks. Left Juneau at 9 p.m. on the S.S. "Jefferson" for Seattle. Senator "Bob" Heckman is on board going to Ketchikan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">X X</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 6-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Remained in Petersburg for 4 hours loading fish. Visited my friends & greatly enjoyed it. Scow bay</p>

	<p>later for more fish. -7th - Slept all forenoon - crossing Queen Charlotte's Sound this afternoon against a violent "Southeaster" - making slow time but doing a fine stint of watzing. -8- Inside Passage. -9- Through Seymour Narrows this morning - at breakfast Gulf of Georgia all day - bad headwind - Southeaster. We will be in Seattle in the morning.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 10-11</p>	<p>-10- Seattle at 7 a.m. and went to Hotel Frye - bath etc. This afternoon tried to find Mittendorf, of Nushagak but failed. Am busy getting things ready here to head off Sulzer if he attempts to get away East with the Certificate of Election without service of Contest papers & Notice of taking Depositions. -11th - Col. Lenoir, in charge of the Signal Corps men (U.S. Regulars) in Alaska, who voted against me last fall in violation of Law is now sick - but promises to meet me in his office tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 a.m. I want a list of Signal Corps</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 11</p>	<p>11 so that I can give notice of taking Depositions etc. with certainty. Met Al. Zipp, Mgr. Pacific Steamship Co. on street today. he engaged me in conversation about getting out of politics getting into business for myself with the Cannery interests & others as my clients: He was persistent & pointed about the matter & made a date to talk with me again next week. While I was interested I did not open the subject nor say much - he did the talking - I <u>did</u> however, go in & talk to Parsons about it later & he suggested he would "get next" to the reason by having a talk with Zipp at lunch at the Club, Monday.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 12</p>	<p>-12- Saw Col. Lenoir at Cable office & he gave me a full roster of the U.S. telegraph service in Alaska - all are U.S. regular army men & from Valdes to St Michael, via Fairbanks & Tanana, voted against me at the last election. It gives me a fair chance to name them in notices for depositions etc. Alaskans come to see me at the hotel - many soldiers. The Arctic Club gave a smoker tonight - Charles W. Joynt & I attended. I made a short talk - soldier rights. Am going to Buckley tomorrow. W.H. Parsons invited to dinner at his house Monday evening. Letter from Mrs. Patton - Hoquiam</p>

Diary 31, 1919 April 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> Went to Buckley & Had dinner with mother <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> Bot my ticket for Valdes via SS "Alaska," for Wednesday - Learn that our friend E.R. Peoples is very sick with the influenza. Dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Parsons tonight & went to theater with them and the children. Parsons told me he had a talk with Zipp - that they agreed that I ought to be employed by some of the big fishery companies - that I ought to reside in Seattle, etc. etc. Fine, but nothing done without a proper business arrangement. Gave Todd, newspaper man \$50.00 Act. his starving publication Lane letter
Diary 31, 1919 April 15	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> Telegram from Debbie today - all well & just wants to know my movements. Bought through Maine, Dexter Horton Nat. Bank \$2600. in Seattle Imp. Bonds 7% also left my check with bank for \$2500. to be invested next week in 5th Liberty Bonds 4 3/4 % - Have made arrangements to get my letters & instructions in regard to Depositions in Contest case out to Allingham, Unalaska, and Adolph Osterhous, Nushagak. Saw Col. Lenoir about taking depositions of soldiers (signal Corps men) from Valdes to Gibbon - he is neutral in talk, anyway! Mr. E. R. Peoples sick with flu. Wrote to Debbie.
Diary 31, 1919 April 15-16	<p style="text-align: center;">-15th continued-</p> Bought through Dexter Horton Nat. Bank today \$2,600 Seattle Special Asset bonds, Paid \$2669.84 for them. They draw 7%. Also left with Parsons My check to buy \$2500. 5th Liberty Loan bonds, 4 3/4%. Put the Seattle bonds in my strong box in the bank - others will be delivered to me on my return. <p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> Left Seattle this morning on St. "Alaska," for Juneau. At the wharf a newspaper man approached me with a telegram announcing the death of <u>Charles A. Sulzer</u> , my political opponent. I was greatly shocked. [telegram] SHIP OWNERS RADIO SERVICE INC. SEATTLE, U.S.A. Hon James Wickersham SS Alaska Chas. Sulzer died this morning. Lenoir
Diary 31, 1919 April 16	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> Crossed Queen Charlottes Sound. Telegrams to the vessel corroborate the truth of the news of the death of Sulzer. He seems to have died very suddenly at his home at Sulzer - on Prince Wales Is.

Diary 31, 1919 April 17-18	<p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Crossed Queen Charlottes Sound. Telegrams to the vessel corroborate the truth of the news of the death of Sulzer. He seems to have died very suddenly at his home at Sulzer - on Prince Wales Is.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>We reached Ketchikan today and heard the news of Sulzer's death. He died enroute to Ketchikan from his home - of appendicitis. We passed the SS "Northwestern" today at Dixon's Entrance with her flag at half mast - and we learn here that his body was on board - going to New York for burial. Visited my friends in Ketchikan - left for Juneau at 4 p.m.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 April 19	<p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>Arrived in Juneau at 4 p.m. am at Gastineau. Have met many of my political friends - both they and my opponents are excited over the announcement of Riggs & the Federal machine that they intend to call a special election soon, for the election of a Delegate from Alaska! They finished canvassing the returns a day or two after Sulzer's death declared that he had 33 majority over me & issued a certificate of Election to him - dead a week ago. I have asked my friends to keep from making any announcements for the present - lets wait & see what our opponents do.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 April 20-21	<p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Sunday - Dinner with Valentine. Little doing - Sent long telegram to Ray, Fairbanks, asking him to get affidavits soldiers & signal corps men as to their votes on Nov. 5, 1918 for Sulzer, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Sent telegram of explanation to Col. Lenoir, officer in charge Alaska Cable & telegraphs asking him to aid me in getting soldiers & signal corps men to voluntarily testify in contest case - Am trying hard to get this done - since it will save me much trouble for I may fail entirely on account of Sulzers death - no one to serve notice on, etc. I am trying to get the Republican members</p>
Diary 31, 1919 April 21-22	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>in the Senate to Pass the 8 Hour law which has passed the House - & also the Transportation bill - Joslin & others here lobbying against both - but both are fair & its good politics to pass them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Mr. & Mrs. Hess & Senator Sundback from Nome took dinner with me today. Working on Contest evidence etc. Attended Grand Lodge of Pioneers tonight - made talk on Alaskan books etc. and a brilliant (?) idea struck them & a Committee was appointed & instructed to call - a public meeting - at which Gov.</p>

	Riggs & Joslin & I are to talk!!
Diary 31, 1919 April 23	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Col. Lenoir in charge of Signal Corps in Alaska, in answer to may telegram of 21st saying he had talked with Capt. Faust, in charge at Valdes etc. that Faust would repeat my message & his answer to Signal Corps men along interior line etc. all of which looks like they will assist me in securing affidavits as to the voting of the soldiers for Sulzer at Election on last Nov. 5. If they carry that promise out in good faith and my information as to the way they voted is correct, it will assist me greatly in contest matter. Am preparing new form of my Petition.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 April 24	<p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>The Democrats are preparing to pass new legislation - at once - for holding a Special Election & their meetings are frequent and bitterly partisan - against me.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>FAIRBANKS, April 23.-Chairman William T. Burns of the Democratic Territorial Committee last night issued a call for a Democratic Territorial convention to convene at Juneau May 2. It is provided that the primaries may be held and the delegates selected in such manner as the Divisional Committees may direct. The convention is called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Delegate to Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Delegate Charles A. Sulzer. The election will be held June 3, according to announcement made Monday by Gov. Thomas Riggs, Jr.</p> <p>The call for a convention is as follows: The Call in Full</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that a Territorial Democratic Convention will be held at Juneau, Alaska, on the second day of May, 1919, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Democratic party for the office of Delegate to Congress from the Territory of Alaska to be voted for at a special election to be hereafter called by the Governor of Alaska. Delegates to said convention will be chosen in such manner as may be designated by the Democratic Divisional Committees of each of the four Judicial Divisions of Alaska.</p> <p>Dated at Fairbanks, Alaska, this 22d. day of April, 1918.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WILLIAM T. BURNS, Chairman Democratic Territorial Central Committee.</p>

Diary 31, 1919 April 25	<p style="text-align: center;">-25th -</p> The Pioneers Lodge last night set this evening for a meeting at the opera House - speeches to be made by Gov. Riggs, I, Joslin, & Pennington - but I was the only one to respond. The others failed to appear - it was their way of publicly refusing to recognize me as an equal! I made my talk, however, without paying attention to their snub - & received a most hearty applause from the people present. I talked on Alaska books and pioneer printers - and enjoyed the talk as much as the crowd seemed to. Working on my Contest - Democrats pushing special legislation for special election.
Diary 31, 1919 April 26-27	<p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> Left Juneau last night on the SS. "Farragut," for Petersburg - Wrangell & Ketchikan - to take the testimony by way of affidavits in Contest Case. Spent today in Petersburg - getting testimony of Signal Corps men about the vote at Sitka - 10 soldiers voted there Nov. 5, 1919, all against me. Changed from Farragut to the City of Seattle - the latter goes to Wrangell. <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> Was in Wrangell last night for an hour & reached Ketchikan this morning. Am getting "Billy" Winston a young lawyer to help me take affidavits here tomorrow - Revilla Hotel.
Diary 31, 1919 April 28	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> Worked all day taking affidavits of Taylor Althouse & Forest J Hunt in the matter of establishing fraudulent voting at the election Nov 5, 1918. Billy Winston is aiding me - am getting the facts but am not quite satisfied that mere affidavits will be accepted by the House of Representatives - without notice - but it is the best I can do for there is no one since Sulzers death upon whom Notice can be served. <p>Attended services at Liberty Theater of Centennial Anniversary of the I.O.O. Fellows. The more closely I look into the doings of the Democratic Federal office holders in this division the more I think there ought to be a Republican victory in 1920!</p>
Diary 31, 1919 April 29	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> We got affidavits today from Graham J.W. Jones & Harvey Stackpole in re Contest Case. The proofs are supporting the charges in my Contest Petition fairly. <p>My political enemies are watching me & those assisting me & wondering what we are doing - hence the statement in todays paper. I do not give out any statement saying that I will or will not be a candidate at the Special Election: what they dont know wont do them any harm!</p>

	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MR. WICKERSHAM IN KETCHIKAN ON BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Says has No Idea What Will Be Done Until Leg- islature is Over</p> <p>James Wickersham, delegate to congress from Alaska, who arrived from the north this week-end, is here to settle up some mining business and plans to return on the next southbound boat to Juneau to await the adjournment of the legislature.</p> <p>"I have no plans made at all and do not know what I shall do until I know what my friends, the enemy will let me do, by the time they get through holding their caucuses in Juneau," Mr. Wickersham said today.</p> <p>"The legislature is busy passing new legislation and amendments to the present election laws whereby they will be able to hold elections by telegraph and so forth, and when they get through, I don't know whether I will be allowed to do anything or not," Mr. Wickersham added humorously.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>The Ketchikan Progressive-Miner published its last number today - sold to Bernie Stone & others who will publish it tomorrow as the "Times" Stone has a new crowd of newspaper workers to take charge tomorrow among them is "Morrisey" - "Peanuts," who was Sulzers Secretary last year - He came into interview me today for tomorrows first Edition of the <u>Times</u> but I talked but little & that not satisfactorily, for he was evidently attempting to get political information for my enemies rather than news for the public. While he was interviewing me I asked him, squarely, if he Voted for Sulzer , at Juneau, on Nov 5 - last election he declined to answer the question - & I knew</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 April 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>- then - that he was unfriendly. The Times is to be a Federal Brigade partisan Democratic sheet - <u>and against me always.</u></p> <p>Am about finished gathering testimony in the Contest Case here. Recd. telegram from Dwight Hartman, my atty. in Seattle, saying that Capt. Faust, in charge Signal Corps from Valdes to Ft. Gibbon, had promised to make an affidavit touching the activities of himself and other soldiers last election etc. If he does it will greatly aid me - he is to be on the "<u>Alameda</u>" northbound on the 2nd & I am to go to Valdes on the boat with him. Unfortunately Tom. Donohoe, Democrat National</p>

	Com. man will be on the same boat from Juneau, and he will do all he
Diary 31, 1919 April 30- May 1	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>can to prevent Faust & the soldiers from confessing - so it will be a race of wits for the truth. We took several more affidavits here today - one more yet wanted & I hope to get it tomorrow - <u>Wrote to Debbie today.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 1st</p> <p>Nothing much today - made a 5 minutes speech for the Victory Loan (U.S.) tonight at the Union Hall dance - Rev. Mr. Van Marten led off & I assisted - in the talk.</p> <p><u>Telegram from Ray, at Fairbanks says the Signal Corps men there: say they will not voluntarily testify how they voted Nov 5, 1918 - Well, I think they will - and gladly before we are through with the matter.</u></p>
Diary 31, 1919 May 2-3	<p style="text-align: center;">May 2nd</p> <p>The "Alameda" came in going North & I will go to Juneau. Got much of the testimony I want in K- but not all & leave the matter with Hunt and Will Winston.</p> <p>Capt. Faust, Signal Corps man from Valdes is on the Alameda & I hope -to get him to agree to come through with an affidavit of the truth of his voting etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3rd-</p> <p>A beautiful day - C.W. Joynt, my old schoolmate is aboard going to Skagway. Also a number of Fairbanks people & others for every town in the north. Capt. Faust has just left my room with a</p>
Diary 31, 1919 May 3	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>copy of a blank form of an affidavit which I have asked him to sign. He tells me that he and his wife voted for Sulzer (Nov. 5, 1918) and he thinks most of his men along the line. I went into the Social Hall and introduced myself to him & asked him to go to his room with me - we went and talked the matter over fully - he admitted voting for Sulzer - his wife also - and declared he would willingly sign an affidavit admitting the fact but said he would not ask his men officially to do so. I then came to my room & gave him a copy of the blank affidavit which</p>
Diary 31, 1919 May 3	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>he took away with him on the distinct promise that he would sign it at Valdes.</p> <p>We arrived in Juneau at noon - the Legislature adjourned yesterday - failed to pass any 8 Hour Law -passed the Transportation Bill to enable the Territory to go into the Steamship business etc. but nothing else of importance.</p> <p>It seems the Republicans held a meeting last night & announced the plan of not nominating me or</p>

	<p>anyone else in opposition to Grigsby who was nominated for Delegate in the Democratic Convention. With Marshall, my attorney, I met Capt. Faust this evening at the Gastineau Hotel & asked him to sign the affidavit stating</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>that he voted for Sulzer at the Election Nov 5, 1918 - he declared that he wished first to see Donohoe - he then discovered Capt. Finnegan (Riggs Adj. Genl) and engaged in long private talk - then also with Donohoe - & then Finnigan went off up towards Riggs house with him & after 8 oclock he telephoned Marshall's office where I was that he would not make the affidavit. I am disappointed for I thought he was fair enough to do the brave & honest thing in telling the truth - but I'll see that he does tell it anyway. Wrote letters & sent my Notice of Contest to the Clerk of the House of Representatives - also one to Mondell.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 3-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> REPUBLICANS NOT TO NAME A CANDIDATE WILL STAND BY WICKERSHAM IN HIS CONTEST OF LAST ELECTION. TO PERFECT AN ORGANIZATION. Steps Will Be Taken to Obtain Removal of Judge Murane as National Committeeman and the Nomination of a Resident Alaskan. </p> <p>JUNEAU, May 3.-- At a mass meeting of republicans last night, attended by all the republican members of the legislature and many prominent Republicans of Juneau, it was voted unanimously not to place a candidate in the field for the special election, but to support James Wickersham in his contest for the seat.</p> <p>It was also voted to take active steps immediately to have an Alaskan appointed as national committeeman in place of Judge Murane who now holds that position and to organize clubs all over the territory in readiness for the campaign next year.</p> <p>The democratic convention named George Grigsby as candidate for delegate at the special election.</p> <p>also w [clipping covering handwriting] matter to Hayes, Chairman Republican Nat. -Com. mailed Reg. Mail. Consulted with Marshall & Rustgard about Contest - also wrote letter to</p>

	<p>Hayes, Ch. Rep. Nat. Com. endorsing Bob Heckman for Rep Nat. Com. for Alaska. -4th -</p> <p>We came into Skagway at noon - visited uptown for an hour. - Dr. Keller & others. Recd. telegram from Fbks: <u>"We think you should depend on your contest and that no republican should offer as a candidate at the Special Election for Delegate called by the Governor.</u></p> <p>(signed) <u>J.A. Marquam</u> <u>Cecil H. Clegg</u> <u>Louis K. Pratt</u> <u>Gary B. Erwin</u> <u>Henry T. Ray</u></p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 5-6</p>	<p>-5th -</p> <p>At Sea - smooth water. Donohoe, Joslin & that crowed on board very much elated over their success in putting their legislation through the Territorial Legislature which adjourned on Friday. The Legislature was run entirely by the Democrats in the track desired by the Big Interests - they were a willing bunch of ringsters!</p> <p>-6th -</p> <p>In Cordova for some hours - visited around - several Fairbanks people going in over R.R. to Chitina. Reached Valdes in the evening and went to Phoenix Hotel, tired & ready to rest.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 7</p>	<p>-7th -</p> <p>Getting certified copies records & gathering data for affidavits. Expect trouble with the Signal Corps men but have such a record that I am quite sure of throwing out 18 of their Democratic ballots for fraud etc. Telegram from Anchorage asking me to come there demanding that I stand as candidate against Grigsby etc. - but answer evasively - but in the negative. Getting ready for more vigorous work tomorrow in holding the Signal Corps men up to the truth and fair testimony.</p> <p>Attended meeting of Pioneers tonight. Called on Judge Brown & am invited there to dinner tomorrow evening - will go, of course.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 8</p>	<p>8th</p> <p>Capt. Faust refused today to give me statement of how he voted at the last election - of course all his men act in unison - with Tom Donohoe, Dem. Nat. Com. in charge. Have written & served letter on each Signal Corps man here (14 in Number), asking him to make voluntary affidavit stating for whom he voted Nov. 5, 1918 - Also prepared and sent long telegram of accusation to Col. Lenoir at Seattle - against Faust and men - but "Tom's got em"</p> <p>Am now preparing other evidence - testimony affidavits to cover the situation - its o.k. notwithstanding. Dinner tonight with Judge & Mrs.</p>

	Brown - a good one, too, & a pleasant visit.
Diary 31, 1919 May 9	-9 th - Made application to Judge Brown to take testimony of 18 Signal Corps witnesses - he refused - he is afraid of Gov. Strongs ending & he suggested that his stenographer Ike Hamburger would do it - so I dropped down to Ike. Got Ike to issue subpoena's & the Marshal has served them - hearings on next Wednesday - 14th. Recd. a telegram this morning from Col. B.O. Lenoir, Commanding Sig. Corp. Seattle, half heartedly defending them. Sent him a strong denunciation of their cowardly course & asked him to advise them to act honestly. Some front to make the boys send such telegrams - <u>but the sight of them will make them understand.</u>
Diary 31, 1919 May 10	-10 th - Final telegram form Col. Lenoir refusing to take action requesting men to sign affidavits. <u>But</u> , I find that in the Primary Election of April 30, 1918, all these men voted the Democratic ticket - secured a certified copy of the tally list - containing name of each soldier & the official designation of the party he voted for - all Democrats! Got list for Copper Center & Valdes showing all of them to have voted Democratic ticket! The Valdes Miner printed copy of my letter to the boys & copy subpoena- & gave a garbled and untruthful account evidently given out by Capt. Faust. Got affidavits etc. satisfactory - Am told Donohoe advises solders not appear 14th - to stay away - that we are powerless etc.
Diary 31, 1919 May 11	-11 th - Let matters in Valdes with J.L. Reed, atty. & friend & left this morning on Alameda for Juneau. Cordova at 2 p.m. Sent telegram to Henry T. Ray Fairbanks instructing Heilig to issue subpoenas & bring soldiers Signal Corps men there - up for examination before Judge Bunnell - expect both Bunnell & Signal Corps men will refuse - & will then have additional charge against Bunnell - also instructed him to get certified copies certificates voting signal Corps men from Richardson to Nulato at both Primary & general elections - then I can show clearly that they all voted Democratic ticket that way - looks good to me! Visited my friends at Cordova - out at 10 oclock. <u>beautiful day!</u>
Diary 31, 1919 May 12-13	-12 th - At sea - beautiful day - the St Elias range is unclouded & gorgeous in its rugged heights over the deep blue sea. -13 th Into Icy Straits this morning - at Juneau before noon. Things here unchanged - Marshall is at Sitka & westward getting evidence - Will remain

	<p>here at Gastineau Hotel till he returns. The "Empire" is yelling its head off because I do not run against Grigsby! - the "Union" at Ketchikan is trying to put up a candidate - Jones - but the Labor Union here is opposing the move - things are mixed! Wrote to Debbie</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 14-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Waiting for the return of Marshall from Sitka & getting local affidavits.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Steamer "Alaska" in today - Grigsby on board enroute to Cordova & Anchorage - campaign. The "Empire is calling me all the names it can think of because I wont run - but insist on contesting - they are worried because they are having to conduct a one sided election - one Jones at Ketchikan announces his candidacy for Delegate as a Labor candidate - it looks as if Grigsby & the Jennings court crowd, now at Ketchikan, had put him out to save their faces!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Judge Marshall returned last night from Sitka & way ports - but failed to get affidavits from the Sitka Signal Corps men - We are now going carefully over the acquired proofs affidavits etc. & I will go south on the next boat, leaving the matter of securing additional affidavits to Marshall. Newspaper Empire says this afternoon that Soldiers refused to answer questions at Valdes - We now have record here about ready & I can go south as soon as boat comes. Telegram from Nome today saying Democrats disgusted with nomination of Grigsby & will put up Tom. Gaffney as independent Democratic candidate against him - let 'em fight.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Ketchikan Times, May 12, 1919.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNIONS PUT MAN UP FOR DELEGATE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J. L. Jones, Formerly Principal of Ketchikan Schools Nomi- nated for Delegate.</p> <p>Following up a movement that was started in Chicago some months ago for labor to enter politics the Ketchikan local of the Alaska union on Saturday night named J.L. Jones of Ketchikan as candidate for delegate to congress, it is announced, and have wired other locals in the Territory asking that he be endorsed.</p> <p>Labor leaders say that they are in the field to make a big fight for the office and they will try to secure the aid of all union men in the Territory, as</p>

	<p>well as others.</p> <p>With the entrance of Mr. Jones into the race there will be at least two candidates in the field. George Grigsby, attorney general of the Territory, will stand as a candidate of the Democratic party.</p> <p>There is yet much time for other candidates to appear, if they can secure sufficient backing to get their names on the ballot, as the law under which the special election is to be held provides that nominees may be put up almost any time before election day.</p> <p>Have finished getting affidavits etc. and will go to Seattle on the SS. "Seattle" - tomorrow evening. Recd. telegram from Henry T. Ray Fairbanks today saying that Judge Bunnell had refused to take affidavits of Signal Corp. men there & had rendered a long opinion giving reasons – just as I suspected!!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>May 17, 1919. Clipping Juneau Dispatch, this day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEMOCRATS NOME OPPOSE MR. GRIGSBY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nome Democrats Are Bitterly Opposed To Grigsby. WILL SOON HOLD PUBLIC MEET With Exception Holheimer Crowd Democrats Seward Peninsula Want New Candidate</p> <p>NOME, May 16 -- (Special to Dispatch) The Regular democrats and people generally are disgusted with the nomination of George Grigsby, who will poll less than seventy-five votes in Nome," with no support except a few machine office holders, who polled thirty votes at the primary to select fifty-five delegates to the Juneau convention. The people are determined to have a candidate opposed to Grigsby and gang. Any opposing candidate can carry the Second Division by a three to one vote.</p> <p>A mass meeting will be called soon to name a candidate, if other divisions do not act. Thos. Gaffney is willing to run here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOME DAILY NUGGET.</p> <p>Cablegrams have been flooding Juneau during the last week asking for another candidate against Grigsby, who appears repugnant to Alaskans generally. There was some talk of Senator Frawley entering the primary. However, it is said Senator Frawley was familiar with some of the facts in connection with the contest of Wickersham, and expressed the opinion Wickersham would be</p>

	seated, and the primary election was useless.
Diary 31, 1919 May 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>Sunday - Closing up things with Judge Marshall - & packing bag boat some time today or night. Sent a telegram to Stevens, lawyer, Fairbanks thanking him for assisting presenting application to take soldiers affidavits to Judge Bunnell. Leave Juneau in good spirits - think I have got what I came for - but am not sure Election Com. will take my affidavits without notice, but it was - is - the best I can do for there is no one upon whom I can serve. My friends are encouraged & I am satisfied that I have a good prima facie case!</p>
Diary 31, 1919 May 19-21	<p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>Left Juneau at 1:30 a.m. this morning on the SS "Seattle" Petersburg this afternoon & spent an hour visiting with my friends on shore. Reached Wrangell at 11 p.m. tonight & spent an hour uptown with business men - Grant. Greves[?] & others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>In Ketchikan 9 a.m. Saw Hunt, Heckman, Winston, & others about additional affidavits. Got away before noon - Dixons Entrance, - weather good & we seem to be running out of the belt of rain & snow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21st</p> <p>Queen Charlottes Sound.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 May 22	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Reached Seattle this evening & put up, as usual, at Frye Hotel. Telegram from Debbie from Los Angeles saying Charlie Hanson very sick no hope of his recovery etc. I am very sorry he is a good man & his death will be a loss not only to Jen & the children but to the Hanson family & business. I telegraphed to Debbie asking if I could do anything for him if I went that way, enroute to Washington, D.C. Am getting my evidence etc. in shape & will go on to Washington as fast as possible. Few Alaskans here now - Nome boat June 3.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 May 23	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM HERE</p> <p>JAMES WICKERSHAM of Fairbanks, Alaska, arrived in Seattle last night to spend a few days before proceeding to Washington, D.C. to be present at the contest proceedings which he has instituted for the seat as delegate in Congress from Alaska. He is a guest at the Frye.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham is contesting the result of the November 5 election, which gave the late Charles A. Sulzer a lead of thirty-three votes over him. Mr. Wickersham was the Republican candidate, and</p>

	<p>Mr. Sulzer was the Democratic candidate. Mr. Sulzer died on April 15, but was declared elected by the canvassing board two days later, April 17. The office is therefore vacant at the present time. To elect a new delegate a special election has been called throughout the territory for June 3. A candidate in this election will be George Grigsby, who was a Democratic candidate in the last primaries. Mr. Wickersham says he will not be a candidate in this election, placing his entire faith in the contest proceedings.</p> <p>"All signs point to good times in Alaska this year," Mr. Wickersham said. "All soldiers are going back, and there will be immediate increase in all activities. "</p> <p>This stupid reporter finally got it about straight - but not quite. Got a letter from Debbie today dated the 19th - she says she does not want to go to Wash. with me! Also that Charles Hanson - Jen's husband is very sick & she does not think he will live long. Attending to Contest matters & looking after taxes on my City lots - taxes all paid.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24th</p> <p>Over to Tacoma today - Got papers from Charlie Peterson - he <u>had no charges</u>. Saw Geo. J. Reed N.P. Atty. about Ry. crossing to Puyallup farm, & Wm P. Hopping etc. who agreed to attend to same. Telephoned Bonney - no shelves for books ready - but he agreed to store them carefully for me until I come back from Wash. D.C. Hartman secured affid's from Signal Corps men - illegal voting. Saw George Irving, Ch. Rep. Com. Ter. Alaska about reorganization. Recd. affids. etc. from J.L. Reed, atty. Valdes, & receipts from J.L. Simons. Ralph Merrill talked about his mining scheme in Prince Wm. Sd. Wrote to Debbie & off to Buckley in morning at 7:15.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 May 25-29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-25th -</p> <p>Went to Buckley today & had dinner with Mother & May & Harry. Visited with Judge & Mrs. P.V. Davis tonight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>Bot my Ry. ticket to Wash. D.C. today & will start tomorrow evening. Nome crowd gathering at hotels & I see many of them Asked to "talk" at University - also Military Club - but declined.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Finished work collecting affids & wrote to Debbie - left Seattle at 6 p.m. on N.P. train for Wash.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>Spokane east.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p>

	Montana & Dakota.
Diary 31, 1919	[Inside back cover] [Photograph] This is a photo of the first unit or building of the Alaska University, Agri College & School of Mines at Fairbanks – erected 1918. X
Diary 31, 1919 May 30- June 1	-30 th – 1919. May 30th, Decoration Day - St Paul this morning 3:30, Dubuque (East) Galena & Chicago at 9 p.m. Can get a good nights rest and lose no--.time if I remain here over night, So went to the " <u>La Salle Hotel</u> ," & took a room for the night. May 31 After a good nights sleep & rest took 10:30 Penn. Ry. train East. Pittsburg 10 ³⁰ -June 1 st - Reached Washington this morning & went to Congress Hall Hotel - Sunday - tired - unpacking & meeting my friends.
Diary 31, 1919 June 2	-2 nd – Went systematically to work this morning - Indiana is the stronghold of organized Republicanism now - so I went to my friend Vestal of that state & gave him the outline of my Contest & what I thought ought to be done. We called in Merrill Moores, of same state & he consulted with us - we reached an agreement - We then went & found my Notice of Contest & Statement of Facts in the Clerks office & examined it. Then Moores & I hunted up Speaker Gillett & made the arrangement.
Diary 31, 1919 June 2	2 The Clerk of the House sent my Notice & Statement to the Speaker & it was referred to Elections Com. No. 3, of which Dowell, of Iowa, is Chairman - & the race is on! Vestal will now organize the Republicans so that when Grigsby gets here with his certificate of election, we can get him held up till my Contest of the Nov. 5, 1918 election is settled - so that he cannot be sworn in & take his seat until after my Contest is settled - so far the matter is going along the line we want it - in accord with precedent.
Diary 31, 1919 June 2	2 [clipping] Contested-Election Cases Referred The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair finds on the Speaker's table the papers in an election contest case from Alaska and refers the papers, with all accompanying documents, to the Committee on Elections No. 3; also some papers in

	<p>the Berger case, which are referred to the special committee having that case in charge.</p> <p>Election day in Alaska! My notice & statement of Contest were sent to the Speaker by the Clerk of the House yesterday & are in print today. See</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>7. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Republicans transmitting a letter from Hon. James Wickersham, inclosing the original copy of a notice of contest and the petition and statement specifying particularly the grounds of his contest for a seat in the House of Republicans of the Sixty-Sixth Congress as Delegate from the Territory of Alaska (H. Doc. No. 74); to the Committee on Elections No. 3 and ordered to be printed.</p> <p>Engaged in consultations with Vestal & Moores. Mc Co of Indiana, & studying the cases to determine, 1st, How to proceed to take my testimony in Alaska which I have not taken & which must be given, if at all, by hostile witnesses, & 2nd, How to prevent Grigsby from being seated on his certificate of Election - until my Contest is settled! Both are doubtful questions!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>Have been studying the law of the Contest Case today & intend to make a fight to prevent Grigsby's Certificate of Election from being accepted as prima facie evidence of his right to a seat pending the settlement of the contest - <u>on the ground that it will be issued under the Alaska Act, without a final canvass and count of the official Returns</u> - that's the law! Wrote nice letter to Debbie tonight - Vestal, of Indiana, promises to assist in charge of my fight - the Ind. Delegation is friendly. Things look better now that I am getting settled & rested & can think clearly & study the law & the facts.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 5-6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Same as yesterday - there are some serious questions of law involved in my case - account of death of Sulzer, Contestee & no one on whom to serve papers. There is enough doubt to make it an interesting case & to keep me busy to cure the defects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Went down to the War Dept. & applied for a certificate showing that the 41 soldiers who voted in Alaska for Sulzer were enlisted in the States - etc. to establish their status as non-residents. Will get it in a day or two. - <u>then the question is how go get their testimony as to how they voted.</u></p>

<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Death of Charlie Hanson – my sister, Jennie's, husband.</p> <p>[Telegram] Los Angeles Calif. June 6 1919 James Wickersham Cong Hall Hotel Washn DC Charlie Died this morning will stay here with the children Debbie</p> <p>Telegram announcing the death of Charles Hanson, my sister Jennie's husband. Poor</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Charlie was a fine man - a man of high business ability, the strictest honor and integrity a good father and my very dear friend. I am greatly shocked at his death for when I saw him in Los Angeles in March I thought he would recover.</p> <p>Also received a telegram from my attorney, J.B. Marshall, Juneau, Alaska, saying that Grigsby defeated Jones. Grigsby less than 3000. Jones about 1500.</p> <p>Since I received more than 4400 votes in Nov. Grigsby does not have anything to boast about - though he received more than I anticipated.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 7-8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>[clipping] Democrat Seems Winner in Alaska. JUNEAU, Alaska, June 6.-- Except at Ketchikan, George Grigsby, democrat, apparently is proving an easy winner over E.O. Jones, labor candidate in the election held Tuesday for territorial delegate to Congress to succeed the late C.A. Sulzer, democrat.</p> <p>Am busy studying the law points involved in How to get additional testimony in my Contest Case - & how to make good that taken <u>ExParte</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Sunday. Visit from Maurice D. Leehey, Seattle Atty. engaged by Gov. Riggs & the Territorial Shipping Board to formulate plans for steamship line to Alaska - or to secure relief from present excessive rates. Much to his surprise I was friendly & offered to assist him in the work - glad to get it off my hands!!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 9-10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Visited Adj. Genl. & Judge Advocate Genl. about a plan to get the testimony of the Alaskan soldiers who voted for Sulzer Nov. 5, 1918. Think tonight I have the plan worked out & have prepared an application to the House of Reps.</p>

	<p>asking for more time & certain new rules, also combining the two contests the election of Nov. 5, 1918 and the special Election of June 3, 1919.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Preparing Application for time to present additional testimony which must be approved by a House Reso. passed by the House - making Grigsby party - consolidating case</p>
Diary 31, 1919 June 11	<p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Finished my application for time, consolidating cases, etc. Congressman Vestal, of Indiana, introduced Reso. for me. It affords a fair plain of taking testimony, consolidating both Alaska cases & enabling us to get the testimony fairly. Got certificate from War Dept. today, showing 40 soldiers who voted in Alaska against me, Nov. 5, 1918, were not residents of Alaska, and were illegal voters under the rule laid down in the 1st Alaska Contest - Wickersham v Sulzer - they are the same soldiers (in part) who cast those illegal votes.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 June 12-13	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>To our surprise we find the parliamentarian referred the Vestal Reso. for extension of time in Alaska Contests, to the Judiciary Com. instead of to the Elections Com. No. 3, where the case is referred. We are now trying to "unscramble the Eggs."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13-</p> <p>We are making an effort to get the Vestal Resolution away from the Judiciary Com. & referred to the Elections Com. No. 3, where it belongs. The Chairman of the Jud. Co. & members have today agreed to the change.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th continued -</p> <p>Vestal tells me that he talked</p>
Diary 31, 1919 June 13	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>to Champ Clark, the Democratic leader, about changing the Reso. to the Com. on Elections & that he agreed, but, he added, "Wickersham stands no more chance of being seated in this contest than a snowball in hell!" But we've got the affidavit for time & the Reso. etc. sent to the Com. on Elections & I hope for a square deal. It seems Grigsby is writing letters to the Republican members & I am getting my friends busy heading off his "jury fixing." Recd. letter today from Speaker Gillett authorizing me to occupy my old "Room 167" & I am situated there now working on my Contest!</p>
Diary 31, 1919 June 14-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Same. Working on contest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Sunday. Wrote letters of condolence to my sister Jennie & to A. G. Hanson - Charlies brother - for</p>

	<p>him & his mother, & also letters to Debbie & Darrell. Poor Jen will find a great difference now - with her good indulgent husband dead - it will cut her income down sadly & she and the children will have to resort to habits of economy they have never been acquainted with before. I am very sorry about his death - he was a good citizen & a better father & friend.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> <p>Recd. telegram from John Rustgard today saying:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUNEAU, ALASKA, JUNE 14, '19 James Wickersham, House Office Bldg. Wash. D.C. Certificate of Election <u>issued to Grigsby today upon telegraph returns some larger centers and no returns from smaller precincts.</u> <u>Grigsby left last night for Washington.</u> <u>John Rustgard</u></p> <p>Also received letter and Copy Bunnells opinion etc. from Henry T. Ray, Fairbanks. Its a good letter and he gave me some much needed information about the Soldier vote there. The case looks better to me & I can certainly make a good showing.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 17-18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Am preparing objection & Brief in support against the House accepting Grigsby's Certificate of Election & seating him pending the Contest. I ought to win on the Objection - but you can never tell. Good letter from Darrell - New York.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>The House Com. on Elections No 3. was in session on my application for more time etc. today</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>Little Helen stood watching the funeral cortege of a prominent office holder in the city. "Oh, mamma, I'm so sorry for him." "Yes, Helen, we are all sorry. His family will be very lonely." "I'm not being sorry for his wife and I'm not being sorry for his children." "Why, Helen!" I'm just being sorry for the man because he's lost his job now, and he had such a hard time getting elected." {Poor Sulzer!} E.M.W.</p> <p>The Com. did nothing but talk & - I think - laid the matter over to await the arrival of Grigsby <u>so they could say they were fair!</u></p>

Diary 31, 1919 June 19	<p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> Dowell, Chairman Com. Elections 3, told me today they would meet again on Monday & <u>try & do something</u> . Have prepared "Objections" & the statement of Facts & the Law - to assist my Republican friends in preventing Grigsby from being seated till the Contest is fought out! Am not sure I can get it done, though the facts & law are both clearly with us - Understand Champ Clark is to lead the fight against me - he's some fighter & I am therefore busy - for nothing stirs me up more than the idea that the other fellow is strictly on the job and working. Busy this afternoon in Ans. letters etc.
Diary 31, 1919 June 20	<p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> Have my objections to Grigsby's Certificate of Election finished - printed 20 copies & ready to deliver to that many of my friends & supporters in the House tomorrow morning. My friend Vestal of Indiana will represent me in the matter for the objections to seating Grigsby must come from a Member. He is not here yet but I expect him, now, any day & Clark will of course try to seat him on his Certificate - which we hope to prevent - anyway I will bring a contest against him & his Cert. of Election & thus finally present it for adjudication later.
Diary 31, 1919 June 21	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> Delivered copies of my Objection & Brief on the law to prevent Grigsby from being sworn in as Delegate to 20 members this morning - including Speaker, Mondell, Vestal, Moores, Knutson, Winslow, Gurn of Iowa, Fess, McCulloch, Madden, Walsh, Dowell, Rodenberg, Longworth, -Moore of Penn, Dallinger & Mason of Ill. This is all I can do in the matter for the real objection must come from a Member who will make the fight on the floor - & my friend Vestal, of Ind. agrees to attend to it on the floor. Sent out official copies of my Notice of Contest, etc. to Morton E. Stevens, Fairbanks; J.L. Reed, Valdes; John B. Marshall, Juneau, and Forest J. Hunt, Ketchikan.
Diary 31, 1919 June 22-24	<p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> Recd. letter this morning from Hon. Fredk. W. Dallinger, M.C. & the Chairman of Elections Com. No 1, suggesting that I prepare Notice of Contest at once against Grigsby - & I have spent this day in drafting it - Have it ready for typing & will get Jeffery to do that. <p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> Meeting of Election Com. No. 3, on my case - Champ Clark requested Com. to postpone action on Reso. No. 105, introduced by Vestal, of Ind. for

	<p>me, till Grigsby could reach Washington - I could not object & the matter was postponed. -24- <u>Finished, signed & verified Notice of Contest against Grigsby in the 2nd Alaska contest now pending. My friends are studying the case - but Mondell is pulling back.</u></p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 25-26</p>	<p>-25th - On the theory that this is my last day for taking testimony in the Case against the Nov. 5, 1918 contest, I am making my affidavit to file with the Clerk of the House. I am covering whole case and attaching many exhibits etc. to it, and trying to do it so full that if House does not order any further time to take testimony I'll have a basis of a case any way! Have dictated a long affidavit & will sign & swear to it tonight. Have it all done in good shape. -26- Completed shaping my deposition this morning - took it to Vestal, M.C. from Ind. who read it carefully & approved it - <u>filed</u>.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 26</p>	<p>26 At the supper table this evening at the hotel Mattison, the Seattle Times reporter told <u>me that Grigsby is in town</u> at the Washington Hotel - that he came to the City last night & had been in consultation today with Champ Clark and the Democratic committee! Well, now that I have my affidavit made and filed in the Sulzer case I have time to attend to George, and will serve my Notice of Contest against him tomorrow, and get his case under way. Vestal, of Ind- read my testimony before it was filed today & seemed satisfied with its character.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 27</p>	<p>-27- Gave Pickering, of the Rep. Majority Room, copies of my Notice's of Contest in both the Sulzer & Grigsby cases for service on Grigsby - this morning but the last I heard from him he had not found the defendant for service - he will, of course, and then both cases will be finished as far as I can go immediately. The Elections Com. will now probably act on the Vestal Resolution No 105. Have been answering my correspondence & catching up so that I can devote my time to the contests - <u>told tonight that Democratic leaders say that Grigsby will not offer to take oath.</u></p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 28</p>	<p>-28- <u>Got service Notice of Contest on Grigsby - 2nd Contest - this morning.</u> Republican leaders considering whether to object to his being sworn in. Mrs. Sulzer has been here since Congress opened trying to get an appropriation of \$7,500 - a</p>

	<p>years salary as the wife of a deceased Congressmans wife - but I learn tonight from Maurice D. Lechey that she has, today, gone home to N.Y. - Mrs. S. has always been an ardent partisan of Champ. Clark & the female members of his family - which is some explanation of his activity in her aid. Maurice D. Leehey, Atty. for Riggs & the Alaska Shipping Scheme in to see me tonight - <u>he is not getting anything done!</u></p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 June 29-30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-29-</p> <p>Darrell came over to Washington this morning at 11 oclock and visited with me all day, returning tonight on the midnight train. We saw the Baseball Game between Wash. & Phil . teams, & had a good game of cards in the evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30-</p> <p>Nothing much today - just waiting till the Republican leaders determine what they will do about seating Grigsby on his fraudulent certificate. Mondell and others insist that he must be seated while some of my friends urge objection - I do not know yet what they will do. Congress is trying to get the Appro. bills passed today - July 1 is beginning of new fiscal year.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 1st</p> <p>I am discouraged today at the conditions of my Contest Case. Mondell, of Wyo. Republican leader is against me and acts unfairly against me and for Grigsby, and other Republicans who do not know the facts, support him. Grigsby will be sworn in & seated on his fraudulent Certificate of Election, and I will have to catch up & get him out, sometime, - if I can. It puts me in bad, but I do not, really, lose my rights to a contest, though he gains very decided advantages - unfairly and in violation of the law. Of course I am permitted to carry on my Contests, with</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 1-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>my opponent given advantages which he is not entitled to have under the law.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Tuesday, July 1, 1919. SWEARING IN A MEMBER.</p> <p>Mr. CLARK of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the gentleman from Alaska, Mr. George B. GRIGSBY, be sworn in. His credentials are in proper form and are signed by the returning board, and they have been examined by the Speaker.</p> <p>The SPEAKER. The gentleman will come forward.</p> <p>Mr. GRIGSBY, Delegate from Alaska, appeared before the bar of the House and took the oath of</p>

	<p>office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2nd -</p> <p>Am urging my friends to aid me to get the Contest Case at issue tried & settled. If I can get the record made up I think I can lick 'em. Got a little additional evidence today from Marshall - Our case is all right if we can get the Republicans to give me a square hearing & I guess we can get that.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd</p> <p>Long talk today with Dowell the Ch. of the Elections Com. No 3, having my case! He is a fair honest man - but was born lazy, and slow of thought. He cannot be made to understand that my witnesses are in Alaska - 5000 miles away - he seems to think they are here in my office. He cannot be made to know that I cannot take my evidence in 40 days - and he is against me on the Vestal Reso. & thinks I ought to take all my evidence over again on Notice to Grigsby - Dowell agrees to call the Com. sometime next week to hear me & Grigsby on the matter!!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 4th 1919.</p> <p>Have remained in my office all day working on the Table of Contents & Index to the Bibliography of Alaskan Pub. Doc's, which I hope to get printed by the Senate as a Pub. Doc.</p> <p>A very hot & very Sabbath-like 4th (1) <u>President Wilson is on his way from France & will land in New York about Tuesday.</u> (2). The first dirigible balloon plane to cross the Ocean from Europe to America is expected to land today or tomorrow - on this side. (3) The Championship fight between Willard & Dempsey today - Dempsey won - 4 rounds.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 5-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Working in office on Index to Alaskan Bibliography of Public Documents. Col. Perkins of Seattle, formerly of Nome, took lunch with me.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Sunday - reading - in office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>Am preparing a letter to the President of the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Howard G. Kelley, Montreal, Canada, presenting the suggestion that now is the proper time for that Co. to get into the Alaska trade from Prince Rupert, B.C. and offering co-operation. I am sending him a copy of Rigg's Mass [manuscript] to the Legislature, etc.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 8-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Congress has been at recess since a week ago - meets again today.</p> <p><u>President Wilson returned to the United States from France today - reached Wash. late tonight.</u></p> <p>The fight on over the Presidents League of Nations in the Paris treaty now begins in earnest - in the</p>

	<p>Senate & in the whole country. -9th - Tried in vain to Get the Elections Com. No. 3 to take action in my case today - no quorum. Dowell is doing me great harm by his weak & vacillating course. He seems afraid to do right & has no courage!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 10</p>	<p>-10- Applied to the House Committee on Accounts for my \$375⁰⁰ stationery account for the 65th Congress. Recd. letter from Debbie & wrote her one in answer. Dowell, Chairman Com. on Elections advised me today that he has called another meeting of the Com. tomorrow. Answering Correspondence today.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Would Write History of Early Alaska Life Judge Wickersham Says He Possesses Most Complete Set of Facts Concerning Country in Existence. By M. M. Mattison. Capital City Bureau, The Seattle Times, 923 Colorado Building.</p> <p>WASHINGTON, Saturday, June 28. - If he were not busy right now making a fight to hold the seat in Congress that delegate from Alaska is entitled to, Judge James Wickersham probably would write a history of the Northern Territory - not a political tale, but the fascinating story of early discovery, Russian rule and the early days when only a few knew Alaska was not perpetually ice bound. Latter day affairs and politics, Judge Wickersham would be willing to dismiss with a chapter; the politics with a paragraph if he touched upon it at all.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 10-11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>In his earlier life in Tacoma, Judge Wickersham used to delve into Indian lore and write historical papers on territorial days and the times even before Washington became a political unit. If memory serves correctly he wrote one of the first arguments Tacoma used to support the theory that the Indians once described the grandeur of Mount Rainier by using an adjective that early whites thought something like "Tacoma," "Tahoma," "Takobet," or something else. And he messed around considerably with early historical societies digging up traditions of the Northwest. Wickersham has been indulging himself freely in his latest hobby of collecting publications on Alaska</p>

	<p>and he insists he has the most complete library on the territory that is in existence. He has all the English books and most of those printed in other languages.</p> <p>Included in the Wickersham library on Alaska are four rare old Russian books descriptive of the early days of Russian occupancy. These never have been translated into English.</p> <p>"If I had time I would translate them myself, for it ought to be done," said Judge Wickersham, talking of his hobby. "The idea of publishing a real history on Alaska grows on me and I would like to have someone do the work. We ought to have at least one real history instead of the scattered works that very few persons ever have seen and probably nobody ever has read in their entirety. It would be a fascinating study to go over the stories of the early days and to clear away some of the myths of Russian occupancy."</p> <p>In the meantime the coming of George Griggsby, who was elected at the special election on June 3, probably will speed up the preparatory work for the contest over the Alaska seat in the House. Wickersham has gathered a great deal of his evidence and Griggsby probably has his records under way. But the contest is likely to be one of those long drawn out affairs that will not be settled until the session is well advanced. The last contest dragged until the close of the last session when Wickersham finally was seated.</p> <p>In the meantime, if Wickersham is doing anything further with his fight against Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane the fact is not apparent. In fact, Wickersham seems to be deeply interested in helping along the Alaska railroad appropriation for the completion of the road.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-July 11th -</p> <p>Had the first hearing today before the Com. on Elections No 3, on my Alaska contested election Cases.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Good quorum of Com. present & also Grigsby. The Ch. said he desired to get the Vestal Reso. H. Reso 105, reported this week. Grigsby said he had not seen the Reso it was introduced on just a month ago - on June 11th, but he declared he had not seen it. It seems he has not given careful consideration to the matter if that is true - he is such a liar though that one cannot tell! He acted like he had no knowledge of the case - I talked 40 minutes & the further hearing went over till 10 o'clock in the morning at his request - which I consented to the Com. seemed interested & friendly enough - & I feel encouraged!</p>

Diary 31, 1919 July 12	<p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> We continued hearings in Contest Case before Election Com. No. 3 this forenoon - Grigsby talked for his side and presented it with all the force justified - & then some. He made a strong case & may mislead the Com. into throwing out all my testimony & make me begin all over again. While that will be a matter of injury & expense to me I am prepared to do it if the Com. compels it. The Com. put the matter over till some time next week another week gone - & nothing done - But it cant be avoided for I think it best to get the matter fully before the Com. to begin on. This afternoon I
Diary 31, 1919 July 12-13	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> served a letter on Grigsby offering to enter into an agreement to appoint, each, an agent in Wash. D.C. Juneau and Fairbanks, Alaska, upon whom service of process could be made in the two Contest cases. It was suggested by the Com. & I am anxious to get the record on him. <p style="text-align: center;">-13th - Sunday</p> Nothing doing - in office and reading - took long walk out "B" St. to Anacostia flats & examined the sewer outlets & overflow etc. Getting very hot again after 3 or 4 days of cool weather. I am preparing to go west when Com. acts on matter of my evidence etc.
Diary 31, 1919 July 14	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> Recd. reply to my letter of the 8th addressed to the Pres. of the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Montreal, Canada in which he says: I am just in receipt of your favor of the 8 th inst. in regard to the Alaska trade, particularly as it affects the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the port of Prince Rupert. As I shall be absent from Montreal for a number of days, I am forwarding your letter and enclosures to Mr. J. E. Dalrymple, vice president in charge of traffic, with instructions to give you suggestions consideration and endeavor to arrange a meeting. I am also writing Mr. W. P. Hinton, Vice President & General Manager of the company who would also be glad to see you on this subject if it were possible for for him to go to New York for the Purpose. <p style="text-align: center;">Yours Very Truly, Howard G. Kelley, President.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 July 15	<p style="text-align: center;">15th -</p> Recd. answer to my letter to Grigsby proposing appointment of agents in Alaska etc. upon whom service could be made, refusing to do so in the Sulzer case, but agreeing to do so in his case - where none is necessary - no facts being alleged by me & my not being even a candidate - George is tricky as usual - <u>Dowell, Ch. of the Com. is</u>

	<p><u>stubborn & against me!</u> Am interviewing other members of the com. trying to get square deal. Sent copies of my letters & Grigsbys - wherein he refuses to appoint agents to accept service of process in Contest cases to Dowell, Ch. & Hudspeth Democrat. leaders of Election Com. No 3 - making record on George</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Recd. another letter from Grigsby today - he is gradually getting to the point where I think he will make the agreement I want. His letter today is a concession of many things that are in my favor.</p> <p>I also took over to Senator Jones all papers in my possession needed to complete the record in opposition to the confirmation of Roth & Bunnell. I dictated a letter there asking for information from the War Dept. to aid in the matter. Jones is out west, but I hope he will get back before I have to go west.</p> <p>The P-I. of Seattle, editorial, calls for an investigation of the Alaska Rd. Commission, etc.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 17-19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Nothing much - writing letters, "watchful waiting" in Contest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>Henry W. Elliott is going over parts of the Bibliography on Alaska Pub. Docs. trying to determine if the work done by Morrison is full & complete. He is taking up the Messages of the President, also Proclamations & Ex. Orders & finds some omissions - is doing good work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>Am writing letter to Hon. Henry Z. Osborne M.C. from Los Angeles, trying to show him why the <u>coal-less</u> towns of So. Cal. ought to get into the trade of Alaska: <u>Seattle & Portland do not want Alaska coal</u> - they have plenty at home, but <u>Los Angeles</u></p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 19-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>cannot prosper, industrially, without it! He asked me to write the letter, after our conversation at the table, and I am sending along Docs. etc. in explanation. He will send it to the Los Angeles business men.</p> <p><u>Recd. telegram from Debbie saying she will start for Seattle tomorrow evening, from Los Angeles.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Rainy Sunday. Will pack up & go west this week - if I can get Com. to act on Contest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21st</p> <p>Am just notified from Dowells office that he will hold another hearing tomorrow at 11 oclock - I have been after Vestal, Moores, Knutson, et. al. and I suppose someone has stirred him to action - he is slow as molasses in December.</p>

<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 22-23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Argued final submission of the Vestal Reso. No. 105, before the Com. on Elections this morning - & hope now to get some action. Grigsby argued also & matter submitted to the com. I fear the Com. is against me to the end on my former testimony - but think I will report Reso. favorably</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Dowell, Ch. Com. Elections informs me the Com. will pass my Reso.- on Monday - but cuts out my testimony up to date and requires me to do it all again with <u>notice</u> to Grigsby - also cut out the order to the Soldiers to testify - which means I wont</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>get them to talk - but it is the best I can get, & I must be satisfied.</p> <p><u>Also</u> the Com. on Ter. has held a meeting to secure a report on Curry's bill to raise the limit on the Alaska Ry. authorization from \$35,000,000 an extra \$17,000,000. I did not hear about the meeting until this evening after dinner - Johnson of Wash. called & told me about it - he seems to have gone after them rough and is being pursued by Sen. Poindexter & Sec. Lane both of whom are trying to get him to quit objecting! I urged him not to get into any fight - let it go - let the authorization go through!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23rd continued:</p> <p>It seems the Clerk of the House has had my exparte testimony printed - I received two copies today much to my surprise - I am annoyed about it because it gives my opponent full notice of the names of my witnesses - what they are testifying to etc. and now that I am compelled to go back to Alaska and take their evidence again - on Notice by Grigsby - it gives him a chance to run them out of the way, to bribe them to change their statements etc. etc. I am provoked - but cant help myself - we Republicans have no organization - the Demo-s beat us a mile in that matter!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-July 24th -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKAN SEAT IN TANGLE. House Committee Reports Resolu- tion Providing for Contest.</p> <p>A resolution which would permit James Wickersham, Republican of Alaska, to contest George Grigsby's right to a seat in the House as Alaskan delegate, and would allow 90 days for the case to be heard, was reported yesterday by a House elections committee.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham's opponent last fall, Charles A. Sulzer, Democrat, died before a certificate of election was given. Charges of fraudulent practices, made by Mr. Wickersham, could not be</p>

	<p>served to contest the seat; and he, holding the first election illegal, did not enter the election to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Sulzer's death. After Mr. Grigsby, Democrat, was elected, Mr. Wickersham served notice on him that the case would be contested.</p> <p>The Com. gives me as little as possible, and Dowell seems to think I'm lucky to be left alive. A Demo- Chairman would have given me more & a Democrat every thing I asked for. Went to Treasury Dept. with application for my \$2000 item in Genl. Deficiency Act of July 11, 1919</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Com. on Accounts has allowed my Stationery Account for \$375. for last Congress. On the evening of the 23d. Congressman Johnson of Wash. visited me at Cong. Hall Hotel - told me Ter. Com. was conducting hearings on Ry. bill to increase the authorization \$17,000,000 etc. etc. That was the first I knew of it but now it seems they are pushing the matter - McPherson, Ryan & others are here - they notified Grigsby, who was present, but did not give me notice. I shall keep quiet and will not make the slightest attempt to annoy them in the matter - notwithstanding <u>Waste & politics.</u></p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-July 26th -</p> <p>From yesterdays Record: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.</p> <p>Under clause 2 of Rule XIII, bills and resolutions were severally reported from committees, delivered to the Clerk, and referred to the several calendars therein named, as follows: Mr. DOWELL, from the Committee on Elections No. 3, to which was referred the resolution (H. Res. 105) authorizing an extension of time for taking testimony, arranging orderly procedure, and providing other relief in the Alaska contested election cases, reported the same with amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 154), which said bill and report were referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. CONTESTED-ELECTION CASE-WICKERSHAM AGAINST SULZER.</p> <p>Mr. DOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I submit a privileged report from the Committee on Elections No. 3 and ask to have it printed in the RECORD. The SPEAKER. What is the case? Mr. SMALL. The case of Wickersham against Sulzer, from Alaska. The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Iowa</p>

submits a privileged report which will be printed and referred to the Committee of the Whole House. The gentleman asks unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Elections No. 3, having had under consideration House resolution 105, a resolution relative to the securing of evidence in the contested-election case of James Wickersham v. Charles A. Sulzer, Territory of Alaska, recommended that said resolution be amended in the following respects:

On page 1 of the printed resolution, amend by striking out, in line 9 the words "necessary additional," and by striking out, at the end of said line 9 and the beginning of line 10, the words "as near as may be."

On page 1, amend by adding, after the word "on" in line 2, the words "George B. Grigsby."

On page 1, amend by striking out, in lines 13 and 14, after the figure "3," the words "the candidate who is successful in said special election to" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "said George B. Grigsby shall."

On page 2, line 4, amend by striking out the word "to" and insert in lieu thereof the word "shall."

On page 2, amend by adding, after the word "rebuttal," in line 5, the word testimony."

On page 2, amend by striking out all of paragraph 5, which includes the figure "5," at the end of line 5, and all of lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, down to and including the semicolon following the word "witnesses."

Also amend by renumbering the paragraphs accordingly.

On page 2, amend by adding, after the word "candidate," line 19, the words "said George B. Grigsby."

On page 3, amend by adding after the word "on," line 5, the words "said George B. Grigsby."

On page 3, amend by adding after the word "which," in line 6, the words "said George B. Grigsby."

On page 3, amend by adding after the word "either," in line 8, the word "of."

On page 3, amend by striking out the words "and required," in line 10.

On page 3, amend by striking out the word "said," in line 11, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "the."

On page 3, amend by striking out the words "in the manner provided herein," in line 20.

On page 3, amend by striking out, in line 22, the comma, after the word "cause," and insert in lieu

	<p>thereof a period; and by striking out all after the word "cause," in said line 22, and by striking out all of lines 23, 24, 25, and lines 1 and 2, on page 4, down to and including the word "and," in said line 2.</p> <p>On page 4, line 2, amend by inserting, before the word "the," in line 2, the figure "10" and by capitalizing the word "the."</p> <p>The committee recommends that said resolution so amended do pass.</p> <p>Mr. DOWELL. I wish to give notice that on Monday I will ask to have this report considered.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>The Com. whittled away everything that would do me~ any good & put in everything they could to assist my opponent.</p> <p>Have bought my tickets & will leave here Monday evening 28th - for Seattle & Alaska.</p> <p><u>Have arranged with high officials of the Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. to meet their representatives at Seattle and Prince Rupert, in relation to the matter of organizing a SS. line at Ketchikan to cover S.E. Alaska & Prince Rupert – its our only chance to secure relief from excessive rates by the Alaska SS. Co. of Seattle.</u></p> <p>Recd. my \$2000. warrant for expenses in Contested Election Case Wickersham v. Sulzer 65th Congress.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 26-27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 26th continued.</u></p> <p>Grigsby served his answer on me today - it is, generally an allegation that a large number of persons cast their votes for me on Nov. 5, 1918, who were not at the time legal voters - in Alaska. My Reply is prepared & I will serve it on him on Monday - a general denial of all new matter alleged in his Answer. It puts the whole case at issue.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Geo. has been making copies of Grigsbys Ans. for me to send to my Attorneys & friends in Alaska - Am ready to go west tomorrow.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>The House today agreed to the Reso. permitting me to take testimony in the Sulzer - Grigsby contest - Dowell has cut me down on everything possible & the Reso. has been so amended as to be greatly in Grigsby's favor & against me. They even refused to give me more than 40 days there which is not enough - I should have had 60 days - & with Grigsby holding the office it was fair to him & very unfair to me to refuse – but they did. I will go west at 6 p.m. feeling that I have lost everything which the Republican organization could have given me unfairly, lost & unjustly!</p>

<p>Diary 31, 1919 July 29- Aug 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Chicago - this evening; Hon. Henry Z. Osborne, M.C. from Los Angeles is on the train going west, via Portland, to Los Angeles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30-</p> <p>St. Paul – Fargo.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>Glendive – Butte.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aug 1st</p> <p>Reached Seattle tonight at 10:25 and found Debbie at the Hotel Frye - safe & well - When I left Wash. it was understood the House would take a long recess - 5 weeks and the papers today say that the House Com. on Ter. is coming out to inspect the Alaska Ry - that means more trouble for me - it will hurt my taking evidence etc. etc.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2nd</p> <p>Have forwarded copies of Grigsby Answer & my Reply in Contest Case to Griffith - Nome, Ray - Fairbanks, & Reed, Valdes, so they can be used to take testimony - <u>issues</u>. <u>No boat north till Thursday.</u> Sent telegram to Capt. Nicholson, Vancouver, of my presence in Seattle & hope to make a date with him on Monday or Tuesday. Deposited \$2300. in Bank & got my affairs straight.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Postpone Trip of House Territorial -Committee to Alaska for One Week Capital City Bureau, The Seattle Times, 923 Colorado Building.</p> <p>WASHINGTON, Saturday, Aug. 2. -- Because the request made by President Wilson that Congress remain in session, the projected trip of members of the House Territorial and appropriation committees to Alaska has been postponed for one week. The House will recess for three-day periods for three-day periods for about six weeks. Some of the members of the delegation were already en route to their home states and had planned to join the Alaskan party in Seattle when the presidential request that Congress remain in session was received. The postponement will give Secretary Lane an opportunity to make the trip.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 3-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd Sunday.-</p> <p>Conference with Dwight D. Hartman -- he will serve notice on Luhey tomorrow for taking testimony of Signal Corps men here who voted in Alaska Nov. 5, last for Sulzer. I will go north to Ketchikan on the SS. "Alaska" on Thursday. Capt. Nicholson, of the Grand Trunk Pac.</p>

	<p>telegraphs me he will be in Seattle Tuesday for a conference.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>With the Peoples, from Fairbanks -- now of Seattle we went over to Tacoma - visited the library - lunch at the Tacoma Hotel, rode out by the ranch etc. A fair day. Many persons calling at the Hotel to see me.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 August 5	<p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Had notice served on Lahey to take Depositions of 4 Signal Corps men, & P.H. Nash, the latter from Nushagak. Also issued & served subpoenas & will take matter up tomorrow at 10 o'clock.</p> <p>Had conference with Capt. Nicholson of the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry & SS. Co. about getting benefit of their line to Alaska. He is a fine man & knows the situation - <u>but</u> I am afraid the conditions are hard to overcome - I promised to do all I could to assist his Co. to get into the S.E. Alaska trade - <u>I think it a good thing to do.</u></p>
Diary 31, 1919 August 6	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Took Depositions of Col. B.O. Lenoir, Capt. Faust, Looney, Beals, Labinsky and Van Wyck, soldiers and P.H. Nash, from Nushagak, today before H. H. Hartman, Notary Public, Williams, stenographer - Maurice D. Lahey, atty. for Grigsby, = satisfactory. Sent telegrams to Rustgard to give Notice for Ketchikan hearings beginning on Monday - also to Marshall to wait for me in Ketchikan. Leehey, for Grigsby refused my offer of time extension.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 August 7-9	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Left Seattle this morning at 9. a.m. on the S.S. "<u>Alaska</u>" for Ketchikan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Across Queen Charlottes Sd.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Arrived in Ketchikan at 12 m. Put up at the "Revilla Hotel. Marshall arrived this evening from Prince of Wales Is. with Adam Shellhouse one of our important witnesses - Have telegraphed Rustgard at Juneau to serve notice on Hellenthal of taking depositions of our witnesses.</p> <p><u>Chas. E. Davidson, Secretary of Territory, Surveyor General, etc. reported drowned in Taku yesterday - an accident and a great loss to good government in Alaska</u></p>
Diary 31, 1919 August 10-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Sunday. consulting with witnesses etc. and getting ready to take depositions tomorrow - Cosgrove & Zeigler, appear for Grigsby.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Took depositions of Hunt, Durkin, Shellhouse, Jones, Kinkaid, today before Winston Notary Public. The Democratic officials Mahoney &</p>

	<p>Sharpe attended and got such a good scoring as they will remember - The evidence went my way satisfactorily but Althouse, one of my best witnesses failed to come in - must send for him & get his deposition later.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 12-13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Marshall went to Juneau on the Jefferson, but I remained to get Althouse's testimony & others on Friday. Am on track of some good evidence & intend to remain here and get it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Am giving notice of taking more testimony tomorrow - or Friday Have to telegraph to Rustgard at Juneau to give personal notice in writing there to Hellenthal - names of witnesses etc. then I have to issue subpoena here to witnesses & compel them to appear before Notary Public when Grigsbys attorneys & I examine them under oath etc.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 14-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Giving notice to witnesses for tomorrow - raining. I have many kind friends and supporters here & some very bitter political opponents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Took testimony of Althouse, Oliver, Wakefield, & others today before Winston, N. P. Evidence is good in strictly in support of the allegations of my Notice of Contest. Althouse's testimony especially was to the point, important and strong. Have established clearly & positively frauds, by Mahoney & Sharpe, U.S. Com. & U.S. Dept. Marshal at Election - bad.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 16-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Took testimony of Mr. J. M. Thomas & Joe Ulmer, - good. I am thoroughly satisfied with the testimony here & before I go have made arrangements with Arthur Sharp to appear for me & cross-examine the witnesses of Grigsby taken here during his 40 days.</p> <p><u>Left Ketchikan this evening on the SS "Alameda" for Valdes.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Col. Mears & the Alaska Ry. Com. crowd on board boat bound for Seward - also Bishop Crimont Father Van Der Pol. & many of my Alaska friends. Boat arrived at Juneau at 2 oclock p.m. & I have spent</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>the afternoon with my attorneys Marshall & Rustgard - took dinner with several of my friends. Recd. notice served by Hellenthal that Grigsby declines my offer to take testimony during the whole of the 90 days allowed by House Reso. 105, instead of 40 & 40 & 10 day periods. Also served notice on Gov. Riggs of Reso. No. 105 &</p>

	<p>demanded that he forward election returns to Washington in strict compliance therewith. I am suspicious he is intending not to forward the returns! Riggs is on board Alameda going to Anchorage & Railroad points!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>The steamer has been at the Skagway wharf all day, from 7. a.m. to midnight, unloading freight, & I have hunted old Skagway papers! Jack Kellar gave me the files of the "<u>Interloper</u>" & the "<u>Haines Pioneer Press</u>," and also extra copies of the "<u>Dyea Trail</u>" & some others. Also another friend has promised me many extra copies of the "Trail" & the "Guide."</p> <p>Had dinner with <u>Charlie Joynt</u> & his young wife - she is a nice good girl, and a clever cook. Riggs & the Railroad experts went to the summit on the W.P. Ry - today - but did not invite me. It is an unfriendly crowd, but I grin & bear it.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 19-20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>We left Skagway at midnight & ran out of Icy Strait this morning. There is a gentle swell on & I rolled the contents of my stomach overboard - it may do me good.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>This morning we are off Cape St. Elias & in a smooth sea - a cloudless sky gives us a grand view of the noble range of snow covered mountains to the East & north. Before noon we ran into the entrance to Prince William's Sound, and just after noon we landed at Cordova. Saw Dr. Chase & George Dooley & gave Dooley a list of the persona whom Grigsby charges as illegal voters in Cordova. He went</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>over the names carefully & declares they were all (except 2 or 3 whom he does not know) are long residents of Cordova and legal electors. One was in the hotel & quickly made affidavit to his legal qualifications & Dooley agrees to secure a verified statement from all he can find - He says the charge is false & thinks we can "come back" hard with the proofs.</p> <p>Left the matter with Dooley & Chase. Our boat left Cordova for Valdes at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Have had a long talk with Mr. A.R. Trachsel, about the development of Snug Harbor, & coal & iron mines near & north of that place - He promises to work with me in the matter.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Have a fine corner room today in the Copper Block a beautiful sunny day - the mountains are beautiful Valdes looks good.</p> <p>Consulting with Reed, Ritchie & other friends about taking depositions of Signal Corps men.</p>

	<p>Met new commander, Major Houston - seems to be a fine man & offers any assistance in his favor. Sending telegrams to Seattle, Juneau, Fairbanks. Anchorage & Nome starting my assistants in all those places to work getting evidence. This is a good vantage point from which to work, and I feel confident that I can get the evidence needed in the Contest.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Ritchie & Reed went over to Pt. Liscum & got information of illegal votes there Nov. 5 - Issued subpoena Is for D. H. Tyer & wife & Capt. Hewes who wish to go out on "<u>Alameda</u>" to appear tomorrow before Reed, Notary Public.</p> <p>Also sent long telegrams notice etc. to Fairbanks & to Jack Wade about taking testimony of witnesses there in election frauds. Getting certified copies of records Nov. 5 election from office Clerk of Court - Wrote letter to Debbie. Busy also getting notices etc. to serve tomorrow</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Took depositions of Donald H. Tyer and his wife this forenoon. Tyer swore that he voted for me on last Nov. 5 - in which I am satisfied he committed perjury. Mrs. Tyer refused to say whether she had voted for Sulzer or me - & I requested them to remain for further hearing next Thursday - hoping to get the evidence.</p> <p>After the hearings were ended I started to my rooms two blocks away - As I came to the S.E. corner of McKinley & Reservation St. I saw some men there, and when I got close enough I recognized Diamond, Grigsbys lawyer as one of them.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>He moved away as one of the men blocked my way and said to me: "<u>You insulted my sister in your examination - she is over there crying.</u>" I answered as soon as my surprise would permit, "Who, no I did not insult you sister," and he answered, "You did & she is over there crying now, and I am going to beat you up." I am not sure about this last expression - it may have been "smash your face," or some such form, but it meant an assault. Immediately he struck at me but as I have a square view with my left - or good eye - I sparred it - but he kept coming. The man by his side - at my right and blind side, said to him, "Hit</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>him - kill him - and as the fight progressed repeated "Kill the son of a bitch" - and the young pugilist did his best. I was on the outside edge of the sidewalk and either one of them pushed me off or I stepped off backwards & stumbled - my right - blind side coming toward them, when the young</p>

	<p>man sprung at me quickly and struck me two or more heavy smashing blows on the right side of my face, beating out one of my back molar teeth & badly bruising my face on that side. The last heavy blow knocked me down, but I soon got up - a man with a black coat, who I since</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>learned was Cassler, deputy marshal - stood between us & waved his hand to my assailants saying - "that will do," While the scrap was on, and after I got up the elder of my assailants kept encouraging the younger with the cry of "kill him" - kill the son of a bitch." I was so blind that I could not tell who he was - lie was on my right side - I am totally blind in my right eye - but the glimpse I had made me think it was Buck Hoyt of Gulkana, but I was then informed that the men were the Selby's father & son, - the father & brother of Mrs. Tyer, whom I had so recently examined.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>I went up to -Richie's office - no one came near me no one said a word. Richey soon heard of it & came in & we went down to my hotel - I called in Dr. Silverman. I was not hurt except on my right side - and on my head. My molar tooth - the back one on that side was broken square off - and my face on that side badly mauled up. My blind eye was black & the ear & jaw made very sore. I am informed that Selby is a much younger man than I that his son is 22 - and an athlete-and has just had a y years training in the Army. Diamond who was with</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 23-24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>them is Mayor of Valdes - Well it took three of them on my blind side to knock me out anyway - I feel sure I can lick them one at a time notwithstanding my 62 years & blind eye - but I did not! -24th -</p> <p><u>My 62nd Birthday</u> (1857 - 1919) Sick & sore - a black eye - the blind one - and a smashed jaw - not a pleasant anniversary. Of course I cannot chew & can hardly swallow liquids. My friends have urged me to have my assailants arrested, etc. etc. but after a night of painful consideration I think I can use the indictment to a better</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>advantage, for every official here is either a partisan opponent ready to violate the law of homicide to injure me, or so far under the control of those as to be unwilling to assist in enforcing the law. The Signal Corps men are also pleased at my humiliation & publicly express their feelings. I am satisfied beyond any doubt that Tyer, - one of them & Selbys son in law - swore falsely and that others</p>

	<p>will do so in saying he & they voted for me instead of Sulzer. I think it is a deliberate plan of their lawyer leaders to do me all the injury they can - they are now frightened at the thought of being prosecuted for illegal voting - a felony - & think to bull doze me to quit.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 25-26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Still painfully ill & confined to my room my right face is beaten badly & particularly the jaw & teeth. Am trying to keep track of my case in Fairbanks, Anchorage etc. as well as here, but find it a struggle! Many of my friends call to express their sense of humiliation at the outrage heaped on me by the Mayor of their town & his mob of waylaymen.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>My face remains very sore & I cannot masticate my food & am obliged to take liquid food. I remain in my room & do what I can to assist Richie in the case.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 27-28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>Have remained in my room all day - but sending telegrams etc. about taking testimony. Ray & my friends at Fairbanks are having much trouble - the Signal Corps officers will not assist in securing depositions of men.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>We began taking testimony of our Valdes witnesses today. <u>Ritchie, M^cHie Campbell, Simonds, Beck, Stewart, & Mr. & Mrs. Pete Cashman.</u> I was sworn & told my story of the assault also. We made a good record & while I am yet sore I</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>think the real bad effect in the case is against my opponents. We did not put the Signal Corps men on the stand - Ritchie & I gave the reasons in detail - that they evidently will not tell the truth but will add to their other perjuries by swearing they voted for me - so we gave our reasons for not calling them & let them go. We also established already that out of 37 votes cast at Valdes Bay Precinct 5 of them were legal - of which I received 4 & Sulzer 1 - the others were soldiers domiciled there for a short time & they nearly all voted for Sulzer!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Resting - sore face getting better slowly pride no better. Col. Lenoir sent me two telegrams from Seattle - 1st saying could do nothing - 2nd saying that he had received orders to act & do everything possible, etc. - but its too late - though I had his last telegram sent on to Ray! Sent telegram to Boyle, Anchorage, saying I was coming to Seward on the Northwestern tomorrow & to Anchorage on first train. Am paying bills getting</p>

	<p>out record depositions etc. No letter from Debbie since I left Seattle - writing her my third now.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 August 30-31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-30-</p> <p>Same as yesterday- much telegraphing which costs <u>money</u>! Major Houston wrote me a letter today asking if I intended to take depositions of the men here & I told him <u>no</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>Left Valdes today at noon on the "Northwestern" for Seward. Beautiful clear day. Think I left everything at Valdes in as good shape as the ill feeling there against me will allow - As a matter of law practice I am not sure they hurt me much by the assault - though they certainly hurt my face.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sept 1st</p> <p>At the overland Hotel, Seward - boat in early this morning. About 9 o'clock my friend Ike Evans, U.S.- Dep. Marshal, came in to call & talked with me a few minutes & went out. In about half an hour Sexton came in & told me Ike had been shot while attempting to arrest a man charged with some crime & was in dangerous condition. It seems the man who shot him is suspicioned of having killed a woman at Anchorage & sought to evade arrest. After shooting Evans the desperado ran out of town northward threatening those who sought to stop him - & reached the forest & is not arrested yet tonight.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 2-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-2-</p> <p>Waiting for train to Anchorage. <u>Ike Evans died this morning</u> from the shot through his lungs from the revolver of the desperado Dempsey -Cummings - Nichols - [real name is William Stewart] Every effort is being made to catch the murderer - but so far in vain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3-</p> <p>Still waiting for train everybody here who has a gun is out looking for Dempsey.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>Left Seward this morning at 3 o'clock on first train going to Anchorage since my arrival Ry. in bad shape - We had to walk two or three miles -- including all the tunnels & climb ladders etc. etc. but finally got through to the tram</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>on the other side of the construction gangs, & reached Anchorage about 11-30 at night. Dr. Boyle met me & I went to the Anchorage Hotel. We learn that the murderer Dempsey was captured near Seward yesterday - & the body of the woman he is also supposed to have killed in Anchorage was found in an old abandoned well, near his</p>

	<p>house. Dempsey seems to be a real bloody murderer - without regard for the lives of others and intent on a display of his criminal ideas. Have had Dr. Boyle & Dr. Rystrom - examine my teeth & face where the Selby's struck me - am suffering -much pain therefrom.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 5-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Have had Dr. Boyle & Dr. Rystrom examine my jaw & teeth - nothing but bruises & disordered nerves which accounts for my neuralgia. Am staying in the room & keeping hot water bottle etc. on jaw.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Took testimony today before Thompson, notary Public, about Cache Creek & Chickaloon frauds. I also added telegrams & other data about failure of War Dept. to assemble Signal Corps men.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>Sunday. Rainy & I remained in my room & read the magazines. This poor town is exceedingly quiet - dead!</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Telegrams from Wash. D.C. announce that the Curry amendment authorizing the additional \$17,000,000 needed to complete (?) the Govt. Railroad passed the House today - The telegrams are from Grigsby & though the vote in the House was <u>unanimous</u> - it also appears that Delegate Grigsby assisted in the passage etc.</p> <p>On Saturday night I was invited to attend the Pioneers meeting - large attendance & I make a brief talk -- gave them every encouragement about certainty of competition of Ry. & opening of Matanuska coal mines by the Navy Dept. - everybody friendly etc.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Dr. & Mrs. Beeson, called on me last evening - I appointed their son as cadet at Annapolis. The Anchorage times today had an interview with me in which I quite approved to recent appointment of Col. Mears as the single head and Superintendent of the Alaska Ry. etc. and it also had an editorial strongly defending the Commission's past work, expenses, waste etc. The two articles were in opposite vein - & this evening Edes, heretofore the head of the Alaska Engineering Com. came in on the train from the Outside - as consulting engineer</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 10-11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Dinner tonight at Frisco Cafe with Dr. Boyle, Mrs. Herron, Miss Byles & Bedill - Took testimony of the He is U.S. Dep. Marshall & both he and his wife - at the suggestion of Crice, Grigsbys atty. refused to testify for whom they voted!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Getting depositions put in shape - paying bills etc.</p>

	<p>The evidence taken here by A G. Thompson is not very important & not very well taken -- There is but little in it for me.</p> <p>Took dinner tonight at Mrs. Herrons - Dr. Boyle, Mifs Byles & Bedill, also present. Nothing about the boat.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 September 11	<p>11th continued.</p> <p>Harry Taylor, one of my old friends - a roughneck miner - came in to see me today - he stutters dreadfully - & said - "<u>Judge - here is a box of cigars and I've got a hundred dollars that I dont need - if you want it you can have it. It costs - money to fight contests - and I dont need it</u>" I thanked him & told him I had enough to get by on -- but I was pleased to have him make the offer. It was kindly & earnestly meant, and I was really pleased at his friendly disposition. I find much sentiment- of that kind here & but little that is friendly except in the ranks of the Ry. Com. forces!</p>
Diary 31, 1919 September 12-13	<p>-12th -</p> <p>Paid A. G. Thompson \$60.00 for taking depositions & paid all other bills for same - Bot my ticket for "<u>Alameda</u>" for tomorrow - for Cordova. Am leaving matter of defending against depositions of Grigsby here, with Boyle, Thompson & Regar - the latter a young attorney , etc. My neuralgia is slowly getting better but I have had much pain & it is going out of my face slowly.</p> <p>-13-</p> <p>Left Anchorage this afternoon on the "Alameda" - down Cook Inlet for Seward -- nothing new - comfortable on boat.</p>
Diary 31, 1919 September 14	<p>-14-</p> <p>Rolled heavily in a "Southeastern" - entered Resurrection Bay this afternoon - went to the Seward - George Sexton's hotel - Ritchie, & the court officials went out on the Alameda for Valdes - Poor "Ike Evans, Dep. Marshal - killed last week by Dempsey - a highwayman - funeral out on Alameda, also. Raining. Just before I left Anchorage I received a telegram from Reed, Valdes, saying that notice of taking depositions had been served on him - for Cordova 19th, Anchorage 23rd, Seldovia 19th , Kodiak 22, and Afognak 23rd. Have been</p>
Diary 31, 1919 September 14-15	<p>14</p> <p>trying today to figure out matter of sending some one to westward points - as I have Cordova & Anchorage covered - I would like to go westward - but fear I may get "marooned" & dare not run that risk - but so far have no one to go.</p> <p>-15-</p> <p>Sextons Hotel - watchful waiting - no boats either way for a week - Am trying to persuade Ray - L.V. to go on the "Watson" & take depositions of</p>

	<p>Grigsbys witnesses to the westward - he is trying to get Regar, of Anchorage, to return here & go on the trip - no one wants the trip.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 16-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-16-</p> <p>Same as yesterday - spent the evening at the Episcopal residence visiting Mr. Zinn, minister, who took dinner with me at the restaurant. Telegram from Regar saying he cannot go on the "Watson." Also telegram in answer to one from me to George Dooley, at Cordova. Am telegraphing him to take evidence & defend my rights where Donohoe takes depositions on 19th for Grigsby.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17-</p> <p>Same as yesterday . Sent final telegram instruction to Geo. Dooley, Cordova, about depositions there to be taken on the 19th.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>I have arranged with George Sexton to go on the "Watson" to Kodiak, Afognak, & Seldovia & act for me in taking depositions in Contest Case.</p> <p>The "Watson" came in tonight at 9 p.m. & will go out early in the morning. Hayes, Notary Public, and a Mr. Almy, will be the other members of the party - & represent my opponents - I gave Sexton \$50.00 - his ticket to Kodiak cost \$16.00</p> <p>Recd. a nice letter from Debbie & now look forward to taking the "Northwestern" for Juneau, -if I can get by Cordova, where some work waits.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 19-21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>The "Watson" did not leave Seward until noon today I instructed Sexton to make a formal objection to taking the testimony of witnesses at Seldovia on the 20th notice being for 19th . This afternoon paper says Grigsby is in Seattle coming to Alaska to assist in taking the depositions!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Nothing doing - just waiting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21st</p> <p>Sunday. It began to blow from the north about midnight & this morning the sun is shining in a clear sky - every mountain peak is sharp cut - & the highest have a light covering of new fallen snow.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 22-23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>"Northwestern" in harbor & left Seward on her this afternoon at 4 oclock - Bob Heckman & wife from Ketchikan are on board - he is making a political tour of the Territory. We ran into Port Ashton at 9 p.m. & laid up for the night taking on fish.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Valdes about noon - the court officials - Bunnell, Brenneman etc. got on board going to Cordova - Ritchie & Reed also, - Arrived at Cordova at 8:30 pm. George Dooley says that my opponents got</p>

<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 23-25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>evidence of 8 illegal votes on us in their depositions - left such arrangements as I could make for taking their depositions at McCarthy etc. Recd. letter & copies of our depositions from Henry T. Ray from Fairbanks - a good record & I sent them a night letter of good cheer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Left Cordova early this morning - Northwestern & had a fine days run past Cape St. Elias.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25th -</p> <p>Fine day at sea - entered Icy Strait at 5 oclock this afternoon & will arrive at Juneau about midnight</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>Arrived in Juneau at 1:30 a.m. - & went to the Gastineau Hotel. Slept till noon & have spent the afternoon & evening with my friends considering the evidence & that of my opponents in Contest Case. Grigsby is here & served notice of taking Indian depositions here in Juneau tomorrow. Dinner with Valentine.</p> <p>Recd. two long delayed letters from Debbie - Ed. Russell tells me he saw her & Darrell in Seattle. Ed. Russell is packing his newspaper plant - the Dispatch - & will ship it to Seattle - this will leave Juneau with only one paper - the "Empire," Troy's paper.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 27-29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Taking of Grigsby depositions set for today went over to Tuesday evening by agreement. Nothing much doing - the "Empire" is roasting me editorially every day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Sutherland - the Cobbs & a Mr. Robinson present. Preparing for examination witnesses Tuesday - Sent telegrams of inquiry to Boyle, Anchorage & Sexton, Seward.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Nothing exciting - getting ready for depositions tomorrow etc.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 September 30-October 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Recd. telegrams from Boyle & Sexton saying Grigsbys agent got no evidence of illegal votes at Kodiak, Afognak or Seldovia.</p> <p>Took depositions of several witnesses - the witnesses of Grigsby - & nothing new - adjourned till 11 oclock tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Octo. 1st -</p> <p>Took balance Juneau depositions for Grigsby today I think they do not hurt my case & are immaterial. We will both go to Ketchikan on the SS. Watson tonight. Things here in pretty good shape - attorneys will do the rest.</p>

<p>Diary 31, 1919 October 2-8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Octo 2nd</p> <p>Enroute to Ketchikan -- the -- "funny-man" set Grigsby & me side by side at the dining table - but we were so friendly & good natured - enjoyed each others society go fully - that the joke - if any - was on the funny man. Met Griggs & party just back from their Katmai expedition etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Working on case etc all week & today took depositions of several Grigsby witnesses - he scored 2 illegal votes on me - they merely voted out of their precincts. Sent telegrams of inquiry tonight to Anchorage, Fairbanks & Nome - for information as to what opponents are doing.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 October 12-14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Took balance of Grigsby depositions yesterday - he gained 4 illegal votes on me - not enough. If my theory and law is upheld by the Com. I will beat him for the facts are with me strong - We are finished -- except he wants to take evidence of 4 more witnesses at Wrangell. I hope to go south soon -- telegrams from over Territory show he has done very little.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13th</p> <p>Grigsby gave Notice of taking more depositions here on 15th. Dinner last (Sunday) evening with Mr. & Mrs. Heckman - very pleasant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Testimony of witnesses for Grigsby in Wrangell today.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 October 15-25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Dep. more witnesses today - Bob Heckman employed me to secure expert advice about his right to require users of floating traps to pay him for infringement of patents - paid me \$250. retainer. <u>Left Ketchikan at 4 pm</u> on the "City of Seattle" - for Seattle Grigsby also on board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Reached Seattle, Found Debbie & Darrell waiting for me at Frye Hotel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Took final depositions of-witnesses - Lomen, Frawley, Bakke, <u>Nome</u>, Blix, <u>Copper Center</u>, Kraft, <u>Kodiak</u>, etc. This ends the taking of evidence in Contest Case. We must now go to Wash. D.C. to prepare briefs & arguments.</p>
<p>Diary 31, 1919 October 28- November 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Had my tooth extracted, <u>by Dr. Myor</u>, & broken jaw from Valdes assault repaired. He says I barely escaped a general paralysis of the right side of my face & head - the nerves were not destroyed but almost.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Nov. 3rd -</p> <p>Settled acts. etc. & ready to go East tomorrow.</p>

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	<p>Darrell went to Cal. yesterday. -Nov 4th - Left Seattle this morning 9:45 on Milwaukee Ry. for Washington.</p>
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