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| Diary 44, 1935-1936 | <p>[Front cover]</p> <p>Private Diary. JAMES WICKERSHAM. July 10th, 1935. --- to --- Feb. 12, 1936</p> |
| | <p>[inside front cover – clipping]</p> <p>Sourdough October 4, 1935 Just a Minute, Judge!</p> <p>Judge James Wickersham of Juneau sent a “bar” story to the recent reunion to be read at the Prevaricators’ Luncheon which bears retelling. It wasn’t his story. He said he stole it the same as the old Yukon liars do most of the yarns they repeat to openmouthed Sourdoughs and Sourdoughesses. The story has been told to him by old Bill Woodman, a grizzled frontiersman who said he hunted buffalo on the plains with Dick Willoughby, and who had taken his oath many times, between drinks, that the incident happened when he was present at Dick’s cabin on Willoughby Island in Glacier Bay.</p> <p>Old Dick had made a small fortune in the Cariboo mines, had later invested it in a dance hall, and enjoyed himself in telling yarns to Boston tourists when the boats landed at the Juneau wharves. One day the subject of the great brown bear of Glacier Bay came up for consideration, and one of the Boston tourists suggested that such huge animals must be slow and lubberly in their movements. Dick said, “No”, and gave his personal assurance from his daily observation that on the contrary they were the most agile and quickest in their movements of any large animal known to man, and to prove his assertion, told them this story.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bear Nears</p> <p>“One of these huge bears approached my house one morning, on Glacier Bay, as I opened my front door to get a breath of fresh air. He was an elephant in size, about fourteen feet from his nose to his tail and as big as an ox! He was following up</p> |

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| | <p>the path from the sea shore to my house, which led straight to my front door where I stood. My old buffalo gun hung over the door, I took it down and waited till he should come nearer. About fifty yards from my house, the trail crossed a little rise of ground and when he reached that rise he evidently saw the house for the first time. A bear’s eyesight is not sharp and this one exhibited his surprise at seeing the house with me standing in the door, by stopping suddenly, raising his head and opening his mouth. Just at that vital moment I rested my gun against the right door jamb and fired. The bullet struck the bear along the top of his tongue and went clear through him from end to end ranging just below his back bone, and that monster ‘bar’ was that quick in turning around that while the bullet was making that fourteen-foot passage between his tongue and its exit beneath his tail, he turned so exactly half around, that when the bullet came back and split the door jamb within three inches of my face. I’ve always been thankful that the bar, probably by reason of age, was just the fraction of a second slow in turning, else that bullet would certainly have hit me in the eye.”</p> <p>“Now”, says Judge Wickersham, “if any of you old Sourdough sons of Ananias ever shot a bear that could turn around quicker than Dick Willoughby’s giant bear from Glacier Bay, tell about it-but be truthful-don’t lie about it.”</p> <p>The Judge also invites Sourdoughs everywhere when traveling through Juneau to drop into his office and renew acquaintances.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 July 11-13 | <p style="text-align: right;">July 11th 1935</p> <p>Preparing petition int the matter of making Hellenthal & Hellenthal pay the costs asses against the National Surety Co. by the final judgment of the U.S. Ct. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit in the Mathison Heirs case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12th –</p> <p>Wrote a letter to Louis Shotridge, of Sitka asking about Frank Dennison & to Delegate Dimond advising him that Sec. 228 p. 213, 2nd Alaska Rept. is interesting in relating to the Matanuska settlers – that the Russians made similar settlements at</p> |

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| | Seldovia, Ninilchik, Kenai, Tyonek, & Knik! As usual in the office. Working on National Surety Co. costs! -13 th - As usual in the office. |
| Diary 44, 1935 July 14-15 | -14 th - Working in the office preparing the pleading to compel Hellenthal and Hellenthal to pay the costs & moneys in their hands due me & my clients in the Mathison case! I have received from the Governor's office an official copy of the Thlinget & Haida Indian Land law. It is not as liberal to the Indians personally as the Bill I drew – it was changed in present Congress by the officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs! -15 th In the office as usual working on Matheson costs matter. Hon. Chase S. Osborn, former Governor of Michigan, and his daughter called: they are on the |
| Diary 44, 1935 July 15-16 | 15 S.S. Alaska at the wharf and spent an hour – at my library at home, in talking about their visit to the Matanuska settlers near Anchorage, - and also about my Alaska Library. I gave the Gov. a copy of my Bibliography & enjoyed the visit with him & his daughter very much. He showed me a telegram from President Roosevelt asking him to come to Washington & tell him about Matanuska colony! -16 th - In the office, finished with draft of petition to compel Hellenthal & Hellenthal, Attys for National Surety Co. to pay costs & \$250 ⁰⁰ etc. for which they are personally liable Act. Company non-resident foreign corporation. |
| Diary 44, 1935 July 17-19 | -17 th - Same as usual in the office. Writing letters to Hon. Cecil H. Clegg urging him & Nerland, Ross, C. Johnson, Taylor & others to meet & organize the Republican party in their Division: also answering other correspondence. -18 th - A good many old men – pioneers come in to get an increase in their Pioneer Pensions – the men of 40 years ago are now getting to be 80 & the Territory |

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| | gives them aid – not to exceed \$35 ⁰⁰ per month. Of course I don not charge them for such work! Women also get pensions – those over 65 years of age – same as the men! -19 th - Same as yesterday. Attended |
| Diary 44, 1935 July 19-22 | 19 the reception to the Naval Officers – Big crowd – music & dancing, but Grace & I remained only a short time. -20 th - Nothing important – no business. Lunch at the Bar Association, many present but dull! Prof. Lester B. Henderson came to my library & talked an hour or so. He seemed interested in my activities and I wonder why? -21 st - Had a good walk up to “Cape Horn,” on the Basin road. U.S. Naval vessels in the harbor. Town enjoying the fleet – many drunk! -22 nd - Served papers on the Hellenthal & Hellenthal, in costs etc. in the Matheson case. Several |
| Diary 44, 1935 July 22-24 | 22 tourists off boats called this evening among them a Mr. Hall & a medico friend from Beeville, Texas, with introduction from Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hunt – “Lucile Taylor” – my sister May's daughter and my favorite niece. -23d- My old Valdez friend, Mrs. Burr (Crawford v Burr, 2 nd Alaska Law Report – p.33) called while the boat is at the wharf: She & her husband are enroute to Valdez to look at the old town & take a trip over the trail to Fairbanks. There are several cases of small pox in town – so I was vaccinated again today. -24- Wrote a letter to Sec. of State, Carson City, Nevada asking for data about Govr. John H. Kinkaid, first Gov. of Alaska. |
| Diary 44, 1935 July 25-26 | -25- Letter on the political – Republican situation in Alaska addressed to Judge Cecil H. Clegg. It |

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| | <p>begins to look as if the next National campaign may oust Roosevelt & bring in a Republican President. The last issue of the Alaska Weekly – Seattle – has my opinion in McGinley v Cleary, 2nd Alaska Laws Rept. page 269, copied in full, with picture of self and Chas. E. Claypool, atty – apparently as a “runner-up” for the Sourdough Reunion of Aug. 15 etc. It will save me from writing a silly letter for that event. -26th -</p> <p>Working on Uptown Theater – trying to save the stockholders & the company. It is a badly mixed financial mess.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 July 27-30</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">-27th –</p> <p>Same as yesterday. 28th</p> <p>Sunday – nothing new. -29th –</p> <p>In the office as usual. Paulson & Brown are getting a good number of the stockholders of the Uptown Theater Co. to sign the agreement giving me power to represent them in support of their financial troubles. -30th -</p> <p>Jack Hellenthal called to consult about my Lien claim on account of costs in the Matheson v National Surety Co’s case: Jack is greatly agitated about my treat to file my Lien in the court – but offers no settlement in the matter. He is just aiding Si. in trying to defeat my claim – a shipster trick.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 July 31- August 1</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-31-</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAMS MEET FRIENDS ON SHIP</p> <p>Renewing acquaintances with Judge and Mrs. James Wickersham last night were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Clark of Los Angeles. The Clarks are round-trip passengers on the Prince Robert from Vancouver, B.C., and they visited the Wickershams while that vessel was in port.</p> <p>Clark is President of the Arthur H. Clark Publishing Company of Glendale, Cal. and Cleveland O.</p> |

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| | <p>Working in the office as usual, on Brief in the case of Femmer v City of Juneau Mr. Arthur H. Clark, book publishers, his wife, daughter & her husband, called at our house & spent an hour or two in my library. Mr. Clark published Mrs. Nichols history of Alaska under American rule - & I have bought many books from his Cleveland, Ohio, establishment. He now resides in Los Angeles, where he is yet engaged in publishing – with houses in Cleveland & L.A. He was greatly interested in my library! -August 1st -</p> <p>Same as yesterday. I was born & lived in Patoka, Illinois until I was 17 years old – the home paper has the following to say: -</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 August 1-3</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PATOKA, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1935 DEGREE CONFERRED ON HON. JAMES WICKERSHAM</p> <p>A feature of the annual commencement exercises of the Alaska Agricultural College was the conferring of Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree on James Wickersham.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham was born south of Patoka and spent his boyhood days here with his parents. He studied law in Springfield, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. Locating in Washington he served as probate judge in that state and as City Attorney of Tacoma, Wash.</p> <p>In 1900 he went to Alaska, serving as U.S. District Judge until 1907. He was a delegate to Congress for 12 years and it was during this time that he introduced the bill providing for the construction of the Alaska College. He worked whole heartedly for the establishment of the institution when the greater part of the people of the territory thought that the idea was impractical if not impossible.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham is thoroughly an Alaskan and has added much to the advancement of the country. One of his contributions is his book “A Bibliography of Alaskan Literature” which will remain a source of information for the historian and</p> |

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| | <p>student for a long time.</p> <p>In response when the Doctor's robe was placed on Judge Wickersham and the diploma presented, he replied, "I thank you."</p> <p>Last December Mr. Wickersham presented the Patoka Public Library with an autographed copy of his book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2nd -</p> <p>Studying Femmer v City of Juneau case for argument tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd</p> <p>Court passed argument in Femmer v City of Juneau until next Friday at Faulkner request.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 August 3-4 | <p style="text-align: center;">3rd continued -</p> <p>We attended a "surprise" birthday party at Dr. DeVigne's - Mrs. DeVigne's birthday - number not stated - but it was very enjoyable 200 friends called during the evening. The DeVignes will leave Juneau for future residence in California some time in October.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>A beautiful Sunday morning. Worked & read all day in library. Working on Bremner's Biography. Wrote a letter to Wilcox, H.W. Los Angeles asking him to submit my Ms. "Old Yukon Trails" to Mr. Arthur H. Clark, book publisher - who visited us at home last week. If he won't publish - then on the top shelf - <u>or to a law publishers!</u></p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 August 5-7 | <p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Was vaccinated some week or 10 days ago - it "took" - well but not bad. Small pox in town but mild.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Working in the office - nothing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Lyle Post, the famous flyer, and Will Rogers, the equally famous player and funny man reached Juneau this afternoon by Airplane from Seattle - a single flight in less than 8 hours without stop. They had dinner with the Governor & tonight they both talked over the radio, which gave them an audience in S.E. Alaska & probably in the Kodiak-Copper river country. They are buying an outfit for a trip to the interior & probably to Moscow?</p> |

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| Diary 44, 1935 August 8-9 | <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Hans Berg the carpenter is today inspecting the upper floor of the Uptown Theater, with a view to ascertaining the cost of putting in 4 apartments - at the request of Chas. Waynor, a prospective purchaser or on a settlement of the financial difficulties of the Theatre Company.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Case of Femmer v City came up today on the demurrer of Faulkner for the City to our complaint. Faulkner appeared & with drew his demurrer & asked leave to file an Answer: court granted his motions. This give him an advantage, for he will now set up a defense & take testimony & if he succeeds, it will be so expensive that Femmer cannot appeal!</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 August 10-12 | <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>In court this morning - nothing much: old cases stricken from calendar.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Raining Sunday. Called at the Hotel to see Rex Beach but he had company etc. and did not see him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Rex Beach called at my office & while we were having a good talk White also called. White had never met Beach & I introduced them. After white left I showed Beach a copy of my Bibliography & he expressed great surprise & pleasure at receiving a copy of it. He examined it briefly and praised it highly. Invited him to dinner Wednesday (day after tomorrow) & he accepted - also told me that Rhinehart, N.Y. publisher of his books had mentioned my Ms to him!</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 August 13-14 | <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Took copy of my Ms. "Old Yukon Trails" over & left it for Beach to inspect since he expressed he wished to see it. I am hard up for money and wrote a letter to A.W. Winden, my Tacoma agent suggesting I would sell my dairy ranch on the Puyallup if I could get a fair price & asked him if it could be sold for such a price. Of course, Darrell owns a half interest & must approve the sale if one can be had, which I doubt.</p> |

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| | -14 th - |
| | We had a fine dinner party this evening at our home: Gov. Troy, his daughter, Mrs. Bender, his sister; Mrs. Stone & her husband, Dr. and Mrs. DeVigne, Mrs. O'Malley & Rex Beach. Grace had a fine dinner & we |
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| | enjoyed a two hours talk in the library. Rex Beach was much pleased to see his own books & stories & to talk about his & my mutual friends at Rampart, Nome & along the Yukon. We sure had a good time. |
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| | Rex Beach brought back my M.S. "Old Yukon Trails," this morning & talked an hour – says its O.K. and ought to be published etc. He also said he would be "honored" to be allowed to write a forward for it. He was very kind & friendly. Also advised to print Jack Hines lyrical story about the Judge & Colonel in the Euchre Game. Dinner tonight at Dr. Councils. |
| Diary 44, 1935 August 15-16 | -15 th continued |
| | Dinner at Dr. Councils tonight Rex Beach, Mr. & Mrs. Council: Jack Hellenthal, Robertsons, Simpsons, Goldsteins, Gov. Troy, sister & husband, Dr. & Mrs. Whitehead, Grace & I etc. A fine dinner – but not much talk. |
| | August 16 th 1935. |
| | The Empire this morning early says: |
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| | EXTRA |
| | BULLETIN-Will Rogers and Wiley Post are dead. Both men were killed in a plane crash at Point Barrow the northernmost point on the American continent. |
| | This is the brief dispatch received by The Empire from the Associated Press early this morning. |
| | As soon as I heard this announcement I tried to get Rex Beach on the phone but he had left on the morning plane for Fairbanks. |

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| Diary 44, 1935 August 17 | -17 th - |
| | Poor Post and Will Rogers, just a little carelessness & bad luck as they tried to raise off a little stream where they had landed to inquire of Eskimos the route to Point Barrow – the plane headed up in the wind & raised some 50 feet above the ground when the wind failed them & the machine dropped, & they died – 15 miles away from Point Barrow. |
| | Faulkner served copy of his Answer in the case of Femmer v City of Juneau & Northern Train Co. & this evening he has a long statement about it – to his advantage, of course, printed in the Empire & in the Press |
| Diary 44, 1935 August 18-19 | -18 th - |
| | Sunday – nothing new about Post & Will Rogers – except their bodies are being carried to Seattle by a plane from Fairbanks which went to Point Barrow for them. Later: Much over the Radio about Post and Rogers - & the whole country mourns for them. |
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| | In the office as usual. |
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| | The SS. Alaska in today from the south. I went to the wharf with Robertson – we met Archie Roosevelt & a Mr. & Mrs. Clark. They are enroute to the interior to photograph Big Game etc. Roosevelt was very kind & I gave him a copy of my Bibliography. |
| Diary 44, 1935 August 20-21 | 20 th continued |
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| | FAMOUS HUNTER ARRIVE IN NORTH FOR BIG GAME |
| | Archibald Roosevelt, Dr. James Clark After Troph- ies with Gun, Camera |
| | Two of America's most famous big game hunters arrived in Juneau today aboard the Alaska, enroute to the interior to hunt with gun and camera, and also to study Alaska for future big game and trophy hunts. |
| | One is Archibald Roosevelt, son of the late Theodore Roosevelt and a first cousin of Franklin |

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| | <p>D. Roosevelt, and the other is Dr. James Lippitt Clark, Director of Arts Preparation and Installation of the American Museum of Natural History of New York, and also has his own studios for mounting big game and arranging exhibits.</p> <p>In Juneau, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Clark are making arrangements for their hunts with the Alaska Game Commission. Mr. Roosevelt also conferred with Judge James Wickersham, a friend and appointee as Federal Judge, of Theodore Roosevelt, while he was President.</p> <p>Dr. Clark., who is accompanied by his wife, will leave the Alaska at Cordova, traveling by the Copper River Railroad and Richardson Highway to Fairbanks and McKinley Park. Mr. Roosevelt will go to Fairbanks via Seward. Near Fairbanks he will meet his son, Archie Jr., who is working with a scientific party that is obtaining data for the American Museum of Natural History.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Clark Famous</p> <p>Mrs. Clark, who is also making the trip to Alaska, is also well known as a sculptress and has gained some renown as a huntress. Two black-maned lions, a grizzly bear and a number of antelope have fallen to her rifle on expeditions with her husband.</p> <p>She further shares her husband's traits in the artistic field and has portrayed the African elephant and gorilla as types of the animal world. Among her studies of human subjects are one of Lincoln Ellsworth, Amelia Earhart, Roy Chapman Andrews, an African warrior, and, not least because he is last, her husband.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. Dobbs the photographer whom I knew in Nome 1901-2, took dinner at my house last evening we looked at old pictures and talked.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 August 22-24</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Another plane – from Dawson to Fairbanks lost 3 days ago & tho all interior planes flying over the supposed line looking no one has yet discovered trace of the lost plane. Aboard is the flyer & 4 passengers! The old dog team is good enough for me!</p> |

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| | <p style="text-align: right;">-23rd –</p> <p>O'Malley is still in the hospital but his wife tells me he will be able to go south on the boat on Monday. Must call on him today.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-24th -</p> <p>My 78th Birthday! Well & strong – Grace made me a nice dinner & Darrell sent me \$100.⁰⁰ neckties etc.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 August 24-27</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">-24th – continued.</p> <p>Argument on Motion to Strike in Femmer v City of Juneau. No decision – court will hear us in full on Sept. 4th 2 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-25th –</p> <p>Sunday – worked in library. Wrote letters to Seattle Hd. Co. and Net & Fromi Co. about <u>when</u> & how much Si Hellenthal paid for Matheson accounts etc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-26th –</p> <p>Am writing article on Russian Kenai – Matanuska colony of 1842 – '44 in comparison with present U.S. farmers colony in same vicinity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-27th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 August 28-29</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">-28th –</p> <p>Rex Beach in town but went over to the islands in Icy Strait to see a friend before I had a chance to see him. Heard Bob Crawford sing in the Presbyterian church evening of 26th – fine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-29th -</p> <p>I am trying to interest Mr. Los Bernard in buying the Uptown Theatre project – the Co. is bankrupt. He is interested – but? Later. Rex Beach cam in & spent an hour talking about his reaction toward the Matanuska Colony. Govt. matter, says govt. is spending too much money etc. that the project is - must be a failure from all economic points, etc. etc. He will remain here until Saturday & then will go south!</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 August 30-31</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">-30th –</p> <p>Thirty five years ago I first met Fred Dunbar ("Tomikan"[?]) at Circle City. All these years he has been a freighter (with dogs or horses) in hauling supplies to the mines on Birch & the Fairbanks creeks, etc.</p> |

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| | <p>Today he is old & broken in health, and has been at the Pioneers Home at Sitka. Met him in Juneau today & invited him out to my home to dinner Enjoyed dinner with him & an hour showing him old Yukon river pictures. He enjoyed it very much. -31st -</p> <p>Ruth Coffin – Grace’s niece came on the “Northwestern” – am very glad to have her back for the winter. Youth, Life, Music & Happiness.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 1-3 | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sept. 1.</u></p> <p>Rex Beach went over to see some friends on Lemesurier Island yesterday by Airplane – cigars, liquors, books etc. His friends were not on the island & he come back to Juneau! No sign of the Fairbanks-Dawson air plane with 4 passengers – evidently lost in the mountains – dead. -2nd -</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Labor Day</u></p> <p>Beach called – a pleasant visit. Nothing new in the office. Letters to Darrell & Jim Wickersham, Patoka, Ill. -3rd -</p> <p>Ruth is settled & getting ready for school work on Tuesday. All her friends are here ready. Yesterday, 25 trucks hauled rock to fill between bridge & Douglas Is. finished last night – Serenade this morning with much noise & brew.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 3 | <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Nelson I. Beers has been in charge of making the rock fill between the bridge & the Douglas shore and has worked night & day to get it done by Labor Day & succeeded in putting the last truck load of rock at 2 oclock this morning! the truckmen then formed a line, allayed their thirst with quantities of beer, pulled the city officials of Douglas & Juneau out of bed, hoisted them on top of the trucks, & with horns blowing & all kinds of noises they serenaded both towns. And then, Nelson I. Beers, & Mifs Josephine McGinnis were married at her home at 7 pm last night in the midst of a group</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 3-4 | <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>of their young friends & later left on the boat for a short honeymoon. He is 25 years old, she is 17 &</p> |

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| | <p>they are a nice couple. Grace & I were invited – it was a nice ceremony, performed by Father Hubbard, S.J. the “glacier priest.” School opened today – groups of happy boys & girls, anxious mothers & many dogs. -4th -</p> <p>Argued motion to strike and the demurrer to Defts. Ans. in case of City of Juneau & Northern Trans. Co Femmer – against. A long argument against Faulkner – but the court held with me & held the City contract null & void. – A proper view of the law.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 5-6 | <p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>In the office as usual. Am standing the pleadings in the case I argued in court yesterday hoping to agree on a situation of safety under the court ruling Roden is now taking an interest in the case with me, but I am inclined to decide upon what shall be done. -6th -</p> <p>Busy in the office – talked to Roden & Faulkner about Si. Hellenthal’s embezzlement of the \$250⁰⁰ paid to him for John G. Grant, guardian, Matheson heirs, Roden denounces Si’s affidavit quoting him (Roden) as untrue – Faulkner looks out the window when I talk & squirms – he would. Served copy of order sustaining demurrer in Femmer case on Faulkner.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 7 | <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>In court this morning I asked Judge Alexander to sign an order sustaining my demurrer in the Femmer case – he pushed it aside roughly & said he wanted more time to consider it!! Since he leaves Juneau on Monday for a months rest in Oregon I can see that it means a long delay – for he later adjourned court until Oct. 15th!! Grace & several other of the friends of Dr. & Mrs. DeVigne, gave a farewell party to them at our house tonight. They are leaving next week for a new home in Santa Barbara, California. It was an enjoyable evening. Ruth led the music – singing by the crowd & Grace set the feast and both were good!</p> |

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-8th -

My Seattle friend C.S. Hubbell, called to see me yesterday. We talked historical matters and I invited him to spend this evening with me & take dinner. I wanted him to see my library in which he is greatly interested.

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Hubbell spent the evening in my library & we had a pleasant time.

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Busy in the office. Attended the dinner at the Parish House, Catholic. J.R. Crimont, S.J. An enjoyable evening – good dinner & pleasant talks.

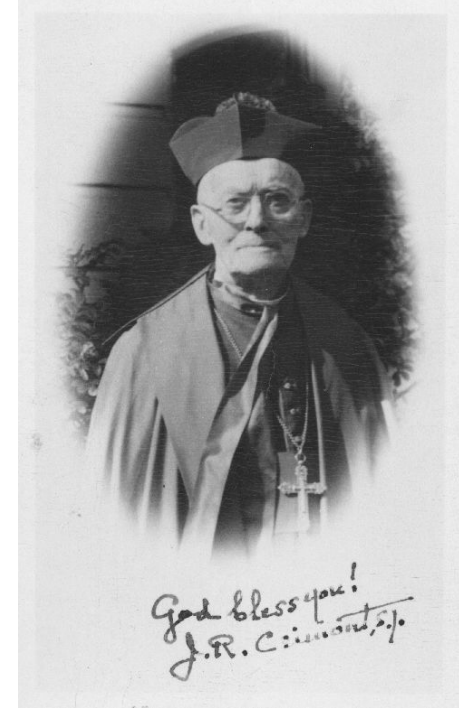
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**BISHOP CRIMONT TO
BE HONORED TONIGHT**

In honor of the Diamond Jubilee of the Bishop of Alaska, J.R. Crimont, S.J., D.D., a dinner will be given by his parisoners in the Parish Hall at 7 o'clock tonight.

Father Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J., will be the principal speaker. J.F. Mullen will be toastmaster, and responses will be made by Bishop Crimont, Gov. John W. Troy, Judge James Wickersham, Frank A. Boyle, Territorial Auditor, and Mayor I. Goldstein.

[loose picture of Bishop Crimont – signed God bless you! J.R. Crimont, S.J.]



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-11th -

Last day in Uptown Theatre case & no answer to my letter to Board of Directors - except Campbell!

-12th -

Nelson I Beers studied law with me, admitted to the bar last month – tried his first case – reckless driving – under advisement by court.

Paid ½ my city taxes \$117⁰⁰

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Saturday, October 12, at 1 p.m., was tentatively set as date of the bridge celebration according to Judge LeFevre, Alternate date was set as October 19.

It was suggested that the dedication day be declared a holiday by the two mayors, and that engineers keep the bridge closed until the opening. The committee also proposed that Douglas residents cross the bridge after the opening and form a procession line to start at the Triangle corner and thence down Front Street, led by the

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| | <p>Juneau band in full blare. The queens of the twin cities with their entourage will follow the band, after which will come the governor, secretary of the territory, the two mayors and other notables. Henry Roden was designated as master of ceremonies, and the program includes short, addresses by the governor, territorial secretary, chief of the bureau of public roads, engineer in charge of construction, and Judge Wickersham, and the smashing of a bottle of Ketchikan beer or Juneau soda water by the governor for the christening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th –</p> <p>In the office as usual. Also writing a story about the Wickersham family for the 4th reunion (every 5 years) of the family Association at Kennett Sq. Penn. Oct. 5</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 September 14</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Busy in the office. Arnold of Ketchikan called, & talked politics! I told him I would not be a candidate for Delegate, Delegate to the Rep. Nat. Convention or any other office, & would support him in his efforts to organize the Rep. party, that I would not give any support to Wm L. Paul, and disliked to see Al. White or Rasmussen recognized in any way. That I would support Clegg if nominated for Delegate on the Rep. ticket. Gave him letters of introduction to Charles Taylor, Bunnell & Bob Bloom. Arnold is a supporter of Borah & ought to go to the Rep. Nat. Committee</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 September 15-18</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-15th –</p> <p>Wrote a letter to Wickersham Family Association – (care Judge Frank B. Wickersham Harrisburg, Pa.) holding Reunion at Kennett Square, to be read by Judge Frank B. on Oct. 5th date of the Reunion. <u>The Wickersham s on the Pacific Coast.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16th –</p> <p>As usual in the office. Also catching up with correspondence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th –</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Mike Sullivan, called while northbound boat at the dock.</p> |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday, asked Jack Hellenthal to act in amount of \$250. withheld by Si – Jack promised to talk tomorrow!</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 September 19-20</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-19-</p> <p>Wrote letter to Darrell. At noon every day Henry Roden, Charley Wagner, collector, Fox, attorney & Beers meet in my office & we smoke cigars & talk for an hour. Jack Hellenthal has proposed a way to Settle my trouble with his firm about the Matheson costs. I don't like it but I don't like the fight either & if I can get a fair settlement I will do so!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Have begun consideration of Jack Hellenthals proposition – he has given me a long winded agreement & wishes me to get John G. Grant & the new guardian of the Matheson heirs to sign it – it doesnt look good at first glance.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 September 21-22</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-21st –</p> <p>Mrs. Captain Brown. U.S. Rev. Cutter called up & asked to bring Captain Desmwolf & his wife up to see my library – they came & we had a pleasant hour. He is the head of the Coast Survey boats in Alaska. In the evening our long time friend Sargeant, of the Geological Survey called & spent a pleasant hour.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Sunday, working on my letter to A.J. Hellenthal about the \$250⁰⁰ his brother Si, retained which was sent by their client, the National Surety Co. to pay that sum agreed to be paid by the Surety Co. as part of the costs on Stipulation for settlement on July 7, 1931 –a slippery transaction.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 September 23-25</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> <p>Finished writing my letter to J.A. Hellenthal – Grace will type it. Talked with Watson, Sec. to Governor Troy, asked him to suggest to the Gov. that he confer with Pres. Bunnell of the University on his trip to Fairbanks about securing government aid for publication of a history of Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24th –</p> <p>Recd. letter from Darrell about money – says he</p> |

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| | <p>will send me \$75⁰⁰ per month & charges to one of my bonds!! Delivered copies of letter to Hellenthal & Hellenthal in re Matheson Estate - \$250⁰⁰ & also to Roden & Faulkner!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Nothing new – raining. Answering correspondence.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 26-27 | <p style="text-align: center;">-26 – 27-</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. Answering correspondence and especially writing to Winden & Englund Tacoma and Enumclaw about Nan's Est. and Harry's condition. Also I received letter from Darrell about selling the Puyallup valley dairy farm – he is not enthusiastic about selling & finally suggested that he would send me \$75.00 per month & charge it against the bonds his mother left to him but with the trust that he would use them to assist me if in my old age I needed that assistance. For forty years & more I have not needed it, but now on act. of the Roosevelt depression my income is cut pretty small by reason of failure of clients to pay I am</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 26-27 | <p style="text-align: center;">-26 – 27-</p> <p>inclined to allow him to use the bonds in the way he suggests. He is happily beyond danger of financial difficulty himself – he has a life long income of about \$250.00 per month as a retired Naval officer, and a good job with the Ins. Co. of N.A. - \$25,000 in money on deposit, no family except his wife, Jane, and both very economical in spending, and the one half of my Puyallup farm \$5000 in bonds left him by his mother our of our community estate when she passed away – so why not? Of course, I own my own home here in Juneau, and the house & lot between the Bishop Apts (which belong to Grace) & the Presbyterian church - & my income from rents amounts to \$90. per month.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 26-27 | <p style="text-align: center;">-26 – 27-</p> <p>I could get along all right if people who owe me would – or could – pay but they are unable to do that promptly, and then taxes are high etc. etc. so \$75⁰⁰ per month would keep the wolf away & allow</p> |

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| | <p>me to live in peace & still keep my office open, and work on my historical collection in a small way at the same time. I will leave by half interest in the Puyallup farm to Darrell by my will & thus repay him corn if the bonds to not</p> <p>Last night I sent a telegram to Chas. E. Bunnell, Pres. University at Fairbanks to consult with Gov. Troy who is enroute to Fairbanks about making an allowance from public (U.S.) funds to enable me to write the History of Alaska, in conjunction</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 26-27 | <p style="text-align: center;">-26 – 27-</p> <p>with Geoghegan – told Bunnell to have Governor Troy confer with G at the same time. If the money can be secured I would give my whole time – practically – to that work & transfer my office law work to Beers or some one else & when I am 80 years old – in two years – retire entirely form the law practice, for I find that people do not want a man of my age as an attorney!! I am working in my leisure time now on a series of Biographies of Early Day Prominent characters of Alaska! Gov Kinkaid, first Gov. Jack McQuesten, Capt. Mayo, & his group, etc. ands the Early Russian Governors of Russian America which work I greatly enjoy.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 27-30 | <p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>I will leave this material in my library for the use of future scholars & students of Alaska History, if it is not possible to get it in type before I pass over the last great divide. I am now 78 years old.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th –</p> <p>Nothing new. Wrote letter to Joe Anicich, Tanana, for information about Jack McQuesten etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th – 30th -</p> <p>In office as usual. Tom. Ashby, one of the early miners in Juneau and Circle City called & we talked about George E. Pilz, the first prospector geologist & locator of mines in the S.E. Alaska. Ashby says he was with Pilz on the night Pilz died in September 1925 at Eagle City, Alaska.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 September 30-October 1 | <p style="text-align: center;">-30th continued</p> <p>Wrote a letter to the Librarian of Freiberg Academia, Freiberg, Germany asking for information about George E. Pilz – if ever a student</p> |

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| | <p>there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 1, 1935</u></p> <p>Wm L. Paul came into my office today & urged me to confer with Dr. Paul Gordon, of the U.S. Indian Bureau about becoming one of the attorneys for the Thlinget & Haida Indians in the suit to recover the value of the possessory rights of the ancestors of the present Indians under the Act of Congress enacted & approved on June 19, 1935 Dr. Gordon is leaving today on air plane for Fairbanks or Nome and I am to see him on his return for final consideration of the matter.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 October 2-3 | <p style="text-align: center;">-2 – 3-</p> <p>Jim York is “fussing” because I took the option for the “Horrible” & “Mexican” mining claims in my name instead of his. Well, we were partners in taking the option & he owes the Beherends Bank note of \$150⁰⁰ on which I am surety so I thought I was ok, and he agreed to it at the time – but he talks too much. He wants to sell it & I want to be safe: I sent the Option back to Col. J.J. Crossley, Portland, Or. today by registered mail to have an acknowledgement affixed & if it is I will then file it for record, & Jim can talk all he pleases to his proposed purchasers.</p> <p>Interview today with Dr. Paul Gordon, in charge of Indian Affairs in S.E. Alaska, about the suit</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 October 3-5 | <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>by the Tlinget and Haida people for recovery of the value of their possessory rights in S.E. Alaska. He is friendly to my being employed as attorney in the case for the Indians! Also with John Harris, <u>same</u>. of the founder of Juneau – a half breed – same. John loaned me his Scrap Book containing statement by his father written in 1900, about mining locations 1880.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4-</p> <p>As usual in office. Made will for John J. Blom.- Bolm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5-</p> <p>Prof Wilcox of the University of Alaska called, invited him to dinner Sunday evening – he is preparing to start his Mining Course at the A.B. Hall on Monday & seems to think he will have good</p> |

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| | <p>classes.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 October 6-10 | <p style="text-align: center;">-6-</p> <p>Wilcox took dinner with us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>Writing letter to Sec. of the Interior, Harold E. Ickes, about extending the Matanuska farm project southward to include the Kenai shore lands.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th –</p> <p>Preparing data for my address at the dedication of the Juneau-Douglas bridge next Sunday. Subject: Santa Clause & Alaska: Discovery & developing of the Treadwell Mine! & the influence on Alaska mining.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th –</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Recd. letter & check from Dribelbis, Fairbanks for \$33⁷⁵ bal. Grubstake dividends, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Recd letter from Wilcox – from Arthur H.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 October 10-13 | <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Clark & Co. publishers, refusing to publish my Ms. “Old Yukon Trails” & giving me the reasons why it is not fit for publication – the first criticism of value that I have yet had. I will have it returned to me for repairs?</p> <p>Check from Darrell for another \$75⁰⁰</p> <p>Other correspondence, etc. Ordered new suit clothes = R.H. Williams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th – 12th –</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> <p>Long talk with John Harris, son of Dick Harris, discoverer with Joe Juneau, guided by Kowee, the Auke Chief, of Silver Bow Basin gold in 1880. John resents Pilz’s statement wherein his father is criticised, etc. etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dedication of the Douglas Bridge.</u></p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 October 13-14 | <p style="text-align: center;">-13th –</p> <p>A big parade from Juneau to Douglas across the new Bridge – The Governor & others (including self) spoke, some music, everybody cold & a rather dreary time of it.</p> |

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| | <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wickersham Introduced</p> <p>The main address of the afternoon was that of James Wickersham, of whom Mr. Roden said in his introduction: "He has been associated with the development of the Territory perhaps more than any other person present today, having partaken in the development of Alaska since its early days, aided in the securing of the railroad from Seward to Fairbanks, and been an ardent booster for the Gastineau Channel Bridge from the first days of its early mention."</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham chose for his subject the relation of the Treadwell mine to the development of the entire Territory of Alaska, citing the fact that the Dawson claims and the great opening of the Klondike were the discoveries of miners originally employed at the old Treadwell mine, and that \$450,000,000 had thus been located in Alaska by Treadwell miners.</p> <p>"They will tell you," he said, "that Santa Claus got us this bridge, but I tell you, Santa Claus had nothing to do with it. The Treadwell miners, with their discoveries, their initiative, and their ability to work, alone are responsible."</p> <p>Discussing the naming of the bridge Douglas, for the island to which it runs, Mr. Wickersham remarked that the bridge had been named so by Juneau residents because "one always names a bridge for the place to which it goes." In predicting, therefore, that Douglas residents would soon be calling the bridge "Juneau," he suggested as a solution that the new structure be renamed "Kowee Bridge" for the famous Auk Indian chief who befriended Joe Juneau and Richard T. Harris in their first arrival in Gastineau Channel, and whose homesite lay at the Juneau end of the bridge, his placer claims at the other.</p> <p>Mention of the "New Deal" and its part in the allocation of funds by several of the speakers brought prolonged applause.</p> <p>"Kow-ee" [Wickersham draws arrow to incorrectly</p> |

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| | <p>spelled name.]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14-</p> <p>Everybody is glad the Bridge Dedication is over. It is a big Democratic spread – political hurrah – paid out of the Fed. Treasury.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 October 15-16 | <p style="text-align: center;">-15th –</p> <p>District Court convenes today – the judge got back from his "resteure" in Missouri yesterday – grand jury meets today. The principal business will be the trial of about 20 "strikers" – Union men – arrested two or three months ago for "Riot." I was both amused & pleased today when</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> <p>Long talk with Jack Wilson, a great friend of the Indians who will talk for me as Attorney in their land suit.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 October 17-19 | <p style="text-align: center;">-17th –</p> <p>Made a talk – answered questions – to the children of the 4th grade in the public schools on Alaska – Eskimo, fish, birds etc. etc. Enjoyed it very much & I think the children did also. Jack Hellenthal brought me a copy of an agreement signed by Mrs. Mathison & her three daughters approving Si's job of closing their estate & keeping the \$250⁰⁰ – to read – he agreed to give me a copy of the paper upon my giving him a copy of some parts of the record which I have – I agreed!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18th –</p> <p>Alaska Day! Nothing unusual. Quiet as Sunday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>Sent papers etc. in Hans Wickersham</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 October 19-22 | <p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>case form Petersburg to U.S. Attorney Holzheimer with request that the matter be presented to the Grand Jury – mail Also mailed to J.A. Hellenthal the copies of Grants & Faulkners letters etc. he asked for.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20th –</p> <p>Sunday – in the library.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21st –</p> <p>Filed Option from Mrs. Kratz for two mining claims – Horrible & Mexican. Also declaration of Trust for</p> |

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| | <p>York.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Finished letter to Sec. Int. Ickes about Kenai – Kachemak Bay project. Jack Hellenthal gave me a copy of the paper signed by Mrs. Matheson – Sec & her daughters finally consenting to Si. Hellenthals agreement with Roden & Faulkner closing the Matheson Estate – just a wicked wrong to the children.</p> |
| | <p>Rex Beach 322 Central Park West New York, N.Y.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 October 23-25</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Octo. 23, 1935.</p> <p>U.S. Atty. asked me to telegraph to Petersburg & have Dr. Rude send witness against Hans Wickersham, to appear before the Grand Jury in charges of cruelty in arresting persons charged with small crimes – beating them with “billys” & other dangerous weapons.</p> <p>Finished letters to Sec. of Int. Ickes about extension of the Matanuska Colony to the Kenai farm lands south of Turnagain Arm etc. Of interest to Alaskans – but it may not attract Ickes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24 – 25-</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 October 26-28</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-26th –</p> <p>Saturday, heavy snow storm. Witness here in Hans Wickersham case from Petersburg. Writing letters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27th –</p> <p>Sunday at home – reading Muir’s “Travels in Alaska” – fine book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>W^m L. Paul is in trouble – charged with meddling with jurors etc. The people of Petersburg sent</p> |

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| | <p>witnesses to me and asked that they be called before the Grand Jury in relation to other matters – this morning I learned that they are also to complain about Pauls embezzlement of a large sum of money which he collected & failed to pay over in a cannery case arising at Petersburg. It is just too bad that</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 October 28-29</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>he cannot restrain his greed for he is an intelligent and unusually bright half breed Indian & has a wide and influential power among his own people – he could do as much good if he would only follow honest paths.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Paul was brought before Judge Alexander on the contempt charge – on the hearing Judge Alexander found him guilty of Contempt – fined him \$100. and suspended him from practicing in his court for six months! The latter part – suspension – is void under the decision of the Ct. Court of Appeals in the case of “Liber v U.S. [?] Fed. 881: I called that case to Rodens attention:</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 October 30-31</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-30th –</p> <p>The Union paper, the Dispatch, is out today with a most vicious attack on the court officials in the case of the U.S. v 33 strikers – and quote their attorney, coming on the first boat to defend the indicted men, in the use of language toward the court & “shysters” <u>who defend them</u>, in extreme criticism! The grand jury is yet in session & I fear more trouble – soon! Fortunately I have not mixed in it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>Joined the Elks Lodge last night – demit[?] from Tacoma Lode when I joined in 1898. Was given a friendly reception. W^m L. Paul brought the Demert</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 October 31- November 2</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>cases: Smith’s, Husband & Wife plaintiffs vs Demert Packing Co. & Charles, Emma & George Demert, as partners, doing business under the name of Demmert Packing Co. Depts over to see me this afternoon, for trial on tomorrow – by jury, under the Workmans Compensation Law – for \$3600. & \$1200. atty fees & costs.</p> |

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| | <p align="center">-Nov. 1, 1935-</p> <p>Nothing worth mentioning, just work as usual in the office. Case of Smith v Demmert Packing Co. compromised & judgment entered. -Nov. 2nd -</p> <p>A very interesting matter is pending before the Grand Jury – the indictment of W^m L. Paul, for obtaining money under fraudulent pretenses!!</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 November 2 | <p align="center">2</p> <p>I am informed by rumors that the Grand Jury has not brought in the indictment & wishes to adjourn without doing so, but the judge is said to have told the Pros. Atty he would not discharge the Grand Jury until a full examination of the various charges of bad practices against Paul had been examined & indictments returned! The town is full of such rumors, but whether they are true or not I do not know!! Any way Paul is scared! and answer to his friends that the Judge is the son of Congressman A- of Mo. who tried to Pass the old "Alexander" brief in Congress in the interest of the Alaska canneries – which he denounced as a steal in his newspaper – Alaska Fisherman – some years ago! And the fire burns.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 November 3-5 | <p align="center">-3-</p> <p>Sunday – writing letters at home. Grace read me a "dog story" written by Mrs. Marshall, and I thought it was well done. She is a fluent writer & has skill in imagery. I am quite surprised & pleased at her style. Wrote a letter to Mrs. Anna Hall Strong, thanking her for sending me a beautiful photograph of Catherine!, the wife of Peter the Great, while she was in Moscow.</p> <p align="center">-4th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office: Drunk fisherman & friends: 2 drinks only!</p> <p align="center">-5th -</p> <p>Attended meeting of the Dramatic Club in High School Auditorium</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 November 5-6 | <p align="center">5</p> <p>and delivered a talk on Eskimo Dramatics – Dances and Feasts – special reference to my visit to an Eskimo function at Cape Prince of Wales in</p> |

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| | <p>Jany. 1902, & showed my picture book from Eskimo chief at Shishmareff Inlet No 2740, 2741-2Bibliography.</p> <p align="center">-6th -</p> <p>Talk with Roden about the Si. Hellenthal matter – Henry is disturbed about it & says he intends to talk with Faulkner again, etc etc. Also correspondence with Hawksworth Bureau of Indian affairs about the law suit S.E. Alaska Indians v. U.S. about claim for due Indian lands. Hawksworth said he intended to attend the A.N.B. meeting at Wrangell next</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 November 6-7 | <p align="center">6</p> <p>work about employment of attorney for the Indians in that case. He is, also, much distressed at the charges of embezzlement against Paul! It seems that Judge Alexander is determined to have the Grand Jury bring in an Indictment against Paul! which will probably bar him from acting even as assistant attorney in the Indian land case v. U.S. Al White is mixing in that case & trying to prevent the Indians from employing me as their attorney. Cannot yet find out if White is trying to get the job!!</p> <p align="center">-7th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. I am preparing letter to the Matheson girls in answer to their act in signing foolish approval of Hellenthal agreement – another "job."</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 November 8-14 | <p align="center">-8th -</p> <p>Attacked by case of Cold in the Head. 9 – 13th</p> <p>Home most of the time with bad cold. Out today but not cured. Entered appearance in Gorham case No 3833 Thomas Hd. Co vs Mary J. Gorham – The Case of U.S. v 25 A.J. Mine Shifters on trial – Court is "<u>agin em.</u>" Invited to attend Phillipine function in honor of their Independence – but do not feel able to go.</p> <p align="center">-14-</p> <p>My cold is not any better. I cough & that annoys Grace who thinks I am getting worse – which annoys me! Nothing important in the office.</p> |

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| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 15-17</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-15th – 16th –</p> <p>Working on Answer in the case of Thomas Hd. co. v Gorham. It is an interesting case both on the law & the facts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th –</p> <p>Sunday – working in the library answering letter from Dr. Bunnell Pres. University of Alaska about his efforts to get the Rockefeller Foundation to put up a fund to aid in preparing History of Alaska. I am putting forward the linguistic abilities of Geoghegan as an English and Russian scholar, hoping to make them understand that such a History can be written by data and competent scholar here in Alaska!</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 18-19</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-18 – 19th -</p> <p>In conference with Frank Foster Atty for Anderson. I am informed that the Thomas Hd. Co. brought a suit – by assigning its note against Mrs. Gorham to Anderson – suit brought & then dismissed when Mtg was taken for that & other accounts – all assigned to Anderson – now Hd. Co. by Stabler brings suit on open account & Today Foster gives me the papers in the first – dismissed – suit showing Thos. Hd. Co. & others creditors did really assign their accounts to Anderson. The records now seem to be conclusive that Stabler & Thomas are mistaken – or are lying!</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 20</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-20-</p> <p>Called and talked to Hawksworth of the Indian office about the results of the A.N.B. meeting at Wrangell & the Wheeler- Act & Dimond's Amdts thereis. He told me Paul would be employed so the Attorney for the Indians under the Act to authorize the Tlingits & Haidas to bring suit for the value of their possessory rights under the Act which I drew etc. but that he hoped I would be also employed to assist him etc. etc.! He is also in favor of the Wheeler- Act with Dimond amendments. In my judgment, after reading this latter Act & Dimonds amendments it will be a menace to the Indians & white people too & I do not</p> |

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| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 20-21</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>think it will be a wise law & that Paul will be utterly useless if employed! It will result in wild orgies of waste – disorder and miserable failure! I am amazed at Hawksworths talk – he is building up a political scheme for Paul & a few dishonest crooks – Congress will be forced to repeal the foolish provisions of the law if it is organized in Alaska, and the honest and incompetent Indians will be robbed and exploited to their utter ruin & misery!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>Office same as usual. Writing to Matheson girls about their fathers Estate & then fooling losses through Si Hellenthal & Roden!!</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 22-23</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-22nd –</p> <p>Sent papers of Katzehin Mining Co. to Joseph Chisel, Haines, by W.C. McMayburn who is going there. Sent Chisel letter with papers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-November 23rd 1935.-</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANB ENDORSES HAWKSWORTH FOR DIRECTOR Wrangell Convention Urges William Paul for Assist- ant in Indian Bureau</p> <p>Charles W. Hawksworth, Acting Director of Education in Alaska for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, received the unanimous endorsement of the Alaska Native Brotherhood in the recent convention at Wrangell, for the position of Director of Education, and William Paul for the position of Assistant Director, according to Cyril Zuboff, President of the organization and William Paul, Secretary, who returned to Juneau on the Northland.</p> <p>A favorable vote was also taken by the convention to prosecute the claims of the Thlinkets and the Haidas in the Court of Claims, under Delegate Anthony J. Dimond's recently passed bill authorizing such</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 23-24</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>[clipping continued] Paul to Represent Tribes</p> |

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| | <p>William Paul was elected to represent the tribes, with authority to appoint co-counsel.</p> <p>“Because I feel that Judge James Wickersham is best equipped and qualified for the position of co-counsel, I will ask him to serve with me in this important work William Paul said today.</p> <p>Work on the cases will start immediately, Mr. Paul advised, but the presentation will be delayed until Congress acts on pending legislation authorizing and creating a special Indian Claims Commission with the same powers as the Court of Claims. One member of the proposed new commission, consisting of seven, must be an Indian, Mr. Paul said.</p> <p>Testimony will be taken in Alaska by a Commissioner appointed by the Court of Claims, according to Paul.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ask Compensation</p> <p>The subject of the suits will be compensation for the loss of lands, fishing rights and hunting grounds of these tribes when the lands were taken over by the United States, following the Treaty of Purchase from Russia.</p> <p>The Alaska Native Brotherhood convention declared a unanimous vote for Prohibition, and also for local option until such time as Prohibition is enacted. Under the local option the Brotherhood desires legislation that will make a two-thirds vote in favor of liquor necessary in each community, in lieu of the present regulations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24-</p> <p>Dinner with Prof. Wilcox at the Gastineau Restaurant. Evening talking – visiting.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 25-26</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-25th –</p> <p>Received telegram today.</p> <p>“Alaska Committee Arctic Club cordially invite you to be honor guest at Alaska night dinner December seventh. Please answer immediately. E.W. Knight. Answered thanking Committee but unable to be present on account press of business</p> <p>W^m L. Paul came in to insist on my taking charge of Land Case vs U.S. for the Tlinget & Haida people etc. I will wait until Dr. Gordon returns from Nome.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> |

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| | <p>Same as yesterday – nothing out of the ordinary.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 27-28</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-27th –</p> <p>Beginning to gather my data from my library for use in the Tlingit-Haida Land Case. vs. U.S. Of course I am not yet formally employed as attorney, but it seems that I will be, as I am interested in looking up the facts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p><u>Thanksgiving Day:</u> In this mornings mail I received a reply to my letter of Octo. 10, addressed to Hon Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, about the extension of the U.S. Matanuska Farmers settlements southward to cover the Kenai region between Turn-Again Arm & Kachemak Bay, on the eastern shore of Cook Inlet. <u>The Secretarys letter reads:</u></p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 28</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Washington Nov. 15, 1935</u></p> <p><u>James Wickersham, Esq. Attorney at Law</u> <u>Juneau, Alaska, My dear Mr. Wickersham:</u> <u>This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter dated October 10 with its enclosures pertaining to colonization in Alaska. You have presented your recommendations in a clear and comprehensive manner and they will receive the full measure of consideration which is their due. We are extremely hopeful that the Matanuska colonization project will prove successful. As plans for future developments of this character will depend to a large extent upon the measure of success with the present venture. I am in hearty accord with the general idea that the best interests of Alaska will be served by increasing its permanent population through colonization, but such settlement projects</u></p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1935 November 28</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>must be undertaken with extreme care and at a gradual rate to assure absorption in the economic and social life of the Territory. I am referring your letter and the material transmitted therewith to Director Ernest Gruening of the division of Territories and Island Possessions in this Department. Director Gruening is also chairman of</p> |

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| | <p>the President's Inter-departmental Committee on Alaska, and I am suggesting to him that your recommendations receive the attention of that Committee at the proper time. Sincerely yours, Harold L. Ickes. Secretary of the Interior</p> <p>Also, yesterday, Mr. George I. Woodruff of Homer, (Uintah, Utah) came in to see me – about Kenai, where he has recently settled on a homestead. He left his son – 12 years old – on the Hd. and is</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 November 28 | <p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>on his way back to his old farm in Uintah, Utah whence he will return in a few months to Homer Hd. with his family, and 7 other farmers with their families. I am, of course, greatly pleased with Sec. Ickes letter, & hope for good results to the Kenai country from his interest as expressed therein.</p> <p>I shall greatly enjoy Mrs. Wickersham Thanksgiving turkey dinner the better for this hopeful trend that way! Kenai is truly the Garden Spot of the Territory of Alaska.</p> <p>We had a good Turkey Dinner – friends called & we had music etc. Prof. Wilcox, special work in mining & prospecting from the University of Alaska, had dinner with us.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 November 29 | <p style="text-align: center;">-Nov 29th -</p> <p>Finished my letter, with exhibits, in relation to Mathison Estate, and fwd same today to Catherine M. Wilson, Bellingham, for the purpose of convincing the 3 heirs, sisters that the Stipulation signed by Faulkner, for the girls, Roden for the mother & Hellenthal & Hellenthal for the Surety Co. was fraudulent, etc.</p> <p>Recd. letter from Wm L. Paul, under meeting of the Indians, etc. authorizing me to appear as their attorney in charge of the case of Tlingit & Haida tribes in the case asking for compensation against the United States for their original right of occupancy – taken by the U.S. without treaty or other right.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 November 30- December 1 | <p style="text-align: center;">-Nov 30-</p> <p>I am caught up with my work & will start gathering data for the Tlingit & Haida Law Case. The first thing to do is to get my authority from the Indians &</p> |

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| | <p>my agreement for control of the case & salary (percentage of the judgment obtained) arranged for.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Dec 1.-</p> <p>Sunday – at home. Recd telegram from Mrs. Juanita Anderson, Seldovia, about Col. Crittenden. Dr. wants to declare him insane. Also received letter of authority (?) from the Sec. Tlingit & Haida meeting saying that Paul had right to appoint me co-Counsel!!</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 2-3 | <p style="text-align: center;">-Dec. 2-</p> <p>In the office – beginning to arrange plans in re Tlingit & Haida case. It is a long detail of technicalities - & it would drive a "Philadelphia lawyer" to drink – but I have to begin at the bottom and probably do again everything that Paul has so carelessly done at the Wrangell meeting. Dr. Gordon Ind. Affairs office will be in Juneau from his Nome trip – Dec. 7th & we can then begin to begin!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Mrs. Cyril Zuboff came in to talk to me about suit for divorce – wrote letter asking her husband to come to see me about Indian Land suit.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 4-6 | <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Grace & I attended the Elks social last evening. I went to the lodge first and at 930 the wives came & & they played cards, danced, played ten pins etc. etc. I read!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5 – 6-</p> <p>Working same as usual. Today examined title to "Ellen Millsite" in Berners Bay & wrote letter to H.W. Mullen, 312 Republic Bldg, Portland, at Yorks request for information – we hope to get it or cable line to "Horrible" & Mexican" mines in Berners Bay district from its position. Wrote letter to H.W. Mullen, 312 Republic Bldg Portland Or. asking about his title "Pool" etc. for "Ellen Mill Site."</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 8-10 | <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Attended the Elks Memorial Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9-</p> <p>Gathering source materials for Indian Land Case. Will confer with Dr. Gordon & Hawksworth, Indian affairs offices tomorrow in re organizing preliminary matters therein.</p> |

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| | -10 th - Conference with Hawksworth, Dr. _____ Gordon, Zuboff, Frank Peratrovich, & Brown, - Indians about outline of organization of Indian Land Case. It is a hard task to make the Indians understand the matter – but I have determined to make up an outline of what <u>ought</u> to be done & get the approval of the Indian Affairs officials & get them to secure its approval by the Indians. |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 10-11 | -10 th – Before Paul left he appointed his wife Treasurer & she is sending out notices & receipts asking the Indians to send in the money to her – it will of course be spent for Paul – as an Attorney – instead of the preparation of the case! <u>He is engaged on a commission of what judgment we get – not on what she can get the Indians to pay!</u> -10 – 11 th - Recd. from Darrell check \$75 ⁰⁰ relief also check Int. on bonds, relief \$24. ⁵⁰ = 99.50. Paid part of this on Hd. expenses. Grace paid the rest from rents etc. I am writing statement – outline to Indians – Committee, in relation to authorizing approval of my contract as attorney for them in the Tlingit-Haida Land Suit. |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 12-14 | -12 th – Have prepared acceptance of proffered service by Indians as Attorney in Law Suit. trying to get ready to make contract etc. a mess already! 13 th Making wills for Lockie & Mrs. Martha McKinnon – also copying letter to Wm L. Paul & other officers of the Tlingit & Haida Indians accepting their proffered employment as leading counsel in the Tlingit & Haida Land Case. -14 th - Finished writing letters accepting proffer of officials of Indian Meeting that I act as leading counsel for the Tlingits & Haidas in the law Suit against the Government to recover the value of their possessory rights |

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| Diary 44, 1935 December 14 | 14 in S.E. Alaska, under the Act of Congress, Public No 152, 74 th Congress, approved by the President June 19, 1935, and sent exact copies of same to Frank Pierce, ch. Committee to employ lawyers, Juneau, Chas. N. Hawksworth, Care U.S. Office Indian Affairs, Juneau, David Morgan, Ch. A.N.B. also Ch. Central Council, Hoonah, Judson Brown, Sec. A.N.B. Care U.S. Marshal office, Juneau, & Cyril J. Zuboff, Juneau. I have gone to all this trouble so as to get a correct record of my employment up to this date: Contract has yet to be made. Prepared Wills for Lockie & Martha McKinnon – signed in duplicate by both parties – also Power of Atty by them to Simpson McKinnon. |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 14-16 | -14 th continued- The McKinnons leave tonight on the boat for Seattle – operation to be had on Mrs. McKinnon – nose trouble. We are getting Christmas mail off etc. -16 th - Grace received a letter from her sister, Mrs. Faucher, Kent Wash. who had word from her brother Harry's wife, Barcelona, Spain, Harry died on November 24 th . Grace received a letter from her dated Nov. 20, saying Henry had an operation. I dont know what for, and was recovering rapidly – he died on the 24 th . It is a sad blow to Grace. She loved Henry dearly & was impatiently waiting for his return to their old home hear Kent – <u>with his son Daniel & his wife Dolores.</u> |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 17 | -17 th - Grace has had for some months a copy of her brother Harry's will. It covers quite a lot of property which in these days of depression may be without money value, but will give more trouble in caring for through the Consular Offices in Spain & Probate offices in Seattle, probably for that very reason! Grace is made Executrix – but as the will has to be probated in Seattle, she cannot serve since she is a resident of Alaska – which increases the labor & expense. Of course nothing can be done until se can get into communication with |

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| | Henry's widow. Drew agreement Femmer Wharf with Alaska Trans. Co. (preliminary) |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 18-21 | -18- Same as usual in the office. Sent Darrell copy of the book relating to steamers, boats, officers etc. on the Pacific Coast – a book he wants & one that will please him. Also sent Jim Wickersham, Jr. Patoka, Illinois, photograph of Juneau – showing our house on the hilltop. Merry Christmas etc. Grace is sending Christmas Cards to acquaintances & others – out of town. -19 th – Catching up with correspondence. 20 th Same as yesterday. -21 st - Same as yesterday. Writing letter to Judge Gore asking him to run for Delegate to Congress – promise support. |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 22-23 | -22 nd – Wrote letter to Judge Gore urging him to become candidate for Delegate & promising to support him. He is the most agreeable candidate in sight – on the Republican ticket. Have finished reading Prescotts " Conquest of Mexico" for the seventh time. -23 rd - Grace has letter from the wife of President of the Electric Co. in Barcelona, Spain, saying her brothers widow & son will soon come to America. She is greatly excited over the news & is very anxious to meet them especially the son for whom she has built up a family love that guides her in all her thoughts about the boy, who seems to be a fine manly fellow with his fathers smile! |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 24 | 24 th Roden, Winn & Waynor have made up a "pot" & this afternoon spent the contents for a Christmas bottle – they invited in a few friends and got started on a "steam up" for tomorrow – it was not bad! Grace & Ruth are putting in a fine Christmas tree – with electric lights of many colors – when I was a child we used about ½ doz candles set on bands |

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| | away from the tree so as to escape fires – which too often set the tree in a blaze and sometimes the church itself. Such an electriced tree is beautiful. We are receiving & sending many Christmas cards from & to our friends in distant places. |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 25 | [card] My dear Judge and Mrs. Wickersham: Please accept my Heartiest Greetings and Good Wishes on the occasion of Christmas and the New Year. And may God give abundant effect to the Prayers which I make for your Happiness Ad multos annos! Thank you for the joy and the honor of your presence and of your "Words" on the day of my Jubilee. Bishop Crimont -Christmas Day- -Dec 25, 1935- We had dinner with Mrs. Martha Marshall – widow – who is living with "Jack" & "Frizz" the boys of Mr. & Mrs. Glucker who |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 25 | 25 are on a visit to the States. Dr. Dawes & Mrs. Dawes, Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Waggoner & their son. Grace & Ruth and I, Mrs. Marshalls son Roy & 2 or 3 others whose names I cannot remember. Dr. Dawes carved a well cooked turkey, Grace baked took along three berry pies, candy, nuts etc. etc. no drinks – no smoking, but pleasant & happy dinner party. At home during the evening – reading & music. Am reading Herrera's History Recd. & book from Henry O'Malley written by George Michael entitled "Hand out." political propaganda against the New Deal. |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 26 | -26 th - Generally a fine Christmas in Juneau – good weather & everybody busy. Recd copy of Saturday Evening Post which contains an article by John Rustgard former Atty. Genl., here in Alaska entitled |

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| | <p>"Human Rights and Property Rights, Post Jan 4, 1936. It is political propaganda & not very exciting. Also recd. by mail another political book entitled "Hell Bent for Election" by Warburg, from Henry O'Malley, with a kind note on its fly leaf from O'Malley. Noticed in the mail a package for Ruth from Mr. E.J. Morarity, 195 Broadway, N.Y. wonder about it.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 27-28 | <p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>Finishing up correspondence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>Studying the Indian Land Case Law. Attended the Capitol Theater to see:</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA NATIVES IN PERSON Impersonating Aboriginal Potlatch and Ceremonial Songs and Dances in Full NATIVE REGALIA Including Peace and Party Songs and Dances!</p> <p>Wrote Darrell good Christmas letter – recd box fruit from him.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 29-30 | <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>We had the Gucker children, Edwin, Heisel, Jack Hawk, Jack Newmarker, Sue Stewart, "Malc." Faulkner & their chaperones in for music & candy last night – the "youngest set" enjoyed it but the older ones are <u>so sophisticated</u> they looked bored though they stood for their photographs & rushed off early to specialty events with young people of their ages. "Fuzzy" Gucker was the life of the occasion, Red hair! Working on Indian Land Case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Monday – at home, as usual at the office. <u>Grace's Brother's will came to her by mail</u>: It will involve a lot of work for her & I am afraid, for me also.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1935 December 31- January 2, 1936 | <p style="text-align: center;">31st</p> <p>Everyone getting ready for the 1st. January 1st 1936.</p> <p>There was little noise as the old year passed & the</p> |

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| | <p>new one came in. While the town enjoyed the evening and today it has been quiet & enjoyable with little drunkenness – a happy New Year. I have spent the days & evenings in re-reading Prescott's Conquest of Peru. Grace had the Gucker boys, with Mrs. Marshall, over tonight to try & get some photographs – with Malcolm Faulkners dog – but "Fuzzy" Gucker & the dog could not be kept quiet & I fear her pictures are failures for that reason. Some friends in for a single glass & the Bridge Club for a nights game.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2nd -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. Still reading Conquest of Peru.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1936 January 3-9 | <p style="text-align: center;">3-4</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. Nothing new – attended Bar Assoc. Luncheon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5-6-7.</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. Grace has been sick with a cold.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8-</p> <p>Recd. relief from Darrell \$50⁰⁰ Recd. on act. Peratovich \$45⁰⁰ As usual in office. Democratic Dinner – Jackson day, tonight!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Cyril Zuboff in & I talked to him about his wives divorce – showed him papers I wanted him to sign. He pretended he had not talked to his wife about the matters. I drew a pencil copy of complaint after he left the office. Paid by bills by check.</p> |
| Diary 44, 1936 January 10-13 | <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Letter from Bunnell – coming south on first boat & will see me about History of Alaska. I fear Zuboff scared his wife out of her desire for divorce! Correspondence!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>In court – matters went over for a walk in consequence of crowded docket – Judge Alexander said he would decide my demurrer & motion to Strike from Reply – this next week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Sunday – at home – reading Garcilaso de La Vega – also Humboldt – Peru & Mexican antiquities etc.</p> |

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| | -13 th - |
| | Invited to speak at Lincoln Day Dinner – on Lincoln & nat politics - accepted |
| Diary 44, 1936 January 13-15 | 13 |
| | Am having much trouble with the Zuboffs: who want a divorce – but quarrel about who, when & why. Later Mrs. Z. came in & said she intended to get the divorce & would bring me certain papers for information in preparing the complaint. |
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| | In the office as usual nothing new. |
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| | Mr. W.J. Jones, asst. to Pres. of the new Alaska Transportation Co. came in to call – introduced by Henry Roden who performed that courtesy – then extracted a good cigar from his pocket, lit it & proceeded to smoke – but did not offer me a whiff! Just like Henry, though I did not want a whiff! Am looking forward to appearance of the “Victoria” in the morning with Pres. Bunnell of the University – I will meet his boat and |
| Diary 44, 1936 January 15-20 | 15 |
| | learn what he has to tell me about the History of Alaska etc. |
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| | “Victory” in port this morning at 3 a.m. Saw Bunnell and he had letter from Stevens representing eastern money approving matter of History, & employment of Geoghegan, but Bunnell enroute east and will there make more definite arrangements. Grace with me to see Bunnell – he seems quite sanguine project will go through on fair basis, & will keep me advised. |
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| | In the office as usual. |
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| | Same as usual. Letter from Darrell asking me to secure data in re the “Annette” – looking for witnesses. Zuboffs seem determined to have their divorce. |
| Diary 44, 1936 January 20-21 | 20 |
| | We attended the reception given by the members of his church to Rev. E.C. Rice, of the Episcopal congregation, last night – all the members of the |

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| | church ministry in Juneau were there. Bishop Crimont, Catholic, Glasse, of the Presbyterian, Rev. Wagner, same, Father Le Vassuer, Catholic, Judge Alexander & wife etc. etc. It was a fine compliment to Rev. Rice – who is having trouble with Bishop Rowe. I fear Rowe is getting old and cranky & is doing Rice & the Church more harm than he Rowe – suspects. |
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| | Busy in the office after several days in the “Dumps” with a damn cold. Grace pulled me through with making me go to bed & hot water bottles at my hoofs. |
| Diary 44, 1936 January 25-26 | -25 th – |
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| | HOMER SECTION BEING SURVEYED Belief Expressed Modified Farm Colony to Be Established |
| | ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 25.-A Government surveyor is doing extensive work now at Homer, giving rise to the belief that another modified-type farm colony may be in the offering. |
| | Soil, climate and transportation facilities are said by some to be equal or superior to Matanuska. Unlimited acreage of rolling grass awaits the plow without clearing, with a year around harbor for any size ships. |
| | I just wonder if this has any connection with my correspondence with Sec. Ickes about the Kenai idea? |
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| | In my library finishing up my article on the Peru Stampede! |
| Diary 44, 1936 January 27-28 | -27 th – |
| | Notice of Call to pay balance of bonds etc. in the McKinnon Investment Co. Mrs. Heckman is taking up balance of the McKinnon bonds – about 100 ⁰⁰ . |
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| | <p style="text-align: center;">FARM COLONY Government Is Surveying Area-Matanuska-like Project Is Seen</p> <p>WASHINGTON, Jan. 27-A preliminary survey of the Homer area, on Cook Inlet, Alaska, in connection with possible development of a farm colony somewhat in the manner of the Matanuska project is reported to be underway.</p> <p>Delegate Anthony J. Dimond said that at his request the Interior Department's Land Office has assigned a man to survey the Kenai Peninsula section near Homer. Delegate Dimond emphasized that at present the colony was in the "talked of" stage, and that nothing has been decided either by Alaskans interested or by the government. The delegate said that the only question in his mind was the market for any large-scale agricultural development in the Homer district, and said that this would be settled when and if a highway was constructed to Anchorage so as to connect with the railroad.</p> <p>The highway already extends half the distance, and efforts have been made to connect the missing link of the Homer Anchorage road.</p> <p>The first intimation that a colony might be in the offing came from Leon Vincent, Associated Press correspondent at Seldovia, whose interest aroused the activities of the surveyor. Vincent said that about 100 independent settlers are now in the region, and more coming.</p> <p>He described the land as fertile, and much of it treeless and ready to plow. The Methodist Orphanage at Seward took over a farm at Homer about a year ago, cut 60 tons of wild hay last season, raised a quantity of potatoes and garden truck.</p> <p>One Seattle produce house has a standing offer for Homer turnips of a premium of one cent a pound higher than Seattle prices. Large coal deposits exposed on reefs provide fuel for the two schools in the settlement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Evidently Tony does not know about my letters to</p> |
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| | <p>Sec. Ickes and the Sec. replies to me 10 days before Tony says he acted!</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1936 January 29- February 1</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>The Young Men's Rep. Club here in Juneau is moving rapidly in its organization – it looks like a live one.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>I am to make a 10 minute talk before the Republican Club on Lincoln's birthday – on Lincoln as a western boy.</p> <p>Same as usual in the office – there is so little business and less money for it – than usual.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Feb 1st -</p> <p>Recd. return of Christmas letters Grace sent to my cousin John at the Masonic Home, Sullivan, Illinois, marked "Died Dec. 8th 1935." Gold old John! He was 82 years old & a fine character!</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1936 February 1-7</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Feb. 1, continued.</p> <p>Attended Bar Assoc. lunch at Terminal Café. Am preparing protest against R.V. Anderson having permit to construct dock at Homer Spit-Cook Inlet, the Government had the plan outlined & the money provided. Anderson, of Seldovia "butted in" & that may defeat the government project with relief funds – it is very harmful locally."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2-</p> <p>Sunday – reading Prescotts – Mexico.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3-</p> <p>Reading Biography of Lincoln</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5-7th</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> |
| <p>Diary 44, 1936 February 8-10</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Wrote letters to Darrell about Ins. Co. case – the "Annette" loss. The Co. was badly stuck in claim. Also sent petition to Superior Court, Tacoma, asking to have Will of my sister Nan probated and give Harry what she bequeathed him in her lost (or destroyed) will.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Sunday – finishing my short address on "Hon</p> |

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| | <p>Lincoln abolished slavery in Alaska.” Blizzard & Taku wind raging. -10- Same as usual in the office. Recd letter from Judge Bunnell, N.Y. saying that he had a letter from Geoghegan saying he cannot assist in preparing Hist. of Alaska. I have written to</p> |
| Diary 44, 1936 February 10-12 | <p>10 to Geoghegan urging him to do so – he thinks he is too old! really he is suffering from “inferiority complex.” & I am trying to change that sad situation & strengthen his back bone. He is broke & scared at life in his old age and poverty! <u>Feb. 12, 1936</u> The Young Mens Republican Club held tonight at the Terminal Café was a pronounced success – the place was crowded with both men & women, the speeches were above the average, the enthusiasm riotous – highly flattering, and the whole affair went off well – it was the best meeting of its kind ever held in Juneau. H.L. Faulkner was roasting[?], the music good, the dinner better than usual – in short it was a great success, - a spontaneous outpouring of the friends of Abraham Lincoln! I will include paper accounts in my next book – Diary which see</p> |