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Diary 5, 1903 front cover	<u>Private Diary</u> of <u>James Wickersham.</u> 1903 <u>Hands off.</u> Jan 1 st 1903 to May 15, 1903
Diary 5, 1903 inside front cover	James Wickersham <u>Private Diary.</u> Jan 1 st 1903 to May 15 th 1903 <u>Jacob Metz, Ft Gibbon</u> knows Mt. McKinly country
Diary 5, 1903 january01a	<u>Valdez. Jan 1st 1903 – Alaska</u> Weather mild – cloudy – gentle fall of snow – beautiful winter morning. Attended dance at K. P. Hall last night for two hours – refused to make address – suggested singing “America” which was done with a zest. Since reaching here have been industriously engaged in the preparation of the 1 st Alaska Reports – Am now preparing the syllabi for my own and Judge Browns decisions. Have worked out a comprehensive plan of digesting all prior and published decisions so that the book will embrace the entire field of decided law from Alaska since 1868. Need some competent assistance, though, and have just sent Richard H. Geoghegan, at EastSound, Wash via. Seattle, the following telegram:
Diary 5, 1903 january01b	“Come to Valdez on first boat. Good Salary.” Went over to “Prospector” office with Mr. Harlan to call – Hildreth is a mild mannered man with a gentle feminine fact, and well known to be a model Christian – but Joe Burke, his partner – well, Joe. is different He displays a large (private) tureen of lemonade with a peculiarly brown look, a pleasant odor and a taste – well I had tasted it before, but looking at Hildreth, Harlan and I both took a pint tin cup full, - you never can trust an Irish printer – they are irreverent and have too great a fondness for a Joke – and lemonade with a “stick” in it. Gov. Leedy, <u>Joe</u> , Williams and Mr. Harlan went to dinner with me – <u>I did</u> nt think it of Hildreth.
Diary 5, 1903 january02and03	Jan 7. 2 nd Calm, quiet and snowing. Mail for Eagle & Yukon went out today – Am working “ <u>Reports</u> ”. Capt. Wilson and Lieutenant Wheeler, from Ft. Liscum took dinner with me last evening as did also Mr. Martin, agent of Packing & Nav. Co. – Heilig & Harlan – and we had a fine dinner – Capt. Wilson has been in Nome & knows everyone there & is my strong friend.

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	Lt. Wheeler is a young man from Buffalo N.Y. Jan 3 rd Working on “Report” all day. Agreed with Dr. Goddard to go out on north end of McKinley Ave. & take a lot = took lot with Goddard & McNeally, - front south toward bay. Lawyers give me a reception tonight at 8 o'clock. Beautiful clear day – calm & quiet.
Diary 5, 1903 january04a	Jan 4 th . Lawyers gave me a reception last night. A very pleasant affair. [printed:] “RECEPTION Tendered To Judge James Wickersham, By The Bar Association of Valdez, Alaska. SATURDAY, JANUARY THIRD, MDCCCCIII.
Diary 5, 1903 january04b	MENU SAUTERNE. Blue Points. Consomme Xavier. Amandes Salses Olives AMONTILLADO. Lobster, a la Newberg Broiled Spring Chicken BURGUNDY. Oyster Pates Roman Punch VEUVE CLIQUOT Welsh Rarebit G. H. MUMM & CO. EXTRA DRY. Fruit Nuts Cheese Café Noir TOASTS JOHN GOODELL, TOASTMASTER WELCOME F. M. Brown, Pres. Bar Association RESPONSE Judge James Wickersham THE ARMY AND THE LAW Capt. Eugene Wilson COURT OFFICERS A. R. Heilig RAILROADS O. P. Hubbard LAW AND ORDER N. V. Harlan RESOURCES OF ALASKA J. Y. Ostrander TOWNSITE LAW J. F. Rice ADMIRALTY W. H. Whittlesey NOME Willoughby Clark LAWYER IN POLITICS J. F. Roy MINES Henry King REMINESCES J. W. Leedy”
Diary 5, 1903 january04c	Went out on McKinley Ave. today to see the lots located by Goddard & McNeally of which I am to have one. The town in wandering off in that direction and our lots are in the woods just beyond the end of the jumping off place – 3 or 4 blocks west of Reservation St. It is like the breath of a spring morning to go

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	<p>out in that direction and watch the men shoveling snow – placing foundations and putting up the first settlers shanties – it is the first encroachment upon Nature! People are coming in rapidly and taking lots & building. I have today purchased a tract of six (6) acres of Soldiers Additional Hd. Scrip & hope to locate it on a water supply for Valdez – if so will organize a water supply & pipe water into town Warm – snowing & quiet. <u>Fine.</u></p>
Diary 5, 1903 january05	<p>Jan 5th Worked all day on “<u>Reports</u>”. Am invited out to dinner with Gov. Leedy & wife. Leedy was a Populist governor of Kansas & has two daughters and a son in his family here besides his wife. = Rev. Mr. Hosford, the Congregation =alist minister, O. P. Hubbard, lawyer, whom I knew at Nome and I constituted the dinner party at Gov. Leedy’s, - and the family. Mr. Hosford surprised me by having lived long in Utah and defending the Mormons! He praised their method of controlling their members – making them work – and grow rich. The Gov. told us about his political troubles & in Kansas & especially his speaking contest with Susan B. Anthony, - he was so interested that he forgot to ask Rev. Hosford to ask grace until he had helped the plates – & Mrs. Leedy had scowled at him. He is thoroughly good natured and happy. We spent an enjoyable evening.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january06	<p>Jan 6th. Worked in office on “Report.” Snowing – deeper and deeper – We are expecting the mail boat every hour – but it does not come. S. A. Hemple, the banker and merchant, locally known as “Oklahoma Bill” called to see me this evening. The courthouse & our offices are in his building & he is “well fixed” for Alaska. He is paralyzed on the left side and is rather spare, drawn & unprepossessing – until you look at his eyes which are clear, bright and intelligent. He is from Missouri, went to Oklahoma & there, he told me, though an invalid and hardly able to walk, he resolved to go to Alaska and make money enough in mines to start a bank and store, and so badly crippled that he could never go to the mines himself by a careful system of “grubstaking” other men he has succeeded & is a worthy man – a “rara avis” by the way, as a banker. He is a good citizen.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january07	<p>Jan 7. Snowing deeper & deeper – it snowed more than 2 feet on a level last night & seems only beginning. “Santa Ana” in tonight – mail from Debbie - she is better and writes hopefully – Is now happily settled at Tucson – for which I am delighted.</p>

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	<p>Also received lot of departmental mail including “<u>leave of absence</u>” to Feby. 1st Senator Foster seems not to have attended to my request – but telegraphed me back to Alaska when I might as well have done my work on “Report” in Tacoma! Also obtained departmental leave to prepare Alaska report, and authority to purchase 75 volumes in Alaska (25 in each division of the court) at \$8.00 per volume. Also letter from Hon Fredk W. Seward, about Alaska.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january08and09	<p>Jan 8th Storm abated – warm & fine – Snow four feet or more on a level – Wrote letters in answer to mail – Recd. good letter from Hoggett – He is doing good work in Washington for me as well as Alaska. Sent account for traveling & subsistence expenses for last quarter - \$52. Jan 9th Worked all day on “Report” Have this evening finished syllabi on all but my own – which are easier because I better understand the facts. Have written West. Pub. Co that Atty. Genl. approves the scheme and authorizes purchasing 75 volumes at \$8.00 per. Am earnestly looking around to get some lots before the “boom” strikes the town – I feel quite sure that Valdez is going to be a permanent town & probably quite a city in the future as the open door to the interior of Alaska</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january10	<p>Jan 10th Raining and snowing. The miners in town from the Copper river valley have this week held a mass meeting, appointed committees and adopted stringent rules and regulations limiting the locations of mines. The committee presented me with petition for the organization of a mining district in the valley, with recorders office at some central point. Have agreed to consider it & will do it if it will be self supporting. The “<u>Shelikoff</u>” a small steamer that travels from here out to Ooonalaska is long overdue and fears are entertained of her loss. The “<u>Santa Ana</u>” is considering the advisability of going out to search for her – Intend to suggest to the Cham. of Com. & Newspapers that a revenue cutter be stationed here for the use of officials & such public matters as that.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january11	<p>Jan 11th 1903. One year ago Howard died. I saw him last at Eagle city – he stood on the upper deck of the “<u>Whitehorse</u>” and waved his hand at me, as I stood with his dog “Yukon” on the bank. This was in the last days of July, - he was then the very picture of health, strength and courage. He was my pride, my love, and the hope</p>

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	of my future, and I am just now beginning to realize that he is dead. His death almost killed his mother and quite destroyed one half of my life – hopes and happiness. My ambition went with his dear sweet baby face. I did not know how much I depended on him nor how much he meant to my life. Howard Howard!
Diary 5, 1903 january12and13	12 th Jany. Worked all day on “ <u>Report</u> .” Raining – snowslides coming thundering down the mountain sides – the “ <u>Canyon</u> ” on Lowe river is open – no ice – and travel to the interior is cut off – <u>warm & wet</u> . Snow disappearing rapidly – wish it would turn cold. I bought 82 feet frontage on McKinley street today, \$400.00. Will put a small house on it & probably sell if I get a sufficient rise this summer. 13 th Jany. Finished buying 82 ft on McKinly Ave. I assigned my October and November vouchers for salary to Heilig who paid me the amount \$828.80. I paid for that piece of ground, also for 6 acres of Soldiers Add. Hd. Scrip = \$105. making my total investment \$505.00 Worked all day on “ <u>Report</u> , <u>Snowing & Raining</u> .”
Diary 5, 1903 january14and15and 16a	Jany 14. Got deed from Wm Grogg & paid him \$100; and from C. J. Bartlett and May F. Bartlett, and paid them \$300, for 82 ft on McKinley Ave. Will build a dwelling house at once. James Fish, Sr. acted as real estate salesman <u>Jany 15th</u> . I am almost finished preparing the syllabi for the first Alaska Report. Will begin on the index-digest tomorrow. Made preparations today to build a small house on my McKinley Ave. lots. McNeally from Tacoma will do the work for me, & will push it as fast as possible so as to get renters in. We are now looking for a boat. Jany 16. The Nome City reached port last night. Mail and passengers came ashore this morning. Richard H. Geoghegan, court stenographer for the interior district came - 70 passengers came up on her.
Diary 5, 1903 january16b	Two good letters from Debbie – she seems to be getting better and is {as} comfortably settled as she can be away among strangers. Also a nice letter from Darrell – he is doing so well - we are both proud of him. I also received letters from Volney T. Hoggatt and Geo. M. Esterly from Washington, D.C. in relation to the Richards-Grigsby fight. Whitehead, et. al. have begun an open war in the newspapers in Washington on both Richards and Grigsby, and these in turn have started in to roast me. <u>I shall keep out of</u>

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	<u>it</u> , though I may suffer either way. I am sure, however, that it is more dignified in a judge to keep still and I intend to do so as long as the Department will permit me to do so. My friends, however – well if they <u>seek</u> {want} to hit the enemy a whack – all right – I don’t care. I got a letter from Judge Lyons, from Juneau
Diary 5, 1903 january16cand17	announcing the death of Gen. Freidrich, the U.S. Dist. Atty. – a petition was immediately prepared at my suggestion asking the President to appoint Asst. Dist. Lyons to the place & Heilig carried it around and every attorney in town signed it – he will send it to Lyons. Am done work on <u>syllabi</u> of decisions and will start Mr. Geoghegan to copying same tomorrow & will go to work on index-digest. <u>Jany 6 7th</u> . The <u>Santa Ana</u> came in this morning from her trip toward Unalaska after the Shelikoff – It is reported that the Shelikoff is safe. Wind blowing hard today off the glacier and out of Lowe river canyon Wrote to Debbie & sent her dozen & a half of pictures of Valdez & surrounding country, fine – pictures, <u>too</u> . Many of the Copper river trail.
Diary 5, 1903 january18a	Jany 18. Worked all day in office on “ <u>Report</u> ”. Am now on Index-Digest and trying to keep two typewriters going – Santa Ana went out early this morning. Blizzard blowing. Isaac, a Yakutat Indian visited me today for an hour. Says the Yakutats are the most northern of the Thlinkets. That the Kayaks and Eyaks, belong to and speak the “Eyäk-Köne” language, - that it is different from the Thlinket or the Aleut, which comes next on Prince William sound. Says that Copper river (Athapaskan) people have always come down to the coast there - at Kayak. Gave me these words in <u>Yakutat</u> : Fire – Köñ: Water – Hēñ: Snow – Gläte : Sun – Geek – Köñ : Moon – Dis : Wood – Gun : Stone – Teh : Tree – Öss : Ice – Tēekh : Man – Käh.
Diary 5, 1903 january18band19an d20	Woman – Shaw-mut : {child.} Tuck-kwn-nā’-yi. boat - chē-ash; boat (larger) sēat. He tells me that the place names at Yakutat are Aleut, and that his people coming from toward Sitka long ago killed the Aleuts at Yakutat and took possession – I gather that it took place under Russian control. <u>Jany 19</u> . Worked all day on “ <u>Report</u> ”, & on Index-Digest. Am working on a card index – after the idea of our census index of 1880, at Springfield, Illinois. <u>Jany 20</u> . Beautiful day – and the

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	sun, at last, shining into the town, from over the mountains which have hidden it for a month or more. Worked all day on "Report"
Diary 5, 1903 january21and22	<p>Jany 21. Began work on house on McKinley St. today 12 X 24 & kitchen. 5 rooms. Worked all day on "Report." Fire Dept. of Valdez organizing tonight in courtroom, - the usual loud talk. Wrote to Debbie, & sent Hubbard application for commutation of sentence (sentenced at Circle City for 15 years for murder of Thos. McNamee) back to Doolittle. Refuse to recommend a commutation – Upon request sent photo, & biography to The Chicago Daily News.</p> <p>Jay 22nd Paid for lumber for house on McKinley St. - \$205.75 Capt. Wilson of Ft. Liscum to dinner. Working on Report – Beautiful quiet clear day. Made application to join the "Valdez Moose" – initiation for \$10.00 Heilig took it in & Harlan joins with me.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january23and24	<p>Jany 23. Blizzard blowing: Subscribed \$10.00 to fire department. Working hard on my "Report."</p> <p>Jany 24th The worst blizzard of wind and driving snow that I ever saw in progress. Truly there is no excellence without great labor, for I have been obliged to turn every page of 115 volumes of the Fed. Reporter, examine every case from Oregon, Washington and California in 30 vols. of Fed. Cases, and turn every page of the Supt. Ct. reports U.S. from 1867 to date, for matter for the first vol. of the Territory of Alaska Reports. No 1. I am preparing the index to cover every case decided in the district of Alaska or concerning it or rising therein & decided by any other court, both original and appellate. I intend that it shall be the foundation of the law reports of Alaska & all the states created therefrom.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january26and27a	<p>Jany 26. Sunday. Worked all day in office, except time for a splendid walk over the snow nearly up to the Valdez glacier. On return dropped in & visited Gov. Leedys family a few minutes. Am working early and late on report – now on the index-digest. Hope to finish it before Febry 20th. Am somewhat inclined to fear that I have made too great an investment in property here – for I can begin to see a townsite fight, between this place, and New Valdez, to the detriment of both. Am going to "<u>hedge</u>." Went out</p>

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	<p>toward New or West Valdez this afternoon for an hours run – fine hard trail & good air. Another boat in two days-</p> <p><u>Jany 27th</u> Went out this afternoon to Bonanza Roadhouse 5 miles up Lowe river, with Charlie Gleason for a walk, and went the round trip in</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january27band29a	<p>little more than 2 hours – turkish bath, alcohol rub, and I feel much better. Gleason is an athlete, one of Louis Lanes friends, and was with Louis at Point Hope, Kotzebue sound, and other places in the Arctic. Bonanza roadhouse is a tent, run by "<u>Rita Wolden</u>"{-fenden-} and from appearances she sells liquor and other things to the thirsty Adams. Day after tomorrow we go to the Glacier on snow shoes. I feel better today about my town lot investment. Am doing nicely with "<u>Report</u>." "<u>Rules of Court</u>" printed by "<u>Prospector</u>"</p> <p><u>-Jany 29th-</u> The "Excelsior" came in last night, and I am in receipt of two letters from Debbie and much business and personal mail. Letters from Dr. Cahill Whitehead, and Walter E. Clark, are particularly interesting and gratifying. They have been looking after my interests in Washington, and fighting my battles valiantly, along with Hoggatt & Esterly. Clark procured a very strong endorsement of</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january29b	<p>my labors in Alaska from the Attorney General, while Whitehead induced the President to send for Taylor & Mountjoys report on Richards. They are confident that both Richards and Grigsby will be removed. Judge Lyons is back from Juneau and neighboring towns, and reports my fair prospects for my candidacy for Congress. I also recd. copy of Juneau "Record-Miner" and "Douglas Is. News" speaking very nicely of me in that connection. Gov. Brady is reported as friendly, - but Gov. Swine =ford will probably be as ugly as he knows how.</p> <p>Was out to Valdez glacier this afternoon with my Bostonese Irish friend Charly Gleason, - Louis Lanes friend. Enjoyed the grand view of this dry land glacier – its terminal and lateral moraines, - crevasses, &c. and the 4 miles work on snow shoes very much. Our courthouse and office furniture came in on Excelsior last night – Mr. Perrey – to[?], and today it is in and I feel very well pleased with it. Paid Heilig</p>
Diary 5, 1903 january29cand30and31a	<p>in full amounts advanced on my salary for Oct. and Nov. Mr. Harlan and I were initiated into the "<u>Order of Moose</u>." of Valdez tonight.</p> <p>Jany 30th Have invited Gov. Leedy & Mr. Harlan to dinner with me this evening to assist in</p>

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	entertaining Mr. T. D. Arthur, of New York, Mr. Wm. H. Gorham, of Seattle and Mr. John Carson, of Salem, Oregon, three outside attorneys here to try the famous “Bonanza” copper mine case. # Gov. Leedy, Judge Lyons, Mr Harlan and I enjoyed a good lazy diner & cigars with Messrs. Arthur, Gorham & Carson, and I am sure that all enjoyed the occasion - at the St. Elias restaurant. -Jan. 31- I am much pleased with the letters from Hoggatt, Whitehead, Esterly, but
Diary 5, 1903 january31b	particularly so with the one from Walter E. Clark, correspondent at Washington D.C. of the N.Y. Sun, Seattle P.I and other great papers. The clippings from the papers indicate that instead of being able to run the President and save Richards, Grigsby will be removed with him. He apparently went to Wash ington without leave from the Atty. Genl. depending upon his “pull,” but Clark writes me that both the President and Attorney Genl. denounced his lapse from duty for a year, and the Atty. Genl has said he could also be removed. Col. Bob. Bruce of Texas is said to be slated for Marshal in Richards place. Clark writes me that in a conversation with him the Atty. Genl. said, when informed that efforts were being made to prejudice some of his subordinates against me,
Diary 5, 1903 january31c	<u>“If they are doing this, it is very improper, and I have’nt heard of it before. I have a very good opinion of Wickersam, and I have gone out of my way on two or more three occasions to express my appreciation of his good work in Alaska.”</u> He also says that he and Whitehead have both made warm and friendly representations to the President about me, and that the President told him he would send for Grigsby and demand an explanation of his presence in Washington. As a figure of speech typifying their condition Clark says they are in “hot water”– and that “the water is likely to get hotter before it gets cooler.” Working on “Report” day and night. Paid on labor on house \$152.35.
Diary 5, 1903 february01and02a	<u>Febry 1st</u> Sunday – but I worked all day in the office - wrote Debbie a nice long letter in the evening. Snowing – gently – but in carloads. <u>February 2nd 1903.</u>

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	Court met this morning – the first regular jury term ever held in Valdez – A R. Heilig Clerk, N. V. Harlan, Dist. Atty, Geo. G. Perry, Marshal, O. P. Hubbard, Asst. Dist. Atty, Chas. Drebelbis, Dep. Mar. Geo. A. Jeffry, stenographer, Richards H. Geoghegan, stenographer – Ed. Harlan, clerk. “Dad” Nokes, Janitor. Charles <u>Cleason</u> , Crier. Baldwin, bailiff. A. L. Levy, foreman of grand Jury – Organized and instructed grand jury, admitted Carson, & Arthur to the bar, hears some motions & adjourned for the day. Worked on “report.” In the evening O. P. Hubbard accompanied by Sexton, the surveyor & Gov. Leedy came in to see me about a new scheme for a townsite and railroad term=
Diary 5, 1903 february02b	=inal on Fidalgo Bay. They represent to me that starting from that point, instead of Valdez the railroad will strike a common point on the Copper river, with a saving of from 12 to 20 miles, as well as the dangers and expense of Keystone canyon, - that there is plenty of timber at Fidalgo &c. &c. and want me to join them in a scheme to organize a new R.R. project from that point, take up lands start a townsite, &c. so that we can force the present R.R. people from Valdez to come to Fidalgo and let us in on the project as stockholders. It looks good, but Hubbard and I both are in a doubtful position, he by reason of his employment by the Valdez R.R. as their attorney, while I only as a friend. Hoggatt, Esterly and others of this road have been fighting many battles in Washington – while I am now
Diary 5, 1903 february02cand03and04	offered an opportunity to “hold them up” as soon as they arrive here from Washington. My notion is that I ought not to do it. <u>Febry. 3rd</u> “Excelsior” in from the westward, also “Shelikoff,” and the “Bertha” in from south, but nothing new nor no mail on her. Got off letters to Debbie, Whitehead and Clark. Was invited to spend evening at Judge Ostranders with Mr. Harlan & Capt. Johansen of the Bertha. Played “cinch” & had a pleasant evening. Went then to “Moose Ball” for an hour. Worked on “Report” – when not in court. -Febry 4 th - In court all day and worked on “ <u>Report</u> .” Took my first dancing lesson tonight. Visited at Coles, - <u>Mrs Brown, Mrs. Strouse & Mrs. Hopkins</u> , Coffee, cake, ice cream & candy - enough to kill an ordinary stomach.
Diary 5, 1903 february05and06	Febry. 5 th Court today – as usual. Nearing the end

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	<p>of copying decisions – Jeffrey & Geoghegan – and I am hard at digest. Paid my months board at St. Elias \$51.40 – room and laundry only. 8 pm. Steamer Jeanie reported entering the bay – she will have mail. Indictment today against Isaac Banta for murder in the first {second} degree. Spent the evening at Mr. & Mrs. Kelceys – Gov. Leedy & family. James Fish & Mayor Steele & wife present. -Feby. 6th 1903-</p> <p>“Jeanie” brought in mail, letter from Debbie - says she is getting stronger – good. E.A. Henderson, dept. clerk, came – 40 passengers Finished cards for index-digest today & boys finished copy my manuscript. Will begin on index tomorrow – the arrangement. Court today – but little to do. Banta arraigned – pleads tomorrow-</p>
Diary 5, 1903 february07and08	<p>7th Indictment against Hamano, a Jap for murder in 1st degree. Attended a small social function at Coles. -8th-</p> <p>Sunday. With Charley Gleason went out at 12. m. to the moraines in the valley back of Valdez. Beautiful clear day, snow 6 ft deep on level – and we had the finest day of snow shoe ing I have had. Climbed the highest point of the morainic deposits - the view of the vast Valdez amphitheatre was superb – the mountains tower almost a mile in perpendicular height all around - everything perfectly white except the deep dark waters of the bay and the deep blue of the sky, beginning just on the summits, - our position on a height enabled us to overlook every thing within the outer limits.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 february09and11and12	<p>-9th- Trial jury – empanelled. Working on index to Report. Tried a small case this afternoon without a jury. -11th-</p> <p>Began on the case of U.S. v. Hamano, a Jap charged with murder at Ugashik, Bristol Bay, in June, 1902. Trial jury – Went to a Masonic ball this eveing – speeches, supper, dancing. -12th-</p> <p>The Portland in 2 days ago. V. F. Haggatt, & others came in on her. Also got letters from Debbie & many others. Trial of U.S. v. Hamano, all day, charged the jury late in evening, verdict at 7 p.m. “<u>Manslaughter</u>”- correct. Writing letters to go out on boat tomorrow.</p>
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february13and14	<p>Steamer “Santa Ana” came in last night with 116 passengers – many steam =ers coming and too many passengers – only a few leave town to engage in actual prospecting work, the rest are either too cowardly or too lazy to leave the streets to search the mountains for minerals, or they come for the purpose of living off those who do work. Wrote a long letter to Debbie last night and sent her some pictures including one of myself and office. 14th</p> <p>Grand Jury has reported and was discharged yesterday – a very satisfactory jury and a good report. Trial jury discharged this day, and term with jury productive of good. Trial of Crawford v. Burr et. al. involving trail on late Valdez military[?] reservation - before court without jury. Sentenced Hamano Jap. for manslaughter – 10 years in pent.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 february15and16	<p>-15th- Preparing opinion in Crawford v Burr, et.al. in favor of defendants. Gave a dinner to Mrs. Leedy & Mrs. Kelsey, and the Misses Leedy & Hoggatt. Snowing, softly and steadily – it is now said that 40 ft. of snow has already fallen - & the snowy month is yet to come! -16th-</p> <p>Decided Crawford v Burr in favor of the defendants. Set time to take evidence in Chittyna Min. Co. v. McClellan, et.al. Working on index now – everything else in “Report” finished. Str. “Valencia” in at noon with passengers & Blei party of miners. Dinner last night to Mrs. Leedy & daughters Mrs. Kelsey & Hoggatt was a great success.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 february17and20a	<p>-17th- “Nome City” came in last night loaded with passengers – Leased my house - \$30.00 per month. Finished yesterday & fully paid for – cost me \$600.00 – Have carved out “Kayak Precinct” from St Elias to east bank of Copper river – including the area draining in the sea, - established office at “Galiano,” on Catella {Katalla} bay – It is a pleasure to introduce both these names into the fixed geography of Alaska. Appoint Wm. H. Whit =tlesey, U.S. Comr. there and will give W. A. Berry a job of copying records for him. -20th-</p> <p>Went out snow shoeing yesterday afternoon to summit of moraine, back of Valdez – S. Gave a dinner last night to Mr & Mrs. George</p>

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	M. Esterly, Robert Blei & wife, Mr & Mrs. Meenach, Mr. McNear and Hoggatt \$60.00
Diary 5, 1903 february20band21	I have felt under so many obligations toward them for their support at Washington this winter that I desired to show my appreciation - They were pleased with the dinner and <u>made</u> me a full fledged candidate for delegate to Congress from Alaska – I would rather be the first delegate from Alaska than judge. -21- Was entertained at dinner last night at the Valdez cafe, by Mr & Mrs. Robert Blei, also present, Mr. & Mrs Esterly, Hoggett and Mrs. Strouse & Mr. McNear. We then went to Moose Hall dance. Court was finished up today – have had three weeks of good earnest work and am very much delighted at the results. Great good has been accomplished. <u>Finished 1st Alaska Territory: Report today.</u>
Diary 5, 1903 february22and23a	-22- Leave Valdez at 2 p.m. with a feeling that nothing is left undone. = Left Valdez at 2- and went over on “Nome City” to Ft. Liscum – she laid there – in Swanport for several hours taking the “Newport” in tow – Called on Dr. Bartlett and Capt. Wilson – Capt. W. and Mrs. Strouse & Dr & Mrs. Bartlett came over to the boat and had dinner with me. 41 ft. of snow has fallen at Liscum so far this winter - it will probably reach 60 ft by summer. -23- “Nome City” laid in Swanport all night & we went out through the “Narrows” this morning. Stormy & snowed a foot or more last night – head winds
Diary 5, 1903 february23band24	across Prince Williams sound, and as we rounded the west end of Hinchinbrooke Is. the storm drove our skipper into Port Etches, where we anchored about 4 oclock. Captain Moore invited me to his cabin to play whist – two vaudeville artists of from Dawson – Valdez &c. were introduced and we four played whist till 12 m. Captain sat lunch also – 3 women aboard – one sings “coon songs” another pretends to “sentimentals,” while the 3 rd strums heavy music out of the piano. -24 th - Still in Port Etches – while the storm outside grows worse. Remained in Port Etches all day – rolling – rolling at anchor.

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	Natives came off tonight with cla[?]. Storm still raging tonight
Diary 5, 1903 february25and26a	-25- We left Port Etches early this morning and at dark we are opposite Capt St. Elias. - the westernmost point of the greater Kayak Island. A good sea – but we are going - oh so slow – on account of Newport tow. Remained in bed all day – so as not to be get sea sick. -26 th - A fine day – we are 20 miles off shore opposite Mr. St Elias – Was up at sun up to see it - a cloudless sky and the St Elias ranges can be seen far on each side of the great buttress which forms the international corner stake. George is taking Kodak shots at it every hour or so – for we seem to remain stationary in front of it
Diary 5, 1903 february26b	We will get into Yakutat this afternoon At sundown we are leaving Yakutat bay - it is the rarest Arctic bay on our continent. Mighty St. Elias. fronts the ocean on its north shore – 18,000 feet above its waves, back yet in sight is <u>Logan</u> , while flanking St. Elias and forming a frame for the great bay stand Vancouver, Hubbard, Cook, Pinta, Tebankof, and other butresses in the high St. Elias range. Yakutat is the Port Mulgrave of the early English explorers. Capitalists are now locating a railroad from its south shore across a great flat country covered with a dense forest to the Alsek river, famed for its fishery The Malaspina glacier covers a similar flat on its north shore – 70 miles long by 30 wide – 2100 sq. mi of glacier – underlaid with coal oil!
Diary 5, 1903 february27and28a	-27- A storm struck us this morning about daybreak and grew worse – until at noon we were standing first on our heads and then on our heels – I did not get up nor eat all day – just laid in my room and groaned – Damn ships and storms and seas! Darrell can resign and come home as soon as he pleases. I would not go to sea as a cadet if I knew I would be and admiral. -28 th - We reached Sitka just at noon today – just a week from the time we left Valdez. Called on Capt. Jarvis Col. of Customs, first, who informed me

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	that nothing had been done in Washington yet about removing Grigsby or Richards at Nome – and he also told me that he had
Diary 5, 1903 february28b	<p>been directed to come on to Washington and would leave in a week. He did not say so but I judge that his visit has much to do with Nome matters, and that upon his recommendation changes will be made.</p> <p>I also called on Gov. Brady, who was very courteous and kind. He took me out to the Sheldon Jackson Museum &c. and voluntarily said to me, plainly and positively that if the Alaska delegate bill passed he would support me for the place. We talked over the Senate substitute – an election by the Gov. Sec. and 3 Judges, and he offered to support me – though he kindly protested that I as of such value as judge that he regretted to lose me on the bench. The “Bonita” came in this afternoon and will go out to Juneau early in the morning. I am now to go and call on Genl. Distin, Secretary of the Territory -</p>
Diary 5, 1903 february28candmar ch01a	<p>Called on Surveyor. General Distin and spent the evening with him and met Mrs. Distin. He voluntarily broached the delegate question and plainly and strongly promised to support me & if the Senate substitute passed agreed to vote for me. Went with the Distins and spent the evening with Mr & Mrs. James Cansten, Dep Col. of Customs – His birthday – present Capt. & Mrs. Pendleton, Dr. & Mrs. Adams, Genl & Mrs Distin, the Canstens, Capt. Jarvis & I. Spent the evening playing whist – lunch.</p> <p>Mch. 1st</p> <p>A glorious, bright, sunny Sunday morning. Had a room in the old log Baranoff house, kept by Mrs. Archangelsky – a Russian creole. Was awaken by the loud sweet tones of the old Russian bells, - and the girl pounding on my door – and saying that “It’s ten o'clock”. Suffered over night with a very severe sore throat, but an application of cold towels</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march01b	<p>relieves me. Went out walking with Capt. Jarvis, who came while I was eating breakfast, and as we came back from Indian river we stopped in and heard Bishop Rowe preach, at the beautiful little stone Episcopal church. Jarvis will go to Washington within a week and will do all he can to secure the removal of both Richards and Grigsby – He has been sent for on Alaskan matters. Took lunch with him and “Buster”, his darling boy. Mrs. J. is yet in bed with their third child and second son whom he calls “Billy”, - 10 days old.</p>

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	Left on “Bonita” at 2 o'clock for Juneau-Bishop Rowe is on board also. Before I left the wharf I delivered to Genl. Distin a letter from Esterly to me, agreeing to dismiss the proceedings and charges against Distin filed by him & Hoggatt in Washington. Distin agreed to drop the whole matter & to keep the letter confidential.
Diary 5, 1903 march02and03	<p>March 2nd</p> <p>At the Indian village of Hoonah at break fast – passed Icy Straits – Funters Bay at 11 o'clock. Point Retreat at lunch – and reached Juneau at 4 p.m. After dinner Dautrick, Tom Lyons, Bishop Rowe, Mr. Cobb, Clerk of the U.S. Court Hills, and other gentlemen called at my room to visit me. “Dolphin” coming in tonight from the south.</p> <p>-Mch 3rd-</p> <p>Sat on bench in Judge Browns court at his request – with him – and heard him deliver a very instructive opinion on assignments of grounds for new trial. Visited in the afternoon and put some finishing touches on Report. Judge & Mrs. Brown gave me a delightful dinner – Louis P. Shackelford and wife, Mrs. Shoup and I were the company. Also met Miss Susie – their diminutive daughter.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march04and05a	<p>Mch 4th</p> <p>Worked all forenoon on Report – In the afternoon went with Judge Maloney – to inspect the famous Treadwell mine. We were conducted over the great plant, and shown “Glory Hole” where the ore comes from, by McDonald, the Superintendent. Afterward Maloney and I went to visit Dr. Moore, a brother of Judge Moore, of Nome, and were entertained at the finest dinner I have had in Alaska. Mrs. Moore is an Iowa lady – and very nice – a most delightful hostess and a splendid housekeeper. Dr. Keller told story of starving miner who made soup out of dogs tail & gave the dog the bone!</p> <p>-5th-</p> <p>Left Juneau last night on the “Cottage City”, but found ourselves tied to the wharf at Treadwell mines this morning and did not get away until 8 o'clock.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march05band06	<p>Heavy head winds all the way to Skagway, and a heavy storm and high seas off Point Bridget. Reached Skagway at 7 o'clock p.m. and walked against a bitter cold and strong wind – put up at “Fifth Avenue Hotel”, room 36 During the evening I did what work</p>

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	<p>remained to be done on first Alaska Report.</p> <p>-6th-</p> <p>Sent Mss. of 1st Alaska Report to West Pub. Co. St. Paul, by express. Left Skagway at 9:30 Barnes, conductor – knows Edgar. Bad storm on mountains – snow, & wind – Reached Bennett at 4 p.m. 20 min. for dinner & Whitehorse at 8 p.m – put up at “Windsor Hotel, room 3</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march07and08	<p>-7th-</p> <p>Left Whitehorse at 7. a.m. on 4 horse stage – sled – 9 passengers and driver Lunch at Tahkanil, and supper tonight at “Nordenskiold” – 63 miles today. Paid \$50.00 for my own ride and \$14.00 for my baggage. 35° below zero when we left Whitehorse this morning. <u>63 mi</u></p> <p>-8th-</p> <p>Left Nordenskiold Rim at 6 oclock - dinner at Montague & reached “Carmacks” at 6 oclock for supper Clear – cold - & traveled <u>67 miles</u> = 130 miles out from Whitehorse - mileposts along government road - which was built this last fall. “Carmacks” is a bum hole – no sheets or pillow cases – and things look dirty and crawly.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march09and10a	<p>-9-</p> <p>Staid all night last night at Carmacks. - Reached Yukon crossing this forenoon and “Minto” {MINTA} at dinner – this last is the cleanest – largest and best looking place on the trail – reached “Pellycrossing” - “Whalens” tonight – a good “roadhouse”.</p> <p>-10th</p> <p>Left “Pelly crossing” this morning at 6.a.m. and reached “Humes” at 10 – found my old Tacoma friend W. T. Hume there with his wife son and daughter. The latter is a nurse and told me that she nursed Howard at the Famiel[?] Paddock hospital. Reached the next road house for dinner – and the crossing of the Stewart River at dusk. Finest house on the line here. Kept by Mr & Mrs Brenner - Mrs. Stevens from last house came in our stage to this place on a visit. The stage was so crowded that she sat on George’s</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march10band11a	<p>knees all the way – and both seemed to enjoy it! The wife and small son of the Cook at Pelly crossing also came with us from that point bound for Dawson. I am quietly informed that Mrs Stevens is preparing to leave her husband with one of</p>

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	<p>the stablemen at this post – I can readily believe that she would do it. “Stewart crossing” is 50 miles up Stewart river from the Yukon - there is a post of the Northwest Mounted Police here – and a large two story roadhouse. Beautiful mountain scenery today –</p> <p>-11th-</p> <p>We left Stewarts Crossing at 6 a.m. – and took dinner at “Wounded Moose” road house at 12, and reached Indian River roadhouse at 4 – We then prevailed on the driver to attempt to make Dawson – 27 miles farther.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march11band12a	<p>We gave him a purse of \$15.00 and he took us on flying. We reached the divide at the head of Eldorado after dark – it was a clear night – with a big round full moon, and we raced down the 20 miles along the famous Eldorado and Bonanza gulches by the light of the moon, reaching Dawson at 10:30 – a trip of 75 miles since morning - crossing two mountain divides – with the thermometer far below zero. Was met by Mr. Ed. S. Orr, former mayor of Tacoma – went and had a bath and a sleep at the bath rooms.</p> <p>-12th-</p> <p>Have had a string of callers today and reporters. Orr and Charlie Taylor took dinner {lunch} with me, and tonight for</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march12b	<p>[typed:]</p> <p>“Dinner to Judge James Wickersham by the Tanana Bar Association</p> <p>Slough Cocktails Soup Chicken Giblet Olives and Pickles Shrimp Salad Fish Greyling Salmi of Roast Duck Green Peas Roast Chicken Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Nuts and Dates Cheese Coffee Cigars Fairbanks, Alaska, May 12, 1903.”</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march12c	<p>[“Star-Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key...4 verses, typewritten on carbon]</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march12dand13	<p>dinner Orr and Roediger. Have had a good visit with Fred Crouch and Charlie Joynt, - introduced them to Mr. Fitzhugh who has employed Fred to go to “70 mile” with him as a miner. Am at Regina Hotel, where Miss Ratcliff</p>

	<p>is in charge as manageress. Wrote to Debbie. -13th- Lunch today with Dr & Mrs Brown He is secretary to the Gov. & she was one of the first women correspondents to reach the Dawson country in 1988. Took dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Richard Roediger tonight [printed schedule of Merchants Mail Express between Dawson and Whitehorse and Ben Dowing's Express between Dawson and Fort Yukon, with stops and distances]</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march14and15a	<p>-14th- Accompanied by Mr Fitzhugh, a mining engineer who is going to 70 Mile for an English Co. – Mr. Phil. Blackwell, his secretary and an interested stockholder – from London, and George A. Jeffry my secretary – I left Dawson this morning in a one horse sled – 2 seats, four inmates – George driving. Another sled driven by the owner of both carried our baggage. We had dinner at the 16 Mile roadhouse and reached “40 Mile” tonight. Corporal Bell, of the N.W.M.P. Mr. Idleman, dept. Col. of Customs, U.S. called – also others. -15th- Had a good nights rest at “Forty Mile” - at the “Miners Home” hotel. Enjoyed a good nights rest. Left there afoot</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march15b	<p>early in the morning and had four miles walk ahead of the team. Lunch at “Count”s roadhouse – Castell – and reached Eagle City at 8:30 p.m. Snowed all afternoon hard, and made the travelling very bad. Our driver and stage owner – Hornby – paid \$30.00 for fare and \$7.00 for baggage. Met Ben Downings stage yesterday before we reached “Forty Mile.” Stampede to Fairbanks has been largely diverted through “Forty Mile” – up that river and through the “Goodpasture” – back way route, by stories of short route and good trails. The real purpose was to force the miners to outfit at Forty Mile rather than at Eagle or Circle. It was an outrage, and may result in loss of life – and certainly will result in great loss of</p>

	<p>time to those going that way on account of wate[r]</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march15and16a	<p>as the creeks in the Goodpasture country are all open and running. At Forty Mile they informed us that they were now advising everyone to go via Circle – - they have sold all the provisions at 40 Mile!! which accounts for their honesty. We passed dozens of “stam-peders” on the trail from Dawson to Eagle - horse teams, dog teams, and men pulling their own sledges. -16th- Stopped at Heath hotel – same room that Mrs. W & I had last fall. Opened court at 11 oclock – called the docket and have started the machine. I have learned that there are probably a thousand men in the Tanana diggings at Fairbanks now and the trails lined with crowds going there. Johansen is just back and his report is favorable – a good low grade camp -</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march16band17a	<p>he says – but not a bonanza. I am now considering the plan of sending Claypool and Edgar – the Comr. & Dept. Marshal from Circle – in there with their respective official records, &c. as well as asking the military to send in a detachment of ten men. #Have just had a conference with Johansen, Comr. Hess, Dept. U.S. Dist. Atty, and Reynoldson, U.S. Dept. Marshal, representing Perry, and have wired Perry, for permission to send Edgar to Fairbanks with Claypool. Am informed that crime is prevalent there – and much high wines for the manufacture of “Hootch” or native whisky has already gone in. -17th- I was very much pleased and gratified by the very cordial reception given last night by the business men in</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march17b	<p>connection with the Arctic Brotherhood. Their reception was in the form of a banquet, the tables being set in the court room. Present the Mayor and other town officials, the army officers from Ft. Egbert, and the customs post office and other officials, and the business men of Eagle City generally- The address of welcome was made by Mr Hess, Asst. Dist. Atty. Mr. Woodruff presided – he is Arctic Chief. Mr Ensign, the minister, Bevington, Miller, Howard, Mills, Condon, and others made happy after dinner remarks, and all complimented me very highly on my record as judge, both here and</p>

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	at Nome. I was greatly pleased with the function and feel sure that Eagle people are my strong friends.
Diary 5, 1903 march17cand18a	I was mentioned for delegate to Congress with loud cheers and every assurance of support – I confined my address to a review of the character of the Anglo-Saxon people who are nation building in Alaska, and urged all to a continued support of the courts and law and order. Have sent on data to West Pub. Co. for completion of details of 3 rd Div cases, and also 1 st , leaving only the Nome cases for correction – in 1 st Alaska Rep. <u>Edward McGrath today paid me \$35.00 in full for rent of house (with other payments) to June 1, 18th</u> <u>Mail</u> The Valdez mail came in and this morning I received a bundle - two letters from Debbie – and some
Diary 5, 1903 march18b	official mail. Letter from Tom Sammons saying that my Nome enemies have filed the old charge in the department – what surprises me is that they did not do it long ago. It does not seem to be filed – but only “brought to the attention” – <u>I will pay no attention to it – nor to any of their attacks.</u> Recd. lists of Alaska officials complete from the Dept. and forwarded them today to the West Pub. Co. for “ <u>First Alaska Report</u> ” Also wrote long letter of details in publications Debbie is confident of returning health in the first letter – less so in the second. Will be able to start to the northward about Sunday – - but little in court, and am finishing it pretty rapidly. Going out this a.m. to dinner at Mr. Smiths – agent of A.C. Co. Up river mail from Dawson due tomorrow.
Diary 5, 1903 march19and20a	Splendid dinner last evening at Smiths – Fitzhugh, Blackwell, George and I. Wrote a long nice letter to Debbie today - & told her to come to me in June at Rampart. Have concluded to call the principal term of court in the Yukon valley this year at Rampart for <u>July 6th 1903.</u> Will have a Grand Jury & Trial Jury both Recd. telegram from Perry approving sending Edgar in to Fairbanks with <u>Claypool.</u> <u>Will also send Hess in with them.</u> -20 th - Court all day – McGowan came down from Dawson yesterday and enabled me to get his cases finished. Fully completed every thing before the court and when

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	court adjourned this evening the order was that the adjournment be to meet at Coldfoot on the 6 th of April.
Diary 5, 1903 march20band21a	The officers at Ft. Egbert gave me the most perfect dinner and evening – a stag party – Capts Perkins, and Bunnell of the Signal Corps, and Capt. Janda, Lt Kelly, & Johansen, Woodruff, Mills, Smith Stenger, Myers, Jeffry, Runyan, Hess, Bevington. -21 st - Left Eagle City early in a single horse sled - two seats. Hornby driver – Hess, Jeffry & I. Hess goes to Circle to go into Fairbanks with Comr. & Dep. Mar. & George & I for Coldfoot. I walked on ahead and they did not over =take me until I had passed the north end of Lords lake – 15 miles. Dinner at the Sheep Creek roadhouse – when we met Mrs. Dr. Fugard of Dawson on her way into Fairbanks – also Fred Ernest Fay and a shorthaired – sawed-off prostitute dressed in mens clothing – each tending [written over on diagonal:] Canary birds wild. Spring days.
Diary 5, 1903 march21band22	a sled and on their way into the diggings. Bad trail in the afternoon and we did not reach Nation roadhouse until after 9 o'clock. Snowed part of the day & the wind blew keenly in our faces in the afternoon. Mr and Mrs Noyes, who keep the “Halfway” Island roadhouse in 1900 now keep the Nation road house and we had good supper and bed in the bunkhouse. -22- Trails better today – but we only made Charley Creek road house when we are for the night. Mail carrier Roberts is here going back to Eagle and I will send a letter back to Debbie. Very windy today – but clear and cold. Met <u>Ed. Stier</u> formerly of Tacoma – 1886-1900 – jeweler, at Montauk roadhouse yesterday on his way into the diggings.
Diary 5, 1903 march23and24	-23 rd - Left Charley Creek at 6 o'clock – afoot and walked to Charley River – bad trail of soft snow. Coal Creek for dinner and reached Webers for night. House crowded with stampedeers on their way to digging at Fairbanks via, Circle. “Col” Weber is the same cranky old cuss. You either do as he wants or you go on to the next roadhouse. -24 th - Left Webers at 6, and after a hard days

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	<p>journey came into Circle at 8 p.m. Bath, dinner and good bed at Edgars. Have heard many wild canary birds every day on this trip and other spring birds Spring is just at the door. Fine travel -ing except one load was rather heavy for a narrow sled. We were on our side - turned over most of the time.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march25and26a	<p>-25- <u>Circle City</u>. Mrs. Claypool sick with <u>la grippe</u>. The town almost entirely deserted – gone to Fairbanks diggings. -26th- Am with Edgar and Lizzie who are nicely and very comfortably fixed in their cabin, which was built some years ago and occupied by Mr & Mrs Mayor Geise of Nome who then ran a tin[?] shop here. Official matters seem to be all right here, but there is much objection to removing the officers of the Com & Dep. Mar. to Fairbanks and leaving the place without them. Have concluded to send Edgar & Hess to Fairbanks & leave Claypool here – for the present at least, but to appoint Tod. Cowles, Justice of the Peace for Fairbanks & have Claypool appoint him a deputy recorder under him. Dinner tonight with Mrs. Jack Carr – Edgar & Lizzie! Mr & Mrs Bob Geise spent the evening here &</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march26band27and28	<p>he told me he was one of the P.B. Weare crowd - with Charlie Barber and Cranes who came in to Alaska in 1895 or '6. -27- Have inquired from every body coming out from Coldfoot about the situation there, and also from people here – and have determined not to go any further in that direction, but to go to Fairbanks instead. Have just written to McKenzie & Heilig to that effect. -28th- Waiting for Barnette to come in from Fairbanks so as to learn conditions there - hear he is to be in tonight. Will probably not go in until next mail arrives though. Long talk with John McCloud – 26 yrs old, born at Dease Lake, B.C. hunter, trapper talks 7 different Indian languages – wants to go to Mt. McKinley with me.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march29and30	<p>-29th- Sunday – Spent the day working on Indian language – “Louchoux” – Athapas =can, with Johnie McLeod & Phillip, a Porcupine river Indian. -30th- Spent the day with John M. McLeod, and two Louchoux Indians writing a vocabulary of the Slavi and Louchoux.</p>

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	<p>McLeod is the son of a Hudson Bay Co. factor – 26 yrs. old – and has resided on the Mackenzie river, Yukon & in the interior of British N.A. all his life as hunter and trapper. Have just presented him with a book “Hunting the Grisly” by Pres. Thodore Roosevelt. McLeod is a splendid hunter and has killed many of that animal – and of all kinds of game in this region. He talks every Indian language in this region – 7 dialects fluently.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 march31andapril01and02a	<p>Mch. 31st Spent day with Johnnie McLeod & Indian studying Tinneh. April 1st Bought 9 marten skins – 6 for Debbie & 3 for Mildred. Intend to add to the number & get Mave Olds some fine ones. Wrote Debbie a letter & sent her some Circle & Nome pictures. -April 2nd Wrote letter to Darrell – his birthday. Left Circle at 10 a.m. for Tanana Reached 12 Mile Road house for lunch. 17 Mi. road house kept by Mr & Mrs Adams of Eagle, - fine baby. Stopped at the “Jump off” road house for the night kept. by Blanchard & McCoy from Tacoma – Ed. Steir. here for the night.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april02band03a	<p>McCoy is married to Blanchards daughter. <u>She is a fine cook</u> - and will soon present her last years new husband with an heir. -3rd- We left the "Jump Off" at 7 this morning. It is 22 miles from Circle. Good bed there but slept none. Ed, Stein, partner & horse left with us. Reached "Central" roadhouse for lunch, and Millers tonight 58 miles from Circle. We have to go over the divide 7 miles above here, near Mastodon dome, and as it has been blowing on the summit for three or four days, and impossible to cross there is a crowd here - probably 50 at the road house, and 100 in the timber between here and the summit, and more coming hourly. A larger number went up this morning and tried to cross but were forced back by the wind and flying snow. Late this</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april03band04a	<p>evening, however, Mr. Rice, Episcopal minister came into camp, having safely crossed this way, and reports the storm abated. We will try it in the morning. "Millers" consists of several log cabins - some stables and a corral. This is headquarters for Jack Gregor's mining</p>

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	<p>venture - he is clearing & putting in steam plant - shovel - to handle the gravel into sluice boxes- Hess and George Jeffrey are late, and may not get here until tomorrow.</p> <p>-4th-</p> <p>Nice morning but out of the 35 men in the Miller house none seemed to want to make the start-, 2 or 3 of us insisted upon going across the divide - Callahan and others would look at the sky and then exclaim how bad the summit would be - that it would be blowing so hard that nothing</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april04b	<p>could live on it &c. and crook-croak went the weak ones. I finally prevailed on 2 or three to start - made Edgar go - and I went on with the first sled - 6 miles brought us in sight of the summit - and it was clear! I reached there with two men who had camped within a mile & was the first to cross - Sent back word how good it was at 10:30 crossed.</p> <p>No one ahead of me - Men, horses, dog teams, sleds - every thing in sight coming Miller Pass is between the head of Miller Creek, and Eagle Creek - between Mastodon Dome & Porcupine dome - 150 to 2000 {above us - but 11500 ft above sea level} ft high and looks like the <u>Chilkoot</u>.</p> <p>Stopped at first cabin down Eagle for lunch - Edgar with team caught up - ours was first team over - and we went on to mouth of Eagle & then down</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april04cand05a	<p>Birch Creek to mouth of <u>12 Mile</u></p> <p>Found tent there occupied by three miner - Gus. Miller from Tacoma - old town - young Norton from California and old Bill Woodman - a typical, grizzled frontiersman and hunter. Occupied their tent with them - 5 in a row - they fed us fine. Abe. Spring came by going up after another load this morning - his son Solly with him.</p> <p>Walked 25 miles yesterday!</p> <p>-5th-</p> <p>Left camp on Birch Creek - went down one mile then turned west into 12 Mile gulch. Passed a tent two or three miles up and came to forks - new trail up lefthand and Edgar thought it was right road - we went two miles - into snow waist deep - raw labor - struggles - <u>profanity</u>.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april05b	<p>Finally found we were on wrong trail and turned back – broke handle bar off sled – Nate Zimmer & Gus – two miners came down the blind gulch with cariboo meat – we had followed their</p>

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	<p>trail toward their cache on the snowy divide at the head of the gulch – They assisted us to mend our sled – and at one o'clock we turned up the right road – tired and worn out. Many of the Miller Creek stampedeers had arrived and a few were ahead of us – We pushed on to the head of “12 Mile” and camped in an empty tent just below the summit. Condon & Stevens were ahead of us & the four of us camped together. Tent warmer – but unable to sleep, - too tired. Am dreadful tired of Edgars extreme profanity.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april06and07a	<p>-6th-</p> <p>Found a storm raging across the pass when we woke this morning - Packed and pushed up in the face of a violent gale of wind and snow - Went down the west side into Chatnika River – flying, with sled locked and Edgar dragging. Snow deep and trail bad - Passed horse sleds with animals down - Condon and Stevens following hard - Made no stop until we reached the roadhouse at the mouth of Faith Creek - 23 miles - walked all the way - Met Oscar Smith miner, at this cabin and he made some good "sour dough" pancakes for me for supper. Good bunk, but cold - 8 in house 12 X 12.</p> <p>-7th- A most beautiful morning - the snow storm has gone by and it is clear - but quite cold. We are now ahead of all those at Miller Creek,</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april07b	<p>even Condon & Stevens, have to go back 6 miles for one load which they left last night. They have agreed to meet us at a tent 50 miles down stream - if they can make the run. We stopped at a moose camp for dinner - fine dinner - McCarty was his name, James McCarty, and reached Showers empty tent for the night. It is in a splendid grove of spruce on the north side of the river - and we were joined by a lone miner with the pack on his back - his name is Joe. Cascade, from Chicken Creek - born in Bunan Co. Ill. Edgar cut two fingers badly on a tin can - Good supper - cooked by ourselves - our friend joined us. General course of the Chatnika River is W.S.W. and it empties into the Tanana just north of Fairbanks. Wrote to Debbie from roadhouse last night & sent it out by Smith - Write another tonight = Cascade</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april08and09a	<p>-8th-</p> <p>Fine trail from tent down river – reached the camp of some Yukon Indians after noon – they</p>

	<p>had killed a moose – and cooked us some steak and gave us some tea. Walked hard until late - reached the end of Chatinika river trail - crossed a long point and camp upon Cleary Creek – stopped Nobles cabin – he is a Pierce Co. Wash. man and was one of those out at the T.L. & W. Co. springs on upper Muck – “Thomas & Patterson” springs – Several other miners there and we camped on the floor – but were warm. Noble and McCarty are very sanguine that they have rich ground on Cleary Creek. -9th-</p> <p>Came across from Cleary to Pedro Creek. Sight from summit superb! White mountains far to the north and east seem to be domes at the head of Beaver and Birch Creeks.</p>
<p>Diary 5, 1903 april09band10a</p>	<p>Hazy to the west and south and could not see the Coast Range. Dinner with "Jack. Costa" an Italian who has a rich mine on Pedro. As his happy, smiling face {like the full moon over the Ketchunstock hills,} emerged from his pit he remarked - probably for the thousandth time - "<u>By Godde, I gotte de gold</u>" - Down Pedro to Gold Stream, across the divide and reached Fairbanks at 5 o'clock. Frank Cleary, in charge of Barnetts establishment gave us a bed in side room of store, and arranged that we take our meals at Wada's restaurant - <u>Japanese I. Tod Cowles took his oath of office as Justice of the Peace, and gave his bond.</u> -10th-</p> <p>Good nights rest - visited around town - inspected things: streets laid out regular - corners set & making map - suggested that one street be named Cushman & one Lacy - <u>done</u></p>
<p>Diary 5, 1903 april10b</p>	<p>Edgars lot had been jumped, but he made a settlement & got it back. They offer us a lot on a central corner for a jail, and Frank Cleary offers me a corner. I find a conflict of interest and some feeling between this place & "Chena" at the mouth of the slough & junction with Tanana. Mr & Mrs. Wissel of Chena came in to see me today & presented a letter from citizens of Chena asking me to come & see that place with a view of locating recorders offices &c. there. Agreed to go down Monday. Wrote a good long letter to Debbie today & sent her map of route from Circle to Fairbanks and a blue print map of "Creeks". Probably the last letter which will get out to her. Met "Windy Jim," tonight & he gave me some of his yarns and information about the route to Mt. McKinley. Dog team went back today. <u>Gave Ben. Bennett a power of attorney to stake placer mines for me</u></p>

	<p>He goes out to Fish & other creeks tomorrow.</p>
<p>Diary 5, 1903 april10cand11a</p>	<p>There is not now, and never was a white child in Fairbanks - nor, so far as those best acquainted know, <u>in the Tanana valley!</u> A pioneer country indeed! There are 2 women of easy life here, and none {2} other that I know of. Two weeks ago Rev. Mr. Rice, Episcopal mister from Circle held services here in Marstons dining room just off the saloon - the first of that kind in this immense and splendid valley. -11th-</p> <p>Beautiful day - 20° below zero last night - clear and cold - but everything bathed in warm sunshine today. 2 days ago I noticed the pussy willows unfolding cat tails, and gathered birch limbs covered with swollen birds - the streams are opening - the Tanana river is open and running for many miles above here - <u>spring is just here - is arriving.</u></p>
<p>Diary 5, 1903 april11band12a</p>	<p>The Tanana valley is cold in the winter - but is still district to be the garden spot of Alaska The stamperders whom we left at Miller Creek Roadhouse, and those whom we passed on the Chatnika are coming in at this noon- already a dozen dog teams have come in- Condon & Stevens first. Hess and Jeffrey will probably be in tonight. <u>Gave Al. Helty power of attorney to stake for me - and also Ole Peterson.</u> 7 p.m. George is just now crossing the river into town - Hess arrived at 4 o'clock. Sun still shining brightly at setting. -12th- Sunday-</p> <p>The first child born in Fairbanks made its appearance today yesterday. Its name - its father's name is McCarty and its mother is an Indian woman from Koyukuk. Dr. Fugard - a lady physician just came in the morning over the Circle City trail.</p>
<p>Diary 5, 1903 april12b</p>	<p>The people took up a collection yesterday and I sent out a telegram for them to the Postmaster Genl. as follows: "Goodpasture, Alaska, April 11, 1903 Postmaster General, Washington, D.C. One thousand miners Fairbanks, Tanana river, two hundred miles from Eagle, Circle, Rampart, without postoffice. They request appointment postmaster by telegraph. Earnestly urge appointment Frank J. Cleary. Carrier takes this telegram two hundred miles, waits answer. Great necessity. Route Circle - Mastadon, Fairbanks. " James Wickersham District Judge, Alaska, " <u>Also</u> Goodpasture, Alaska, April 11, 1903 Edward McGrath</p>

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	<p>Postal Inspector, Eagle, Alaska. One thousand miners Fairbanks and no postoffice. Immediate action necessity. Have telegraphed situation postmaster General Frank J. Cleary satisfactory postmaster. Wont you act quick.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James Wickersham District Judge, Alaska</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april12c	<p>I also sent the following telegram to Heilig. " Fairbanks, Alaska, April 11, 1903 A. R. Heilig, Clerk, Eagle, Alaska. Make order July term Rampart July twenty instead sixth. All at Fairbanks safe.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James Wickersham District Judge, Alaska</p> <p>The citizens employed "Windy Jim" Dodson to carry these messages up to the first telegraph station - 30 miles up the Goodpasture river - 150 miles away. He starts in the morning early. Order of court adjourning Rampart term from 6th to the 20th and sent notice by letter to Heilig also to Claypool - carrier goes out to Circle tomorrow. <u>Wrote to Debbie also.</u></p>
Diary 5, 1903 april13a	<p style="text-align: center;">-13th-</p> <p>In response to the invitation sent to me by the people of Chena (pronounced (Che-naw') I went down there this morning accompanied by Mr. Hess. The "Isabella" and "Jennie M" lie halfway down - drawn up into a small slough to escape the water where it opens in the spring. the "Isabella" is a fine large boat of above 60 or more tons and belongs to Barnett : the other is smaller. The U.S. telegraph station is a mile this side of Chena and is a log cabin on the bank of the river. Found about 300 people at Chena heavily engaged in building houses. A committee - Hendricks, Dr. Danforth, Wissel, Oldfield, and couple of others met us - we went to Oldfields restaurant, but Hendricks took us over to his headquarters where Mrs. Currier who</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april13b	<p>came up the river with us last fall, got us up a fine dinner. She is a great Yankee woman. After dinner the committee conducted us around. Half a dozen or so houses completed but a hundred in process of construction. Hendricks and Belt are tearing down their store buildings across on the south side of the Tanana and moving them over here It presents as thrifty and busy a scene as Fairbanks - and has some advantages - or at least <u>one: it is on the main river!</u> Saw a moose head,. Hendricks & Belt, killed a year ago by the Indians measuring 72 inches across- The most magnificent pair of horns I ever saw! Met <u>Pedro</u> here and many of the residents.</p>

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	<p>Pedro came back to Fairbanks and paid me a visit tonight. Promises me the old gold pan with which he made discovery of the camp. Have determined after my</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april13cand14a	<p>visit to Chena to go ahead here and build a jail - Fairbanks is nearer to the mines yet discovered, - half midway - on the road from Chena to the mines. Mt. McKinley can be seen from Chena - halfway across the river - but it was so hazy we did not see it. Recd. a telegram from John N. Conna tonight asking when I was coming to Rampart. Cannot answer from here - as the telegraph line is two miles back of town - and no office. Beautiful spring day. -14th-</p> <p>Am preparing specifications for a jail to be built here at Fairbanks. Will reserve one lot 50 X 150 ft. square, - no courthouse at present. Examination of Wm Duenkel in progress today before Mr. Cowles, J.P. Mr Hess appears for the prosecution and Kellum for defense. The first criminal proceeding</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april14band18a	<p>- or civil either - ever held in the Tanana valley - Jeffry took dictation - with evidence. Bob Kemp goes out to Eagle in the morning and I have written Capt Bunnell, signal corps, a letter urging that a station be located here - a telegraph station. Also wrote Debbie a short letter. Rev. Mr. Ensign, Pres. minister from Eagle came in {to camp} this evening, and has concluded to build a church tomorrow. Tendered him a small subscription, and a days work. Will go out on the "Creeks" in the morning with Frank Cleary- <u>Have made power of attorney to Pedro to locate mines for me.</u> Beautiful spring day - birds singing - tonight it is warm - and the owls are hooting - the south wine is rising and it seems that a storm is brewing. -18th-</p> <p>Left Fairbanks on the morning of the</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april18b	<p>18th with Frank Cleary for the "Creeks". We took Kellums dog team, and reached Frank Costas for night. Costa owns no 2 above on Pedro Creek. Has a little cabin 10 ft square and Frank Evans and his wife cook for him. All of them are from Carbonado, Washington - Costas, Jack and Frank and Felix Pedro - also Evans and several others. Costas cabin is only about 6 ft. high and you stoop to get in the door - round pole floor and a small window on the south side with 2 lights of glass - <u>dirty!</u> Two bunks - foot to foot - I slept in one - Mr & Mrs Evans in the other - She modestly went out side while I went to bed - and turned her back when I got up next morning. The men slept in a small pole shack and a tent in the yard.</p>

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	We had moose meat and sour dough pancakes and tea! The morning of the 16 th Jack and Frank Costa panned from their dump –
Diary 5, 1903 april18c	pans averaged 8 c each – his paystreak is said to be 2 yards deep and 50 wide and the length of his claim – if so it is worth nearly half a million!! On the 16 th we went on up Twin Creek – Pedro came to Costas and went with us – to Jesse Nobles on Cleary Creek. We panned Noble is from Pierce Co. Wash – out on Nusqually river – he is a hard working prospector and has very valuable claims on Cleary. Remained all night with him. Met Pete Kling, a Skagit Co. logger – now a miner. On looking around I found that the bench claim on the west side of discovery on Cleary was not located, and staked it for myself. With snow shoes I began at Pedros N.W. Cor. stake and ran my north line west 660 ft. - cut off a spruce tree and squared it for the N.W. cor. of my claim and marked it. Then
Diary 5, 1903 april18d	beginning at his south west corner stake I ran my south line 660 ft. & cut and squared another spruce tree for corner. I “swamped out”, or cleared both lines, and blazed trees. Employed Jesse Noble to sink a shaft to bed rock – no price agreed on – reasonable price. [captions:] Frank Gage Bench Bench off Discovery Left Limit: Located April 16 th 1903 James Wickersham No. 1 above shaft shaft Cleary Creek “Discovery” Pedros claim
Diary 5, 1903 april18e	Pedros nearest shaft is but little more than 100 ft. from my line – he gets 25c to the pan there and pay grows better toward my line! On the 17 th we panned on Pedros dumps on Discovery Cleary – it seems to be very rich – 25c to the pan – the dump averaged 8 oz – a fortune it seems to me. Pedro, Noble and Cleary own very promising property. We crossed back to Pedro Creek and remained the night of the 17 th with Pedro, in his primitive log cabin. He and Joe Miller are partners – Joe is a Portugese, and an old Mastadon Creek miner. He owns No1. above Pedros discovery on Pedro Creek. Pedro gave us moose meat and for each meal. Joe Miller and one employe are busy whip sawing spruce boards for sluice boxes for the spring clean up of the biggest dump on any of the creeks. Today we panned on
Diary 5, 1903 april18f	Pedros claim on Pedro creek – and on McCartys and Willigs on Gold Stream.

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	Pans about the same from 5c to 8c – very rich dirt, with from 3 to 7 feet thick. While at Willigs I wrote Claypool a letter and sent it out by a passerby, instructing him to buy for me: from Emma Kelly – the fraction on west side of Costas: from Pete Wilson his claim on Fish and from Frank Gage his bench off No 1. above on Cleary. Limited him to \$100. on each. Have other claims in sight to buy – Am confident from what I have seen that the mines are perma=ment and rich. Reached Fairbanks tonight bath &c. Recd. telegram from J. Lindy Green about application for receiver from Ram =part. More people reaching here every day down the Tanana – nearly all in now from Circle – weather warm – thawing and trails rapidly going.
Diary 5, 1903 april20a	-20 th . Spent yesterday and today in preparing orders reserving lot at corner of 2 nd & 3 rd Ave. on Cushman St. Fairbanks, for Courthouse and Jail site, in preparing specifications for jail building, call for bids &c. Have caused call for bids to be posted, one at Barnetts store, Fairbanks, one at Belt & Hendricks store, Chena, and another on the main trail to the mines. Bids are to be received by 12 m. Saturday 25 th The building is to be of spruce logs, and of the usual type – except strong and heavy. [captions:] 30 ft long Cell 10 X 10 Cell 7 X 10 Cell 7 X 10 corridor Guardroom closet 24 ft wide Plan of Fairbanks log jail. 1903.
Diary 5, 1903 april20b	Fairbanks is situated on the south side of the Chena, ten miles above its junction with the Tanana. Prior to the discovery of gold by Pedro last July it consisted only of Barnetts camp, but upon learning of that strike he erected a large log store, staked off a trading site and began the foundation of a town. At this time there are three streets roughly staked out through the woods, parallel to the river. The site was covered with a fine body of spruce timber from 6 to 24 inches in diameter, which is now being cut and built up into houses, The “Fairbanks” hotel is a two story log house, and lodges 40 to 50 people. There are probably 500 people here – mostly in tents, but log houses are being constructed as rapidly as possible. Several men are sawing these logs into boards with the whip saw, and such hand made lumber sells for \$200 to \$240 per thousand feet. I saw a pile of
Diary 5, 1903	of such boards, nicely piled for drying – 1 foot

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april20c	<p>wide, 1 inch thick and 20 feet long! The town is just now in its formation period – town lots are at a premium – jumping, staking recording, building! It is a motley crowd too. Miners {"sour doughs" "chechacos"} gamblers, Indians {Negroes} Japanese, dogs, prostitutes, music, drinking! It is rough but healthy - the beginning – <u>Lhope</u>, of an American Dawson. There is much rivalry between this town and Chena at the mouth of the river, but my own judgment is that this place, being nearer to the mines – as now discovered – will for that reason be the better location and I have, therefore resolved to build a jail here and locate the public offices here also. It will be easy to change them later if necessary to do so. Spring is here – robins – and other birds – the snow is melting, buds growing – and in another 30 days it will be glorious.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april21a	<p style="text-align: center;">21st</p> <p>Went 5 miles down the Chena to visit the camp of old Koo-nah, the Tanana medicine man. Was interested in their camp – situated on river bank – in woods – three tents – dogs children – snow shoes – sleds – moose meat - tanned skins - & Julius & Ellen tanning a moosehide. It was hung over a stake while one cleaned the flesh side of clinging flesh with a chisel of steel set in a wooden handle. Formerly this cleaning tool was made of the shin bone of the moose flattened cut down so as to leave a chisel like edge as follows, with thong to hold around waist. With this tool they clean the skin of surplus flesh very quickly – then removing the hair – the finish tanning the skin for moccasins – clothing &c. I was</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april21band22a	<p>also interested in a birch bark cradle It sits flat – but the back rises – and it is ornamented with brads, &c. The baby was bound in with its little legs only hanging out. Much like wicker work baskets in the south - along the Rocky Mt. Slope. <u>Gave</u> power of attorney also, to <u>Charles</u> Mack, who will locate me on Fairbanks Creek where he has just struck pay. -22nd- Old "Koonah" – Tanana Medicine Man spent the day with me – Julius interpreted Vocabulary & story about "Tah-cho" and Mt. McKinley, - "Dēē-nā-ly", "High". Met and talked to a miner by the name of Allen who went up the Toclat, and</p>

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Diary 5, 1903 april22band24a	<p>across to the Kuskokwim River, in May and June last year or the year before & he tells me we can go that way with horses without trouble. Keep on the east bank of the Toclat – on the high ground, & go straight - or nearly so toward the great mountain. <u>Mail</u>: A miner by the name of Laughery came in tonight with my mail from Circle – 3 letters from Debbie – I am now very sorry that I did not have my way last fall and resign & stay at home with her. From what she says and the tone of her letters I am afraid of the result of her illness. Recd. salary for Dec. & Jany. also expense account for quarter ending Dec. 31st Little official mail and nothing new from Washington. Nothing from Genl. Funston about horses to McKinley. -24th- Old Koonah, the Tanana shaman, again visited me, with "Ellen" as his</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april24b	<p>interpreter – Ellens Indian name is Chō-tā-ā-din-nah, and though young she is living with her 5th husband having procured her freedom from marital ties by walking off from her former incumbrances. Completed a good vocabulary of the Tanana dialect of the Athapascan tongue. Recd. telegram today from J. Lindley Green, Comr. at Rampart saying that a new and rich strike had been made 30 miles north of Rampart on Moose Lick Creek. Also second telegram saying that some man by the name of Patterson had murdered a negro by the name of Page near Lake Mentaw – on Lower Gold Stream. Warrant issued & Edgar & Johnnie McLeod will go tonight after it freezes. Suit today over town lot in Chena – brought Dr. Frugard. Mrs. Wissel & Hendricks up – they took dinner with me at Jap. Kitch. Cleary also present</p>
Diary 5, 1903 april24c	<p>Making maps and other preparation for our trip to Mt. McKinley. Byron Allen, and Hendricks assisting me with suggestions – both having been near McKinley. Saloons and prominent characters in Fairbanks – Saloons: "<u>Pioneer</u>" "<u>Fairbanks</u>" and "<u>Northern</u>", and now fitting the "<u>Tanana</u>". Barnetts store was the only mercantile establishment. E. T. Barnett, merchant, Frank J. Cleary his brotherinlaw and clerk. Wada, a Japanese also clerk in Barnetts, with "Titus," an Indian boy assistant. Barnett seems to own the "Northern" saloon, but Geo. A. Noble, from Seattle manages it. The "Fairbanks" is in that hotel and Marston owns both.</p>

	Dave Petrie owns the “Pioneer” and his brother is clerk – Bill Robinson from Circle is
Diary 5, 1903 april24dand25a	filling up the “Tanana” in a new 2 story log house. “ <u>Chee-Chaco Lil</u> ” has reached town from Dawson and has purchased at small establishment on 2 nd Ave. There are three others of her kind here including a negress, “ <u>Windy Jim</u> ” Dobson carried our dispatches 200 miles up to the telegraph line which is now {halfway} down the Goodpasture river. Abe Spring put out the first lawyers sign in the Tanana valley last week, though he was not the first lawyer to reach here. -25 th - Went out early this morning with Frank J. Cleary and George Jeffry to locate placer claims on the unnamed creek just north of town Found that S. R. Weis had already staked just at the point where the trail crossed, and Chas. F. Burkhard just below him on Mch 9 th .
Diary 5, 1903 april25band26a	Beginning just above Weis – next to him we staked claims across the length of the stream, first for Hess, then for me, Darrell, George Cleary, Barnett & his wife. Asked to suggest a name for the creek I called it “Isabella” after Mrs. Barnett – Franks sister. This creek lies on the Fairbanks side of the divide & heads up with Engineer and Steel – both of which carry gold gravels. Frank will go out again early Monday morning & cut the corner stakes & then make other locations – we intend to put two men to work at once to sink two holes to bed rock – somewhere in the group. -26 th - Mr. Ensign, Presbyterian minister, came up from Chena and held services today – the first in the Tanana valley – Hess, I, George & Frank Cleary constituted the audience. {Ensign took dinner with me after services.} Made contract of
Diary 5, 1903 april26band27a	optional purchase with Chas. Willig for following placer mining claims, <u>tomorrow</u> : ½ of No 4. above Discovery on Pedro Creek. No 8 “ “ “ Gilmon “ ¾ of No 6. below “ “ Gold Stream. No 2 above “ “ Cleary Creek ½ of No 1. Below “ “ Bear “ No 2 above “ “ Kokomo “ “ 3 above “ “ Treasure “ Contract in duplicate, acknowledged before J. Tod. Cowles. Notary in the morning - Also advance him \$200. for development work. Claims on Pedro, Cleary & Gold Stream are known to be good – option price \$5000. in 1 year, for a <u>half interest only</u> .

	27 th Started down to Chena early this morning to get the benefit of hard trail – but it was soft & bad. Saw Hendricks and two other
Diary 5, 1903 april27b	men who have been up the Kantashnai river of which the Tolcat is the head & lefthand branch - made arrangements with Hendricks to buy outfit from him, and he also agreed to take the party and outfit up the Kantashnai to the forks, - sixty miles {on the “Tanana Chief” – a small steamer} Martin and another prospector say that the “Tanana Chief” can go up to the forks – and that we will save several days time and all the hard work of cutting brush {by this assistance.} We will make camp there & cache a boat, so that we can come down from that point without delay. No danger in small boat from there. Also made arrangement with Hendricks for our outfit. He will go immediately after the ice goes down the Tanana. Walked down to Chena & back – bad trail – water running in Chena & saw big <u>Mallard drake</u> , this side of Steamboats in the rising river current.
Diary 5, 1903 april28a	-28 th - River and trail going to peices fast – very warm – spring has come. Pedro, Noble and Dan McCarty are in town and I have invited them to a dinner this evening – have also invited, L.C. Hess, E.B. Condon B.A. Dodge, Abe Spring, H.J. Miller and J. Tod Cowles, all the lawyers in camp – in the Tanana valley – and Frank J. Cleary & intend to make it a pleasant affair. George has pup and the menu cards of birch bark, and we have Pedros old gold pan – the one that was used to discover the camp – as a waiter for “hooch”, &c. I intend to send it to Senator Fairbanks. The first banquet ever held in the Tanana Valley was a decided success. The dinner was fine and the company very agreeable & pleasant
Diary 5, 1903 april28b	During the evening I learned that Mr. Allan R. Joy from Koyukuk, had reached town and we sent Mr. Condon out for him – he makes the seventh lawyer in town – Hess, Condon, Spring, Miller, Dodge, Cowles & Joy. These together with Pedro, Cleary, McCarty and Noble sat round the table. The responses to toasts were very interesting, especially the tales of Pedro and Cleary as to the early days last year when the settlement of Fairbanks & the discovery by Pedro were in progress. Pedro first saw steamboat

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	smoke from the summit of Pedro dome & came down off the mountains & met Barnett here – Pedro gave me his original gold pan – it was used as a waiter to serve drinks, cigars &c to the guests and its use was an evident surprise and pleasure to Pedro. His plain, honest, straightforward story of his hardships &
Diary 5, 1903 april28cand29	discovery was the address of the evening. Cleary came next with the history of Barnetts trading post. Menu cards of birch bark [typed menu:] “ HIYU MUCK-AMUCK. Hooch – Chena Cocktails. Consomme, a la Tawtilla. Olives. Chicken Mayonaise, Oyster Paties. Sauterne. Wine Jelly, Cream Sauce. ROAST MOOSE, PROSPECTOR STYLE. Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas. Ice Cream – Yuma Canned. Jelly Cake. Nuts, Raisins, Cheese, Coffee, Cigars. Fairbanks, Alaska, April 28, 1903.” -29 th - Working hard against the most irritating obstacles to get ready to go to Mt. McKinley High price of horses proves troublesome – Hendricks was up today – on town organization scheme. Everything favorable – but horses – we can certainly overcome that.
Diary 5, 1903 april30	-30 th - <u>Mail</u> . Webb, who went out for some supplies, got back this morning and brot mail – One from Debbie & Darrell – both well. Much official mail – but of no great importance. Frank J. Cleary assisted by James Eagle measured off a lot for me this morning 40 X 150. at the {N.E.} corner of Barnetts Trading site, corner of Front & Cushman, and I am preparing a contract with Eagle for the erection of a log building thereon 16 X 24. ft square. At <u>Recd. Jennies wedding Cards-</u> Dinner tonight with Marston & his friends at “The Fairbanks”. Twenty people fine dinner music, cigars, songs &c. Pleasant evening. Contract with Eagle to build one story log house on my lot for \$400.00
Diary 5, 1903 may01and03a	-May 1 st - Eagle began on my house today. Corner of

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	First Ave. & Cushman St. Was offered a good ground rental for 4 years & the party offered to put up the building – but for gambling {& saloon.} - refused. Bought a <u>splendid good mare</u> this afternoon for \$50.00 Marston bought her for me – we are now pretty sure of our Mt. McKinly trip. Dictated all my letters today – and will leave nothing behind – undone – when we go. -3 rd - Beautiful spring Sunday! The river is thawing and rising rapidly and the ice must go out in a few days. Ducks, geese, robins, birds, squirrels, - the wood are vocal with animal and bird song. The Tanana valley is the garden spot of Alaska – Have begun on the preparation of “ <u>The Fairbanks Miner</u> ”, which
Diary 5, 1903 may03band04and05	I will have George print on typewriter. -4 th - Sick for two days with dysentery and gas in stomach. Got old “No 4” prescription this evening & hope to be better in the morning. Have made & delivered deed to Jeffry & Hess of 60 feet off south end of my lot – Am not quite satisfied about it for Hess is inclined to be “off” since he quit boarding with us at the Japs - why, I do not know. River rising very rapidly – and ice may go out soon. -5 th - River rising 1 inch per hour, ice breaking loose from bottom, and looks as if it will go out within two days – Pretty sick last night but better today. House progressing. Have had good offer to lease the lot – but cannot do so – for they want it for saloon.
Diary 5, 1903 may06and07and08a	-6 th - My lot is going to yield an immediate income – I leased two spots for tents today at \$20 per month – <u>each</u> , and will have more. Wada, the Jap. merchant wants to go to the mountain with me – I have consented- -7 th - Worked all day on mss. for “ <u>Fairbanks Miner</u> ”, the first newspaper in the Tanana valley which I am having George print on the typewriter. Chena river broke up in front of town & {ice} moved down quarter of a mile. -8 th - O’Connor, of Tacoma, gave me a fine pack saddle for Mt. McKinley trip. He used to be a policeman in Tacoma, - last under Orr. Comes now from Dawson, where they got him to become a British citizen to vote, & now he is in a peck of trouble.
Diary 5, 1903	Made an order today, in the matter of the

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may08band09a	<p>incorporation of Fairbanks, setting the time for hearing objections thereto on July 27th 1903 at Rampart, - order to post notices. -9th-</p> <p>We completed the “<u>Fairbanks Miner</u>” today. I wrote every word of it except the poem, and arranged it – George A. Jeffry my stenographer did the type writing. We completed seven copies only – I gave one to Mr. Hess, one to E.B. Condon and one to Frank J. Cleary. Condon will read his to the multitude in the saloons. I will send one to Senator Fairbanks and keep one. Will also give Stevens one.</p> <p><u>Ice Went Out.</u> While the river in front of town broke on the 7th & moved down a little way, yet at 3 o'clock this afternoon the grand break came, and the river rose two</p>
Diary 5, 1903 may09b	<p>feet or more and is now running high with heavy ice. I am surprised at its force and quantity. It is not equal to the Yukon - but nearly so, and is a wonderful manifestation of the natural force of water & ice. It came down suddenly, without warning, and in five minutes the ice was pushing up into the woods, breaking into great sections, pushing grinding, rolling, and tearing: - an irresistible flood of ice, mud and water. It was surprisingly great for so small a river. We will evidently get away soon now, to Mt. McKinley.</p> <p>The Bar Association today filed a petition for the appointment of a dept. clerk at Fairbanks, and also gave me a formal invitation to attend a banquet next week on the eve of my departure for Mt. McKinley.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 may10a	<p>-10th- <u>Steamboat.</u></p> <p>At eight o'clock this morning the “Isabella” came up the river to Fairbanks, her flags flying and her whistle blowing. A heavy jam of ice just below the slough where the steamers lay is pushing the water out over the valley - down their. During the day we went over to North Fairbanks on the Isabella to land the ferry cable. Three boats came in today from up river – they report that the Tanana is pushing water into the Chena through a cut-off, and it is hoped that it will continue to do so. More ice is running today – but the</p>
Diary 5, 1903 may 10b and 11a	<p>Chena is open full length to the Tanana. Cleary promises to</p>

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	<p>take an excursion to Chena on Wednesday, including my Mt. Mc Kinley party. Wada has now concluded not to go with us on account of heart troubles – we cannot run the risk of his life, and of spoiling our trip. Bion A. Dodge, attorney, let me have his binocular glasses for the mountain trip – they are the finest made, and will be a great help to me. Am going to dinner tonight at new restaurant in Wadas building – <u>present</u> Cleary, Hess, Condon, Noble, Robertson, Cowles, & I. dinner with compliments of house, prop. Smith & Fine goose dinner. -11th-</p> <p>The ice jammed at the mouth of the Chena</p>
Diary 5, 1903 may11band12a	<p>and is overflowing the valley down between the telegraph station & the town of Chena. -12th-</p> <p>Jams at Chena threatening that place – It will always be subject to the threat & will be drowned out at times – Fairbanks is the superior town site. Owing to the lateness of the season we will not get started to Mt McKinley for a week probably. We are all ready though. Was tendered a most flattering dinner tonight by the Tanana Bar Association Bion A. Dodge, Pres. E.B. Condon, Secretary Mr. Dodge presided, but Condon acted as toastmaster. Dinner was in the Tanana Restaurant, & all the lawyers except Spring were present - he was at Chena & could not get back on account of the ice. The large room was elegantly decorated with flags, curtains, evergreens & bunting – the latter red, white and blue =</p>
Diary 5, 1903 may12b	<p>quito bar! The floor was carpeted with sweet-smelling spruce boughs, and the music, - violin and guitar was {in an alcove} behind curtains. Dr. Whitney sang Annie Laurie & Ben Bolt, - we all sang America and the Star Spangled banner. Toasts were proposed & responses by Dodge, Hess, I & Miller. The dinner was good – this is copy of the menu: “Dinner to Judge James Wickersham by the Tanana Bar Association Slough Cocktails. Soup: Chicken Giblet. Olives & pickles. Shrimp Salad, Fish: Grayling. Salmi of Roast Duck, Green Peas, Roast Chicken (Grouse), Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus, Nuts & Dates, Cheese, Coffee, Cigars. Fairbanks, Alaska, May 12, 1903.” On the reverse side was a copy of the words of the Star Spangled Banner.”</p>
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may12cand13a	<p>courage and honesty of lawyers and defended them from the prevalent slander of trickery and dishonesty. The music was the feature of the evening. Morgan plays the violin like a master, and Dr. Whitney sang well. I wore my full dress suit – the first ever worn in the Tanana valley – the only one present, too.</p> <p>-13th-</p> <p>Was given a dinner tonight at the Tokio restaurant by my Japanese friends – present <u>Wada</u>, Hess, Cowles, Edgar, George, Robert =son, and Johnnie McLeod, - the intention was to dine the McKinley Alpine party, except Stevens who has had some dispute with the Japs. Johnnie McLeod left in his birch bark canoe for the junction of the Chena with the Tanana to post some signs for the</p>
Diary 5, 1903 may13band14and15a	<p>town, but will overtake us at Chena on Sunday. Beautiful warm sunny days.</p> <p>-14th-</p> <p>Beautiful warm day. Raft with 6 men aboard came down Tanana & Chena & arrived this morning, - report many more coming that way- The Tanana ice went out yester -day but the “Tanana Chief” is not free from the ice – we are going down on Saturday. We are now all ready – to go – everything first class except the packhorse. “Aunt Sally” is poor and not strong.</p> <p>-15th-</p> <p>Tanana Bar Association filed petition this morning asking for the appointment of John L. Long as deputy clerk to reside at Fairbanks. Long is an old time westerner and mountain man – and has been Indian agent, &c. & is competent.</p>
Diary 5, 1903 may15b	<p>Have determined to appoint him until Heilig can be consulted. On yesterday I persuaded Charley Webb, an Eagle man and a splendid good hunter and packer to go to the mountain with us – He adds very much to the strength of my party and I am very much pleased over his determination to go. I shall undertake to provide him an appointment as guard in one of the jails when we get back. Am now buying another horse – which, with packing on our backs will unable us to travel without “double tripping” - or going back after loads.</p> <p>I arrived in Fairbanks 36 days ago and it is beyond belief what has been accomplished here since then. The fact that the public offices were established here – the Comr. Dep. Recorder Dep. Atty. Dep. Marshal, courthouse, jail &c. determined most people in the belief that this would be the important town</p>

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Diary 5, 1903 may15c	<p>in the district. All the lawyers located here to be with the courts. I am told by one who says he has counted them that 387 houses are now erected or in process – yet there is not a white child here – nor in the Tanana valley!! Whole blocks of cabins have been built since I came – yet there is no saw mill in the Tanana – all the lumber is whip sawed. There is yet no church – but 6 saloons – no school house for no children.</p> <p>I leave this book today and take a new one for my trip to the Mt. McKinley. I made an arrangement yesterday that will lighten our labors very much – and render us safer – I sent my mare out to the grass lands with Scotts horses – and hired Scotts best pack mule for the trip – for \$25.00 I also rented Billy Robertsons pack mule for the trip for \$50.00 This gives us two good pack mules – strong</p>																				
Diary 5, 1903 may15d	<p>and ready & relieves us of “Aunt Sally” my mare, who was weak and poor. With Webb and these two mules – and the assistance that Hendricks gives us by sitting us up the river 60 miles we are well fixed. If five strong men can climb the mountain we ought to do so - we have ropes, Alpen stocks &c. in fact everything we can think of that we need. We procure our supplies from Hendricks & Belts store at Chena.</p> <p>I have got to leave a few debts here – I will owe Robertson \$50.00 & Scott \$25.00 for the rent of the mules. I will owe Barnetts store a small bill – not to exceed \$50.00 and Harry and Satow – possibly (For memo, about trip to Mt McKinley see next book.</p>																				
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