

	[cover] <p style="text-align: center;">Date Book For 1914</p>
	[inside front cover] CALENDAR FOR 1914.
	[first page] James Wickersham Washington, D.C. <p style="text-align: center;">Date Book For 1914</p> Dan Kennedy, Printer Hill – job plant on 2 nd St. <u>Alaska Papers</u> <u>Dan Kennedy.</u> <u>Juneau Papers:</u> <u>Eds.</u> 1. Alaska Free Press, Howard {Early 80's} 2. Alaska Mining Record Falkners [Fab Myers?] 3. Alaska Searchlight E.O. Sylvester 4. Alaska Miner W.A. Reddoe [?] 5. Douglas Miner Hill & Neidham 6. Sunday Sun Weekly 7. Dispatch Russell 8. Record Miner O'Brian [?] 9. Empire 10. Sunday Post
	[next page] [card inserted] <p style="text-align: center;"><i>December 9, 1913</i></p> My Dear Sir: The Alaska Railroad Bill, H.R. 1739 (Rept. No. 92) is on "Calendar Wednesday" calendar for tomorrow for final action in the House. Please be present and assist in its passage in aid of the development of Alaska. Respectfully, James Wickersham, <i>Delegate from Alaska.</i>
Diary 24 1914 January 1	1914 Thursday 1, Jan. Am busy at work preparing my speech on the Alaska Ry. bill which will come up in the House on Calendar Wednesday Jany 14th. The real trouble I am having with my speech is to keep it within due

	limits for it is too early to say too much. The opposition is active and spiteful and the "lobby" against us is swollen in members - but we are going to win. McPherson, the Sec of the Seattle Chamber of Com. arrived last night with his moving pictures etc. to boost. Gave "Casey" Moran \$5.00 this a.m. - somebody else (Casey says 5 of 'em) gave him an awful black eye yesterday. Theater tonight to see Dare [Oare ?]
Diary 24 1914 January 2	Working in the office in the preparation of my railroad speech. Mr. Hugh Morrison in talking about Alaska bibliography, books, etc. Dictating to Jeffery.
Diary 24 1914 January 3	Dictated to Jeffery on Alaska Ry. Speech; went to Theater. McPherson tells me that Mr. Seth Mann, who went to Alaska last summer for the President is in town - & invited me to have lunch with him on Monday at the New Willard.
Diary 24 1914 January 4	Worked in office all day except spent an hour with McPherson over at his rooms in Senate Office Bldg. where he has Seattle Cham, of Commerce display of pictures etc. on Alaska.
Diary 24 1914 January 5	Working with Stenographer on Speech.
Diary 24 1914 January 6	Still on that Speech.
Diary 24 1914 January 7	Mrs. W- assisted Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, Sec. of Interior's wife at her reception today. Still on that speech.
Diary 24 1914 January 8	McPherson showed me a telegram this evening from Maurice D. Leahey saying that John J. Ballaine had sold Seward lots etc, to Rep. Falconer of Wash. I it seems as if it is being used to show that influence is [undue] being used by Ballaine - The fellow is dangerous - his personal interests at Seward are such that he cannot keep still & has bad judgment - or rather none - on account of his anxiety.
Diary 24 1914 January 9	Working on my Ry. speech.
Diary 24 1914 January 11	Chas. G. Heifner & Leahey are here at work on the Alaska Ry. work in opposition to the Gugg. lobby which is opposing it.

<p>Diary 24 1914 January 12</p>	<p>A very bitter & determined war is being waged against the Alaska Ry. Bill - Lobbyists are thick as flees around a molasses barrel - among them, "Dick to Dick" Ryan. Elliot – Atty. for White Pass Col Richardson etc. <u>but on our side,</u> Joslin, Ballaine, Heifner, Seattle McPherson McKenzie is here as usual but rather down & out Blackman, of Seattle, is not mixing much in the fight.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 January 13</p>	<p><u>The Presidents Diplomatic Reception tonight. We have cards but will not go - I am so interested in preparing my Ry. Speech that I am not able to take the time.</u></p> <p>[cartoon] Seattle Post Intelligencer. RAILROADS THE KEY TO ALASKA This cartoon graphically symbolizes the importance of transportation to the opening up and wise development of Alaska along the lines of true conservation. And because the railways are the key to this vast storehouse of natural resources it is imperative that they be owned and operated by Uncle Sam.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 January 14</p>	<p>Made my Speech on the <u>Alaska Railway Bill</u> today. <u>It was truly a great physical effort - whatever it may have been intellectually. - for I talked for 5 1/2 hours.</u> I received many compliments & members assured me they would vote for the Bill - who had intended to vote against it. I called to Judge Houston after 2 hours & asked if I could not quit - he said "no, go on till the audience want you to quit - & he kept me going for 5 1/2 hours & seemed very much pleased.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 January 15</p>	<p>I corrected proof on my speech last night and the whole is printed in the Record this morning - <u>Record of January 14, 1914.</u> My voice lasted fine - did not weaken the whole</p>

	<p>day -but I am sore & worn out today. Zeke Cauler of Miss, asked me how I felt this morning & I told him Like a woman who has had a baby - very proud but damned sore!</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 January 16</p>	<p>[clipping] Those who have read of the vale of Cashmere should turn to Congressman Wickersham on Alaska for something really sparkles.</p> <p>While this is intended to be both facetious & sarcastic I am taking it as a compliment. At least I did not fail to come up to the high water mark. Dinner today with Joslin, Leahey, Bishop Row & McPherson at the Raleigh Hotel. "Senators" (?) Bruner & Freiding called - but I was at work & declined to see them. Introduced Bill today to cure the defect in the acts of the Legislature of Alaska providing Revenue etc.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 January 17</p>	<p>I am greatly pleased at the effect my speech had in the House. I am stopped where ever I go among members and am congratulated with the frequent assurance that the speech turned the judgment of the assured toward the bill. Often I am told, "I really intended to vote against your bill, but now I shall vote for it. Mr. Hughes of Georgia said to me today - in his fine Georgia brogue, "Permit me, sir, to congratulate on your speech on Wednesday. It was the best speech you will ever deliver, and, Sir, if you will pardon me for saying it it was the best speech I have ever- heard in the House, sir." etc. I am very much pleased over it - and really believe it has had a good influence.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 January 18</p>	<p>[clipping] GRAYS HARBOR WASHINGTONIAN JUDGE WICKERSHAM'S TRIUMPH The people of the territory of Alaska are to be congratulated upon having as their representative in congress a man so thoroughly equipped as Judge Wickersham. The state of Washington, to which the development of the potentialities [of] Alaska means to much is also subject to congratulation that a man of Judge Wickersham's</p>

knowledge, character and ability, stands in the halls of congress to champion the cause of its neighbor to the north.

On January 14, the house in committee of the whole, took up for discussion the bill to authorize the president to locate, construct and operate railroads in Alaska. Judge Wickersham was the first speaker in advocacy of the bill and held the floor for almost six hours, his effort being closely followed by an attendance of the membership larger than has greeted any speaker since the beginning of the extra session, and listened to with close attention by packed galleries.

There was not a dull moment during the delivery of the speech. The Congressional Record shows that Mr. Wickersham was allowed to deliver mighty few sentences of his argument without having to reply to some question hurled at him by opponents of the bill, who believe Alaska is a land of perpetual ice where the unfortunate inhabitants subsist upon whale blubber and real [seal] oil.

Judge Wickersham not only answered all questions satisfactorily and most convincingly placed before his colleagues the facts regarding the climate, fertility, mineral wealth and other vast natural resources of Alaska, but he also showed the pernicious part played by the Guggenheim-Morgan syndicate in exploiting Alaska for its private benefit and so throttling and thwarting the efforts of all others as to give the syndicate a virtual monopoly of that veritable storehouse of treasure of the North.

The questions fired at the judge were from every conceivable angle and were barbed with unmistakable hostility. They had been carefully and, ingeniously prepared, but if any of the proponents succeeded in getting the better of the speaker or failed to receive a convincing and accurate answer, the record does not disclose it, nor does it indicate that the judge have the most scars at the conclusion of his verbal encounter with the myriad enemies of Alaska. If any doubt existed as to the adoption of the bill by the house that doubt was removed by the masterly argument of

	<p>Judge Wickersham.</p> <p>The bugaboo of government ownership is being used in the senate to defeat the bill. Poor old John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, and other Southern warriors who are suspicious of the government and opposed to any extension of its powers, are mightily perturbed at the idea of the government building a railroad or anything else in the North. Of course, it was different with the Panama rail-road and canal. Those activities are calculated to do the South a vast amount of good, and the building of them by the government is highly approved in that quarter. Nothing was heard of the dangers of government ownership when the Panama works were under discussion. But the danger is quite imminent when something is proposed which means the salvation of Alaska and is a great benefit to the Northwest states.</p> <p>However, Senator Jones and other able men will handle the Alaska railroad bill in the senate and there remains little doubt of its enactment into law.</p>
Diary 24 1914 January 19	Had illustrated talk in the Social Hall of Congress Hall Hotel tonight - I presided; McPherson explained pictures & Bishop Rowe, Episcopal Bishop of Alaska made an address.
Diary 24 1914 January 20	President Wilson read his trust curbing message to Congress today - & afterward he went over and visited the Alaska exhibit & pictures in the Senate office Bldg. – McPherson's
Diary 24 1914 January 21	<p>Have just had a talk with Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane about Richardson's activities. He denounces him and says he ought to be sent out of Alaska.</p> <p>I also talked with him about Wilson's Alaska policy - told him I intended to support it and that I wished to be consulted in the preparation of bills, etc. He promised.</p> <p>Also pointed out the danger of an Alliance with the Guggenheim interests & nomination of Roden etc. Altogether I had a satisfactory talk & he seemed to be much pleased at my statements. If I can get Richardson sent out of the Territory & head off the Gugg-Roden political scheme it will be worth</p>

	something.
Diary 24 1914 January 22	The Senate had the Alaska bill before it all day - it was not finished & goes over until tomorrow when the vote will be taken - <u>it now seems certain of passage.</u> Things look better today than they did yesterday. Ferris of Oklahoma who is captain of the opposition in the House concedes the bill will pass Congress - says, though that he had to make the fight etc. He is looking for a soft spot. President Wilson gives out newspaper " <u>hope that it will pass</u> ".
Diary 24 1914 January 23	Go to New York today 10. a.m. Arrived at New York at 3 p.m. & went to the New York Public Library to call on Mr. Wilberforce Eames, Asst. Lib. who is greatly interested in Pacific Coast books, etc. I took my copy of " <u>St Matthew</u> " - a copy - complete and perfect - printed in 1845 on the old Mission press at Lapwai, on the Clearwater, to show him. He has photostat or photographic copies of the other books from that press, and I am to have copies. Loaned him my " <u>Matthew</u> " to photo, some leaves to complete his - <u>I have the only complete copy known.</u> Address delivered at the Peoples Institute-old Cooper Union - at 8 o'clock; subject "Alaska Railroads". Big crowd, and my address well received.
Diary 24 1914 January 24	Came back from New York this morning - reached Capitol at 2 p.m. Alaska Railway Bill amendments before the Senate - Bill finally passed the Senate about 6 o'clock this evening: Vote, <u>FAVOR OF BILL- 46</u> <u>Against bill</u> <u>16</u> <u>Senate Majority</u> <u>30</u> The "tried & true friend of Alaska" - Senator Nelson of Minn, voted against us as he did in the case of the Home Rule Bill. Well that much of the Battle is won - now for the House! Sent telegrams to Juneau, Valdes, Seward, Fairbanks, Eagle, Circle, Tanana, Iditarod, and Nome announcing the vote!

Diary 24 1914 January 25	<p><u>Telegrams from Fairbanks:</u> <u>Fairbanks, Alaska</u> <u>Jany. 24, 1914</u> <u>Hon. James Wickersham,</u> <u>Washington, D.C.</u> <u>Congratulations from your friends. Stay with it.</u> <u>McPhee & the bunch.</u> - also - <u>Fairbanks, Alaska Jany 24</u> <u>James Wickersham</u> <u>Delegate from Alaska</u> <u>Washington, D.C.</u> <u>Congratulations from pioneers Alaska. Fairbanks</u> <u>joyful. Gala attire, Toot-toot.</u> <u>M. F. Hall, Sec. Henry T. Ray., Pres.</u></p> <p>Am delighted that my friends are delighted! Recd, copy of Reso. adapted at N.Y. favoring the Alaska Ry. Bill re. my People's Institute speech.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>How the Vote Stands.</p> <p>The complete vote on the final passage of the bill was as follows: Ayes – Ashurst, Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Gore, Hitchcock, Hollis, James, Johnson, Kern, Lane, Lea, Martine, Myers, Newlands, Pittman, Pomerene, Randsell, Reed, Robinson, Saulsbury, Shaftoth, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith (Arizona), Smith (Maryland), Stone, Thompson, Vardaman, and Walsh, Democrats; Borah, Brady, Bristow, Colt, Cummins, Fall, Gronna, Jones, Kenyon, McBane, Norris, Perkins, Smoot, Sterling, and Works, Republicans; Poindexter, Progressive. Total 46. Noes – Bacon, Shields, Smith (Georgia), and Williams, Democrats; Bradley, Clark (Wyoming), Dillingham, Gallinger, Lodge, McCumber, Nelson, Root, Smith (Michigan), Stephenson, Sutherland, and Weeks, Republicans. Total 16. A similar bill is pending in the House. "This is the greatest encouragement the West has received in many years," said Secretary Lane last night when informed that the Senate had</p>
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	<p>passed the Alaska bill. Transportation of Panama Canal machinery from the Canal Zone to Alaska to aid the development of that country was urged in a petition from the Central Labor Union, of Farmington, Mass., presented by Senator Weeks. Seattle Celebrates Wildly Seattle, Wash. Jan. 24. - As soon as news of the passage today of -he Alaskan railway bill by the senate was received in Seattle, bombs were thrown into the air and a band and wagons bearing banners paraded through the business streets. The banners announced that the Senate had passed the bill, and that a great celebration was being prepared to take place after President Wilson had signed the bill. Alaska also is preparing a celebration as never was known there.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 January 26</p>	<p>[clipping] THE ALASKA RAILROAD. Something has at least been accomplished, or is very near accomplishment for Alaska. The stepdaughter of the United States has gone without recognition for a long time - for so long a time that the country was beginning to wonder why the government ever purchased the rich territory. Now, however, the Senate has passed the bill directing the President to purchase or construct 1,000 miles of railroad in Alaska at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.000. The bill provides for a redemption fund into which shall be paid 75 per cent of all moneys derived from the sale of public lands in Alaska or of the coal or mineral contents thereof. One swallow does not make a summer, nor will one railroad make Alaska. In fact, the action of the Senate in passing the bill, while celebrated with torchlight processions in Seattle and in Alaska, is merely the first definite step toward the long-desired end. The House must yet pass the bill, and it is devoutly hoped that the lower Branch will take action as speedily as possible. A single railroad running from tidewater to the interior of Alaska will not turn the treasures of that Territory</p>

	<p>into the lap of the United States without further effort. There will not be much business for the railroad unless a definite policy of encouragement is adopted in Alaska all along the line. We have tried in Alaska a policy entirely different from the one under which the great Northwest was built up-and it has not been successful. The policy of exclusion and discouragement has never worked in any deserted territory. The man who invests his money in Alaska will have to wait a long time before he can expect any returns. He is entitled, therefore, to bigger profits than he should get from a safer and quicker investment. The passage of the Alaskan bill is the first step in the development of Alaska, and the House should complete the step without unnecessary delay. {Washington Post}</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 January 27</p>	<p>Have ordered 10,000 copies of my speech to which I shall add a short one tomorrow to show the letter of the seven senators who betrayed us & wrote a letter denouncing the railroad bill - to Secretary Lane. [clipping] GOVERNMENT OR GUGGENHEIMS? To the Editor of The American: {Jan 26. 1914} Sir - The Alaska problem is easily presented for discussion, for it is a question of the Government or Guggenheim - which? Shall the territory be controlled by its constitutional trustee or the trusts? Shall it be owned by the people or by monopoly? Shall its resources be opened to acquisition and sue by the pioneer prospector and homesick or unfairly monopolized by one great syndicate? Shall the Government or the Guggenheims control the destiny of Alaska and its people - which? JAMES WICKERSHAM, Delegate from Alaska Washington, D.C. { Jan 26. 1914.}</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 January 28</p>	<p>Another Alaska field day in the House – “Calendar Wednesday” & the “Alaska Railway Bill” - brought out an afternoons oratory.</p>

	We had the greatest number of speakers - but they did their share of talking.
Diary 24 1914 January 29	Our Com. on Ter. at work on remodeling the Senate bill - it seems to be the intent to make out House bill as nearly perfect and as near agreement with the Senate Bill as possible & then to strike out the Senate bill & insert ours & attempt to pass our bill under the Senate title etc. Had dinner tonight with Heifner, Joslyn, Parry, McKenzie, Senator Pittman, Piggott, etc. It was a good dinner as I ever assisted in drinking. We had the gentlemen's dining room at "LoseKamps" on F. St.
Diary 24 1914 January 30	With Judge Houston & Judge Watson, both of the House Com. on Territories, called on Secretary Lane and consulted about the Alaska Railway bill. He is enthusiastic - too much so I think. He said the bill would pass by a big majority - but I warned him there was danger. Spent the whole day & this evening in Committee in amending & preparing the House Bill - to insert in place of the Senate Bill. Our friends this afternoon are beginning to fear defeat. I think the bill will pass.
Diary 24 1914 January 31	Chairman Houston has been working for two days to get our House bill amended and in final shape. We completed it this forenoon & today struck out the Senate bill and inserted our bill in its place and reported the Senate bill thus amended. It is his intention on Monday to secure the consent of the House to substitute the Senate Bill thus amended in place of the House bill & try to pass it on Wednesday. The President's Secretary (Tumulty) is working hard to overcome the opposition to our bill. It looks much more hopeful today though our opponents are vigorously opposing its passage.
Diary 24 1914 February 1	Spent hours today with Parry Heifner, Piggott, McKenzie, Joslin & Leahey at work on a card index showing the individual opinions of members of the House on the Railway Bill. - think now it will pass certainly. Sec. of Int. Franklin K Lane gave dinner today -

	invited Chairmen Houston - House Territories, Ferris, Public Lands - Pittman, Senate Ter. Myers, Min. Chamberlain - from Oregon etc. Subject: Alaska Commission Bill, to be introduced by Chamberlain - <u>prepared by Lane!</u>
Diary 24 1914 February 2	Houston reported Senate Bill 48 - with Amendments. <u>Senator Chamberlain of Oregon introduced Alaska Development Commission Bill - Sec. Lanes Bill.</u> Chairman Houston tells me about the meeting of Sec. Lane of yesterday – We learn that the last meeting of the Cabinet discussed the Alaska Ry. Bill & every member was urged to work for its passage through the House! <u>Good.</u>
Diary 24 1914 February 3	Busy getting out mail. Assisted in preparing a speech on "Alaska" for Congressman Lonergan. He is a member of the Com. on Ter, but is not familiar with general or local conditions & I and Maurice D. Leahey, are assisting him. Wm Parry, Lechey, Heifner, & Joslin – McKenzie & Deitrick all at work "lining up," and "counting noses" on our Alaska Ry. bill. <u>Chamberlains bill of yesterday is colorless - vague - bad - in that it will not accomplish what the Sec. wants. The idea is a good one and I will support it.</u>
Diary 24 1914 February 4	The Alaska Ry. Bill was displaced today and goes over until tomorrow - the Immigration bill takes its place. Invited to dinner tonight at Senator Pittman's – Woodley Lane. Present, Senators Pittman, Walsh of Mont. & Smith of Ariz; also Lechey, Piggott, Heifner, Joslin, M ^c Kenzie. Fine dinner: good as I ever drank. We talked about the bill for Commission in Alaska & Pittman told me that Sec. Lane asked him to introduce the bill to create a Commission which Senator Chamberlain did introduce & that he declined.
Diary 24 1914	Alaska Ry. bill up all day in general debate - sharp,

February 5	<p>vigorous & I got hit two or three hard licks. <u>Davenport read the letter which I wrote in 1908 to Stephen Birch, accepting his suggestion to work for Birch and what is since known as the Guggenheim's and roasted me. Guess he had a right to do it, for I have certainly rubbed it in on the Oklahoma's, especially in my speech of Jan 14.</u></p> <p>It looks as if the bill will pass. Hon. Senator Henry Roden sat in the gallery & heard Davenport - Roden probably brought the Birch letter to him.</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 6	<p>I took the letter of March 17, 1908, which I received from Stephen Birch, and in answer to which I wrote the letter which Davenport read into the Record yesterday up to Judge Houston (Tenn) , the Ch. of the Com. on Ter. today and after an inspection he advised me to say nothing more at this time. He said that I had the best o fit on the face of yesterdays Record that few read it etc. He denounces Davenport for "unfair" play.</p> <p>I was annoyed today when Henry Roden, Senator from Alaska, my former partner, came in to see me and whined about my having treated him badly etc.</p> <p>He said he supposed he could do nothing here, that he intended to go on home etc. Seemed to want to cure our troubles & "be good." But I do not trust him!</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 7	<p>In consultation with Judge Houston & Joslin about financial provisions in Alaska Ry. Bill. Alaska Bureau of Seattle's Cham, of Com. has exhibit in Senate Bldg. & Sec. Bryan & wife, & Congressman visited it today.</p> <p>Working in office to catch up with mail & in mailing copies of my Speech of Jany 14. to Alaska. Had 10,000 copies printed for distribution - they cost me \$283.00.</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 8	<p>Beautiful sunny day - Working in office sending out mail & speeches</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 9	<p>Working to be prepared on amendments to the Alaska Ry bill.</p> <p>I met every evening at the Raleigh Hotel with the men from Seattle - Parry, Heifner, Joslin, McKenzie, etc. & we compare information obtained during the day & lay plans for the morrow - it looks</p>

	<p>now like an easy victory. <u>Senator Walsh, of Montana and rep. Ferris, of Oklahoma today introduced an Alaska leasing bill.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 February 10	<p>This morning Ferris sent for me & I went before the Com. on Public Lands - he said he wished to have a hearing on the Alaska leasing bill on next Tuesday - I answered by saying that I was ready for an immediate hearing, but first wished to get the Ry. bill settled. "Oh," he said, the Railway bill will be out of the way before then. - meaning that it would be settled tomorrow.</p> <p>The opposition has faded away - the Administration has worked hard to draw them off - & succeeded.</p> <p>It ought to pass tomorrow.</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 11	<p><u>Another long days work on the Alaska Ry. bill in the house. Amendments & talk - talk. But they are talking themselves out & the bill will pass next Wednesday.</u></p> <p>Gave a "chicken & Hoecake dinner to Parry, Joslin, McPherson, Heifner, Gilbert McKenzie & Jeffery, tonight at "Hancock's" 1234 Penn. Ave.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>The first delegate to Congress from Alaska was Frank Waskey of Nome, who was followed by Thomas Cale of Fairbanks. These gentlemen were elected at the same time, Waskey for a short term of several months and Cale for the succeeding two years.</p> <p>Wickersham Seeks Office</p> <p>During the last months of Cale's term, it became known that he was not to run again, and Wickersham, then off the federal bench but a short time, determined to seek the office.</p> <p>As was made public later, he supposedly sought the aid of the Guggenheim interests, which at that time were building the railroad from Cordova. Instead of responding to his apparent solicitation for help, the men then in charge of the Guggenheim interests in Alaska opposed his candidacy and united in the support of John Carson, the Republican candidate.</p> <p>Not receiving the support of the interests in</p>

	Alaska, Wickersham incorporated in his platform a promise to work for the construction of a government railroad from tidewater to the interior. He was elected by an
Diary 24 1914 February 11-12	-11- [clipping continued] overwhelming majority and immediately began his work for the Alaska railway bill, which in addition to fulfilling his campaign promises, served to even matters up with the Guggenheims. Wickersham made but little progress during his first term, and in order to forestall his re-election, the Guggenheim forces, in the campaign for his second term, put forth every effort to defeat him, supporting the regular Republican nominee, Ed S. Orr. Not content with throwing their support to the opposition candidate, the Guggenheim men made public confidential correspondence which had passed between themselves and Wickersham, where the latter in reply to a proposition had named the terms under which he would act as their general counsel in Seattle-\$12,000 a year to be exact. Re-elected After Bitter Fight Again he was elected, after the most bitter campaign ever conducted in Alaska, and he returned to Washington to resume work on his Alaska railroad bill. Inspired with confidence by the support which we received from the public in Alaska and several members of Congress, and with the memories of the treatment he had received from the Guggenheims, Wickersham worked day and night in the interests of the railroad bill. That the bill is now so nearly through Congress, and its meeting with so much success, is due largely to the poor judgment displayed by the political henchmen of the Guggenheims in Alaska. Had they supported Wickersham in his first campaign, probably he would have been friendly to them; and the government railroad in Alaska, which probably will detract from the value of the Copper River & Northwestern Railway might never have been

	introduced. -12- HERE'S REAL STORY OF HOW ALASKA RAILWAY IDEA, WAS ORIGINATED Proposal Came From Wickersham, Who Felt He Had Cause to Be Put Out at the Guggenheim Interests {Seattle Sun, Feb. 4, 1914} By J. W. Ward Since the bill providing for the construction of a government owned railroad in Alaska has received the seal of popular approval and it seems practically certain that it will pass the Lower House of Congress without serious opposition and receive the signature of President Wilson, making it a law, many claimants to the honor of the conception and forwarding of the scheme have arisen. Without seeking to detract from the efforts put forward by different congressmen, foremost among whom are Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who introduced and fathered the bill in the Senate, and the congressional representation from Washington, which at the crisis promises to stand solidly behind the bill, credit for the inception of the bill and ceaseless work in its behalf when it was yet a hazy dream in the minds of its staunchest champions today, must be given unreservedly to James W- ,delegate to Congress from Alaska. The first movement to start the agitation for a railroad to the interior of Alaska was set in motion by Delegate W-during his campaign for election in 1908.
Diary 24 1914 February 13	Had a long talk with the Com. of the Genl. Land Office: agreed to work together in preparing land legislation (other than that relating to coal lands) for the prompt opening and development of Alaska.
Diary 24 1914 February 14	Have consented to go out to Michigan next Thursday & deliver an address at Flint & at Pontiac, on "Alaska"
Diary 24 1914 February 15	Spent the day in the office checking up magazine articles with the list prepared by Mr. Morrison (Snow & wind & bad weather)

	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1914 DEVELOPMENT OF ALASKA</p> <p>A canvass of the House indicates that the bill providing for a railroad in Alaska, not be built and owned by the government, will pass by a handsome majority next Wednesday. It would be well if the bill woe passed unanimously.</p> <p>There is no partisanship in the measure, and there should be no division of opinion as to its merits. The question involved is whether the government shall develop Alaska for the benefit of all the people, or whether development shall depend upon private interests, which will reap most or all of the benefits.</p> <p>Alaska is practically the only unsettled territory under the American flag. It has been proved to be fertile in soil and immensely rich in minerals, forests, and fisheries. Without government supervision it is an equally ideal region for settlement, in which every pioneer would have a chance to build a home and acquire a competency.</p> <p>Individuals cannot go into the interior of Alaska and develop it without the aid of a railroad. A rich corporation could, but if it did, it would have a right to expect the lion's share of the profits. The only corporation that should have a grip on Alaska is the United States government. Then every American citizen will have a share in the dividends, according to his energy and enterprise.</p> <p>Foresight and patriotism are called for in considering the development of Alaska. The Senate has passed the bill, and the President favors it. No doubt the House will exercise equal wisdom in dealing with it. No stumbling block should be placed in the way of this great measure, which means so much to the thousands of Americans who are anxious to go into the wilderness and acquire homes.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 February 16</p>	<p>There is so much opposition to our Alaska Ry. bill that it is really having an effect upon Judge Houston, Tenn. the Chairman of the Committee on Territories.</p> <p>He is nervous and is continually looking for some</p>

	<p>additional support for his position. He now wants to add the fisheries income to the redemption fund. - I suggested that he double the price of the public lands within 20 miles of the road and he has gone out to seek information about that.</p> <p>Am preparing an omnibus Land Bill for Alaska - one of its features is a reservation of Sec 3, 16 & 36 for common schools & four sections at Fairbanks & the establishment of <u>University, Agri. College & School of Mines!</u></p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 February 17</p>	<p>The Com. on Public Lands held the first Hearing on the Alaska Coal Leasing Bill - prepared in the Dept. of the Interior by Mr. Finney - law office, approved by Sec. Lane & introduced in the House by Ferris, Chairman & Pub. Land Com.</p> <p>It is the best bill yet introduced on that line - but deficient & not a workable one. Sec. Lane has not invited me to assist in its preparation etc. because he seems to think I am hostile. Hearings now go over till Monday 23- or 24th.</p> <p><u>Jud. Welliver spent an hour with me today - he is preparing an article for Munsey's on the Alaska Ry. Bill.</u> He wrote the articles in Hamptons Mag. for April & May 1910, strongly urging Govt. Ry. in Alaska as the only means of developing that Ter. without monopoly.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 February 18</p>	<p><u>My Alaska Ry. Bill passed the house - somewhat mutilated but still good enough, by a vote of 230 for to 87 against.</u></p> <p>Long hard fight.</p> <p>Judge Houston of Tennessee conducted the fight for us on the floor of the House and did it ably as well as successfully!</p> <p>Sent telegrams to all interior Alaskan towns announcing result.</p> <p>Recd, telegram this morning from Harry Thisted, Cordova, saying that people were burning in effigy the seven traitor senators (Territorial) who wrote letter & sent telegrams to Sec. Lane & Senator Pittman in opposition to the Ry. Bill! They ought to be treated like whipped dogs.</p> <p>Dinner tonight with Parry & others at Losekamps good as I ever drank.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914</p>	<p>Many telegrams of congratulation on the passage</p>

February 19	<p>of the Alaska Ry. Bill - one from "<u>Bill McPhee and the whole damned bunch</u>" from Fairbanks was particularly enjoyed by me & by George Jeffery. Members of Congress are very flattering in their congratulations also - altogether is a <u>happy event</u>.</p> <p>I leave for Flint & Pontiac Mch. at 11:45 this forenoon to deliver an address at each place on "Alaska" at the special request of Congressman Samuel W. Smith, of that district.</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 20	<p><u>Flint, Michigan.</u> Arrived here this morning & am surprised to learn that I am to speak - not to a businessmen's meeting but at a Republican Club banquet. If I had known that I should not have come! But as it is I will talk Alaska & not politics & get out of it as easy as possible.</p> <p>Visited the Buick Automobile Works this afternoon - the second in size in the U.S. & greatly enjoyed it.</p> <p>Banquet was a great affair - from the G.O.B. view, but I was obliged to declare my position & during my talk announced that I am a Progressive - Independent ate. It seemed to create some trouble.</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 21	<p>Pontiac, Mich. With Ex-Gov. Warner, Congressman Sam. W. Smith & others came to Pontiac - & will attend the Banquet there - <u>I will</u> not need to mention politics here for it is now quite understood where I stand.</p> <p>Fine meeting tonight & I had a clear field on "Alaska" & also talked on Pres. Lincoln. After meeting came down to Detroit - Ponchatrain Hotel.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RAPS G.O.P. SYMPATHY FOR ALASKAN SYNDICATE Delegate Wickersham Tells Flint Banqueters He's a Progressive.</p> <p>Flint, Mich., February 21.- Declaring that he was a Roosevelt Progressive and would not come back into the Republican ranks under any "get together" program, Honorable James Wickersham, delegate from Alaska, threw a bombshell into the annual</p>

	<p>banquet of the Genesee County Republican club here last night.</p> <p>After the banquet Mr. Wickersham explained that party lines were different in Alaska than they are in the States. The Republicans there represent the financial syndicate that brought prominence to the Ballinger-Pinchot incident, he said, and have the support of the Taft wing of the Republican party. The Progressives are anti-syndicate.</p> <p>"We beat the syndicate regularly," he continued. There were no Democrats there until a year ago, and then, realizing that Wilson would be the next president, they formed an organization to get control of federal offices, and they got it, although they cast few more than a thousand votes. If the Progressives and Republicans get together under a harmony program the syndicate will remain in control of the Republican organization in Alaska."</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 22	<p>Left Detroit at noon for home. It has been very cold during my stay in Mich. & today the wind is flying southward bringing with it a snow storm blizzard. It looks like Alaska - Snow all day & all the way through Ohio & Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Judge Hinebaugh, member of Congress from Illinois, & the Progressive Chairman of the Prog-Cong. Com. was on the train & seemed to be greatly delighted at the announcement in the Detroit Free Press, which he had - on the opp. page. We discussed the party conflictions etc. and other matters of interest.</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 23	<p>Reached Washington & my office this morning at 9 o'clock, Found that Conference Com. on Alaska Ry. Bill is as follows; <u>Senate</u>: Chamberlain Pittman & Jones. <u>House</u>: Houston, Davenport, & Guernsey. - a good Com. No meeting today. Chamberlain is in N.Y.</p> <p>Attended hearings before the Public Lands Com. all day - on the Alaska Leasing Bill.</p> <p><u>The Washington times on the day I went to Michigan had a splendid editorial and commendation of my work in aiding the passage of the Alaska Ry. Bill.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Date Feb. 19th</u></p>
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JAMES WICKERSHAM

The passage of the Alaska railroad bill presents a fitting occasion for a word of felicitation to James Wickersham, Delegate in Congress from Alaska, and to Alaska, on its good fortune in having such a Delegate.

Mr. Wickersham's career has been one of fighting, now a dozen years or more, for Alaska. He began as a Federal judge there, appointed by McKinley. He cleaned up the muck of corruption at Nome and his performance ended with a group of eminent citizens in jail. Because of this straightforward, unyielding insistence on obedience to the law, he accumulated a powerful force of political antagonism. The looters assailed him in Congress, and when the time came for his reappointment the Senator refused to confirm him. Time and again, Congress adjourning without action in his nomination. Roosevelt gave him recess appointments. In fact, he served about six years on such tenure, without ever being confirmed.

Then he became a candidate for Delegate in Congress, and the real people of Alaska got a chance to pass their verdict on his conduct. The man who had been vilified and denounced in Washington, by the Alaska lobby; who could not be confirmed as judge; who had been made to suffer the smart of false charges without the chance to disprove them, was elected Delegate by

the people who knew him and his work, with an overwhelming majority. It was a splendid vindication; but it was only the first of a long series that have come to him.

When the Taft Administration came into office Wickersham came in with it; and instantly he was in a feud with the Administration. The Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ballinger, was his enemy, and the doors of the White House were locked against him.

A weaker man would have given up in disgust his fight for Alaska. Wickersham only fought the harder. He went to work with Congress and with people on the outside, on a long campaign of education. He won the people, and at length convinced Congress. Times and Administrations changed, and Wickersham is now become one of the little group of men in Congress, who are accepted as conclusive authority on their special subjects. Wickersham's specialty is Alaska.

When the idea of Government railroads for the Territory was first broached, Wickersham, like almost everybody else, opposed. But it became apparent that there must be Government ownership, or else private monopoly of the vast resources of the Territory. He chose to support Government ownership, and for that end had labored ever since.

Judge Wickersham's recent speech in the House was a model of its kind. He demonstrated an encyclopedic knowledge of Alaska in every phase; its history, its resources, its people, its laws, its needs. The House gave him splendid attention, and seldom has one man's exposition of a big subject, in a single speech, been so convincing and conclusive with either house of Congress.

A year from now, the Government will be building railroads in Alaska. It is just as certain as anything of the future can be, that the inauguration of that work will make a new boom for the Territory, an era of development such as it has never dreamed before. Some day they will set up a monument to James Wickersham in the public square of the town hall of every Alaskan city. Meanwhile, it is to be hoped that the people of Alaska will continue to

	<p>demonstrate their good sense and appreciation by keeping him in Congress.</p> <p>It is not a question whether Wickersham wants to stay in Congress. There have been intimations that he thinks his work finished with the passage of the Federal railroad bill and will seek to retire. He shouldn't be permitted to do so. Alaska needs him, Congress needs him, the country needs him. It is not beyond the possibilities that he may one day be a Senator from Alaska.</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 25	<p>Invited today to go to Baltimore & speak on Alaska at the Advertisers club.</p> <p>Congressman Linthicum & the Pres. of the Club, invited me and I have promised to go.</p> <p>All day before the Com. on Pub. Lands, or Alaska Coal Bill. <u>This morning</u> was before the Com. on Public Buildings in support of a public building for Fairbanks.</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 26	<p><u>Made Return of my Income Tax</u></p> <p>Before Com. on Pub. Lands all day - testified on Alaska Coal Bill. I am not very much inclined to support the bill & criticized it unstintedly.</p> <p><u>Went over to Baltimore at 5. P.m. On B&O Ry. To attend banquet of Advertisers club! Mayor of Baltimore & I were the speakers.</u></p> <p><u>Of course I spoke on Alaska & it seemed to interest them. Banquet at hotel Belvedere"</u></p> <p><u>See "Sunday" page 60. Following this.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 February 27	<p>All day before Com. on Pub. Lands on Alaska Coal Leasing Bill.</p> <p>The Com. is being controlled in each idea in the bill entirely by Dr. Holmes of the Bureau of Mines, and Mr. Finney, the law office of the Dept. of Interior.</p> <p>The members of the Com. do not know anything about the facts & do not depend upon their own ideas or judgment but refer every doubt to the representatives of the Dept.</p> <p>They understand that I do not approve what they are trying to do, so they will not listen to me even upon those matters where I would be willing to aid</p>

	<p>them, for fear that my advice will not agree with the wishes of the Dept officials.</p>
Diary 24 1914 February 28	<p>Worked all day trying to prevent the Com. on Public Lands from doing Alaska great injury in leaving the leasing bill wide open to Monopoly & Excessive Price vices. But with little avail: They ran the "steam roller" of power back and forth over my objections & proposed amendments, & I am helpless to prevent them from utterly withdrawing from Alaska all coal land laws except the Leasing law They voted down my two amendments against Monopoly & Excessive Price powers.</p> <p>Dinner tonight at Congress Hall Hotel. We had with us, W^m Parry, Falcon Joslin, Cha G. Heifner, and J. R. McPherson, of Seattle.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 1	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> ADVERTISING MEN DINE "Home Folks" Guests Of The Club At The Belvedere. {Baltimore Sun} ALASKA DELEGATE PRESENT President Cloud Tells of Visit To Secretary Bryan And Praises The Administration. </p> <p>The Advertising Club held its fifth annual banquet last night at the Hotel Belvedere with only home folks present, except Delegate James Wickersham, of Alaska. Mayor Preston, City Solicitor Field and City Collector Jacob W. Hook were there strictly as private citizens.</p> <p>The Mayor placed before the club the privilege of raising money from private citizens for "The Banner" Centennial and made a plea to Judge Wickersham for the proper restoration and care of Fort McHenry by the Federal Government in return for the \$10,000,000 a year which the port of Baltimore pays into the National Treasury. He also suggested that the Government could also "build a modest memorial to peace" in that sacred spot where so much was done toward causing the present centennial of peace between England and the United States.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jocose As To "Past Life."</p> <p>Toastmaster Shay introduced Judge Wickersham</p>

	<p>as the operator of a gambling joint in Nome, Alaska.</p> <p>When I asked Judge Wickersham for a brief history of his life, said Mr. Shay, he refused to talk about himself. I told him if he would not give me a few details of his past I would pin a biography on him that he would not be able to live down the rest of his life.</p> <p>“He was born in Vermont. He made his way to the West and settled in California. When he failed in business in that State he went to Alaska, where he opened a gambling joint. The Alaskans, recognizing his ability along this line, finally determined to sent him to Washington as their Delegate.”</p> <p>“This desperate character, who is acting as your toastmaster,” said Judge Wickersham, “has said that I was born in Vermont. That is not my native land, but no matter.”</p> <p>Much Gold - Many Need.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham, who first went to Alaska many years ago as a Federal judge and is now a citizen of that vast and interestingly controversial territory, as well as its delegate in Congress, proceeded to draw pictures of the real greatness of that gold-hearted country.</p> <p>He showed the pressing need for railroads and other means of unlocking its treasures and of bringing it in close touch with the nation. He said that when he went to that country as a Federal judge his first task was to build a courthouse, the first one there, and then to build a jail and then to establish means of catching the criminals. His territory was as big as New England.</p> <p>But he never had to hold court with pistols on the desk for assurance of order and he had little trouble in administering justice after the criminals were gotten into court. He said that the order of Alaska in the wildest districts has been marvelous from the firs-t, and he said it was due to the inherent passion of the American for government and justice.</p> <p>As an Alaskan who never dug for gold Judge Wickersham stands almost alone. He found the</p>
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	<p>practice of law more to his taste after finishing the establishment of the judiciary in that land. And then he was sent to Washington as Alaska's delegate and is one of the firmest believers in Alaska's great future.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 March 2</p>	<p>All day before Com. on Pub. Lands on Alaska Coal Leasing Bill.</p> <p>I am doing what I can to secure amendments to the bill providing general anti-monopoly provisions without so many penal provisions etc. And also trying to get a provision inserted to provide for cheap coal to the ultimate consumer - but it seems vain! However I shall do my best - & then support the bill win or lose.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 March 3</p>	<p>Same as yesterday - but the Com. finally refused to permit my anti-monopoly amendment. I offered both my amendments & both were voted down.</p> <p>Many Alaska papers in today & with one exception - two -they give me praise and credit for the Try. Bill - the exceptions are the “Dispatch” and “Empire” at Juneau. The “Empire” denounces me for making a record against the “7 senators” who wrote the letter & telegram against the Ry- Bill. Of course they admit the letter but declare I ought to have defended the signers - even though Ferris quote their letter etc. My! How it must hurt that Juneau clique to have their little scheme overturned!</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 March 4</p>	<p>Called on Sec. of Int. Lane today & talked about the Coal Leasing bill. He agreed to submit my suggestions to Senator Walsh of Montana, who wrote the penal clauses in the bill - which I wish to strike out and to replace with the 3rd Sec of the Anti-monopoly Act of 1908. <u>I warned him that no one would take a lease under threats of penitentiary and forfeiture therein contained.</u></p> <p>Senate & House Conference Com. on Alaska Ry. Bill have agreed. Report is being prepared & will be presented to Congress tomorrow.</p> <p>I am to give a dinner to Chairman Houston on Mch. 17th - his birthday - <u>for Alaska!</u></p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 March 5</p>	<p>The Conference Report on Alaska Ry Bill was called up today but as an amendment had to be made in it & under the rule it could not be called up</p>

	<p>except by unanimous consent until it was on the calendar one day - & because Madden of Illinois objected - it went over until tomorrow.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM FEARS COAL LAND MONOPOLY All His Amendments to Alaska Leasing Bill to Safeguard Resources Are Voted Down.</p> <p>LEDGER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D.C., March 1.-Delegate Wickersham is making a hard fight before the public lands committee of the house to safeguard the coal resources of Alaska, but the steam roller is being run over him and nearly every amendment he proposes is voted down as soon as offered. Wickersham fears the leasing bill, as it is being drafted, will open the door wide to railroad companies and other exploiters to form a coal monopoly and fix prices at will. Wickersham insists that congress should reserve in the leases by explicit terms the right to revise the terms of the grant at intervals, thus keeping a grip on exploiters, but he finds the interior department law officer and house committee dead set against his suggestions. It is expected the bill will be reported this week.</p> <p>Snowing & raining</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 6	<p><u>The Conference Report was called up in the House this afternoon and approved by a unanimous vote. It now goes to the Senate for approval & then the bill thus amended and approved goes to the President for approval.</u></p> <p>It's all over but the shouting! Welliver was in the office this afternoon & I loaned him 300 photographs for "Munseys Magazine" which is preparing a big Alaska story about the Alaska Railway bill.</p> <p>Snowing & Raining</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 7	<p>Sent 340 photographs to Munseys Mag. 175 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. for illustrating article on Alaska.</p>

	<p>Senate not in Session today and the Alaska Ry. Bill conference report will come up on Monday – so Senator Jones says.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 8	<p>Jud. Welliver, who is preparing an Alaska Ry. Bill story for Munsey's Magazine for April was in the office today for more data and more photos. I am preparing to give Judge Houston a complimentary dinner on his birthday - Mch 17th – St. Patrick's Day. I intend to invite the House Com. on Territories & a few others.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 9	<p>Am busy getting up a dinner for Judge Houston, Chairman of Com. on Ter. on the evening of Men. 17th his & St Patrick's Birthday. Will invited all members of House Com. on Ter. & other friends. Recd, this telegram today: Fairbanks, Alaska mar.9, 1914 James Wickersham, Washington, D.C. <u>Your speech great demand press and people unqualifiedly recommend your service. Friends jubilant published extract letter McPhee editorials claims you logical democratic candidate would suggest you authorize statement your candidacy designating party Roden dead one wire me will not publish unless authorized</u> Ray. The seed is germinating!!</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 10	<p>Two things have occurred today to please me. First, <u>speaker Champ Clark stopped long enough by my seat in the house to say "Judge Wickersham I congratulate you on your speech in favor of the Alaska Railway bill. That six hour speech saved the bill, and was greatly enjoyed."</u> I thanked him and was pleased. Second: <u>The Senate after hours of vigorous debate adopted the Conference Report on the Alaska Ry. bill by a vote of 27 to 41 and it now goes to the President for approval.</u> I sent a flock of telegrams over Alaska and there is rejoicing there tonight - & here too.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 11	<p>Busy today trying to catch up mail. Also appeared before Com on Pub Buildings in support of the Fairbanks bill for \$250,000 building. Earl Crutcher of Fairbanks and Nome called.</p>

	<p>Working to help Jud. Welliver get Munsey Magazine Article ready for April issue. Got Com. on Ter. to take up new Alaska bills on Friday. Telegrams from Fairbanks, Seward & Cordova thanking me for passage Alaska Ry bill. <u>They are sure happy in the old Territory.</u></p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 March 12</p>	<p><u>President Wilson signed the Alaska Railway bill at 3 o'clock this afternoon.</u> <u>Sent telegrams to Alaska</u> Took dinner with C.E. Crutcher, miner of 40 mile, Fairbanks & Nome, at the Willard Hotel.</p> <p>[insertion of the Alaska Railway Bill]</p> <p>[PUBLIC – No. 69 – 63D CONGRESS.] [S. 48]</p> <p>An Act To authorize the President of the United States to locate, construct, and operate railroads in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes.</p> <p><i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to adopt and use a name by which to designate the railroad or railroads and properties to be located, owned, acquired, or operated under the authority of this Act; to authorize and require such officers, agents, or agencies to perform any or all of the duties imposed upon hi by the terms of this Act; to detail and require any officer or officers in the Engineer Corps in the Army or Navy to perform service under this Act; to fix the compensation of all officers, agents, or employees appointed or designated by him; to designate and cause to be located a route or routes for a line or lines of railroad in the Territory of Alaska not to exceed in the aggregate one thousand miles, to be so located as to connect one or more of the open Pacific Ocean harbors on the southern coast of Alaska with the navigable waters in the interior of Alaska, and with a coal field or fields so as best to aid in the development of the agricultural and mineral or</i></p>

	<p>other resources of Alaska, and the settlement of the public lands therein, and so as to provide transportation of coal for the Army and Navy, transportation of troops, arms, munitions of war, the transportation of passengers and property; to construct and build a railroad or railroads along such route or routes as he may so designate and locate, with the necessary branch lines, feeders, sidings, switches, and spurs; to purchase or otherwise acquire all real and personal property necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act; such use, which use is hereby declared to be a public use, by condemnation in the courts of Alaska in accordance with the laws now or hereafter in force there; to purchase or otherwise acquire all necessary railroads; to build or otherwise acquire docks, wharves, terminal facilities, and all structures needed for the equipment and operation of such railroad or railroads; to fix, change, or modify rates for the transportation of passengers and property, which rates shall be equal and uniform, but no free transportation or passes shall be permitted except that the provisions of the interstate commerce laws relating to the transportation of employees and their families shall be in force as to the lines constructed under this Act; to receive compensation for the transportation of passengers and property, and to perform generally all the usual duties of a common carrier by railroad; to make and establish rules and regulations for the control and operation of said railroad or railroads; in his discretion, to lease the said railroad or railroads, or any portion thereof, including telegraph and telephone lines, after completion under such terms as he may deem proper, but no lease shall be for a longer period than twenty years, or in the event of failure to lease, to operate the same until the further action of Congress: <i>Provided</i>, That if said railroad or railroads, including telegraph and telephone lines, are leased under the authority herein given, then and in that event they shall be operated under the jurisdiction and control of the provisions of the interstate commerce laws; to</p>
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purchase, condemn, or otherwise acquire upon such terms as he may deem proper any other line or lines of railroad in Alaska which may be necessary to complete the construction of the line or lines of railroad designated or located by him; *Provided*, That the price to be paid in case of purchase shall in no case exceed the actual physical value of the railroad; to make contracts or agreements with any railroad or steamship company or vessel owner for joint transportation of passengers or property over the road or roads herein provided for, and such railroad or steamship line or by such vessel, and to make such other contracts as may be necessary to carry out any of the purposes of this Act; to utilize in carrying on the work herein provided for any and all machinery, equipment, instruments, material, and other property of any sort whatsoever used or acquired in connection with the construction of the Panama Canal, so far and as rapidly as the same is no longer needed at Panama, and the Isthmian Canal Commission is hereby authorized to deliver said property to such officers or persons as the President may designate, and to take credit therefore at such percentage of its original cost as the President may approve, but this amount shall not be charged against the fund provided for in this Act.

The authority herein granted shall include the power to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines so far as they may be necessary or convenient in the construction and operation of the railroad or railroads as herein authorized and they shall perform generally all the usual duties of telegraph and telephone lines for hire.

That it is the intent and purpose of Congress through this Act to authorize and empower the President of the United States, and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered, through such officers, agents, or agencies as he may appoint or employ, to do all necessary acts and things in addition to those specially authorized in this Act to enable him to accomplish the purposes and objects

of this Act.

The President is hereby authorized to withdraw, locate, and dispose of, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, such area or areas of the public domain along the line or lines of such proposed railroad or railroads for town-site purposes as he may from time to time designate.

Terminal and station grounds and rights of way through the lands of the United States in the Territory of Alaska are hereby granted for the construction of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines authorized by this Act, and in all patents for lands hereafter taken up, entered or located in the Territory of Alaska there shall be expressed that there is reserved to the United States a right of way for the construction of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines to the extent of one hundred feet on either side of the center line of any such telegraph or telephone lines, and the President may, in such manner as he deems advisable, make reservation of such lands as are or may be useful for furnishing materials for construction and for stations, terminals, docks, and for such other purposes in connection with the construction and operation of such railroad lines as he may deem necessary and desirable.

Sec. 2. That the cost of the work authorized by this Act shall not exceed \$35,000,000, and in executing the authority granted by this Act the President shall not expend nor obligate the United States to expend more than the said sum; and there is hereby appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000 to be used for carrying out the provisions of this Act, to continue available until expended.

Sec. 3. That all moneys derived from the lease, sale, or disposal of any of the public lands, including townsites, in Alaska, or the coal or mineral therein contained, or the timber thereon, and the earnings of said railroad or railroads, together with the earnings of the telegraph and telephone lines constructed under this Act, above maintenance charges and operating expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States

	<p>as other miscellaneous receipts are paid, and a separate account thereof shall be kept and annually reported to Congress.</p> <p>Sec. 4. That the officers, agents, or agencies placed in charge of the work by the President shall make to the President annually, and at such other periods as may be required by the President or by either the House of Congress, full and complete reports of all the acts and doings and of all moneys received and expended in the construction of said work and in the operation of said work or works and in the performance of their duties in connection therewith. The annual reports herein provided for shall be by the President transmitted to Congress.</p> <p>Approved, March 12, 1914.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 13	<p>Received a flock of telegrams of congratulation from Alaska today. The people there are happy & getting ready to hold public meetings ratifying the good work in passing the Ry Bill - they seem to give me all that is due me.</p> <p>Hearings before the Com. on Ter. on Bill changing method of taxing Ry. in Alaska, & curing defect in Revenue Bills passed by the Alaska Legislature.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 14	<p>Beautiful day - first real spring day we have had. Red birds out in resplendent dress & song. <u>Have got the Mss ready for work on the 4th Alaska Rept. Law.</u></p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM JOINS DEMOCRATIC RANKS Delegate to Congress From Alaska Declares Opposition to Republicans.</p> <p>Special Cable to the Post-Intelligencer. FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 7.- Judge James Wickersham, delegate to congress, who was a Republican and then became a Roosevelt Progressive, has joined the Democratic ranks. In a letter to W.H. McPhee, received here today, Judge Wickersham writes: "I long have been opposed by the Standpat Taft element in the territory of Alaska and in</p>

	<p>Washington, D.C, and I am not in harmony with any of the principles represented by them, but find myself in entire harmony with the political principles announced and supported by President Wilson.</p> <p>"I am a Woodrow Wilson <u>Progressive</u>, and intend to give him my support. He represents principles and ideas which I distinctly approve, and I intend to stand with him in the future."</p> <p>Wickersham also declared himself in entire sympathy with the administration coal lands policy.</p> <p>Many Democrats here are anxious to have Wickersham run for delegate on the Democratic ticket. While there is much opposition to this, it is generally conceded that the party cannot pull up a candidate who could defeat Wickersham running independently.</p> <p>The Alaska Democratic machine is opposed to the Wickersham candidacy and strong for Gov. J.F. A. Strong.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 15	<p>Working in office etc.</p> <p>[clipping] Local Brevities {Valdez Miner, Mch 15} "Christ and the Passing of the Railroad Bill" will be the subject dealt with by the Rev. Charles S. Price Sunday night at the Congregational Church.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 16	<p>Arranging for my banquet tomorrow night in honor of Hon. W.C. Houston, Chairman of the House Com. on Territories.</p> <p>Hearing today before Com. on Ter & "Senator" Bruner, from Nome undertook to "butt in" with the assertion that he represented the "Legislative body of Alaska."</p> <p>He got told what he did represent & <u>then read credentials from Gov. Strong!</u></p> <p>The conspiracy is this, "Guggenheim, "Richardson, "Strong, "Seven Slippery Senators. & that's about as far as it goes.</p>
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<p>Diary 24 1914 March 18</p>	<p>[Insert of Menu of previously mentioned birthday party] [first page]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Menu Congress Hall Hotel Washington, D.C. ALASKA RAILROAD BILL Senate Bill No. 48 House Bill No. 1739 63D Congress, 1st Session April 7, 1913 1852 1914 March Seventeenth Hon. W.C. HOUSTON, OF TENNESSEE CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON THE TERRITORIES St. Patrick's Day in the Morning</p> <p>[second page]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alaska's Guests SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE TERRITORIES Honorable Key Pittman, Chairman Honorable George E. Chamberlain Honorable Thomas J. Walsh Honorable Wesley L. Jones HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE TERRITORIES William C. Houston, Tenn., Chairman James S. Davenport, Okla Frank E. Gurnsey, Me. John T. Watkins, LA. Jonathan N. Langham, [?] Scott Ferris, Okla. Bird S. McGuire, Ok Augustine Lonergan, Conn. Albert Johnson, Wash. James H. O'Brien, N.Y. Charles F. Curry, Cal. Stephen A. Hoxworth, Ill. Charles M. Hamilton, N.Y. Woodson R. Oblesby, N.Y. J.A. Falconer, Wash. Water A. Watson, Va. Jonah K. Kalaniana'ole, Hawaii Clement Brumbaugh, Ohio James Wickersham, Alaska W.A Cathcart, Clerk</p>
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	<p>Hon. Rufus Hardy Hon. Charles F. Booher Mr. George A. Jeffery Mr. J.C. Welliver Mr. Will A. Parry Mr. Falcon Joslin Mr. Charles G. Heifner Mr. John L. McPherson</p> <p>[second page]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Menu Oyster Cocktail Olives Celery Cream of Lettuce Shad Roe with Bacon Filet of Beef with Mushrooms Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce Oyster Bay Asparagus Alaska Potatoes, Stuffed Roman Punch Apple and Celery Salad Pistachio Ice Cream Mixed Cakes Roquefort Crackers Coffee Cigars</p> <p>[back cover] [excerpt from the Cremation of Sam McGee by R.W. Service]</p> <p>We had a fine Banquet last night. I presented my great "caribou" head to Judge Houston - in the name of Alaska. Had many short speeches and a pleasant time. 22 men present, and they all seemed to enjoy it.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 March 19</p>	<p>I am greatly interested at the way the Alaska political pot is boiling. The two Juneau papers have been fighting me, but they are evidently impressed at the way the other Alaska papers are standing by me. The story that I intended to support Wilson as a Progressive Democrat has put Gov. Strong in a quandary. I am importuned frequently to announce my intention to be a candidate for Delegate on the Democratic ticket, but so far have not yielded.</p>

	I think it best not to do it - but to let my fortunes stand with the statement that I am a " <u>Woodrow Wilson Progressive!</u> "
Diary 24 1914 March 20	The annual fight over the Fisheries of Alaska began this morning before the Com. on Ter. when Curry, M.C. of Cal. appeared with a letter from Fortman, Pres. of the Alaska Packers Assoc. and urged a 2 weeks continuance of the hearing. The P.A. lawyers and lobbyists were there in numbers but Curry was so enthusiastic to do some "dirty work" for them that he attacked me - and the verbal hair flew in all directions. The fight is on - and I am considering making it vigorous and so warm that they will have enough of it for once. Hearings finally adjourned until next week.
Diary 24 1914 March 21	Atty. Genl. has written a strong letter endorsing & approving my bill appropriating 250,000 for public building at Fairbanks! Bully for him! But the Sec. of the Interior has "turned down" Dr. Goddard's bill for caring for Alaska insane at Sitka - for the second time. Blame his gizzard! Makes a diff. doesn't it? Answered Alaska [?] today. [clipping Nome Has Holiday To Celebrate Bill Special to the Post-Intelligencer. NOME, Alaska, March 18.- Saturday, March 21, was today declared a special holiday by the city council for the purpose of celebrating the passage of the Alaska railroad bill by congress. Messages of appreciation have been sent by the council, merchants add the different fraternal organizations to President Wilson, Delegate Wickersham and other members of congress who aided in obtaining helpful legislation for Alaska.
Diary 24 1914 March 22	In office all day working on "Alaskana" [clipping] GOV. LISTER TO DRIVE TRAIN UP

	<p>SECOND AVENUE He'll throw Open Throttle to Alaska Federal Express on Signal from Mayor Gill. IT WILL TYPIFY NEW RAILROAD IN NORTH. Drawing Two Flat Cars Loaded With Alaska Products, It will Steam From Yesler Way to Wash- inton Hotel as Feature of Satur- day Night's Celebration of Success.</p> <p>A locomotive drawing two flat-cars, on which will be loaded Alaska product, composing a train that will be manned by Gov. Lister as engineer, J. E. Chilberg as fireman and Mayor Gill as conductor, will be one of the features of the pageant Saturday night to celebrate the passage of the Alaska railroad bill.</p> <p>Mayor Gill, in the regulation blue and gold of the ticket puncher, will give Gov. Lister the "high ball"; the governor will pull out the throttle a few notches; Mr. Hildberg will throw a shovelful of coal into the firebox, and the "first federal Alaska train," as it will be known, will move up Second Avenue to the Washington Hotel, where a big bonfire will blaze and crackle on the vacant square in the rear of that hostelry.</p> <p>Wilson to Be Represented. On the flat-cars, acting as train men, will be two prominent business men masked as President Woodrow Wilson and Delegate Wickersham. The engine and cars will run on the street car tracks, and to prevent the governor from running by any blocked signals or the "Federal Express" from coming to grief through inattention on the part of her distinguished crew, there will also be a regular crew of experienced trainmen aboard.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 23	Neuralgia in teeth & ear.
Diary 24 1914 March 24	sick with neuralgia in face!
Diary 24 1914 March 25	Called on Genl. Wood, Chief of Staff, on telegraphic request Nome Chamber of Commerce.

	<p>He gave instructions in my presence to retain garrison at Nome. <u>Called on Postmaster General Burleson - talked Alaska politics & Fairbanks Postmaster. He expressed friendly interest in my candidacy & said he would ask one of his political friends to come & talk things over in detail with me.</u> Also saw Sec. Lane. Urged him to come to interior Alaska this summer - told him Henry DeGo was in town & made date for DeGo at 2 o'clock.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 26	<p>Worked today in preparation of Bill to create the Alaska Administrative Commission - Com. on Ter. reported favorably on my Bill to change the method of taxing Railroads in Alaska.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 27	<p>Worked all day in the office of the Commissioner of the Gen Land office - Hon Clay Tallman, in explaining - correcting & getting in shape ray bill, H.R. 13487, to amend the U.S. Land Laws - establish University, Agri, College, & School of Mines at Fairbanks. Think I will get a favorable Dept. report. Attended meeting Com. on Pub. Lands tonight, to urge favorable report on my bill, H.R. 10548, to authorize N.E. Fishing Co. to purchase their fishing site at Ketchikan - a just bill.</p>
Diary 24 1914 March 28	<p><u>Have just received a very kind and complimentary letter from ex Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks, expressing his appreciation of my efforts in favor of the Alaska Ry. Bill, and concluding with an invitation to stop off at Indianapolis and visit him.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 March 29	<p>Capt. Wallace Langley, master of the Steamer "Tana", which rampages up and down the Tanana river, in Alaska, took dinner with us. Worked in office on the bill to Create the Alaska Administrative Commission. <u>The Washington Herald today had a half page biographical sketch with my picture.</u> It was flatteringly complimentary. Later I found that the 1/2 page article on my services etc. in re Alaska Ry. Bill was a syndicated article & was published in a large number of newspapers throughout the United States.</p>
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Diary 24 1914 March 31	<p>Meeting of the Com. on Ter. today to consider my bill to cure defects in Chaps. 52 & 54, Territorial Sess. Laws first Sess. Alaska. The Alaska Packers Fish lobby was present in full force & as each member of the Com. came in they rushed forward to shake hands etc. and I soon found that they had been making an office to office canvass - <u>the jury was fixed!!</u> and the Com. quickly informed me that they would favorably report Sec. 2 of my bill - which did not hurt the Trust, -but would not favorably report Sec. 1, which would validate the defective Chapters! Of course, I accepted the inevitable & got 1/2 of what I wanted - the rest the Alaska Legis. can do next March -if the Trust don't buy it again!!</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 1	<p>Working in the office today - Much mail, papers, etc. from Fairbanks. My Ry. speech seems to have made a profound impression there - & the last part - the exposure of Roden & the "Seven Slippery Senators" put them in bad. Mr. J.W. Cobb of Juneau, is here - case before the Sup. Ct. & also E. W. Griffin of Chena & Baird, of Iditarod. Lost my first tooth today - pretty good for nearly 57 years.</p>
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Diary 24 1914 April 3	<p>A meeting of the Com. on Ter. today adjourned further consideration of the Alaska Fisheries legislation to next December, notwithstanding my objections - upon the urgent request of the Secretary of Commerce and the personal appeal of the Dept. Chief of the Bureau of Fisheries - supported by the Fish Lobby! The Com. permitted me to warn the Lobby that they & the interests which they represent must be on hand early in December - without fail. Am working on my bill for the creation of the Alaska Administration Commission - will introduce it next week.</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 4	<p>Working on my bill to establish a Commission form of Government in Alaska and busy answering mail.</p>

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Diary 24 1914 April 6	<p>Called on Sec. Lane this morning about an appropriation for an Alaska exhibit at the San Francisco Exposition. He said none could be had - that he would not recommend it & thought the effort a waste of time, etc.</p> <p>Also talked with him about Commission Bill for Alaska and he gave me a copy of "Red Tape in the Government of Alaska" which he is considering - he asked me to take it home - read it - make suggestions & return it tomorrow. I told him I was at work on a bill - he prepared the Chamberlain bill but said it was a "mere suggestion" -and it certainly is nothing more.</p> <p>He also said that Sec. Redfield is opposed to the "Fisheries" in Alaska being put under a Commission & taken from his Dept.</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 7	<p>John H. Cobb returned home tonight via N.Y. . Long talk with him before he went about politics - He insists that I must be nominated by the Democrats - says that Burleson, Postmaster Genl told him to bring about my nomination. We talked over the Democratic organization - also the plan of opposition to the Alaska Ry. bill by Roden, Bruner et. al.</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 8	<p>The Com. G. Land office - will report favorably on ray land bill - including second ?? in Alaska . - Ag. College etc.</p> <p>Went to Post-Master-Genl - office about Fairbanks P.O. Examined whole record - recommendations strongly in favor of Deal & Roper, 1st Asst. told me that as the record now stood Deal would be appointed - There are no recommendations from Cheney - Roper said he would write to him today for his recommendation - & would probably make the appt. soon.</p> <p><u>If Cheney does not fight Deal too hard he will be appointed.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 April 9	<p>Working hard on my bill to establish the Commission form of Government in the administration of National affairs in Alaska. Sec. Lane is strongly in favor of the idea and drew</p>

	a bill which Senator Chamberlain introduced in the Senate, but Sec Lane said, in fair criticism of it, that it was a mere suggestion of what the bill ought to be and not sufficient. I am trying to cover the case fully-
Diary 24 1914 April 10	<p>Working on Alaska Administrative Commission Bill -</p> <p>Receiving many letters about the Syndicated article about myself written by Mr. [?]</p>
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Diary 24 1914 April 13	<p>Published draft - final draft - on my bill entitled "A Bill to establish a commission form of government in the administration of national affairs in Alaska, and for other purposes."</p> <p>Have been at work on it for several weeks & incidentally had to read a list of books on "Commission Government in Cities," etc. My problem was to adapt the plan to Alaska, and I am quite satisfied with the job -</p> <p>The problem now is to get the support of the President, for there will be opposition from some of the cabinet officers.</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 14	<p>Prepared clean copy of my bill to establish a commission form of government in the administration of national affairs in Alaska, & took it down to Secretary of Interior Franklin K. Lane for his consideration before it is introduced. I am quite satisfied with it, but anticipate that he may suggest changes etc.</p> <p>Will try & get a favorable report on my Fairbanks public Bldg. Bill tomorrow - <u>if I can!</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 April 15	<p>Secretary Lane returned my bill of yesterday with a letter saying that he did not have time to examine it now but suggested that I introduce it and he would examine it later.</p> <p>Well, I put it to him in advance anyway! (Governor & Mrs. Strong arrived in Washington today).</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 16	To my great satisfaction Gov. Strong called this morning at my office & assured me that he wished to aid me in every way, while in Washington, in

	<p>securing the passage of bills in aid of Alaskan development.</p> <p>He is the first Governor of Alaska who ever called at my office - Hoggatt & Clark both refusing even to call on me -and both did at all times every thing they could to defeat legislation for Alaska just because I had offered it.</p> <p>Gov. Strong's friendly assurances show that a new day has dawned for Alaska, for now there is co-operation. Good - I like it.</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 17	<p>Dinner last night with General & Mrs. Morton - present Mortons, Mrs. Rutter and Mrs. Poindexter, sisters of Mrs. Morton, several revenue cutter service officers & wives and Mrs. W- & I. Dinner at the Cairo - a beautiful table & many good things - a fine dinner.</p> <p>Gov. Strong in today & we have gone over many things which need attention while he is here. He quite approved my bill for the establishment of Commission form of government in the administration of National Affairs in Alaska, and I introduced the Bill No. today.</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 18	<p>Am greatly pleased today to receive a copy of favorable report from Chairman Ferris, Public Lands, being copy of Report from Secretary of Interior Franklin K. Lane, approving my Alaska Land Law bill No. H.R. 13.487. It is just as we prepared it in the office of the Com. of the Genl. Land office, with an addition in favor of the Senate bill creating the Alaska Development Board. It enables me to go the Com. & urge immediate action - still —one Sec. has yet to go to the Sec. of Agri. for consideration, but think that will be easy - looks now like a down hill pull.</p> <p>Gov & Mrs. Strong are to take dinner with us at Congress Hall Hotel tomorrow evening.</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 19	<p>Gov. Strong & his wife both do their best now to assure me that they are friendly & wish to assist in securing favorable action on bills which I have introduced for Alaska.</p> <p>"Senator" Bruner of Nome is yet here and he & the Gov. seem as friendly as ever, and the Gov. must know that I appreciate his efforts to assist Bruner, Richardson & that crowd to kill the Alaska</p>

	<p>Ry. bill - then pass a Seven Million Appropriation for wagon road work in Alaska under Richardson superintendency - & then organize a great Democratic party cry against me with Henry Roden as their candidate to carry the Territory by the aid of such appropriation in the name of Woodrow Wilson with the active assistance of the Big Interests, etc. etc. See the Scheme? <u>But</u> they got licked!</p> <p>The Ry bill passed, Richardson was reprimanded by the Sec. of War, & Roden wrote his fool letter - the people hung him in effigy, etc. "The best laid plans, etc. etc.</p> <p>[Wickersham wrote across the whole page here] Judge Watson of Va. who has charge of my bill to change method of taxing Ry. in Alaska will try to bring it up tomorrow - he & I worked on the matter in my office today.</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 20	<p>Appeared in Supreme Court in small motion for John H. Cobb, of Juneau - Case 1006.</p> <p><u>House of Representatives passed a Joint Reso. authorizing the President to use Army & Navy against Prov. Pres. Huerta of Mexico.</u> President Wilson delivered a message on our relations with Mexico, justifying his request for the use of Army & Navy - I would sustain a demurrer to his indictment- it was a very weak presentation!</p> <p>I reintroduced bill "to amend the land laws of the U.S. in their relation to Alaska, etc. It is the redraft made by the Com. of the G. L. O. & approved by Sec. Lane.</p> <p>Philadelphia Ledger of yesterday had a fine column article about my success with Alaska Ry bill - <u>also my picture!</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 April 21	<p>Jack Dalton & wife of Cordova in town.</p> <p>The Senate is still talking over the Resolution of War with Mexico - dispatches tonight say that our Fleet has captured Vera Cruz & the Custom House there, so as to prevent the loading of a cargo of ammunition from a German vessel for Huerta - & that 5 U.S. marines were killed & 21 wounded. My son Darrell is there - on the man of war "<u>Minnesota</u>" & his mother is highly nervous in consequence.</p>

	House & Senate both in Session & will pass resolution before morning.
	War With Mexico!
Diary 24 1914 April 22	[clipping] For Alaskan Army Posts. Upon the joint recommendation of Secretaries Lane and Garrison, the President has withdrawn four tracts of public land in Alaska for military reservations. The areas withdrawn are prominent points of navigable waters on the Alaskan coast having strategic value for the protection of coal fields and railroads.
	[clipping] TRACTS FOR ALASKA TOWNS. President Withdraws Areas to Build Settlements on New U.S. Railroad. In anticipation of the settlement and development of Alaska, which will take place under the proposed government railroad in the territory, the President, on the recommendation of Secretary Lane, has withdrawn a number of tracts of land which have natural value for townsite purposes. These tracts are so distributed as to provide localities for settlement along several possible railway routes. The withdrawal includes fourteen tracts over three possible routes into the interior of Alaska.
	<u>War with Mexico! Our fleet took Vera Cruz today. Darrell on the "Minnesota."</u>
Diary 24 1914 April 23	Gov Strong and I appeared before the Com. on Public Bldgs. to favor my bill to appropriate \$450,000. for the completion of the Federal Bldg. at Juneau. Chairman Clark informed us that the Com. had agreed to favorably report my former bill in part = \$15,000 to purchase a site for public building at Fairbanks. Gov. Strong talked for the Appro. of \$450,000 for Juneau but the Com. said nothing. <u>Jack Dalton & his wife took dinner with us this evening.</u> Jack has come on to report on Matanuska coal - he got out 1100 tons & has it at Knik for government test.

	Gov. Strong & wife have gone to New York for a week.
Diary 24 1914 April 24	<u>Deal was appointed P.M. at Fairbanks yesterday.</u> I am working hard on the 4th Alaska Law Reports.
Diary 24 1914 April 25	<u>Notified Deal of his appt. by telegraph.</u> Got copies of the Presidents Ex Order reserving U.S. Townsites at <u>Portage Bay, Knik, Susitna, Healey, Tanana, & Chena</u> At Tazlina, McCartys & Washburn, at McGrath. Sent copies to Alaska papers & sent telegram announcing to Mayor Fairbanks.
Diary 24 1914 April 26	War in Mexico quieting down since Argentina - Chili & Brazil undertook Mediation! Beautiful Sunday & we went riding. Cardinal (red) birds & other of my boyhood bird friends are in the thickets & trees. <u>Deal confirmed Postmaster – Fairbanks Notified him by telegraph.</u>
Diary 24 1914 April 27	Consulted with Sec. of Agriculture Houston today about those sections 9-12, in my bill H.R. 15870" to amend the United States land laws in their application to Alaska" etc. in so far as it related to the Agricultural Ex. Station etc. at Fairbanks, & my attempt to establish an Agri. College etc. there. <u>He Took The Matter Under Advisement.</u>
Diary 24 1914 April 28	<u>My bill H.R. 6279 authorizing the Sec. Treas. to purchase additional land for court House site in Fairbanks & appropriating \$15,000 therefor, reported favorably by Com. on Pub. Bldgs & grounds - Burnett.</u>
Diary 24 1914 April 29	Chairman Clark, Com. on Pub. Bldg. suggested that I give notice & have H.R. 6279 put on Unanimous Consent Calendar for Monday next. Will do it tomorrow. Much small business about bills etc. Correspondence in office is heavy. Working daily - & nightly - on 4th Alaska Law Reports. <u>Recd. long letter from Rev. S. Hall Young from N.Y. today saying that he had long talk with Gov. Strong, who is there, & the Gov. expressed strong</u>

	<p><u>friendship & loyalty to me, etc.</u> It is hard for the leopard to change his spots! but I hope its true.</p>
Diary 24 1914 April 30	<p>[receipt] [Received from Hon. James Wickersham \$5.00 on account of subscription to Miss Wilson Wedding Gift Fund.]</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 1	<p>Copy of the "Memorandum for the Press" issued by Sec Lane, "Department of the Interior" "Office of the Secretary, May 1, 1914" The President today appointed William C. Edes and Lt Frederick Mears as members of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, which is to have charge of the location of the railroads in Alaska under the recently enacted Alaskan Railroad Bill. Secretary Lane, in making this announcement, said, "Mr. Edes is at present Chief Engineer of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad in California, and has for the last twenty-five years been the chief locating engineer for the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific lines, for which he has located and built some of the most difficult mountain railroads in California, Nevada, Oregon, Arizona, and New Mexico. "Lieutenant Mears is the Chief Engineer of the Panama Railroad and was suggested for this work by Col. Goethals. Before entering the army, Lieutenant Mears was an engineer on the Great Northern road under John F. Stevens. These gentlemen will proceed to Alaska at once and their first task will be the location of possible -routes through the Susitna Valley, from the south coast to the Tanana river." (exact copy) (ditto)</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 2	<p>Called at Dept of Interior & met Mr. Edes & Mr. Mears, members Alaska Railway Com. Proffered my assistance, assured them of my earnest support, etc. Recommended Jack Dalton & they asked me to have him call. I am well impressed with both one, & they told me they intended to go to work at once at Fairbanks. Recd. telegram from Howard Rolston, from West Point, saying he had just passed his examinations etc. Good.</p>

	<p><u>Sec. Lane has approved my bill no 15870 "to amend the U.S. land laws in their application to Alaska" etc. by a vigorous letter to the Chairman of the Com. on Pub. Lands.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 May3	<p>I received copies of the Patoka, Illinois Register, a newspaper published in the town where I was born and lived until I went to Springfield in 1877 - containing a 2 column cut of me & a story headed "The man of the Hour in Alaska" - and the letter I wrote some days ago to Capt. Rodgers. It is the syndicate story sent out some time ago, but rewritten by the Patoka scribe to give the local color. All in all it's a very nice story & I am greatly pleased with it. Beautiful day & Debbie & I took a long ride in the suburban parks - the birds are nesting & singing - red birds, mockingbirds, cat birds, thrush, etc. etc.</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 4	<p>This was "Unanimous Consent Day" in the House. We had two bills on & got one, H.R. 11.740 passed though with a close call for Willis of Ohio seemed determined to object but finally did not at my request. Our bill H.R. 9770, after long effort, was objected to in a spirit of pure wantonness by Stafford of Wisconsin, and stricken from the calendar. This last was the Railroad tax bill intended to relieve the small Ry's in Alaska, and its present defeat was a great disappointment to Joslin.</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 5	<p>Barnum & Bailey's Circus in town. Working in office on the 4th Alaska. - on the bibliography of Alaskan literature , etc. <u>Thomas Riggs Jr. was appointed the third member of the Alaskan Engineering Board yesterday.</u> Thomas is a pretty good surveyor - I am told - but does not have any experience in Railroad work. I am also informed that the Army Engineers are raising a question about the appointment of Lt. Fred. Mears on the Alaskan Eng. Bd. because he is not of the Engineer Corps Of the Army - <u>as the law requires!</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 May 6	<p>Working in office all day. Dr. S. Hall Young visiting us - Gov. Strong is here again, for a week.</p>

<p>Diary 24 1914 May 7</p>	<p>Sec. Redfield sent for me this morning to ask me to assist him with desired appropriations for construction of a coast survey vessel etc. for Alaska.</p> <p>Rev. S. Hall Young who has been visiting me for two days went home.</p> <p><u>Received today from St Petersburg, Russia, a fine copy of Tebenkof's Atlas of Russian America, etc. 1852, in the old binding etc - it is a clear and perfect copy - Prof. F. A. Golder, who is in St. Petersburg, Russia, working for the Carnegie Institution, bought it for me.</u></p> <p><u>President's daughter, Ellen, & Sec. of Treas. McAdoo married this evening.</u></p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 May 8</p>	<p>Judge Houston has been trying to get Gov. Strong to agree to appointment of one of Houston's friends as U.S. Marshal at Juneau, but Strong cannot do it - he is here _trying to get Bishop of Juneau appointed - & has succeeded - and cannot in good faith to Bishop consent to the appointment of Houston's friend - Houston insists - Strong hesitates & - Houston is getting cross.</p> <p>Dinner tonight - We had Gov & Mrs. Strong, Genl & Mrs. Morton, Senator & Mrs. Poindexter, Mrs. Rutter & her daughter Carol, & Debbie & I.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 May 9</p>	<p>Woman's Suffrage parade to the Capitol this afternoon was a remarkably interesting affair.</p> <p>The Com. on Judiciary of the House has now reported both the National Prohibition Bill to the House, without recommendation - and the Democrats are scared - Hobson is urging the Prohibition bill - it means a lot of trouble & much political gymnastics for many members to escape with their political lives.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 May 10</p>	<p>[clipping] BIG HAUL IS LIKELY. Special Correspondence of Post-Intelligencer. FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 10.- While working on the former Horner ground, on Eva creek, from which claim Horner & Co. took out \$200,000 during the two years they operated thereon, Charles Pyne and partners ran into an entirely new paystreak.</p>

	<p>The new pay is located in the gravel above the old dirt worked out by Horner. While sinking to bedrock Horner ran through a layer of sand about six inches thick, and while Payne & Co. were tunneling through this old drift to reach some side pay which they knew existed they discovered the gravel above the sand streak, which together with the sand streak, has now settled and lies on bedrock. The new pay averages \$6 per square foot. This ground is owned by Wagner, Wheeler & Beegler, and if the new paystreak holds out several hundred thousand dollars will be taken out this summer.</p> <p>If this paystreak will do what the one under it did - run across my Eva Creek claim - <u>I will thank it.</u> [Wickersham drew a sketch showing relation of his claim, Horner's claim, Eva Creek and the paystreak running through the claims.]</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 May 11</p>	<p>I went before the Com. on Public Lands today to get a hearing on my omnibus Land bill, H.R. 15730 and greatly to my surprise Ferris, chairman & others opposed a hearing, alleging the lateness of the session, the magnitude of their labors, etc. They did not finally refuse to give me a hearing, but took it under consideration!</p> <p>Well - I'll go to the Senate & get a member of the Senate Com. on Public Lands introduce the bill for me - 8 try & get it through from that end.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 May 12</p>	<p>[Blank page]</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 May 13</p>	<p>Had long talk with Thos. Riggs, Jr. - found that the Commission has divided the work of surveying and locating the Ry. to Fairbanks into <u>three</u> sections & Riggs has been given charge of <u>location</u> etc. of the Fairbanks section.</p> <p><u>He has already turned local matters over to "Judge" Irwin - who always represents the N.C. Co.</u></p> <p>I talked frankly with him about it & warned him against committing the administration to a partnership with the transportation interests - his sympathies are with them but he <u>may</u> not give them the advantage - but I think he <u>may</u>.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914</p>	<p><u>Saw Secretary of the Interior Lane this morning</u></p>

May 14	<p><u>and had a long & very satisfactory talk about politics in Alaska. Assured him that I would support the Wilson policy toward Alaska etc. He gave me assurance of friendly support, and gave me much satisfaction by what he said in compliment of my efforts to assist them in their policy towards Alaskan development.</u></p> <p><u>I also asked him to appoint Ed. Stier, my old clerk of court, as land agent in charge of railroad townsites etc. On his suggestion of interest I sent a telegram to St George at Fairbanks asking if Ed. was physically able to take the place.</u></p> <p><u>Gov. Strong told me this afternoon that he had just had a talk with postmaster Genl Burleson who spoke highly of me - politically & Strong said he wanted to talk confidentially with me tomorrow about Alaska politics.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 May 15	<p>Wrote letter to Sec. Lane today urging the Alaska Engineering Commission to survey the route from the mouth of the Healy fork of the Nenana river - across the divide toward Wood river & straight into Fairbanks - thus shortening the line & reducing the coal haul one half. Also sent copy of letter & attached maps etc. to H.E. St. George, Pres. Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and urged him to get the business men of Fairbanks at work to assist in securing that location.</p> <p><u>A location of the line to the mouth of the Nenana & the building of a town there will kill both Fairbanks and Chena.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 May 16	<p>Had a long & satisfactory talk with Gov. Strong today. He said that Postmaster Genl. Burleson & other Administration Democrats had advised him to support me in Alaska for Delegate & he assured me that he intended to go back to Alaska and tell the Democrats that I was working with the administration & had its support & confidence.</p> <p>I told him that I intended soon to announce my candidacy & in the announcement say that I was favorable to and would support President Wilson's Alaskan policies. We parted in the most friendly way - he goes back to Alaska tomorrow.</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 17	<p>Beautiful sunny Sunday. Long ride with Debbie out to Bladensburg & Hyattsville.</p>

	<p>Worked in office on Mss. for the 4th Alaska law reports - I am trying to get this done before I have to go home for the summer.</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 18	<p>In the House all day waiting to reach 2 Alaska bills on the call of the Unanimous Consent Calendar, but we did not reach either of them.</p> <p><u>Was invited to take lunch with Speaker Clark tomorrow</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 May 19	<p><u>Lunch today with Speaker & Mrs. Champ Clark. Present Mr. & Mrs La Follette of Wash. Mr. & Mrs. Thomson of Ill, Mr. and Mrs. Mapes of Mich., Mr. Howell of Utah, Mrs. W. & I & two or three other gentlemen – also Judge Alexander, MC from Missouri.</u></p> <p><u>Lunch in the speakers private dining room on south side of the hall. The main dining room for members is on north side. A nice lunch - agreeable company - a pleasant time.</u></p> <p><u>Ever since the passage of the Alaska Railroad bill the Speaker has been quite friendly to me.</u></p> <p>Favorable report ordered today on my H. J. Res. disapproving the mining law passed by the Alaska legislature.</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 20	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM LIVE SUBJECT BEFORE CLUB DEMOCRAT CLUB DISCUSSES SELECTION OF DELEGATE</p> <p>It remained for Charles Rosenberg, a one-man club in the backwoods of Katalla, to start the fire-works at the meeting of the Juneau Democratic Club last night in Gross hall.</p> <p>The Rosenberg communication said that the sentiment in that neck of the woods was all for James Wickersham as delegate.</p> <p>J.B. Marshall said the time had come to find out whether Delegate Wickersham was to take over the Democratic club, or whether the Democratic club meant to place any value upon the standing of men as representative Democrats. He moved that it was the sense that the Juneau clubs not endorse</p>

	<p>anyone for delegate other than a true and tried Democrat.</p> <p>Attorney Cobb thought the motion premature. He said while in Washington he had heard some things which opened his eyes to the importance of Wickersham that the administration felt kindly toward the delegate; that it was the wish of the administration</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 21	<p>[clipping continued] expressed by Burleson that Wickersham should be returned as delegate from Alaska; that in all probability Wickersham would be elected anyway, whether the Democratic club endorsed him or not; that the delegate would get a \$500,000 appropriation for Juneau federal buildings if let alone; that he had been largely instrumental in getting through the railway bill, and other administration measures; that the expression of the Tanana Democratic club against his candidacy represented a majority of its 150 members which was a small part of the Tanana's population.</p> <p>Central Committeeman Cheney made a spirited reply, contending that they would rather vote for a good Democrat and see him go down to defeat than vote for a "man without a country or party." He said he had been in Washington also and had talked; with Cabinet members and found that the influence of Wickersham was practically nil with the administration: just the reverse, in fact, from what Mr. Cobb had stated; that he did not wish to detract from the credit due Mr. Wickersham for working for Alaska measures, but that it was nonsense to claim that the delegate was solely responsible for getting through all the Alaska legislation passed by the administration. He thought a Democratic party which had to shape its sails to catch favoring breezes not worthy of the name.</p> <p>He was sustained by Attorney Hellenthal and others and the club unanimously voted in favor of the Marshall motion.</p> <p><u>Why don't Cheney run?</u> These "bosses" are scared - think I got 'em skinned.</p>

Diary 24 1914 May 22	<p><u>Am busy writing the announcement of my candidacy for reelection as Delegate in Alaska. I do not want a Democratic nomination - but an independent campaign with Democratic support.</u></p> <p>[clipping] REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.</p> <p>Under clause 2 of Rule XIII, Mr. WICKERSHAM, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill (H.J. Res. 267) to disapprove an act of the Legislature of Alaska, reported the same with amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 699), which said bill and report were referred to the House Calendar.</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 23	<p>Saw Senators Pittman, Smoot & Poindexter this morning & asked them to get the bill through the Senate giving Alaska Legislature power to impose additional duties on United States officials in Alaska. The bill passed the House May 4.</p> <p>Got R.R. Hunter appointed <u>cook</u> on the Alaska Ry work. Am successful on <u>cooks!</u></p>
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Diary 24 1914 May 25	<p>One of Gifford Pinchot's friends came to see me today and asked me to prepare a statement in favor of Pinchot in Alaskan matters etc. and while I did not refuse I put the matter off without refusing. While I have the greatest respect for Pinchot & hope he will beat Penrose for Senator in Penn. yet I do not intend to put myself in opposition to the Democratic candidate - Palmer - for I want to get some legislation for Alaska & I must get it from the Democrats.</p> <p>I owe a <u>duty</u> to Alaska to get legislation - Alaska needs it more than even the defeat of Penrose - whom we sincerely hope will be defeated - & I do not intend to do anything for even my friends that will defeat our needed Alaska legislation.</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 26	<p>Have finished my announcement to the People of Alaska saying that I will be a candidate for Delegate at the Nov. election - upon a platform</p>

	<p>pledging me to support President Wilson's Alaskan policies & giving him credit for first offering Alaska a helping hand.</p> <p>Chairman Houston, of our Com. Ter. read my announcement & made only one suggestion of a minor change.</p>
Diary 24 1914 May 27	<p>Mrs. Wickersham gave a card party today at Congress Hall to a party of her lady friends - she had a fine time.</p> <p>Mr. James Killiher, of Taylor, Alaska - near Nome, was in today and I went with him to see the Bureau of Chemistry about a better enforcement of the pure food law in Alaska -to prevent the importation of rotten eggs, butter & meat. <u>We got some promises anyway.</u></p> <p>Later wrote strong letter to Bureau of Chemistry urging better enforcement of the Pure Food Law in Alaska <u>and Inspection at Seattle.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 May 28	<p>Went with James Kelliher, of Taylor, near Nome to see Secretary Lane this morning about a railroad from Port Clarence to his mines! - also took along Resolutions, letters etc. from Nome Chamber of Commerce in aid of Ry. on Seward peninsula.</p> <p>After Kelliher & Lane had done I showed the Sec. my letter of announcement & he read & quite approved it. Specially I called his attention to my use of President Wilson's letter as a part of an appendix & he distinctly approved that.</p> <p><u>Mrs. Jessie palmer Weber, of Springfield, Ill., one of Debbie's Schoolmates the daughter of Gov. Palmer with whom I studied law in Springfield - from 1877 to 1880 - is to take dinner with us this evening.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 May 29	<p>Debbie and I spent the forenoon with Mrs. Weber - she is the Sec. of the Lincoln Exhibit from Illinois etc. and we took her to see the plans for the Lincoln Memorial Building - & the Lincoln monument & out to the site -where they are just now putting in the foundations.</p> <p>Dreadful steamship accident on the St. Lawrence - "Empress of Ireland" sank drowning 1000 people.</p>

Diary 24 1914 May 30	<p><u>Decoration Day.</u></p> <p>President Wilson refused to accept invitations from the Grand Army of the Republic to speak at Arlington - whereupon the G.A.A. asked Champ Clark & began to damn Wilson - who announced only this morning that he intended to go to Arlington to speak! It was another one of the many blunders - not wrongs - but simply blunders, that Wilson's friends are permitting him to make. He ought to have been <u>first</u> in celebrating Memorial Day - instead of <u>last</u>.</p> <p>Busy on 4th Alaska Reports.</p>
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Diary 24 1914 June 1	<p>Received a telegram from Henry T. Ray of Fairbanks as follows:</p> <p>"Fairbanks, Alaska, May 31-'14. James Wickersham, Delegate from Alaska. Pratt, Driscoll, Groves, Casey, Peoples, Hall, hundreds others request by petition you become non-partisan candidate imperative announce candidacy now account Democratic Convention near future suggested you remain Washington until adjournment supporters look after campaign sentiment overwhelmingly your favor will hold publicity pending reply. Henry T. Ray.</p> <p>Answer as follows: Henry T. Ray, Fairbanks, Alaska Announce that I shall be non-partizan candidate for election delegate from Alaska November election. Formal announcement coming. James Wickersham</p>
Diary 24 1914 June 2	<p>Working on 4th Alaska and trying to get hearing before House Com. on Ter. on my bill to create an "<u>Alaskan Administration Commission</u>", etc. Have promise for tomorrow.</p>
Diary 24 1914 June 3	<p><u>Full hearing this forenoon before the Com. on Ter. On H.R. 15763. Being my bill to create a commission form of government in the administration of National Affairs in Alaska. Good record made today & much interest - hearing continued till Friday 10 am.</u></p>

	Working every hour that I can spare on the Mss. for the <u>4th Alaska Law Reports.</u>
Diary 24 1914 June 4	Called on Senator Myers, Chairman Senate Com. on Public Lands and discussed my Alaska Omnibus Land bill with him - He agreed to introduce it in the Senate for me & then to give me a hearing before the Committee. He expressed a friendly intention to help me with it - & I am now preparing copies of the favorable reports made by Secretary Lane & Houston to the House Com. so as to present them before his Com.
Diary 24 1914 June 5	<u>Another Hearing today before the House Com. on Territories on H.R. 15.763. "To establish a commission form of government in the administration of national affairs in Alaska, and for other purposes," introduced by me on April 17, last. We now have a full record on the bill & it is being printed - Committee adjourned until next Friday - 12th -when we kill consider what further to do.</u> Sent Nan \$50.00 today - Jennie.
Diary 24 1914 June 6	Finished correcting proof of my hearings of yesterday and the record now goes to the Printer. Mr. J. J. Crossley, Dist. Atty. Fairbanks, is here & will take dinner with us this evening.
Diary 24 1914 June 7	Long automobile ride through Rock Creek Park, the Zoo, & the Soldiers Home grounds - and around the Potomac drives - beautiful morning – Debbie, Mifs McMillan of Hoquiam, Wash. & Mr. J.J. Crossley U.S. Dist. Atty. Fairbanks. Also working in office tonight on Alaska Repts - 4 th .
Diary 24 1914 June 8	[enclosure] 1914 Announcement of DELEGATE WICKERSHAM'S CANDIDACY AND PLATFORM

	<p style="text-align: center;">ELECTION IN NOVEMBER Washington, D.C. June 4th, 1914.</p> <p>To the People of Alaska: I shall be a candidate for re-election as Delegate from Alaska at the November election. This announcement is made upon request of many people in Alaska, and because my duties as your representative in Congress prevents me from coming home at an early date to make it in person.</p> <p>In case of my election in November it will be my purpose to work for Congressional enactment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In support of the progressive Alaskan policy declared by President Wilson in his message to Congress, December 2d, 1913. 2. To continue appropriations in aid of government owned and operated railroads in Alaska. 3. To secure better administrative control over railroad and steamship lines in Alaska, a reduction of the present confiscatory rates, and permanent dissolution of the monopoly which has so long controlled transportation facilities in Alaska in violation of the Sherman act. 4. To secure an additional appropriation of \$450,000 for the immediate completion of the capitol building at Juneau, and other appropriations for other needed public buildings in Alaska. 5. To secure the construction of a safe and suitable harbor at Nome, and the improvement of Dry strait. 6. T secure the passage of a fair coal leasing bill so the mines may be immediately opened for development without monopoly. 7. To secure appropriations for aids to navigation, and for roads, trails and bridges. 8. To protect our fisheries from destruction and monopoly, and to compel them to pay their just proportion for the support of Alaskan government. 9. To create the commission form of control in
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the administration of national affairs in Alaska, so that our public lands fisheries, coal mines, forests, roads, game, Indians, and educational, charitable and penal institutions may be managed in Alaska by a single commission headed by Alaskans.

10. To procure the reservation of sections 16 and 36, in each township of public lands surveyed, for the support of common schools in the Territory; for a law granting a second homestead to those who have none in Alaska; for the establishment of an agricultural college in the Tanana valley; for the survey of all homesteads on unsurveyed lands in Alaska at the expense of the United States.

11. To otherwise aid in the general progressive policy of the development of Alaska along lines approved by her citizens and President Wilson.

In again announcing my candidacy permit me to call your attention to the changed conditions which now surround Alaska problems in Congress. For the last four years every effort made by your delegate to secure sympathetic support for progressive laws in aid of the development of Alaska was denied. Alaskans will long remember the attempt to pass the infamous Beveridge bill for the creation of an appointive carpet-bag legislature for Alaska, under the War Department control, and the impudent refusal of George W. Perkins to permit the construction of a competing line of railroad into the Matanuska coal fields and the Tanana valley. How our ports were closed in restraint of trade by this same transportation trust is told in the recent pleas of "guilty" in the United States court at Juneau. They are as powerful in Washington as in Alaska, and in both places really had a "free hand in Alaskan matters."

But a change came when Woodrow Wilson became President. A western man with Western ideas and courage to carry them into execution was made Secretary of the Interior, and given a "free hand in Alaskan matters." The door to

monopoly was closed; that to conservation with use by the people without monopoly was thrown wide open, and the rusty wheels of progress were put in motion.

It was not necessary for the delegate from Alaska to change his position, his principles or his line of effort to secure sympathy and support. The administration changed-not the Delegate from Alaska. With that change in administration your Delegate found himself in company with those who sought progressive Alaskan legislation. The Delegate introduced the Alaska railroad bill in Congress on April 7, 1913, President Wilson in his first message to the regular session approved it, and thereafter with his active support it became law. His administration procured other progressive bills to be introduced in aid of the development of Alaska, and those offered by your Delegate have met with friendly support and approval. Today the enactment of truly progressive laws for the development of Alaska, free from monopoly, is being personally urged by President Wilson, and occupies first place in his administrative programme.

Alaska and the Pacific coast ought to give him and his Alaskan policy unstinted support.

JAMES WICKERSHAM.

63D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H.R. 1739
In the
House of Representatives
APRIL 7, 1913

Mr. Wickersham introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.

A BILL
TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO LOCATE, CONSTRUCT, AND OPERATE RAILROADS IN THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

President Wilson's Alaska Message, Dec. 2, 1913.

"A duty faces us with regard to Alaska which seems to me very pressing and very imperative; perhaps I should say a double duty, for it concerns both the political and the material development of the Territory. The people of Alaska should be given the full Territorial form of government, and Alaska, as a storehouse, should be unlocked. One key to it is a system of railways. These the Government should itself build and administer, and the ports and terminals it should itself control in the interest of all who wish to use them for the service and development of the country and its people.

But the construction of railways is only the first step; is only thrusting in the key to the storehouse and throwing back the lock and opening the door. How the tempting resources of the country are to be exploited is another matter, to which I shall take the liberty of from time to time calling your attention, for it is a policy which must be worked out by well-considered stages, not upon theory but upon lines of practical expediency. It is part of our general problem of conservation. We have a freer hand in working out the problem in Alaska than in the states of the Union; and yet the principle and object are the same, wherever we touch it. We must use the resources of the country, not lock them up. There need be no conflict or jealousy as between State and Federal authorities, for there can be no essential difference of purpose between them. The resources in question must be used, but not destroyed or wasted; used, but not monopolized upon any narrow idea of individual rights as against the abiding interests of communities. That a policy can be worked out by conference and concession which will release these resources and yet not jeopardy or dissipate them, I for one have no doubt; need be no less acceptable to the people and governments of the States concerned than to the people and Government of the Nation at large, whose heritage these resources are. A common purpose ought to make agreement easy."

"WASHINGTON, DEC. 2, 1913.
THE PRESIDENT
The White House, Washington.
SIR:
For the people of Alaska I wish you to know how deeply we appreciate your cheering message of today on Alaskan matters. We have struggled for eight years against a policy of non action and restriction of development in that territory, and now that one of action and development is inaugurated we pledge our active and earnest support to it in the spirit of conference and concession suggested in your message. We thank you for opening the door of opportunity and prosperity to us and Alaska Territory.
Respectfully,
JAMES WICKERSHAM,
Delegate from Alaska."
"The White House, Washington.
DECEMBER 3, 1913.
MY DEAR MR. WICKERSHAM:
Allow me to thank you very heartily for your kind letter of December 2nd. Your generous words of approval are most gratifying to me.
Cordially and sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON.
HON. JAMES WICKERSHAM,
House of Representatives."

Sent out copies of my announcements to every newspaper in Alaska & to my special partisans & also 5 to the postmaster or to some person known to me in every post office in Alaska etc.

Diary 24 1914
June 9
Have finished preparing the syllabi on the 4th Alaska Law Reports – When George gets to work copied it can go on to the West Pub. Co.

Diary 24 1914
June 10
We are in receipt of the Hearings on the Bill to create a commission form of government in the Administration of National Affairs in Alaska - before the Com. on Ter. House.
Sending out copies of my Platform announcement to Alaska today. Also 600 copies of the Agri. Year

	<p>Book of 1913.</p> <p>We thought some time ago that Congress would adjourn by June 15, but it looks more like Aug. 15 now!</p> <p>President Wilson is insisting upon the passage of his Trust bills - & that will take months - without the Senate Rules are so amended as to limit debate!</p>
Diary 24 1914 June 11	<p>The political situation in Alaska, so far as I can gather from the Alaska newspapers is getting rather warm - in other words my enemies are industriously at work fighting me -or rather getting ready to do it. The Fairbanks bunch is not succeeding very well, but the "Empire" & "Dispatch" at Juneau are laying the plan to fight me hard.</p> <p>Congress may not adjourn for two months yet - and in the meantime I will sit tight & send out my announcement & let it go at that.</p> <p><u>I shall watch & wait.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 June 12	<p>Am working on a brief to be filed with the Comptroller of the Treasury in support of the claim of the Territory of Alaska to a percentage of the fund paid in from Alaska for sale of timber etc. on Forest Reserves. It is a hard case - and has been decided against us – but the brief is on the appeal of the Territory.</p> <p>Joslin is back here working on the railroad tax laws – trying to overcome the objections & get it passed.</p> <p>[Wickersham crossed out this whole page and says diagonally across it:] {wrote in wrong page}</p>
Diary 24 1914 June 13	<p>The Com. on Public Lands, being the general Com. for the whole U.S. has more work than it can do - my omnibus Alaska Land bill was referred to it, but Chairman Ferris tells me it will be impossible <u>at this Congress</u> to reach it - so today I cut it up differently gave it a new title & re-introduced it & had it <u>referred to the Committee on Territories, which has little work to do.</u></p> <p>[clipping] PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.</p>

	<p>Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials were introduced and severally referred as follows:</p> <p>By Mr. WICKERSHAM: A bill (H.R. 17262) extending the civil government of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Territories.</p> <p>It was also introduced in the Senate by Senator Myers & sent to his Com. on Pub. Lands.</p> <p>BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED.</p> <p>Bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first time, and, by unanimous consent, the second time, and referred as follows:</p> <p>By Mr. SAULSBURY: A bill (S. 5845) to provide a government for the Territory of Porto Rico; to the Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico.</p> <p>By Mr. MYERS: A bill (S.5846) to amend the United States land laws in their application to Alaska, and for other purposes; and</p>
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Diary 24 1914 June 15	<p>"Unanimous Consent day" in the House & both our Alaska bills - one appro \$15,000 to buy the lot at Fairbanks for public building and Joslin Ry. tax bill, were objected to by Donovan, of Conn. & lost.</p> <p>Bad luck to him!</p> <p>Got a letter from F. A. Golden, in St. Petersburg, who is sending me quite a bunch of Russian books on Alaska –</p>
Diary 24 1914 June 16	<p>Judge Hubbard of Valdes and Judge Watson of Nome (both being lawyers & <u>not</u> judges), came in to talk etc. today. Both are greatly interested in Alaska Ry. & expressed great satisfaction at the success of the Alaska Ry. bill, etc.</p> <p>Recd, packages of books from Russia - "Izeniaminof, Zageskin, Lazaref, Golovin, Markoff, Nevelski, Tikhmeinof etc.</p>
Diary 24 1914	On last Friday I had an agreement with Ferris, of

June 17	Okla, Chairman of the Com. on Pub. Lands, that I might reintroduce my Alaska Omnibus Land bill & have it referred to the Com. on Ter. by leaving out some features that were more particularly within the jurisdiction of this Com – I did it – H.R.17262 - but it seems that he was greatly displeased & had Speaker Clark ask today to again refer it to the Public Lands Com. upon the ground that I did not have out enough! He is ugly toward me - & Alaska - and Houston & everybody who had a hand in “licking” him on the Ry. bill - of course. I’ll keep quiet & let him alone - and say nothing - & wait till he recovers his usual good temper.
Diary 24 1914 June 18	<u>Debbie graduated at the Springfield High School - 34 years ago today.</u> She hurt her foot today & it pains her severely - We are “cleaning out” the office & finishing up our work so that I can go home when occasion offers.
Diary 24 1914 June 19	Got Senator Jones to introduce my bill appropriating \$15,000 for the for public building at Fairbanks in the Senate today as an Amendment to the Sundry Civil Appro, bill. He and Senator Chamberlain are both members of the Appro. Com. & I think they can get it on & if so it will not be subject to objection on point of order in the House! D. A. McKenzie leaves for Alaska today.
Diary 24 1914 June 20	We are getting the office work “up” so that I can go when we get Alaska bills done - if ever. The President is insisting on Congress putting through his “trust bill” programme - and Congress is trying to quit to go home - there is much feeling about the matter but the Pres is firm and may have his way. Sec. Lane is also urging the passage of the Alaska Leasing (coal) bill, which is not included in the Presidents list -and what will pass no one can tell.
Diary 24 1914 June 21	“House” held special session today to hear eulogies on “Big Tim” Sullivan of New York - who died a year or less ago. He was a big Tammany politician - but had a host of friends in N.Y. Am at work on newspaper clippings etc.

Diary 24 1914 June 22	On the consideration of the Sunday Civil Appro. Bill this evening Falconer of Washington - approves of nothing except his wish to make a record of his “constits” brought up the subject of “prohibition in Alaska”- & told of the horrible conditions brought about the liquor there etc. I defended very briefly & told the House that the “bad whisky” & the smugglers & bootleggers who sold it to Indians came from Falconers district etc. See Congressional Record of today - for the short colloquy - All Alaska items in the bill passed without objection or debate.
Diary 24 1914 June 23	[clipping] Alaskan “Fire Water” to Be Suppressed The whisky they sell up in Alaska has a peculiar effect, according to Congressman Falconer, from the neighboring State of Washington, who told the House last night that the Alaskan Indians who drink “fire water” perform remarkable stunts. “They have what is known as “squirrel” and “forty-rod” whisky up in Alaska,” said Mr. Falconer. “It has an extraordinary effect on those who imbibe. It causes men to shin up a tree, clamber up the side of a building, and make remarkable jumps. We should put an end to the traffic by prohibiting it.” “I never drank any whisky that would cause a man to go up the side of & building,” said Congressman Fitzgerald, in charge of the sundry civil bill. “I do not believe in prohibition for either Alaska or the United States proper.” The House was discussing an item in the bill appropriating \$15,000 to suppress the liquor traffic in Alaska. Mr. Falconer said that instead of regulating the traffic, it ought to be abolished, and then he recounted the dire effects of “the bad stuff” the Indians take. Yes, they get most of the whisky from the gentleman’s State, said Delegate Wickersham of Alaska. We are going ‘dry’ in Washington this fall, said Mr. Falconer.

	The House approved the item as written in the sundry civil budget.
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Diary 24 1914 June 25	Called to see Sec. Lane about Ed. Stier - he was not in - 10:15 tomorrow. Falcon Joslin is back from the West - & starts work again on the Ry. tax bill - <u>will get it yet.</u> George has finished copying 4th Alaska, but we must now read proof & make corrections.
Diary 24 1914 June 26	Went to see Sec. Lane today about appointing Ed. J. Stier, my old clerk at Fairbanks as Special Land agent to search titles, make abstracts etc. on Railroad Townsites in Alaska. Mr. Lane said "Write me a letter & tell it to me that way" - which I have now just done. Also I talked with Wm. A. Ryan, Comptroller of Reclamation Service, - who was in Tacoma & Dawson & knew Ed. in both places. It looks like we may "pull it off for Ed. I wrote him a letter & sent him copies etc.
Diary 24 1914 June 27	Preparing brief on appeal to the Comptroller of the Treasury by the Treasurer of Alaska in an effort to secure the payment to the Territory of a fund of about \$40,000 from the Forest Reserve Fund - being 25% given to the Territory by law but denied by the Sec. of the Treas. on a mere technicality - Decision against the Ter. but I am trying to get it reversed on appeal to the Comptroller. <u>A hard job.</u>
Diary 24 1914 June 28	Worked all day on brief as of yesterday. [clipping] Young Woman Alaska's Candidate for Delegate TACOMA, June 29.- Miss Lena Morrow Leads, a young woman with a pleasing voice and personality, is the Socialistic candidate for Alaska Delegate to Congress to succeed James Wickersham. Belief is growing in Alaska that he has a good chance of winning, as the Socialists

	cast the next highest vote when Wickersham was elected two years ago. The Democrats will probably nominate Governor Strong. He would take many votes from Wickersham almost insuring Miss Lead's election. She has been traveling through Alaska forming Socialist clubs and winning a great personal following while battling for socialism and the uplift generally.
Diary 24 1914 June 29	Suspension Day & we passed the Alaska Railroad Tax bill - making the tax on Rys one per cent of the gross earnings per annum. - but there <u>is no means provided for collecting the tax</u> - so that it will operate as a general relief to the railroad from National tax - except the Income tax which based on net earnings - & therefore does not distress the small & poor roads.
Diary 24 1914 June 30	Worked all day on 4th Alaska Sorting in chronological order & <u>made list of cases.</u> Appeared before the Com. on App. Senate & presented my facts in support of Bill for purchasing 1/2 block at Fairbanks for public Building etc. \$15,000. Senator Jones came & assisted me - but the Com. thought it did <u>not</u> come within the rule!
Diary 24 1914 July 1	Went over to Senate to get Senator Lam of Or. to introduce my Public Bldgs. bill & have it referred to his Com. on Pub. Bldgs. - but Senator Jones told me that the Senate Com. yesterday agreed, while they would not report the bill as an amendment to the Sundry Civil App. Bill they would have it put in as an amendment on the floor of the Senate - which is just as good - so I will not have it introduced separately. A. C. Brokaw, one of my old Tacoma friends of years ago came in to see me today - he now lives in Miami, Florida.
Diary 24 1914 July 2	[invitation] <i>To meet Rear Admiral and Mrs. Fletcher The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels request the pleasure of your company on Thursday, July the second from five-thirty until seven-thirty o'clock</i>

	<i>R.s.v.p. Single Oak Woodley Lane</i> [over the top diagonally Wickersham writes:] [Declined – regrets]
Diary 24 1914 July 3	<p>Have been doing what I could to get the Alaska Ry tax bill favorably reported in the Senate and am informed that it will soon be probably reported & passed.</p> <p>There are four bills that <u>may</u> get through – The Coal Leasing bill. The Ry. tax bill, The bill amending the organic act to give the Legislature power to impose additional duties on U.S. Territorial officers, & Fairbanks Pub. Bldg. site bill.</p> <p>We will begin to have hearings next week on the bill to create Alaska Administrative Commission - but it will not probably pass this session.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{All four passed!} [Wickersham added later]</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 4	<p>Got a letter this morning from Will. Ryan, Comptroller, U.S. Reclamation Service saying -he had a talk with Sec. Lane who had practically promised to appoint Ed. Stier, Special Agent in charge of Alaska Ry. Townsites for me! <u>Good.</u></p> <p>While the Standpat Democrats of Juneau & Fairbanks are trying to get my scalp” the Administration here is working with me in the most friendly way - and my friends from Alaska write me that we can skin the “stand patters” in the Election - sure.</p> <p><u>Hope they do.</u></p> <p>For it would be embarrassing to lose mine! <u>My Brief to Comptroller of Treasure in support of Territory of Alaska's claim for \$31,000.00 from forest reserves filed.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 July 5	<p>Yesterday was what is called a “sane and sap” Fourth of July. No fire works - no noise - no parade - no speeches - no red lemonade - no fun!!</p> <p>I am glad that I lived in the age before “Fire-crackers” were looked upon as evil- when boys could shoot 'em and yell to their hearts content. Now the municipal government gives an exhibition of fire works in the Ellipse, south of the White</p>

	House, while the small boy looks on in silence - provided his mother lets him go to see this weak excuse for a real joy. It's too bad!
Diary 24 1914 July 6	<p>Telegram from Heifner, Seattle, asking me to send him photograph of Sec. of Int. Franklin K. Lane & one of myself to include in a Seattle book about Alaska!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sent 'em.</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 7	At odd times o'nights I am writing out my Nisqually Notes - scraps and notes made 20 years ago with George Leschi, about Indians geographic names etc. on Puget Sound.
Diary 24 1914 July 8	<p>The Senate today passed my bill H.R. 9770 to change the method of taxing Railroads in Alaska and to remit all back penalties: The bill now goes to the President for approval.</p> <p>I think that is an important bill: it remits the excessive criminal penalties against the Nome, Port Safety, Valdes & the Fairbanks railroads & will permit them to operate freely, something the people greatly desire.</p> <p>Senator Jones secured the amendment of the Sundry Civil Appro. Bill today so as to include my House Bill for appro, of \$15,000. to purchase other half of Court House block in Fairbanks.</p> <p>Dinner tonight Raleigh Roof Garden with Joslin, Senator Jones, Rep. Houston, Watson, I & two or three others - Joslin celebrating passage of Ry. tax bill.</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 9	<p>George and I working all day <u>trying to get 4th Alaska Mss. ready, but did not finish it.</u></p> <p>Twenty years ago today I took out a policy in the Wash. Life Ins. Co paid \$50.⁹⁰ semi-annually for 20 years: have today recd, notice they will pay me \$1452.⁹⁹ cash value, & I will accept it and surrender the policy.</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 10	<p>Sundry Civil Appro. Bill came to the House today - sent to Conference. Fitzgerald, Shirley & Gillett, conferees. Have record showing in favor of my Fairbanks public Bldg. site item - Senate Amendment No. 11.</p> <p><u>Recd. check today from Pittsburgh Life & Trust Co. for \$1452.⁹⁹ cash value of my life Ins. first</u></p>

	<p><u>premium paid to the Wash. Life Ins. Co. twenty years ago yesterday.</u></p> <p><u>Debbie went West tonight at 6:¹⁵. She will stop off at the Glacier Nat. Park in Montana & have a visit with Mrs. M^cMillan & then go on to Seattle & wait for me - I hope to be there in a month.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 July 11	<p>Interviewing members of the Conference Com. on the Sundry Civil Appro, bill, today trying to persuade them to agree to the Senate amendments carrying additional appropriations for Alaska. Some results but greatly fear Fitzgerald, Chairman who has always consistently voted against every Alaska appropriation.</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 12	<p><u>I am in receipt of a letter from Darrell this morning declaring his intention to resign from the navy - and regretting that the plucking board refused to permit him retire on his application. He is very excited about it & I have today written to him giving my consent, but suggesting that he take the advice of the captain of his vessel - that may prevent him from doing some act which he will always regret.</u></p> <p><u>I am disappointed, but if he has certainly determined to leave the Navy I must be patient and make the best of it. I sent his letter to his mother.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 July 13	<p>Saw Fitzgerald, Chairman House Com. on appro. today in favor of Senate amendments carrying Alaska items - but got no satisfaction. He seems to be ugly toward Alaska and is in opposition to all we went.</p> <p>George & Mr. Morrison & I also at work on Bibliography of Alaska etc.</p> <p>Fourth Alaska nearly done. Alaska newspapers say that the Erwin-Jennings stand pat Dems, will nominate W.J. Burns, of Fairbanks for their candidate as Delegate.</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 14	<p>Before Judge Houston, of Tenn. Chairman of the Com. on Ter. left Washington last week he asked me to see Secretary Lane and get him to ask the President to send him (Houston) a letter expressing his appreciation etc. at Houston's efforts to pass the Alaska Ry. Bill.</p> <p>H- is being opposed for renomination on account of his advocacy of the bill & wishes the letter to offset</p>

	<p>his enemies. I called on Sec Lane this forenoon & told him what Judge Houston wished & in my presence he dictated a note to the President asking him to write the letter to Judge H - as wished.</p> <p>Called and paid my respects to Mr. Bo Devesney, Asst. Sec. Int. He is from Seattle and I think a very good man.</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 15	<p>Working on my Alaska library & bibliography with Mr. Morrison & arranging & buying books.</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 16	<p>Same as yesterday - but also today working on 4th Alaska</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 17	<p><u>Forwarded the mss. For the 4th Alaska reports to west publishing co. St. Paul, Minn. Today - complete.</u></p> <p>Am feeling sick,- my stomach has gone back on me. Wrote Debbie today - sent her the Ins. Check for \$1452.⁰⁰.</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 18	<p>Received a package of letters & official date from Darrell today about his troubles in trying to get out of the Navy -He wants me to aid him & I suppose I will have to do it. On the matter of his <u>right</u> to be retired it seems to me that he is quite within the law and justice & he ought to be retired if he wishes to be.</p> <p>Was very sick yesterday & am today - not serious but uncomfortably so - think I will go down to the beach & bathe it out.</p>
Diary 24 1914 July 19	<p>Nothing doing - sick & blue - but can't go west till after Alaska bills are settled - probably first week in August.</p> <p>Think I'll go down to the beach for four or five days & have a change of scene & a rest.</p> <p>[clipping] Lo, Poor Uncle Sam! [caricature of Wickersham with a big head] Delegate James Wickersham of Alaska represents one of the most interesting parts of our country, a state yet in the making. On the wall of his office is a huge mounted head of caribou which he killed, and just opposite - is that of a beautiful white goat resembling those of the Alps.</p>

	<p>On account of the game preservation laws, the caribou, which are really what is commonly known as reindeer, are increasing in immense quantities, so Santa Claus will have no fear of his prancers dying out.</p> <p>Mr. Wickersham tells a story of an Eskimo which fitly illustrates the childlike simplicity of the Alaskan native.</p> <p>At a store at which this particular Indian got his government rations there lived a white agent who was fond of a joke, and read a great many of the Sunday funny papers. One day he hung up on the wall of the store a humorous cartoon which depicted your Uncle Sam as a large party shabbily dressed and minus shoes.</p> <p>One day an old Indian came in to get a pound of bacon and spied the picture on the wall. For a time he studied it intently.</p> <p>"Huh, Uncle Sam got no shoes, poor, very poor?" inquired the Eskimo, with an expression of pity in his deep voice.</p> <p>The agent in fun replied that the picture represented a state of fact, that poor Uncle Sam was too poor to get any shoes. Shaking his head sadly, the Indian tramped out into the snow. In two days he was back again and laid a small bundle on the agent's desk.</p> <p>"Me sorry Uncle Sam got no shoes," he grunted. "Me and wife sit up two nights to make these - send them to Uncle Sam."</p> <p>The agent opened the package and there lay two beautiful moccasins of the softest deerskin, wrought in bright colors, fit for an Indian bride.</p> <p>The agent promised to send them at once, but gave them to a man who prized them for the story, while to the Eskimo he donated goods many times the value of the shoes.</p> <p>{Washington Star, today.}</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 20</p>	<p>Went & talked over Darrell's situation with Senator Poindexter & asked him to take up the matter with the Navy Department, which he promised to do at once.</p> <p>Paid my bill at Congress Hall Hotel & left there</p>

	<p>this morning intending to go to the beach for a rest - I am sick! - but cannot go on account of Darrell's case.</p> <p><u>The item of \$15,000. to purchase the west 1/2 of the Court House block in Fairbanks I agreed to in the Sundry Civil Appro. bill & will become a law - Good!</u></p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 21</p>	<p>Senator Poindexter saw Sec. Daniels & had a long talk with him about Darrell's case. The Sec. has telegraphed to Capt. Simpson of the Minnesota for further details - while Daniels is against us - he may come around.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 22</p>	<p>Worked all day — forenoon - in office, at 1 o'clock left Washington, via Philadelphia for Atlantic City. Have been sick for 2 weeks & Doctor Reeves advised me to go to Atlantic City for a rest & sea bathing.</p> <p>Reached Atlantic City at 6:30 & went to the Marlborough - Blenheim Hotel. Cool & comfortable here.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 23</p>	<p>Resting & bathing.</p> <p>Mrs. Cullop, wife of Representative from Indiana is here - no one else that I know.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 24</p>	<p>Same as yesterday – nothing new.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 25</p>	<p>Same - big excursion from Phil & interior today - the boardwalk & beach crowded.</p> <p>Am getting lonesome & tired & telegraphed George that I would come home tomorrow.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 26</p>	<p>Cool & rainy.</p> <p>Left Atl. City at 4:45 in afternoon for Washington. Reached Washington 10:25 & went to Continental Hotel.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 27</p>	<p>In office answering mail. Letter from Debbie. Sent Darrell telegram saying that a new board of examination would go over his case & advising him that his Captain can help him greatly.</p> <p>Moved to rooms in Y.M.C.A. & will try systematic exercise for my hips which are troubling me as they have for 2 years in hot weather.</p> <p>War between Austria and Servia.</p> <p>Looks like a general European war may follow –</p>

<p>Diary 24 1914 July 28</p>	<p>Don't like my rooms or the situation at the Y.M.C.A. but now that I am determined to go home next week I will stay there till I go. I was sick last night & nervous & did not sleep - still I feel all right except that my legs ache & I fear more trouble with them.</p> <p>Saw Ferris, Chairman of the Public Lands Com. & he thinks that the Alaska Coal bill may not come up at this session -thinks he can tell me sure tomorrow - I intend to go west about Aug 1-5. anyway.</p> <p><u>War in Europe.</u></p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 29</p>	<p>I am better pleased with my rooms in the Y.M.C.A. building on account of athletics, baths etc. Think it will do me some good.</p> <p>Recd, telegram from Darrell today "Tampico, Mexico, <u>July 28, 1914. James Wickersham, M.C.</u> <u>Washington, D.C.</u> <u>Captain and doctor both endorsed application favorably.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Darrell.</u>"</p> <p>Wrote to Debbie - sent her copies of Senator Poindexter's & Sec. Daniel's letters & copy of Darrell's telegram.</p> <p>Am preparing Alaska Fisheries Bill - will introduce & send copies to fishermen in Alaska for criticism.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 30</p>	<p>Have just received following telegram: <u>Valdes, Alaska, July 20, 1914.</u> <u>Delegate James Wickersham.</u> <u>Washington, D.C.</u> <u>Democratic convention here unanimously renominate you. Have associated press acknowledgement.</u> <u>F. M. Boyle.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Valdes convention.</u></p> <p>PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS. Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials were introduced and severally referred as follows:</p>

	<p>By Mr. WICKERSHAM: A bill (H.R. 18143) providing for a survey and report upon Dry Straits, Alaska, and an estimate of the cost of dredging said channel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.</p> <p>Also, a bill (H.R. 18144) for the control and conservation of the fisheries of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 July 31</p>	<p>Gave out press notice today as follows: <u>Washington, D.C. July 31. The Progressive-Democratic convention held at Valdes, Alaska, yesterday renominated James Wickersham the present incumbent for Delegate to Congress. Mr. Wickersham said:</u> <u>"President Wilsons progressive and constructive Alaskan policy promises to bring long deferred prosperity to Alaska, and to open its natural resources to development without monopoly. It is my purpose to aid him in that effort and I am glad to have the endorsement and support of the progressive democrats of Alaska."</u> <u>Gave</u> copies to the press gallery but do not know whether they will give it space or not - war news from Europe filling every inch now.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 August 1</p>	<p>Mr. Edgar La Fayette McHaney, of Little Rock, Arkansas, called to see me today, with Mr. W.S. Goodwin, M.C. of that state. Mr. McHaney is a son of W.W. McHaney, one of my grandfathers brothers - he is my mothers cousin. A lawyer, a strong, virile young man who will make his mark. Am working hard to get the office work up so that I can start west next week - there is nothing here to hold me except Darrell's matter & I'll leave that with Senator Poindexter, who can do more about it than I can anyway.</p> <p>Am taking systematic exercises at the Y.M.C.A. athletic rooms - to get up steam for my Alaska campaign.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 August 2</p>	<p>Letter from Debbie today - she is in Seattle & tells me she is not strong. Mother is there with May & Lucille.</p> <p>Worked in office part of day getting material ready for speech in Alaska. The Democratic</p>

	<p>Convention is preparing to attack me on the delinquencies (alleged) in the Bill creating the Alaska Legislature & also on my supposed alliance with Pinchot Conservation!! Jennings & Troy must have forgotten what they wrote me on that Subject and how they sent Daly here to boss the bill before the Demo, committee.</p>
Diary 24 1914 August 3	<p>Getting ready to go home on Wednesday - but fear that I may not get away on account of the Alaska Coal Leasing Bill.</p> <p>War! War! England, Germany, France, Austria, Russia, Servia! War – War. War news is bad - it looks now like a general European War!</p>
Diary 24 1914 August 4	<p>I am greatly disappointed - for I had engaged my sleeper on the Penn. Ry. & was already to go home tomorrow, but it now looks as if the Coal bill will certainly come up soon & I cannot go if it does.</p> <p><u>Democratic convention is to meet at Skagway today & I am greatly interested to know what it does - whom it will nominate to fight me.</u> (Chas. E. Bunnell, of Valdes, for delegate).</p>
Diary 24 1914 August 5	<p>Cannot go home now - for it is quite probable that the Alaska Coal Leasing Bill will come up soon. Am working gathering up material for my campaign - Sent telegram to W^m A. Parry asking whom the Dem. Con. at Skagway nominated yesterday.</p>
Diary 24 1914 August 6	<p>Foster, M.C. from Illinois, today gave me the details of the Demo, plans for legislation - the Alaska Coal bill will be the second after the bill now pending but we may not reach it for a week yet.</p> <p><u>Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, The Presidents Wife, died at the White House at 5 o'clock this afternoon.</u></p> <p>Sent another telegram asking for news from Skagway.</p>
Diary 24 1914 August 7	<p>Well, what do you think? <u>Charles E. Bunnell, of Valdes was nominated at Skagway by the Democratic convention for</u></p>

	<p><u>Delegate!</u> Bunnell is a young lawyer and has long been one of my supporters. He is a resident of Valdes, a good man, not forceful particularly and his nomination is not a strong one, I feared Falcon Joslin or Geo. Grigsby much more than I do him. However one must never underestimate the strength of a young unknown man! There is strength in both those features. Wrote to Debbie today. Wonder what appt. Bunnell wants?</p>
Diary 24 1914 August 8	<p>House Com. on Mrs. Wilsons funeral.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>Speaker Names Committee. Every State and Territory of the United States will be represented at the funeral in the committee of House members appointed yesterday by Speaker Clark. The Speaker himself will head the committee, and will be accompanied by the following: Representatives Underwood, Alabama; Hayden, Arizona; Floyd, Arkansas; Kahn, California; Taylor, Colorado; Reilly, Connecticut; Brockson, Delaware; Sparkman, Florida; Adamson, Georgia; French, Idaho; Mann, Illinois; Dixon, Indiana; Haugen, Iowa; Murdock, Kansas; Stanley, Kentucky; Broussard, Louisiana; Guernsey, Maine; Talbott, Maryland; Gillett, Massachusetts; Samuel W. Smith, Michigan; Stevens, Minnesota; Candler, Mississippi; Lloyd, Missouri; Evans, Montana; Kinkaid, Nebraska; Roberts, Nevada; Reed, New Hampshire; Baker, New Jersey; Fergusson, New Mexico; Payne, New York; Small, North Carolina; Helgesen, North Dakota; Sherwood, Ohio; McGuire, Oklahoma; Hawley, Oregon; Butler, Pennsylvania; O'Shaunessy, Rhode Island; Finley, South Carolina; Burke South Dakota; Sims, Tennessee; Stephens, Texas; Howell, Utah; Plumley, Vermont; Jones, Virginia; Humphrey, Washington; Hughes, West Virginia; Cooper, Wisconsin; Mondell, Wyoming; Delegates Wickersham, Alaska; Kalaniana'ole, Hawaii, and</p>

	<p>Commissioners Rivera, Porto Rico, Quezon, Philippine Islands.</p> <p>Representative Gordon Lee, of Georgia, was named by the Speaker as a special member of the committee, he being the member from the congressional district where Mrs. Wilson was born.</p> <p>Got John M. Rankin, Atty. to attend to Erwins Nenana Coal contests, as per his telegram of 5th.</p>
Diary 24 1914 August 9	<p>Working in office arranging my Alaskan photographs for mounting in books.</p> <p>Wrote to Debbie.</p>
Diary 24 1914 August 10	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WILSON FUNERAL IMPRESSIVE RITE Silent Company, in Flower-Filled East Room, Hears Solemn Service.</p> <p>In a stillness as of death itself, funeral services for Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, were said in the East Room of the White House at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The service, shorn of every superfluous feature, solemn in its rigid simplicity was the most awe-inspiring and impressive function ever held in the great white mansion, wherein has lived every President of the United States since Washington.</p> <p>His head bowed in grief, and with his daughters beside him, President Wilson was rigid throughout the ceremony. The great East Room was intensely silent and heavy with the odor of innumerable flowers. Scarcely the moving of a foot or the shifting of a body brought to notice the little company assembled behind the President and his family. Outside, an air of quiet stillness pervaded the entire city, while Government and much other business was suspended.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hundreds Watch White House.</p> <p>Hundreds gathered about the White House, but the broad avenues on three sides of the Mansion were almost as silent as the East Room, except for the occasional rumble of a street car.</p> <p>In the great, high ceiled East Room the company assembled shortly before 2 o'clock. The two Congressional committees, relatives and intimate</p>

	<p>friends were placed by White House ushers before the President and members of his immediate family entered the room. The President walked with Miss Margaret Wilson. Mrs. McAdoo and Mrs. Sayre leaned upon the arms of their husbands.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer By Dr. Beach.</p> <p>Heads were bowed as the Rev. Dr. Sylvester Beach, of Princeton, prayed for the departed. His voice, though pitched low, was heard throughout the great room. The Rev. J.H. Taylor, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, read the scriptural service, the nineteenth and twenty-third Psalms, the fifteenth and the first chapters of the Corinthians, and the twenty-second chapter of Revelations. Dr. Beach pronounced the benediction and the service was concluded.</p> <p>There was no funeral procession. Following the service, six veterans of the police force, who have grown old in the service at the White House, carried the coffin through the portals and to a waiting hearse. President Wilson and his immediate family in a closed automobile followed the hearse to the station. There the casket was lifted into a waiting car, and the President and his family returned to the White House. They will remain at the Executive Mansion until a few minutes before the train leaves Union Station, at 4:35 o'clock.</p> <p>Prof. Stockton Axson, brother of Mrs. Wilson, reached Washington early today and went immediately to the White House. He sat with the President's family during the service and accompanied them to and from the station. He will go to Rome, Ga., for the interment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Flowers Fill East Room.</p> <p>Preparations for the funeral were completed early in the day. Load after load of flowers were banked in the East Room by a florist, and a corps of assistants was necessary to carry the great quantities that poured in during the day. The stream of telegrams and letters of condolence and sympathy continued unabated.</p>
Diary 24 1914 August 11	<p>Working on Alaska library, bibliography, photos, etc. and waiting for the Alaska Coal Leasing bill,</p>

	which is the next one to come before the House under the Rule, after the Water Power bill.
Diary 24 1914 August 12	Same as yesterday.
Diary 24 1914 August 13	Same as yesterday. Water power bill fight on in the House.
Diary 24 1914 August 14	Water power bill going slowly & Alaska bill next. Am receiving telegrams from Cordova Chamber of Commerce & others urging Alaska Coal bill - while I do not approve it I do not intend to oppose it - it will pass the House & we can possibly improve it in the Senate - or at a subsequent Congress. - <u>it is a bad bill!</u>
Diary 24 1914 August 15	Water power bill moving slowly along - it will take all next week to finish it - before the Alaska Coal Leasing bill can get on the floor for passage. La Follette, of Wash, is to have charge of time & has given me 30 min. on general debate. I intend to make an effort to get an amendment reserving the right of the U.S. to control prices! & will also move to strike out the penalty clauses which I think will greatly retard development -people will not want to take leases with so many threats of "felonies" - "forfeitures" & "penalties"
Diary 24 1914 August 16	Am this morning in receipt of a copy of the Juneau Empire of Aug 7, which contains the Democratic platform as adapted at Skagway. It is weak!
Diary 24 1914 August 17	[Blank page]
Diary 24 1914 August 18	[Blank page]
Diary 24 1914 August 19	<u>Some time ago the Com. on Pub. Lands reported the Alaska Coal Leasing Land Bill favorably. Before doing so & while it was before the Com. I attempted vainly to get an amendment reserving to the U.S. the right to regulate rates or prices to be charged for the coal: every effort was defeated - but now they are trying to get unanimous consent to take up the bill & I am objecting because I want time for amendment & the Com. today agreed to give me the amendment I want on that score! If I can once get it in the bill it will never come out - it is the important part of the law -if I can once get it and I will.</u> My amendment has been agreed to, today, by

	Underwood & Mann leaders by the Com. & Sec. Lane & it now looks as if it would become a law - & if it does it is a distinct gain to Alaska and her people.
Diary 24 1914 August 20	Waiting. The war in Belgium - the German-Franco-English-Russian war is a desperate and bloody one. If war is Hell - warriors are truly devils. Brussels has fallen into German hands - and her heavy legions are stretching out toward London & Paris!
Diary 24 1914 August 21	Same.
Diary 24 1914 August 22	The House is putting the finishing touches on the Water Power bill - & the Alaska Coal bill will come next - it may get on the floor on Tuesday next. I am getting near to nervous frustration - just waiting - waiting - waiting! Hope to get started home on next Wednesday.
Diary 24 1914 August 23	Hope to get away West on Tuesday evening - but probably not until Wednesday evening.
Diary 24 1914 August 24	My <u>57th Birthday</u> . My mother is well and happy. Have reserved sleeper etc. on train for tomorrow & next day - & will go west - probably - tomorrow night - the next evening sure. The Alaska Coal bill will be on the floor tomorrow, & as soon as I have done what I can for it – I'll go west.
Diary 24 1914 August 25	House of Rep. passed a Reso. providing for enforcing the law against absentees - the loss of salary - it applies to M.C.'s & Delegates! The Alaska Coal Leasing Bill went over till Thursday & I cannot go west before that evening! I am disappointed. Dreadful battles on in Belgium between Germans & the allies!
Diary 24 1914 August 26	Nothing in Congress on Alaskan Coal Land Bill today – But Sec. Lane called me to come to his office & he urged me to work for the Coal Bill etc. which I

	promised to do - as I had been doing all the time! European War is Hell!
Diary 24 1914 August 27	Nothing doing on Alaska coal bill - Congress is in a squabble - cannot keep a quorum - and there is much bad blood over it. Every body is mad - and one roll call follows another. I am obliged to postpone my trip west until the Coal bill is passed - and I am very much discouraged - for it means days yet. Sent telegram (night message) to Debbie telling her situation.
Diary 24 1914 August 28	Congress - the House - is in an angry frame of mind owing to the Underwood move to compel all persons members to remain in attendance <u>every</u> day on pain of a record showing absence & the loss of salary - It has resulted in wrangling, much recrimination and personal accusation and constant calling of the roll.
Diary 24 1914 August 29	Much quarreling & personal accusations today between Underwood & Republicans over bills etc. The Alaska Coal bill has been postponed from day to day on account of quarreling & bickering but we now think it will come up on the floor of the House on Monday. When it passes the House I intend to go home.
Diary 24 1914 August 30	Beautiful day & cooler. I am still at the Y.M.C.A. athletic rooms & take my vigorous athletic exercises & swimming every day. It is doing me much good & will put me in better physical shape than I have been in for years.
Diary 24 1914 August 31	The Alaska Coal Leasing Bill was on for consideration before the House today - we used up all general debate & read the first section before adjournment. I made a brief statement & was asked many questions etc. It now goes over until Thursday, when I expect it will pass the House - then I'll go west!
Diary 24 1914 September 1	Have again made reservation of railway accommodations for Thursday evening & expect to go west then. Moved today from Y.M.C.A. athletic rooms to the

	Continental Hotel - opposite Union Depot Square.
Diary 24 1914 September 2	Waiting & getting ready to assist in pushing the Alaska coal bill through the House - then me for the West.
Diary 24 1914 September 3	Saw 1st Asst. P.M. Genl. this morning - just read, letter from Darrell about trouble over discharging. Boyers old clerks in Post office at Fairbanks. I stood by Deal & advised Pm Genl. to do so- he promised to do it & I sent Deal a telegram to that effect. Alaska coal leasing bill up again today. Sec. Lane called me up on the telephone & strongly protested against my price regulating amendment. I did not offer it - but intend to see him tomorrow & try and persuade him to yield. The Com. on Pub. Lands has agreed to it, but they backed down at once when Lane objected - in short Lane is responsible if the bill passes without it.
Diary 24 1914 September 4	<u>Called on sec. Lane early & attempted to get him to agree to permit my amendment to the Alaska coal leasing bill - to control prices - but he refused- suggested that I see Senator Walsh - did & he refused.</u> Am also endeavoring to get the Senate Com. on Commerce to put an amendment in Riv & Harbors bill for survey of Dry Straits, Alaska. Think I'll succeed. Sent telegrams to Wrangell Cham, of Com. & to Alaska Bureau of Seattle Cham, of Com. asking that telegrams be sent to Senator Simmons urging necessity for the survey. Pres. Wilson read message today urging additional revenue legislation. Will go home tomorrow evening.
Diary 24 1914 September 5	The Alaska Coal Leasing Bill passed today - Lewis, of Md. offered an 8 hour amdt. & I spoke in favor of. it - it was adopted. Got office work all done & I have nothing to remain for Left Washington at 6:15 p.m. over Penn. Ry. for Alaska. On train: Senator Cummins of Iowa, Rep. Thompson of Chicago & others. Writing on train is not well done, as a rule, and this follows the rule.
Diary 24 1914 September 6	Arrived in Chicago at 2. p.m. have to wait till 10. — 8 hours.

	Walked east on Madison to the Lake front & south through the sand lots - baseball etc. and at 5 went to theater to see the "Movie" pictures of "Cabiria" Left Chicago at 10. on the North Coast Limited - "Atsina"
Diary 24 1914 September 7	St. Paul – State Fair on & the city filled with parades. Across Minnesota & at Fargo, N.D. in evening.
Diary 24 1914 September 8	Beautiful Sept. day on the Yellowstone river. Miles City at Breakfast Butte at Dark. Mr. Simon Hauswirth, of Butte, came this far in my car. He is an old soldier & has been at Detroit, Mich, attending the Annual Encampment of the G.A.R. He came to Butte about 1872 & has grown up with it - he is a fine old man - a Swiss born, but a typical westerner.
Diary 24 1914 September 9	Spokane at Breakfast time - Pasco - Yakima at 2 o'clock. Saw Margaret Mulrooney on the station platform - she sent a package to her sister at Fairbanks by me. Reached Seattle at 8:15 - on time from Wash, to Seattle. Debbie met me at the train also Billy Barnett & Howard Cosgrove who invited me to a luncheon at Arctic Club on Friday - accepted. Mr. Otto Case, Sec. Commercial Club, telephoned invited me to luncheon at Com. Club on Saturday - accepted. Went to Rainier Grand. Huya, reporter for P-I called & gave him interview.
Diary 24 1914 September 10	Debbie & I went over to Tacoma this morning & out to inspect our farm in the valley. We are having it cleared - 15 acres more done - and it looks fine. We intend to have 70 a. cleared & put into a dairy ranch. Saw Geo J. Reid he advised me that we have \$6030.00 in cash in his hands, and one \$10,000.00 and one \$4,000.00 loan at 8 opo. Have determined to let contract for clearing 30 acres more land at \$100. an acre. Back to Seattle where a constant stream of my Alaska friends call to see me.

	Mother is living in Seattle with May - is looking well & happy.
Diary 24 1914 September 11	Luncheon today at the Arctic Club with Cosgrove, Leahey & 20 other business men of Seattle. Leahey made a very complimentary address & I responded - talked about Alaska Development & Seattle's share in it etc. The Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce has invited me to luncheon tomorrow but I have had to decline for I am going north on the Mariposa Saturday evening at 9 o'clock. Calling on my friends & receiving Alaskans.
Diary 24 1914 September 12	Called on Scott C. Bone, Ed. P.I. - he seems very friendly. Luncheon at Commercial Club & talked about Fishery legislation. 300 or 400 members of the Club present & seemed greatly interested. Called on U.S. Dist Atty. Clay Allen, yesterday, who gave me copy indictment, affidavits etc. against Booth Alaska Fish Trust. Yukon Order of Pioneers gave me a large floral piece & speech of welcome aboard the Mariposa - we had moving picture photo made. Dinner with Mother, May, Jennie, Charlie & Debbie & I -then to the Mariposa - & Alaska.
Diary 24 1914 September 13	Sailed last night & this morning we are in Gulf of Georgia - fine Seymour Narrows - and late tonight through Queen Charlottes Sound. Big floral piece given to me by Yukon Order of Pioneers in the cabin on the boat. [clipping] WICKERSHAM AFRAID OF COAL LAND LEASING BILL Unless the Alaska coal leasing bill is modified in many respects before it passes the Senate, it will result disastrously for the country, was the opinion expressed yesterday by James Wickersham, delegate to Congress from Alaska, at an address delivered by him to the officers of the Arctic Club. Judge Wickersham explained -that the bill practically will repeal the provisions of the Sherman antitrust law. He also called attention to the necessity for legislation to prevent the destruction of the fisheries in Alaska, and expressed the opinion that

	considerable work will have to be done in order to obtain the balance of the appropriation for the construction of the Alaska railroad.
Diary 24 1914 September 14	Inside Passage. Dixons Entrance. Ketchikan at 7 o'clock in the evening. Was met at the wharf by the band & by many friends - went to the Revilla Hotel - owned by Chas. E. Ingersoll, who was one of my enemies in the first legislature, but who seems now to be friendly. Ed. Russell from Juneau Dispatch here - seems to be trying to help me - but at the same time the Non-Partisan Legis. Ticket Politics here very much involved & I am determined to keep out of all local entanglements. Arrived here too late to make a speech tonight but will do so tomorrow night - at Red Men's Hall. Bob Oliver & others call.
Diary 24 1914 September 15	Made a political speech last night to a large audience - was not satisfied with it - but my friends seemed to be. The matter of fisheries legislation is the important one here & there is bitter partisanship involved - the fishermen on one side, the cannery men on the other. While I am for the fishermen I realize that there are two sides to the controversy. Am calling & receiving calls - Both newspapers here are treating me in a friendly way.
Diary 24 1914 September 16	Visiting, talking, resting & generally getting acquainted with the people and voters of Ketchikan. Have telegraphed to Wrangell that I will come there tomorrow. The political situation here seems in good shape & my friends think I will carry this end of the Territory without doubt - I think so too.
Diary 24 1914 September 17	The meeting was an interesting one. Dr. Jones, U.S. Fish. Com. came to town in the afternoon & attended. I spoke first & carefully avoided the clash, but when he got the floor he got into controversy at once over the "traps" - fish traps & there was disappointment for the fishermen - for he seems to favor trap fishing! Dr. Jones had lunch with me & Bob Oliver & his friends had dinner with me.

	[clipping] The Commercial Club will hold its postponed meeting at the Council Chambers this evening at 7 o'clock instead of the usual hour. A full attendance is requested as Delegate Wickersham expects to meet with us. He has expressed a desire to meet all persons interested in the Alaska fisheries, and a special invitation is extended to all such to be present whether members of the Club or not. M.A. MITCHELL, Secty. Delegate Wickersham was the guest of honor of Bob Oliver for luncheon at his cabin in Newtown yesterday. Judge Wickersham will leave on the Alki tonight for Wrangell where he is scheduled to make a talk to the good folks of that town.
Diary 24 1914 September 18	<u>Wrangell</u> Reached here this morning - will speak tonight - things seem to be favorable to me here - my friends say! Spoke at Red Men's Hall to as large an audience as can be gathered in Wrangell - good meeting. The business men gave me a very enjoyable banquet after the meeting at the Hall - banquet at Hotel dining room - flower and evergreen decorations - large tables filled with good things to eat & drink - everybody talked - generally business - Dry Straits etc. Nearly every man present publicly proclaimed his purpose to support me for reelection. Banquet was very complimentary & I am greatly pleased with my reception here.
Diary 24 1914 September 19	Left Wrangell early this morning on a power boat for a trip though Dry Straits, accompanied by Capt. Svendseth & Ed & Mrs. Russell. We went through Dry Straits on a rising tide & thence through Frederick Sound to Petersburg at head of Wrangell Marrows. Lunch at Petersburg with Judge and Mrs. Rivard. - spoke from bandstand in public street at 4:30 to a good audience - everybody in town. Dinner at Webster's Hotel & caught the "Jefferson" as she came through on way to Juneau. Mrs. W- remained in Wrangell this morning & came on "Jefferson."

<p>Diary 24 1914 September 20</p>	<p>Arrived at Juneau this morning at 10 a.m. Went to the "Alaskan Hotel." Meeting many of my friends, etc. Here is my real battle ground for here the Democratic organization is in full force & well organized. Also the Republican organization is ii league against me & I am forced to depend on individual supporters - but I will start an organization of my own.</p> <p>Sep 21, 1914 This afternoon I was invited to come over to the Treadwell Mines - met Bradley, Mgr. & was invited to come back and speak at their club rooms on tomorrow evening – accepted visited around Douglas. Elks Carnival at Juneau – attended quietly & informally - Called on Gov. Strong - He is friendly - but discreet.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 September 21</p>	<p>Called on Gov Strong & many others. Busy shaking hands & renewing acquaintances. The "Dispatch" - Ed Russell's paper is supporting me - the Empire is fighting me.</p> <p>Writing on opposite side of this Sheet should be on this side – written on the other side by mistake. [see Sep 21, 1914 above]</p> <p>Valentine drunk & did not come home to dinner. Cobbs present. [addition to next page, Sep 22, 1914]</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 September 22</p>	<p>Spoke at Treadwell – fine audience - but as I felt obliged not to talk politics it was a tame speech. Visited Alaska Gastineau mines tunnels etc. with Russell & Thane.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM TO SPEAK AT TREADWELL DELEGATE ARRIVES ON HIS CAMPAIGN TOUR. Wickersham declares Juneau Will secure Public Building Appropria- tion.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM DATES At Treadwell this evening. At Lyric Theatre, Douglas Saturday evening. At Elks hall, Juneau, next Monday evening.</p> <p>Judge James Wickersham, serving his third term as delegate to congress from Alaska, arrived in Juneau Sunday morning, having campaigned at Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg. Judge Wickersham is accompanied by Mrs. Wickersham who goes as far as Valdez, returning to Tacoma while the judge continues his campaign in the interior.</p> <p>Judge Wickersham announced at Ketchikan his independent candidacy for re-election next November. Although he is the nominee of the independent Democratic convention at Valdez, he does not admit he is a Democrat, only so far as to endorse the Wilson administration's Alaska policy.</p> <p>On Tuesday night Judge Wickersham speaks at the Treadwell club at 8 p.m. to the Treadwell mine employees, an invitation to speak having been tendered him by the board of directors of the club. At midnight he leaves on the steamer Georgia for Sitka, returning on the same steamer to reach Douglas in time to speak at the Lyric Theatre on Saturday night. His Juneau speech will be delivered at Elks hall on Monday evening. The women are invited to attend all the meetings, which with the exception of the Treadwell address, will be political.</p> <p>Judge Wickersham is sanguine the \$450,000 appropriation for the Juneau public building will pass Congress this winter and also speaks favorably for an appropriation for the Juneau-Douglas Island Bridge, a project urged by the citizens to increase traffic between the Gastineau cities.</p> <p>Judge and Mrs. Wickersham are quartered at the Alaskan hotel during their stay in the city.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 September 23</p>	<p>Left <u>Juneau</u> this morning just after 12 o'clock on the Steamer "<u>Georgia</u>" - in <u>Funter Bay</u> at 7:30 a.m. Nothing here but several big cannery buildings -</p>

	<p>Thlinket cannery - & an Indian village, great single rock with Indian grave on top. [sketch by Wickersham labeled {Indian grave or High rock, Hoonah}]</p> <p><u>Excursion Inlet</u> - Canneries & the SS "J.G. Lindsay" at the dock.</p> <p><u>Hoonah</u> - met Bevans, etc. fine bay.</p> <p><u>Gypsum</u> at dark. Met Mr. & Mrs. Mosier Supt. gypsum mines 1 ½ mi. back, tram road, big wharf etc. Have met many men on boat & at the landings & think the day well spent.</p> <p>Beautiful weather - sunny & the sea like a pond.</p>
Diary 24 1914 September 24	<p>Reached Sitka at 1 o'clock today - met at the wharf by the old sourdoughs – flag & all - The mayor - Shoup, & others.</p> <p>At 4 o'clock I spoke to an Indian audience - visited the Indian schools - Museum etc.</p> <p>Tonight I spoke to a large audience at the public Hall. Fine meeting & things look good here. Dr. Goddard, Arthur G. Shoup, Mills, and the business men generally seem to be with me.</p> <p>A group of men going to the Chichagoff Mines attended my meetings & promise to carry that precinct for me. A good trip!</p>
Diary 24 1914 September 25	<p>Left Sitka at 4 o'clock this morning on SS Georgia on return trip to Juneau. Reached Sitka Bay at 11 o'clock -Kilisnoo later & spent an hour examining the Fertilizer plant - Saw Kootznahoo Ind. village - Tenakee at 6 in the evening.</p> <p>Found a lot of old "sourdough" friends at Tenakee & we held a public meeting in one of the cigar pool table Halls - big crowd & much good feeling. I spoke 30 min. & think my trip here did much good. Hugh Day, Snyder, Missouri Bill & others.</p>
Diary 24 1914 September 26	<p>Head of Excursion Inlet at breakfast time. Beautiful day - going home.</p> <p>Reached Juneau at 5 o'clock - dinner & then went over to Douglas & delivered a speech to a good audience at the Lyric Theater.</p> <p>Altogether I am satisfied with the outlook so far - Things seem o.k. but I am never <u>sure</u> until the votes are counted.</p>
Diary 24 1914 September 27	<p>We took dinner at the Executive Mansion with Governor & Mrs. Strong tonight [Tablecard</p>

	<p>enclosed] Present: Governor & Mrs. Strong, Mr. John W. Troy, Mr. & Mrs. Beherends, & <u>we</u>. Afterward Mr. & Mrs. Rustgard & Mr. & Mrs. Smith came in. Mr. LeFevre was invited but not hearing well went to the Cobb's instead & missed our dinner. It was a pleasant occasion & we both greatly enjoyed it - Debbie especially.</p>
Diary 24 1914 September 28	<p>My big speech tonight at the Elks Hall was a success and I am greatly pleased!</p> <p>A large and appreciative audience filled the hall & balconies to overflowing & the occasion passed off to my entire satisfaction.</p> <p>John Reck, Mayor of Juneau, presided & introduced me & several other prominent citizens - Valentine, Cobb, Wolland, Judge Grover Winn & others sat with me on the stage.</p>
Diary 24 1914 September 29	<p>Visited the Alaska - Juneau Mines this forenoon with Mr. Bradley & a party of Juneau business men. It is a wonderful beginning of a great mine - but only the first tunnels - the prospecting.</p> <p>Am busy "fixing my fences" - politically - calling on my friends etc. My, but how Troy squirms in his "Empire" - editorials.</p>
Diary 24 1914 September 30	<p>Long talk with Gov. Strong - we exchanged assurances of aid to each other in procuring proper legislation for Alaska,</p> <p>The Juneau Democratic Club removed my friend Cobb from his office as Sec. of the Club and elected Tom Coles in his place!</p> <p>We left Juneau tonight on the "Northwestern" for Skagway - Things are in as good condition here as I can hope to get them.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 1	<p>Reached Skagway this morning & went to the "Golden North" - visiting with my friends.</p> <p>Speech tonight at "<u>Elks Hall</u>." My speech at Elks Hall tonight was delivered to what Dr. Keller says is the largest audience that Skagway has gathered for years - it was well received & my friends say I will carry Skagway by a good big majority. Mrs. Le Fevre – 77 years old is making a good fight for me here & is doing some good. Skagway Alaskan is "boosting" for me daily. People here are very friendly.</p>
Diary 24 1914	<p>Telegraphed to my friends - H.B. Boutes and W.B.</p>

October 2	<p>Stout - at Haines - went over on gasoline boat - held big meeting in Arctic Hall. Much enthusiasm - especially when I "roasted" the Democratic Club, etc. Went on buggy ride up valley road north of Haines with Jim Vogel - many small farms starting along shore. My friends assure me of a majority here - Visited all business places & with my old friend Col. Sol Ripinsky.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 3	<p>Came back to Skagway today on the Humboldt. S.S. with Capt. Baughman. Went into the cannery on the north arm - he loaded a large number of cases of salmon at cannery & we reached Skagway at 6 p.m. Visiting around – "mending political fences" etc.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 4	<p>We left Skagway at 10. am today on the SS "Mariposa" for Seward & points westward. Passed out through Icy Straits at dark - rough!</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 5	<p>Bobbing up and down on the ocean headed for St. Elias. Reached Cordova late this evening - 9 or 10 o'clock – Harry Thirsted, Dr. Chase, and other of my friends met me at the wharf & I accompanied them from the wharf to the Rainier-Grand Hotel, where all my friends gathered & gave me a friendly reception. Spent two or three hours discussing the political situation & then they conducted me back to the boat - & we sailed for Valdes.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 6	<p>Valdes about 9 oclock and many of my friends met me - we went to the Seattle Hotel - Days place - where my friends gathered in a friendly mob & I spent two or three hours talking & consulting with them. This is Mr. Bunnells home town by my friends are numerous and enthusiastic. Left about noon for Seward - stopped at Ellemar for an hour - but out in the stream & I did not see anyone. Reached LaTouche after dark - went up to the bunk house store & saw as many people as possible.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 7	<p>Reached Seward this morning at 1:45 a.m. & went to the Seward Hotel kept by our friends the</p>

	<p>McNeileys. Found many friends - who arranged a public meeting for me in the Court Room at 8:³⁰. A large crowd - appreciative and enthusiastic greeted me & my speech was well received. Judge Brown & the Court officials - a fine crowd present and I am greatly pleased at my reception. Mrs. Frank Ballaine gave a reception to Mrs. Wickersham this afternoon - all the ladies in Seward present. Dinner with the Sextons.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 8	<p>Busy today doing politics. Dr. Dagget presided at my meeting last night & the Democratic Club - of which he is President - removed him as its presiding officer - today & elected a new one!! Things look good for me here & I feel that I am sure of a majority at the election. Court is in session & there are people here from all parts of the division - it has afforded me a fine opportunity, to get in touch with this part of the country. Many other candidates here - for Territorial Legislature. Dinner with Saners tonight</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 9	<p>Edes, Mears & Riggs, members of the Alaska Engineering com. engaged in locating the government Railways are in Town & will go on the boat with me today as far as Valdes. Left Seward this afternoon - am very much pleased at the political condition here - will carry Seward by a good majority & have been able here to see my friends from Knik, Kodiak, & other points. Called at LaTouche - have some good friends here.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 10	<p>Valdes & Debbie went on down to Seattle on the Mariposa - while I will "do" Valdes & Cordova & then go up the Copper River Ry to Kennecott & McCarthy & then from Chitina overland to Fairbanks. Visiting, talking politics etc. Am at Phoenix Hotel kept by Dr. Van Gunther. John Frame, Ed. "Commoner" & my friends think</p>

	I have a good show to carry a majority of the vote here.
Diary 24 1914 October 11	The "Pioneers" held an afternoon "smoker" in their hall & I was invited - delivered an address on civic life in Alaska which seemed to please them. It was a large gathering of old time friends & I enjoyed it. Dinner with Dr & Mrs. Boyle. Called on Mr. & Mrs. Frat - she was Mrs. Hattie Strouser they used to talk about us like vipers - if vipers talk.
Diary 24 1914 October 12	Well, this has been a big day - My speech tonight at the Elks Hall brought out the largest crowd I ever saw in Valdes - the ladies were prominent. The Hall was crowded - 600 present. My speech was enthusiastically received & hundreds came to shake hands and assure me of their support.
Diary 24 1914 October 13	The Republican organization here is fighting me viciously & the "Prospector" - the opposition paper, is republishing my old Birch-Jarvis correspondence which has now served them in the 4th campaign. Out with a crowd of the "Boys" - visiting saloons & working politics - Betting here even & strong in my carrying Valdes. The "Alameda" came in late this afternoon - she will go to Knik & I'll go to Cordova on a launch & wait a week. Agreed with my friends to appoint young Mr. John Meals cadet to Annapolis.
Diary 24 1914 October 14	Left Valdes at 5 o'clock this morning on the little power boat Katalla Queen. Capt. "Tim" Marcum. We reached & left Ellamar at 9 o'clock. Well! when off Knowles Head - half way to Cordova we struck a "sou-easter" & it threw our little gasoline launch around - put the engine out of order - got us in the trough of the sea - the engine stopped & we came near drifting on the rocks & being wrecked. Capt. "Tim" got the machinery moving, however, & got back into safe waters & finally refused to go further & brought us back to Valdez. We stopped for an hour at Ellemar & visited my friends there. <u>Am at Phoenix Hotel, Valdes, tonight.</u>
Diary 24 1914	My friends are angry at the unjust & unfair charges

October 15	& criticism of the Valdes "Prospector" & have called another public meeting for tonight at which I am to "roast" those who are "cussing" me. Later: We had another big overflow public meeting in the Elks Hall tonight & again I spoke to a large & enthusiastic crowd of my partisans and I did myself proud in pounding my local opponents much to the delight of the crowd. My friends are greatly delighted & take all bets offered - about \$1500. that I will carry Valdes over Bunnell. I am pleased with my speech—. Am waiting for the S.S. Alameda to come from the Westward so that I may go to Cordova.
Diary 24 1914 October 16	Waiting for Steamer. Walked up to Glacier - 3 miles back of town and up to the first bench - fine weather. Have promised my friends here to support young John Meals, to Annapolis - but Dr Boyle & other physicians & occultists who have examined him doubt if he can pass the physical examination on account of defective eyesight. Telegram from Dan Sutherland saying that I will carry the Nome division without doubt.
Diary 24 1914 October 17	Left Valdes early this morning on the "Alameda" - reached Cordova at 1:30 & tonight had a good meeting in the Theater building - there were probably 300 people present but to save my life could not get a response - it was my lack of good oratory & no lack of friendly feeling. Took in the town & visited all public places etc. Am at the Rainier-Grand - kept by my friends Thisted & Ross - Town looks friendly and my friends tell me I will carry the poll here by a fair majority.
Diary 24 1914 October 18	A beautiful sunny Sunday - We will go up the Copper Riv. NW Ry. in the morning - speak at Chitina and McCartys & Wednesday will start across the trail to Fairbanks on Bob Sheldon's automobile on Thursday. Lunch today with Mr. & Mrs. Cannavan, friends from Fairbanks who live here & work on the C.R. & N.W. Ry & dinner this evening at Jack Daltons with his mother in law, the baby & Al. Lowe.
Diary 24 1914	Left Cordova over the C.R. & N.W. Ry. Many

October 19	<p>ducks, geese, eagles flying on the Copper river flats. When we reach the Copper River & thence up, it was beautiful, clear sunny weather. Childs & Miles glaciers fine.</p> <p>Reached Chitina 2 o'clock- Held big public meeting at the A.B. Hall - 200 presents a fine meeting. While I have active opposition here I have many friends</p> <p>Groves from Fairbanks is here & Buck Hoyt from Gulkana. I have agreed to go to Fairbanks with Bob Sheldon, otherwise I would go with Groves. Am at Commercial Hotel run by my friends Jack Palmer & Horace Leach.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 20	<p>Left Chitina this morning on the C.R. & N.W. Ry for Kennecott & McCarthy.</p> <p>Visited Concentrator at Kennecott & McCarthy. Visited Concentrator at Kennecott Glacier, spoke at Blackburn to a shall but enthusiastic audience at 4 o'clock & to fine but larger but equally as friendly an audience at McCarty at 8 in the evening. Visited with the Ry men & the miners & am assured of a big vote in the Chitina country.</p> <p>17 school children lined up at my meeting tonight carrying a banner inscribed: <u>"Mr. Wickersham, we are for you: are you for us? we want a school house."</u></p> <p>I promised to aid them by an appeal to Gov. Strong - & took the banner to carry to him.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 21	<p>Returned to Chitina today from McCarty, greatly pleased with my trip. I am impressed with the Chitina country - its mining prospects - its wide expanse, streams, forests etc.</p> <p>My friends assure me that I will carry a large vote there. Have made a good canvass of Chitina but think it is doubtful if I carry a majority here.</p> <p>Horace Leach & wife have been particularly friendly to me.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 22	<p>Left Chitina this morning at 6 o'clock in Bob Sheldon's automobile for Fairbanks. Roads frozen - rough - hard & making fine time. We passed Tonsina & Willow Creek. Stopped an hour at Copper Center & reached Buck Hoyts at Gulkana this evening for the night.</p> <p>It was a gray wintry day - but Mts. Blackburn,</p>

	<p>Sanford, Wrangell & Drum stood up in wintry array. Find my old friends along the trail still for me and always ready with friendly greeting.</p> <p>Recd telegram today from Wikidel Valdes saying "Prospector" denouncing me for failing to aid in Dyke bill of two years ago - sent him telegram pointing out page & date in Cong. Record.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 23	<p>Fine run today from Gulkana to "Yost" on summit of Delta pass. Fog covered the Copper river valley but we climbed above it at Mier's Road House & had a glorious sunny day with fine view of the Alaska range & high mountains.</p> <p>Breakfast at "Sourdough" Rd. H. with Mrs. Yeager - Paxons & Yosts at night -</p> <p>My friends in Fairbanks are keeping track of our journey from day to day so they will know when to expect us in Fairbanks.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 24	<p>Late start from Yost this morning - broken spring & auto out of order but when we did start we went fast. Rapids Rd. for dinner - Donnelly's & McCarty's at the mouth of the Delta where we crossed the Tanana on the ferry at 6 o'clock. We then ran on to Richardson - 94 miles today over generally rough but hard roads.</p> <p>How glad I am to be in the beautiful Tanana valley again! it is inspiring - I love it.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 25	<p>This was a day of pleasure to me. We started from Richardson at 7 o'clock - sending telegram of our departure to Henry T. Ray, Fairbanks. Roads solid & better & we made good time, crossed Salcha River on ferry & took dinner at Munson's.</p> <p>Arrived at Nine Mile Rd. House to find a large crowd of my friends - 17 automobiles - a band and 150 men, women & children waiting to welcome me.</p> <p>They formed a procession & escorted me home - in Fairbanks with much enthusiasm & some noise even if it was Sunday. The people in town turned out & gave me a friendly enthusiastic reception.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 26	<p>Am at home - in my own house - It is warm and comfortable & I will get a cook - John Conna - & stay here. Am working with my partisans arranging an itinerary of the Creek & will tomorrow start out</p>

	<p>making public speeches. Have had electric lights turned on & a telephone put in the house & am rested & ready for work in the campaign. The newspapers here are daily filled with editorial & news items about the Election. The Times is bitter against me while the News Miner is my partisan, The Citizen (weekly) is against me while the Socialist paper is defending me –</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 27	<p>[clipping] <u>Speaking Dates</u> Delegate Wickersham will address the electors of Fairbanks and the creeks on the following dates at the places named. {Tuesday: Fox. Wednesday: St. Mathews Fair.} THURSDAY, Oct. 29 At Olnes, at 7 p.m. At Chatanika, at 9 p.m. FRIDAY, Oct. 30 At Cleary, at 8:30 p.m. SATURDAY, Oct. 31 Fairbanks, at 9 p.m. SUNDAY, Nov. 1 Fairbanks Creek, at 8 p.m. MONDAY, Nov. 2 At Chena, at 3 p.m. At Ester, at 7:30 p.m.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 28	<p>Last night I spoke to a meeting at Fox precinct on Goldstream. For Fox it was a large meeting and I received a fine reception. Tonight I spoke at the St Mathews (Episcopal) Fair - I talked on the subject of Alaska books - & then visited the Fair.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 29	<p>This evening at 7:30 I spoke at Olnes, and at 8:30 rode on a handcar to Chatanika & repeated my speech - to good & enthusiastic audiences at both places. Visited the old placer creeks - Dome, Vault, Goldstream & Cleary - inspected my quarts prospects (?) on Fox. Am making a special effort to defeat Tom. McGowan - against the advice of my friends who think I will lose votes by it - but he stands for everything I do not - and intend to fight him on</p>

	<p>every platform –</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 30	<p>Came to Cleary today from Chatanika & tonight spoke to a good friendly crowd in the A.B. Hall. People are very friendly to me at all places and assure me of their support. At the Cleary Creek Roadhouse - the old house built by Tony Nordale in boom days - and now run by Tom [clipping] DELEGATE SPEAKS AT CLEARY CITY Meeting, Similar to Those on Other Creeks, Held Last Night. To a Cleary City audience, last evening, Delegate Wickersham and two of the candidates for the legislature delivered addresses, which were practically the same as those delivered at the other meetings held on the various creeks during the week. The crowd attending the meeting last evening was about 175, or a few more than appeared at the Chatanika rally on the previous evening. J.E. Morrison presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers. The party is expected to come to town today.</p>
Diary 24 1914 October 31	<p>My big meeting tonight - at the Auditorium Theater was a success - in point of numbers enthusiasm & friendly greeting. I did not disappoint my partisans - it was a splendid audience. I am greatly pleased with it & with its friendship. [clipping] FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1914 WILSON ENDORSES BUNNELL The Times, Fairbanks. Valdez, Alaska, October 30, 1914 Charles E. Bunnell, the regular Democratic candidate for delegate to congress, received the following message this evening from President Wilson: The White House, Washington, D.C.,</p>

	<p>October 30, 1914 Charles E. Bunnell, Valdez, Alaska. May I not upon the eve of election send you my greetings and express my earnest hope that you will be sent to my support by the people of your territory. (Signed) WOODROW WILSON.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 1	<p>Last night I attacked the N.C. Co. for putting Tom McGowan into the field as its candidate for Senator to the Ter. Legislature and told of its contract of monopoly with the White Pass Co. – no denial is made by or for it in this mornings "Times" – which comes back at me editorially in the weakest way imaginable – it is a confession of its weakness and my victory. <u>The Presidents telegram to Bunnell has fallen flat. – here at least.</u> Will go out to Fairbanks Creek today to speak tonight. Went to Fairbanks Creek with Ganstad & Collins, candidates for the Legislature - through Engineer Creek - Goldstream - up Pedro, across the range & down Fairbanks Creek to 7 above where we had supper then to 3 above to speak.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 2	<p>Meeting at Fairbanks Creek last night was a fine one -70 miners - and they seemed glad to see me though it was a hotbed of Socialists. Today we went to Chena - to Ester siding then walked to Chena and visited all the people there - then walked across the hill to Ester City & made a speech there to a friendly audience. It is beautiful clear weather - no snow - clear & cold with the big northern moon riding high in the heavens. Returned to town by automobile & visited the pioneers monthly meeting there. I was royally received. This marks the end of the Campaign - tomorrow is <u>Election Day.</u></p>
Diary 24 1914 November 3	<p><u>Election Day</u> <u>Clear, cold - no snow & fine roads.</u> The Elections returns are in so far that it seems sure that I <u>am elected by a majority vote over both Bunnell and Brooks.</u></p>

	<p>I carried Valdes by 99 majority over Bunnell - who lives there - that does me much good since my friends there win the bets offered by Richardson & others that he would beat me there. Nome gave me a bad vote - but Fairbanks district gave me such a big majority that it will carry me through safely - 1 o'clock - a cheering crowd of my friends have just come & I thanked them in a 5 minute talk. Dinner this evening with St Georges & a group of friends. [Wickersham wrote diagonally across the page] I voted today - the non-Partisan ticket - myself at the head for delegate.</p>																												
Diary 24 1914 November 4	<p><u>Am receiving Congratulations today.</u> [clipping] Following is the vote for delegate as received from the several divisions up to the time the telegraph office closed last night"</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Division</th> <th colspan="3">Bunnell Brooks</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="3">Wickersham</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>First Division</td> <td>1024</td> <td>91</td> <td>1477</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Division</td> <td>534</td> <td>116</td> <td>741</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third Division</td> <td>727</td> <td>147</td> <td>762</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Fourth Division</u></td> <td><u>668</u></td> <td><u>431</u></td> <td><u>1698</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Totals</td> <td>2953</td> <td>785</td> <td>4678</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Sent telegram to Debbie; Dinner tonight at Peoples.</p>	Division	Bunnell Brooks				Wickersham			First Division	1024	91	1477	Second Division	534	116	741	Third Division	727	147	762	<u>Fourth Division</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>1698</u>	Totals	2953	785	4678
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Diary 24 1914 November 5	<p>Returns coming in from all directions and I am perfectly safe with a good majority in each division. While Nome and Juneau towns gave a small vote against me the country and creek precincts gave me majority enough to give me a majority in the division. I am most pleased at defeating Tom McGowan, democrat, for Senator in this division. He is the N.C. Co.s attorney - agent and strong (arm) man, and his election would have given the <u>Big Interests</u> the control of the Territorial Senate. I fought him in every speech & took his opponent, O.P. Gaustad with me and put him forward & talked specially for him at every place.</p>																												

Diary 24 1914 November 6	<p>Am beginning to “slow down” for my throat is worn out from speaking (and, speak it low, from too much smoking) and I must rest up ready to go back over the trail. Congress convenes in Dec. and I want to be there.</p> <p>Talked to the school children & their fathers and mothers tonight at Eagles Hall about the necessity for an organization of a School System in Alaska and promised to do what I could <u>etc.</u></p> <p>Dinner tonight with Mr. & Mrs. Crossley - McCanleys and Edgar & Lizzie present.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 7	<p>Am working on my private affairs now so that I may go out on the stage about the 15th.</p> <p>Giving a Dinner at my home tonight - it is Henry Rays birthday.</p> <p>Invited Henry T. Ray, Bill McPhee, Bill Casey. W.A. Kenyon & Ed. Stier - old Sourdoughs - all, and jolly good fellows.</p> <p>A fine dinner - John Conna my old negro friend - now my cook did it & we all enjoyed it - Attended Red Cross Ball for an hour.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 8	<p>A clear cold day - <u>no snow on the ground yet this fall</u> the roads are frozen hard & the traveling is fine. It is just good clear fall weather.</p> <p>Dinner tonight with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Clark - of the Red X drug store - present Mr. & Mrs. Thompson (Ed. News-Miner) & Mr. & Mrs. St George & Henry T. Ray & I - a good dinner –</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 9	<p>At work on my private affairs getting in shape to go outside.</p> <p>Am at home & people are coming to see me about all kinds of things - political and otherwise.</p> <p>Dinner this evening with Mr. & Mrs. Morton E. Stevens.</p> <p>Met with the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce tonight in the court House - talked to them about matters of interest to Fairbanks and gave them a “roast” for not getting more active in the work of building up their town. Big attendance & they seemed to like it.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 10	<p>Steady grind of receiving people and talking business.</p> <p>Much talk and some criticism about my talk to the</p>

	<p>Chamber of Commerce last night. Full reports in the papers.</p> <p>Dinner tonight with Mr. & Mrs. Heilig - Ray present.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 11	<p>The Times come back at me in this morning issue in an editorial entitled “Undeserved Criticism” - but if it can show where it has even given me any aid it is more than I can do.</p> <p><u>Let them squirm.</u></p> <p>Thompson of the News-Miner & O.P. Gaustad, Senator elect to the Territorial Legislature came down to talk over Newspaper finances – nothing agreed on.</p> <p>Went out to see the Gordon & Stirling Fox Farm - an enclosed plant for domesticating and raising foxes and other fur bearing animals for market.</p> <p>Dinner tonight with Mr. & Mrs. McCauley – present Crossleys, Edgar & Lizzie & I.</p> <p>Went over and had a long talk about political conditions with shrewd Dr. Bradley-</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 12	<p>Working on mail & waiting for the stage.</p> <p>Dinner tonight with Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Geis & their four fine children. Edgar and Lizzie.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> FULL PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED Ladies Make Full Preparations for Big Event at Auditorium. TOMORROW EVENING Receiving Committee Named-Other Portions of Program Announced. </p> <p>Those in charge of the big reception and dance to be given at the Auditorium tomorrow night in honor of Delegate James Wickersham are pushing preparations rapidly to completion. Mrs. J.A. Healey will act as chairman or presiding officer for the evening and in addition to the general reception committee named the other day, the following</p>

	<p>receiving committee has been chosen: Mrs. Edward Wickersham, Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Gaustad, Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Heilig and Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Burns.</p> <p>Following a selection by the orchestra Hon. O.P. Gaustad and Hon. W.T. Burns will make short addresses. Then will come a solo by Mrs. Harry Cloes. A speech by Hon. E.B. Collins is scheduled next and then a recitation by Margaret Volkman. At its conclusion Delegate Wickersham will make a few remarks and a male quartette will close the program.</p> <p>Dancing will follow as announced, ending what is believed will be a most successful affair in every detail in which the women of the Tanana valley will prove their ability to conduct a public reception with Alaska's delegate as the center of attraction.</p> <p>The reception hour has been set at 8:30 sharp tomorrow night. An admission of a dollar will be charged for the men attending, with no charge for ladies.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 13	<p>Busy today on fixing up some of my mining matters. Called at the Hospital & also on Father Monroe. Dinner tonight with Hess's.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN MR. BUNNELL'S OWN HOME TOWN</p> <p>VALDEZ, Nov. 13.-The vote of the scattering precincts now arriving show that in the Third division Wickersham polled 1,585 votes and Bunnell 1,000. The Wickershamites elected their legislative ticket with the exception of one Representative-Hubbard to the Senate and Day, Noon and Tansy to the house, the Democrats electing Holland to the house.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 14	<p>[clipping showing corrected returns for Fourth Division to date]</p> <p>Reception & Good Bye tonight at the Auditorium - under the patronage of the Ladies.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 15	<p><u>It was a fine Reception & Ball last night.</u></p>

	<p>[clipping]</p> <p>LEGISLATIONS ARE GIVEN RECEPTION Big Crowd on Hand to Wish the Successful Candidates Good Luck in Their Work-Delegate Wickersham, Senator-Elect Gaustad and Representative Collins De- liver Short Addresses-Mrs. J.A. Healey Presides.</p> <p>As a farewell reception to Delegate Wickersham, and to wish the successful candidates to the legislature good luck in their undertakings at Juneau, 200 people of Fairbanks were in attendance last evening at the meeting held under the auspices of a number of women of the district. In addition to the speaking by the delegate and legislators, a short musical and literary program was rendered, and was greatly appreciated by the enthusiastic audience.</p> <p>The opening number on the program was a selection by the orchestra, after which Mrs. J.A. Healey, who acted as presiding officer, stated the purpose of the meeting. She said that the election was over and the gathering was in no sense a political meeting, but simply a social occasion, in which she hoped everybody would join, to encourage the delegate and the territorial legislators in the work they had before them.</p> <p>O.P. Gaustad, senator-elect, was the first speaker introduced. He spoke but briefly, stating that he would do all in his power to further the interests of the Fourth judicial division. He cut his remarks short, saying that he was sure those present would rather be dancing than listening to anything he could say.</p> <p>Mrs. Harry Cloes rendered a solo, which was received with such hearty applause that she was forced to respond with an encore.</p> <p>Following the solo, E.B. Collins, speaker of the first territorial house of representatives, and re-elected to the legislature spoke briefly of the work performed by the first legislature, declaring that it was not as thorough as might have been hoped for, but as it was human to err, he hoped that the</p>
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	<p>second session would prove more successful and that a number of laws would be passed which would prove beneficial to Alaska. He pledged himself to do all in his power for an election law.</p> <p>Following Mr. Collins, little Miss Margaret Volkman delivered a recitation, and when given an encore, gave a toast to "Our Jim," which met with great applause.</p> <p>Delegate Wickersham was called upon then and for the greater part of a half-hour entertained the audience with anecdotes of his experiences in the north and at Washington. He also urged the audience to help him as much as possible in furthering the interests of the territory.</p> <p>Among the stories told by the delegate was one concerning an incident which occurred during his first days in Alaska. He said that when he arrived at Eagle he found there a young lady who had come all the way from the East to marry a man residing at the upper Yukon town. Upon her arrival, however, it was found that the minister was away, and there was no one there with legal authority to perform a marriage, and therefore the couple were compelled to wait. The delegate said they were about the most anxious couple that could be found anywhere, and when they discovered that they had the legal authority, as United States district judge, to perform the ceremony, they fell over him in happiness.</p> <p>The audience also was delighted with his reading of Service's poem, "The Cremation of Sam McGee." Mr. Wickersham said that the poem was the hit of a banquet given by him in honor of Congressman Houston of Tenn, shortly after the railroad bill passed. The Tennessee congressman was highly pleased with it, owing to the fact that McGee was declared to be from Tennessee.</p> <p>Following the speaking, an informal reception was held by the delegate and legislators, after which dancing was indulged in until a late hour.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 November 16</p>	<p>Packing, paying my bills etc. Visiting my friends for we go on the morning stage tomorrow. Lizzie has invited company for dinner this evening:</p>

	<p>Mrs. Lizzie Wickersham, Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Dr. Aline Bradley, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Cloes & Mrs. Clark - they are the ladies who did the work in the reception Saturday night.</p> <p>Pioneer meeting - where they presented Bill McPhee with a beautiful & valuable watch job.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 November 17</p>	<p>Left Fairbanks to 10 a.m. on the Auto Stage with Bill McPhee and George Hutchinson, passengers for the coast.</p> <p><u>So far</u>, this fall, no snow, no rain - nothing but beautiful clear cold bracing days & nights in the Tanana valley. Not colder than 12 degrees - & that only once - fine weather & hard roads.</p> <p>Little Jack Martin - 10 years old, is in our auto - his mother & sister are in another which accompanies us - and John Joslin & wife (Mrs. Davis, of the Columbia Hotel) & another single man are in the other auto - 8 & 2 children.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 November 18</p>	<p>At Richardson, Samuelson Rd. last night & today we reached the McCarty crossing of the Tanana at the mouth of the Big Delta - crossed & are waiting for the two autos from the coast which will take us from the point.</p> <p>No bridge - no ferry - and passengers are transferred here in a canoes & we must wait for the coast autos.</p> <p>Bob. Sheldon & his other driver arrived here late this from the coast - Bob. loaded the women - children Joslin's & 1 man & left at 7 o'clock tonight up the Delta.</p> <p>McPhee, Hutchinson & I will occupy the other & smaller auto & will remain here till morning & then go. Roadhouse not bad -</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 November 19</p>	<p>We left McCarty Roadhouse at 7 o'clock this morning & made fine time - caught up with the other auto at McDavitt's (or the Miller) Rd. - storm of snow - hail - sleet Reached Yosts for the night.</p> <p>Trail hard, solid, but rough. We are all standing the trip well. Not over 2 inches of snow anywhere on the trail.</p>
<p>Diary 24 1914 November 20</p>	<p>From Yosts, to Sour Dough today.</p> <p>No snow - trip across Summit Lake & across Gulkana Lake fine - like a boulevard - ice hard & free of snow.</p>

	We are at Sour Dough Rd. tonight. Mother Yeager is in old Circle City, Dawson friend of McPhees and gave us a fine chicken dinner.
Diary 24 1914 November 21	From Sour Dough Rd. to Kinney Lake Rd. - between Willow Creek & Tonsina. Fine weather & hard but very rough road. [enclosed official road mileage table; 15 miles shorter in winter; probably because of travel over lake ice; Total distance in winter between Chitina and Fairbanks given as 306.6]
Diary 24 1914 November 22	We came into Chitina today. Stopped for an hour at Tonsina Rd. kept by Mr. & Mrs. Jake Nefstead. Went to the Commercial Hotel & am in my room of a month ago. Trip from Fairbanks here 320 miles - rough but solid roads - not to exceed 3 inches of snow at any point & not more than zero weather. A beautiful trip & devoid of hardship, danger & great interest.
Diary 24 1914 November 23	The train goes only twice a week to Cordova and will go down tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock a.m. I am visiting renewing my friendships & thanking my friends here for the support they gave me. They have announced a reception & dance for tonight and I am to make a few minutes talk. <u>Today is Col Bill McPhee's 64th birthday</u> and I am giving him a dinner at 6:30 before the Reception, which does not begin until 8:30 I have invited Bill, Geo. Hutchinson, Leach & wife, Palmer & wife, Mrs. Nefstead & myself.
Diary 24 1914 November 24	Came down to Cordova today on the Copper River & Northwestern Ry. leaving Chitina at 8 o'clock. The officials had attached a special observation care & gave us the use of it - beautiful day - no wind & we enjoyed the fine views of Mts. Wrangell, Sanford & Blackburn -the Woods Canyon - Miles, Childs Baird Heney & other glaciers the great Iron bridges across the river - the flats etc. Clear sunny day - a good trip & we are all tonight at Garry Thirsted's Hotel in Cordova - the Rainier Grand.
Diary 24 1914 November 25	Resting up - am more tired now than on any day of my 10,000 mile campaign trip from Washington

	B.C. to Fairbanks & back again - 700 miles by automobile over rough trails in Alaska. Attended "Eagle" ball for an hour - many pretty girls -but as I am too old to dance I do not remain long at such places.
Diary 24 1914 November 26	All my companions from the Fairbanks trail - McPhee, Hutchinson, McBrien, Mr. & Mrs. Joslin etc - went south this morning on the S.S. "Admiral Evans" but I have determined to wait for the Mariposa & stop off at Valdes for a day or two. Dinner tonight with Mr. & Mrs. Canavan - & Mifs Ebersole, old Fairbanks people. The Cordova Chamber of Commerce has invited me to a banquet on tomorrow evening - accepted.
Diary 24 1914 November 27	[dinner invitation] [front] Complimentary Dinner to HON. JAMES WICKERSHAM Alaska's Delegate to Congress Given by the Citizens of Cordova Under the Auspices of the Chamber of Commerce Friday, November 27, 1914 At Slater's Cordova, Alaska [inside front] Menu Martini Cocktails Salted Almonds Queen Olives Shrimp Salad Haut Sauterne Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce Mashed Potatoes French Peas Veuve Cliquot Vanilla Ice Cream Assorted Cake Nuts and Rasins Coffee Cigars [inside back] SHORT TALKS -By- Dr. W.H. CHASE

	<p>Rev. J.L. McBRIDE GEORGE DOOLEY E.V. BOYLE CASSIUS M. FRAZIER</p> <p>GEO. C. HAZELET, Toastmaster</p> <p>[back cover] [Wickersham wrote names of people] Fred Galsbumer Edward F. Medley Will Clapon A.E. Lathrop Bartely Howard Charles Kitsman G.R. Higginson Seth Bloofer Edgar Bathcard Chas. Goodall C.H. Packard A.J. Adams</p> <p>The Cordova Chamber of Commerce gave me a fine banquet cordial & friendly reception this evening. The town, railroad & chamber officials & business men seemed to think the election is over & they all tried to be friends etc. Things here o.k.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 28	<p>Some of my rough neck friends were disappointed that the Chamber of Commerce banquet last night prevented them from hearing me speak so the Eagle Hall tonight was filled at a "Smoker" - Geo Dooley did the honors & I talked 10 minutes. It was fast and furious & they all seemed to enjoy it.</p> <p>Dinner tonight with Rev. J.L. McBride, Pres. minister - Mr. Caleb Corser & Mr. Copper - Also was invited to the Cupid Club dance at Red Dragon [?] rooms & spent an hour there with Harry Thisted. My boat tomorrow for Valdes.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 29	<p>Rested all day - Some calls - Mariposa in at 6 o'clock - went to Theater with Thirsted & on board the boat at 11 pm bound for Valdes.</p>

	<p>My visit to Cordova has been very agreeable & I am pleased to have made it. Got a complete file of the Newspapers - the "Cordova Alaskan" for my historical library.</p>
Diary 24 1914 November 30	<p>Reached Valdes this morning at 8 o'clock - am at Phoenix Hotel kept by my old friend Dr. Von Gunther.</p> <p>Big reception tonight at Eagle Hall - filled to overflowing - Dr. Boyle presided & Senators Hubbard & Rep. Day spoke - then Judge Spencer U.S. Dist. Atty - & then I spoke on my Congressional Programme for Alaska - It was a fine reception and pleases me exceedingly.</p> <p>Here was the hardest fight in the Territory against me led by Richardson & the Tillicum Club, but my friends won -both the election and their money.</p>
Diary 24 1914 December 1	<p>Slept till noon Banquet tonight by my friends in my honor at one of the principal restaurants.</p> <p>Banquet was quite a success - in point of number & good fellowship - but no speechmaking - much to my relief.</p> <p>Have promised to appoint young Ed. Rucker cadet to Annapolis in place of young Meals who now declines.</p>
Diary 24 1914 December 2	<p>Left Valdes at 4 p.m. today on the Mariposa. Judge Brown, Judge Spencer, U.S. dist Atty & others on board. Have told Judge Spencer that I would support him for U.S. Dist. Judge at Fairbanks.</p> <p>Reached Cordova at 11 pm & visited with my friends for an hour or two. Boat will leave here about 2 a.m.</p>
Diary 24 1914 December 3	<p>Crossing from Hinchbrook to Cross Sound fine. Calm & beautiful & nearby view of Cape St Elias. Good trip today.</p>
Diary 24 1914 December 4	<p>In Cross Sound this morning - the sun gilds the mountains on which Muir glacier rises & the bay & golden mountains make a grand & inspiring picture. At Juneau about 2 o'clock.</p> <p>Juneau: Saw Valentine & had a good friendly talk - he is delighted over the result of the election & I thanked him for his friendship, support & the management of my S.E. Alaska campaign. Saw</p>

	Rustgard who promised to attend to the McCarthy school matter for me. Also saw Ed. Russell of the "Dispatch" - had only an hour but put it in thanking my friends for the result of the election.
Diary 24 1914 December 5	Reached Ketchikan & saw Heath, Ed. of the Mail & also Rivard of the "Progressive". Saw Hunt & Austin my Ketchikan manager. Had an hour with them & we talked over the future work of our political group.
Diary 24 1914 December 6	Crossed Queen Charlottes Sound - first rain of the trip this evening. It has been a beautiful trip so far.
Diary 24 1914 December 7	We reached Seattle at 3:30 afternoon - met at the wharf by Dan Sutherland, Bill McPhee, John Long and more of my friends & went to the Hotel Frye. Good many Alaskans called - Had Dinner with Dan Sutherland & Dan Driscoll - the latter went to Portland on the 11 p.m. train. Jack Mahalsick is here too.
Diary 24 1914 December 8	Dan Sutherland went to Tacoma this morning with me. With Charlie Peterson we went out & inspected my Puyallup farm - clearing etc. <u>fine</u> . Dinner in Tacoma with Oscar Ashby & friends - back to Seattle tonight & had dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Dan Sutherland. May called me up & am pleased to find Mother here & will go out & see them in the morning.
Diary 24 1914 December 9	Saw Mother & visited today in Seattle. Dinner Lunch with Arctic Club friends etc. Left Seattle on 7:10 p.m. N.P. Overland for Washington.
Diary 24 1914 December 10	Spokane at breakfast Idaho-Mont, etc.
Diary 24 1914 December 11	Way out in Montana and N. Dakota along the old Lewis & Clark trail.
Diary 24 1914 December 12	St. Paul 3 hours late & in Chicago at 11:55 just in time to catch the Penn. train for the East.
Diary 24 1914 December 13	Had to change trains at Pittsburgh at 5:05 this evening & must wait till the 11 o'clock through train to Washington. Went to the "Fort Pitt Hotel," Pittsburg for dinner. Excellent music, good dinner, & a beautiful hotel generally. I am just wondering what my old ancestor of 120 years ago looked like when he tied

	his canoes or flat-boat to the bank in front of Fort Pitt and loaded his small outfit for the voyage down the Ohio river to the Boone country in Kentucky. He was probably dressed in homespun - his wife in linsey - woolsey and his outfit probably consisted of the aforesaid wife & children, some dogs, a squirrel rifle and an axe. What a change between the Fort Pitt waterfront of that day and this.
Diary 24 1914 December 14	<u>Reached Washington this morning at 8³⁰ and have telegraphed to Debbie.</u> <u>Am at Congress Hall Hotel.</u>
Diary 24 1914 December 15	At office at work. Judge Morrow, Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court of appeals, 9 th dist. from San Francisco, was in the office today looking for material about the old "Looting of Alaska" cases from Nome – the Noyes-McKenzie mess. He is preparing an article on the facts of that matter for publication. Telegram from Debbie who will be home tomorrow.
Diary 24 1914 December 16	Went to see Senator Hoke Smith today with Judge Spencer of Georgia who is now the U.S. Dist. Atty. at Valdes. This afternoon we also went to see P.M. Genl. Bureson. Judge Spence is trying to persuade the Wilson Administration that I represent the Democracy of Alaska better than the present organization leaders & to get them to recognize me as the Democratic leader of Alaska. At work again on Alaska Library with Mr. Morrison. <u>Debbie home today</u>
Diary 24 1914 December 17	Calling Treasury Dept. with Geo. C. Hazlett, of Cordova, Alaska, about Public Bldg. Cordova, Alaska, about Public Bldg., Cordova. <u>O.K.</u> Have prepared and today introduced bill to aid in the further construction of roads etc. in Alaska - and to found School System. [clipping] By Mr. WICKERSHAM: A bill (H.R. 20105) to provide for further construction and maintenance of military and post roads, bridges, and trails in Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Territories.

Diary 24 1914 December 18	Working on accumulated mail - writing letters to the Chambers of Commerce, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ruby, Valdes etc. in explanation of my bill H.R. 20.105. for additional appro, for roads etc. in Alaska, and in answer to effort of Alaska Road Com. that I do not favor their appropriations (Bill H.R. 20105, introduced yesterday).
Diary 24 1914 December 19	Same as yesterday.
Diary 24 1914 December 20	In office all day sorting my accumulated mail & other documents & getting business cleared off my desk.
Diary 24 1914 December 21	Called to see Sec. of Interior Franklin K. Lane, and told him I was ready to do anything needed to advance the construction of the Alaska Ry - he said nothing could be done until the report of the Engineering Commission is made - about Jany 15th. etc.
Diary 24 1914 December 22	Great fight in the House of Rep. today over the Hobson Audit. to the U.S. Const, to prohibit the manufacture & sale of liquor - it failed to pass by a 2/3 majority - having only received 8 majority, and is therefore defeated. Answering mail.
Diary 24 1914 December 23	Working on mail - we are way behind & had to catch up-
Diary 24 1914 December 24	<u>Darrell came over from the Philadelphia Navy Yard today to spend Christmas with us.</u> He looks fine and thinks he will have shore duty instead of going to sea which just now is bad for him as since he had typhoid he is afflicted with mal de mer, - sea sickness, Snowing this afternoon and it looks like a white Christmas.
Diary 24 1914 December 25	<u>Christmas Gift!</u> Pleasant day visiting with Darrell - we went to Keith's Vaudeville Theater in the evening. Debbie is happy to have this nice visit from her son -so am I.
Diary 24 1914 December 26	<u>Went to see Atty. Genl. Gregory to talk over appointments in Alaska and especially that of Judge of the Dist. Court. Found him hostile - evidently the Democratic "Alaskan -Big Interest - Richardson crowd "seen him first," as one of them</u>

	<u>practically said they would.</u> <u>I think Bunnell will be appointed Judge - and, I and my friends may as well take our hats & go!</u>
Diary 24 1914 December 27	Darrell went back to his ship at the Philadelphia Navy yard this afternoon. We had a delightful visit with him.
Diary 24 1914 December 28	Riggs of the Alaska Ry Eng. Com. came in today - seemed to be a friendly call etc. but he asked me to aid in securing pay for an Indian house burned by the men working for the Com. near Nenana & which - under the law - they cannot pay for. Saw Ferris, Chairman Com. on Pub Lands - he agreed to help me with bill to give Alaska Sec's 16 & 36 for school purposes etc. Am to go before Com. on Wednesday & get time set for hearing.
Diary 24 1914 December 29	Working on mail and also doing much work with Mr. Morrison on the Bibliography of Alaskan literature. Mr. J.C. Brown, of Nome, Alaska, came in the office to see me - merely a friendly call. <u>Bunnell was appointed Judge in Alaska today</u> - well, why not? They promised him the office if he would run against me - & he ran - and now he is entitled to the office! Wrote letters to the members of the Wash. Or. & Cal. delegations today asking them to meet at Territorial Com. room on Friday, Jany 1. to work unitedly for appropriations for Alaska waterways - lights & drag.
Diary 24 1914 December 30	The Com. on Public Lands today agreed to hear me on Saturday on my bill to create a public school system in Alaska or rather to grant public lands in support of schools there. Mr. F.W. Bradley of Treadwell, Alaska, called in office today but I did not see him.
Diary 24 1914 December 31	Working in my office on Alaskan bibliography - Alaska Books.
	[card] Here are my wishes, Friend that this New year which comes to us today may strengthen you, and comfort you and bless you, and be to you, -in every way-

	A Happy New Year [signed] Charles W. Fairbanks
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