

Diary 40, 1930-1931	[Front cover] <p style="text-align: center;">Private Diary Of James Wickersham May 16, 1930 to Dec. 31, 1931.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Admitted to Illinois bar <u>Jan 14, 1880. p. 77</u></p>
Diary 40, 1930	[inside front cover] [clipping] <p style="text-align: center;">THE SEATTLE SUNDAY TIMES SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 4, 1930. Jim Wickersham Appears To Be Staging Come-Back</p> <p>It begins to look as if Jim Wickersham, nosing out John Rustgard for the Republican nomination for delegate in Congress from Alaska and slated to run against his old political enemy, George B. Grigsby, the Democratic candidate, was staging another political come-back.</p> <p>And how many of them he has staged in the more than forty years he has been active in territorial and state politics of the Northwest!</p> <p>Pioneer, lawyer, jurist, author, Congressman and crusader, Wickersham has been in the center of more stormy controversies than any other figure who has grown up with Washington and Alaska. He has both made and written history and may now be giving a new twist to the story of the Northwest that is unlikely to be duplicated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Long Record in Alaska.</p> <p>Wickersham was on the probate bench in Pierce County in territorial days. He was on the Federal Bench when Noyes and Alex McKenzie, and all the characters that made early Nome, were being shoved out of the picture and the Guggenheims, Hoggatt, Shackelford and the rest were coming in. He had a twelve-year record in Congress from the northern territory before he retired, he said, to write the history of Alaska and to master the Russian language so he could decipher the musty records of the first settlements.</p>

	<p>One official act of Wickersham's in Tacoma curiously links the past with the present. He launched a damage suit, when he was city attorney of Tacoma, against C.B. Wright, who had sold his city a water plant and won a \$750,000 verdict, which was eventually compromised. In collecting on the verdict, Tacoma seized a lighting plant belonging to the Wright estate and so began the first municipally owned light plant in the Northwest, probably the entire West.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Partner of Ben Sheeks</p> <p>In his law practice Wickersham was a partner of Judge Ben Sheeks, the veteran Grays Harbor jurist who died a few years ago, and as George T. Reid, who later was to become vice president of the Northern Pacific, was graduating from messenger boy in the Western Union he entered Wickersham's office as a clerk and subsequently become his partner.</p> <p>Wickersham went to the state Legislature in 1899 and, like several of his fellow townsmen, was rewarded with a federal appointment when Addison G. Foster was elected to the United States Senate. In the Northwest they said jokingly that Foster sent Wickersham to Alaska to get him out of Washington politics, and if he did he tossed a whole hornet's nest into the midst of the young northern territory. He was fated in the North to share in the clean-up of Nome which followed the upsetting of a famous mining conspiracy which served the further purpose of providing the material for Rex Beach's novel, "The Spoilers." He was in the Fairbanks district during the early fight of the Guggenheim interests for an Alaska foothold. Some of the history of that early fight was also translated into novel form in Beach's "Iron Trail."</p> <p>Wickersham rode into Congress and stayed there on his anti-Guggenheim issue. Originally a Republican he became a "Progressive," but more than anything else he was a whole party by himself in Alaska for a decade or more. Grigsby, the Democratic nominee, once was district attorney at Nome and on the face of 1918 returns was elected as delegate, but Wickersham contested and won</p>
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	<p>the seat.</p> <p>While he spent long months in Washington awaiting the outcome of his contest, Wickersham worked on his Alaska history, which he subsequently retired to Juneau to finish. In his present race Wick ran against an old political ally, John Rustgard, who left the attorney-general's office to make the fight.</p>
	<p>[next page] [clippings showing election]</p>
Diary 40, 1930 May 16	<p style="text-align: center;">May 16, 1930.</p> <p>The unofficial returns from the various precincts in Alaska show that I was nominated for Republican candidate for Delegate to Congress by several hundred majority over my Republican opponent, Attorney General John Rustgard. Some time will be required to gather all the returns from the outlying precincts and then to give exact and official figures. Official returns compiled by Clerk Dunn today show that in this first Division I have an official majority over Rustgard of 282 votes.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 May 17-19	<p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Am engaged in getting record in shape in Matheson v Patenaude - case where Judge Hill decided against my client.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>As usual. Nothing new. Made up my expense account of cost of my campaign for nomination etc. Total expenses \$1397.08! This includes printing, traveling & every item chargeable to that account.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>Drawing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law & Decree in Matheson v Patenaude - a case decided against me by Judge Hill - he will refuse my findings, etc. & sign those drawn by the other side!</p>
Diary 40, 1930 May 20-23	<p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. Am having my residence painted. Working on case of Matheson v Patenaude. Politics slow - returns slower. H. H. Ross & wife & daughter, of Fairbanks, on boat going to Seattle, called in the office to talk politics.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>Same - raining & painters trouble.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Answering correspondence - just working</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23d-</p> <p>Recd. letter from Hon. Dan Sutherland saying he would come to Alaska this summer & assist in my campaign. Am trying to get our antagonists Rep. nominees to work together in a friendly way - Cole, Paul & Dan Sutherland trying.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 May 24-25	<p style="text-align: center;">-24th -</p> <p>Copy finding of fact, conclusions of law & decree in Matheson v Patenaude sent to W^m L. Paul, Atty. for the defendants. About caught up with belated letters, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25th -</p> <p>Recd. this important letter today: Washington D.C. May 17, 1930. Hon James Wickersham. Juneau, Alaska My dear Judge Wickersham: I have just learned that no Alaskan appointments will be made until next fall. M. Sisson Asst. Attorney General, is going to have a thorough investigation made in the field and he may visit Alaska himself this summer. I got this from a Senator so I believe there is no doubt about it, but</p>
Diary 40, 1930 May 25	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>I intend to go down there within a day or two and verify it by conversation with Mr. Sisson. Lathrop has gone away. I guess they told him they were afraid to send in the names he has been endorsing. I had notified Mr. Sisson of my intention to go right down the line if some of the names were sent to the Senate, and with their experience in the Parker case they plan to stay safe on future appointments. I believe this situation will aid you materially in your campaign as the people will discover that Lathrop cannot put over any of the hoodlums for office in the Territory. The Department is done over the appointment of Hart at Nome as he is in bad and will probably have to be</p>
Diary 40, 1930 May 25-26	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>dismissed pretty soon. This information is strictly confidential. Sincerely yours, Dan."</p>

	<p>-26th - dismissed pretty soon. This information is strictly confidential. Sincerely yours, Dan.” Marshal White is said to have sent out word that he would be appointed last Wednesday – but he was not! If this information from Dan is correct it may be some time before he will be appointed - & the others are all waiting with the slather running out of their mouths – for the hoped for pay checks. -26th – Tel. from Clark U.S.C.C. of Appeals, San Francisco, saying Matheson v National Surety Co. case Revised.” Bully Court! <u>My Majority in the Territory – so far – is 847! Not Bad!</u></p>
Diary 40, 1930 May 26-27	<p>-26th - continued- Evening paper announces the death of my dear friend Henry W. Elliott, at the home of his son John, Seattle, Wash. Sent telegram to Hotel Frye to buy & send flowers to funeral with my card. -27th - Mifs Penfield for Frye Hotel replies to my telegram about flowers for the Funeral of my friend Henry W. Elliott that the funeral was quite private - no notices, etc. and was over before she could deliver my flowers. Henry W. Elliott was an artist, a brilliant writer, a good citizen and for half a century the defender of the fur seal herd in Alaska waters - a gentleman!</p>
Diary 40, 1930 May 28-30	<p>-28th – Working in the office - assisting Mrs. Ella Herner to prove up on her homestead. About finished painting my house. -29th – Attending to belated correspondence. -30th - Decoration Day - attended exercises on the wharves - but did not go to the cemetery - the young men walk too fast - its too far & I get tired too easily - in short, I am beginning to “puff” when I over exerted, so I'll take it easy. Finally finished arranging and putting away all my belated & mass of political letters, etc. from my</p>

	<p>primary election campaign - am now ready for the fall campaign.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 May 31- June 1	<p>-31st – Working as usual in the office. [clipping] TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTE OF LATE PRIMARIES GIVEN FOR ENTIRE FOUR SEPARATE DIVISIONS [Republican Primary returns by division] June 1, 1930. <u>We are packing our traveling bags for a short visit to Seattle</u> - probably will get away on tomorrows boat. All caught up with office work. Paid all my bills - drew checks & put them in the p- o- so as to be able to go tomorrow.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 June 2-3	<p>-June 2nd – Gardner cleaned up the yard etc. Paid last bills for painting & repairs on the house. The SS. “<u>Aleutian</u>” came in at 1.p.m. - We got room 10 - a good room & left Juneau at 3 oclock for Seattle. -June 3rd - At Ketchikan an hour. I had a good talk with Paul - about getting all the Republican nominees in the 1st division to lay aside quarrels and support each other unitedly and peaceably - he agreed fully with my idea that it would be the best thing to do, and will assist in bringing the Republican factions together.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 June 3-5	<p>3rd continued. Grace was taken with a chill & had a slight fever - but the stewardess gave her some tablets & she is better. -4th – Queen Charlottes - Seymour Narrows - at night in Gulf of Georgia. -5th - Reached Seattle this morning at 9 oclock - Went to Hotel Frye. Both pretty tired - I went to see Turner about the Arness case & we then consulted the Allen firm. They promised to get the case to trial if</p>

	possible etc. We kept the hotel pretty close, for we are tired. Fine weather - but we keep still.
Diary 40, 1930 June 6	-6 th - Mr. D.E. Skinner is not in the city but I called at his office and saw Victor Elfendahl, his general manager. Talked the political situation over with him. Told him I was confident of election, but that Robertson and Faulkner were constantly fighting - & getting defeated - in the name of the cannery interests - bad politics not to support the nominees of the Republican primary when they entered it - & he agreed with me! Told him I would not introduce the trap site leasing bill in Congress - but would not oppose it etc. he agreed to that, also, as the correct position for me to take.
Diary 40, 1930 June 6-7	6 th - continued. Also told him I intended to write Mr. D.E. Skinner a letter saying that in case of my election I would not accept any further consideration for the preparation of the bill - to that he assented as the right thing. Called & had friendly visit with Mr. E.R. Peoples, former Fairbanks friend, & others. -7 th - Talked to the Assoc. Press man - but gave him nothing! I do not want to say too much which can be held against me until the situation clears up & I know what position I must take - just keep still until it is time to talk! <u>Grace went to Kent.</u>
Diary 40, 1930 June 8-9	-8 th - Sunday. Kept quiet - went out on the street cars to Ballard & Fremont - visited an hour with Mrs. Governor Strong, accepted an invitation to dine with Edw. W. Allen's on Tuesday evening. Am reading "Praise of Folly" by Erasmus - -9 th - Went over to Tacoma & consulted with hopping & Winden about Nan's condition & the possibility of getting her to sell her 20 acres in Buckley & buying entrance into a Ladies Home. Winden tells me she refused to consider such a sale - saying that she thought the land ought to belong to Harry.

Diary 40, 1930 June 9-10	-9 th - continued. Winden paid Harry's taxes out of my funds, & I advised him to pay Nan \$25.00 per month for me - beginning July 1, instead of \$20. as heretofore. We went out to Sumner to consult with Corliss about leasing my valley land for truck gardening to be worked for him by some of his truck gardeners. Came back by and inspected the land - it looks well cared for. Back to Seattle. -10 th - Consulted with Turner, attorney, about the trial of the Arness case. Says it cannot be heard until fall - & must write Arness to that fact.
Diary 40, 1930 June 10-11	10 Grace & I had dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Ed. W. Allen, at their beautiful home at Laurelhurst - on Lake Washington, beyond the University. A good dinner & a pleasant hour inspecting his fine collection of ancient maps & those showing the progress of discoveries in the American continents from Columbus' day down to the final location of their boundaries as we know them. Many friends call on us at the Hotel Frye & much talk of politics. -11 th - Recd. from Henry Roden copies of the record, briefs, etc. of the Matheson case & am preparing a Petition for Rehearing
Diary 40, 1930 June 11-13	11 in an attempt to induce the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to extend its opinion & to strike out the limitation in its recent opinion in respect to certain items in the final account, etc. -12 th - Worked on Petition for rehearing in the Matheson case - Dinner with the Leech's. -13 th - Same as yesterday. Mrs. Faucher - Graces' sister came in to visit us - Also Harold - my nephew - took dinner with us. Will come in & take us out to Buckley & Enumclaw on Sunday. He is to be married soon to Miss Alberta Schram - a Seattle girl.

	Many political conferences.
Diary 40, 1930 June 14-15	-14 th – The Alaska Weekly has a front page story about my candidacy - also a similar story about Grigsby. He is in Seattle & the two stories are of equal length - and same in substance - an attempt to be impartial! Worked all day on my Petition for Rehearing in the Matheson case. -15 th - Sunday - a beautiful sunny day - Harold came after us in his automobile at 9 a.m. - We went out to Grace's old home on the Seattle-Tacoma double boulevard - examined a ditch over which a law suit is threatened - then to Buckley - Saw Aunt Kate & Minnie's family - Uncle Bob & Aunt Mat - Maud & Nellie - Harry was not at home.
Diary 40, 1930 June 15-16	15 Then to Enumclaw & had dinner with Harold - who then took us back to Seattle to the Frye Hotel. He was to have been married last month - but on account of her health the ceremony has been - postponed until some later date. -16 th - Attended meeting of the King County-Commissioners in re Ditch Case for Grace - matter referred to the County Attorney - saw Mr. Hare in that office. Mr. Faucher & Grace explained, the matter to him etc. Mr. & Mrs. Faucher & Mr. Hart, Graces tenant, had lunch with us: Completed my Petition for re hearing in Matheson Case - ready for the printer.
Diary 40, 1930 June 17	-17 th - Took my Petition for Rehearing in the Matheson case to Bob McChesney, old Alaska printer, 1010 1 st Ave. & have it back tonight in proofs! <u>Also wrote this letter:</u> "Seattle June 17, 1930" D.E. Skinner, Esq. Skinner Building, Seattle, Washington. My dear Sir. Some two years ago you employed me for yourself and your associates to draft a copy of a bill to authorize the leasing of

	fish trapsites in Alaska after the suggestions I made to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries in 1916. You paid me, at that time, the sum agreed upon for my
Diary 40, 1930 June 17	17 services, and further promised to pay me an additional sum when the bill should be enacted by Congress, no part of which has been paid, of course. At the time of my employment I had no intention ever again to be a candidate for Delegate to Congress from Alaska, but unexpectedly I became such a candidate this year, and was nominated the Republican candidate in the primary election held on April 29th and will, therefore, be such candidate at the general election in November, 1930. During the primary campaign in April some of my opponents criticised me for having drawn the trap site leasing bill for you and your associates, and in answer I read the bill, which
Diary 40, 1930 June 17	17 had been long previously printed in the Alaska Fisherman, to my audiences from Ketchikan to Fairbanks, and defended it as one drawn in the public interest. With the public explanation the voters of Alaska gave me their confidence and the nomination on the Republican ticket. However, this is to notify you and your associates that in case of my election as Delegate from Alaska to Congress, in November, first, I will not accept any further compensation for or on account of my services in having drafted that bill, and, second will not introduce it in Congress. You will appreciate, of course, that if I did either of those two things while I was such official it would have such
Diary 40, 1930 June 17	17 an appearance of wrong doing as to render both of us subject to criticism and neither of us will wish to be placed in that position. Of course, I have a right to declare to accept any further compensation or reward for my labors of two years ago, and since I did not ever promise to introduce the bill in Congress, I may also decline to

	do that, so let it be clearly understood that in case I am elected to Congress in November 1930, I will not accept any further compensation or reward for or on account of my said services, and will not introduce the bill mentioned in Congress, or become in any way responsible therefore.
Diary 40, 1930 June 17-18	17 Thanking you and your associates for your confidence in employing me to prepare the bill mentioned, I remain, very respectfully, James Wickersham" Mr. Skinner is not in Seattle at this time, so I sent a copy of the letter to Victor H. Elfendahl, his agent, and asked him to call the matter to the attention of Mr. Skinner immediately on his return to Seattle. -18 th - Delivered the Skinner letter to Victor H. Elfendahl, at Skinners office, today & talked with him about Alaska matters. My Petition for Rehearing in Matheson case is being finished by McChesney. This afternoon called on Major
Diary 40, 1930 June 18-19	18 Albright at Alke Point. He says he will go back to Alaska in two weeks - but he looks very feeble to me. Wrote letter to Sutherland tonight. Grace and some of her lady friends are constant attendants at the various movie-talkie theaters. She is having a fine visit to Seattle. -19 th - Sent my Petition for Rehearing and a Certificate of Good Faith to the clerk of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals today: also received copy of one filed in the same case by Hellenthals for the National Surety Co! Anyway that's the end of our squabble in that court! Dr. Clarence Ime Wilson, the
Diary 40, 1930 June 19-20	19 head of the Methodist organization in support of Prohibition, Hazeltine, Lyle & Whitney - prohi. officials called on me this afternoon & talked about conditions of Law enforcement in Alaska. Judge Harding, district Judge at Juneau, came down today & went east for a two months trip & rest??

	He just had two or three weeks bear hunt in the Dept. of Justice boat out of Juneau. How we red apples do bounce along on the swelling tide. -20 th - Went over to Tacoma today, found a judgment against Harry and a sale of his home & land at Buckley for \$200. ⁰⁰ (215). His time for legal
Diary 40, 1930 June 20-21	20 redemption will expire July 13, 1930 - so I was forced to pay it in full to save his property. Paid the \$215. ⁰⁰ to F.M. Harshberger - who will pay the judgment owner take an assignment in my name of the certificate of sale. Cotter, of the Alaska Weekly called up & will see me tomorrow - also Dr. Wagner, head of the U.S. Bureau Education. -21 st - Wagner, of the U.S. Bureau of Education came to see me - he is to be let out of the Educational work & complains very much - but nothing is truer than "Laugh & the world laughs with you - weep & you weep alone." I did not weep. Frank Cotter came
Diary 40, 1930 June 21-22	21 to talk about assembling the river boat for the Alaska Railroad at Nenana - & I sympathize with the plan - but the contractor will have the determination - not the United States! Mr. Moffett took lunch with us - he is preparing to put 10,000 sheep on Unalaska Island. -22 nd - Nothing to do - went out for a long walk & heard meadow larks singing - Have finished reading "From the Mississippi to the Sea," by my friend Rear Admiral Robert E. Coontz, whose son I appointed to the Naval Academy & who mentions that fact with great kindness at page 331 of his book.
Diary 40, 1930 June 23	-23d - Recd. a nice letter from my friend W ^m Bosch, of Juneau, who was in Riga, Latvia, his birth place, when he wrote it. He offers to purchase some Russian books for me, & I have sent him a copy of my Bibliography" with the "Russian America" books

	marked, but asking him to secure some lists of the books to be found in Riga, for sale, etc. so I can order from the bookmen - with prices, etc. Also told him Mrs. Gov. Strong will probably be in Riga next month etc. Grace & I & County Claim Agent went out to look at the ditch in controversy, over Grace's land - Writing other letters today, including one to Harry & Darrell.
Diary 40, 1930 June 24	-24 th - Spent the forenoon with county officials & other interested parties in attempting to settle a ditch controversy relating to Graces land alongside the Pacific highway - we are to go out to the site tomorrow in the same matter. Erickson, manager Lowman & Hanford book store, tells me the J.H. Revell & Co. representative is interested in my Ms. "The Old Yukon Trail" & asks to have it sent to his house for reading. Promised E- I would send it to them as soon as I go home. Grace has three of her friends, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Shattuck & Mrs. at an all day bridge game.- they had lunch with us here at the Frye.
Diary 40, 1930 June 25-26	-25- Went out to Graces old home on the Pacific Highway with Country officials to negotiate for settlement of the ditch controversy - It is now proposed to widen the road between those quarreling over the ditch & construct a new ditch along the proposed new road. Surveyors will go out in the morning to gather new data, etc. Finished reading "The Mongols" written by Jeremiah Curten - Intro, by Roosevelt. -26 th - Grace & I were married two years ago today. We had a gay dinner & an evening at the theater in consequence.
Diary 40, 1930 June 27	-27 th - Had a very Satisfactory and friendly conference with O'Malley, head of the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries & assured him of my purpose to be friendly with the Hoover Administration & the Bureaus in Alaska, in case of my election in Nov. as Delegate to Congress. He gave me assurances of support & fair hearing & consideration in Alaska matters etc.

	Satisfactory. Also called on Judge Mackintosh, near friend of Pres. Hoover, & gave him similar assurances - very friendly & satisfactory. County surveyor is at work on road passing Grace's land it looks as if we would get satisfaction.
Diary 40, 1930 June 27-28	-27 th continued. Howard Lerch called & told me he had arrangements to organize Harkrader Coal Co. - to buy up the \$4000. labor liens against the Admiralty Island Coal Co. & then to buy the Granville J. Harkrader one-half interest in the Harkrader Coal Claim - that he wished me to go in with his associates on organization of Harkrader Coal Co.- they would organize for \$300,000 etc. He will know about the matter definitely tomorrow or Monday. -28 th - Wrote a letter to W ^m R. Wood, M.C. from Indiana & Chairman Congressional Campaign Committee at the suggestion of Delegate Sutherland asking him
Diary 40, 1930 June 28	28 (Wood) to write letters as such Chairman to Gov. Parks, Capt. W.E. Lathrop, Rep. Nat. Com. U.S. Marshals Jones, Nome, Lynn Smith, Fairbanks, Harvey Sullivan Valdez, Albert White, Juneau, to J.C. McBride, U.S. Collector of Customs, Juneau, Chas. H. Flory, Chief Forester, Juneau, urging them to support the nominees of the Rep. primary - including myself - Also letter to Sutherland - with copy of my letter to Wood. These letters are at suggestion of Sutherland, who hopes thereby to encourage these opponents to support me for election as Delegate in the November election. H.D. Stabler & bride came to the hotel today - they were married in Oregon - Stablers third marriage!!
Diary 40, 1930 June 29-30	-29 th - Sunday - Sent telegram to Judge Hill at Dutch harbor asking continuance - postponement hearing McCord bankruptcy case & to McCord, Juneau, about same matter. Also sent telegram to Granville J. Harkrader, Tonkawa, Okla. telling him about judgment against the Admiralty Is. Coal Co & Harkrader & sale of property on July 17 th . Long talk with Mr. & Mrs.

	<p>Lerch, who took dinner with Grace & me tonight, about reorganization of that Coal project. -30th -</p> <p>Dinner tonight with Mr. & Mrs. Ray Lyle, at their rooms on. Queen Anne Hill. Met my very dear friend Mrs.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 June 30	<p>30</p> <p>Patton of Hoquiam, at the Lowman & Hanford Book store - She is also a particular friend of Mr. Erickson, the manager. We walked over to the Berry Art Store, where I greatly enjoyed inspecting a fine collection of Alaska Indian & Eskimo work. Recd. letters from Mrs. Sutherland who tells me Dan is yet under charge of physicians - nervous breakdown - but will come to Alaska in Aug. or Sept. - if he is as badly off as she says he may not come! They sent me copies of a speech made by Rustgard attacking Geo. B. Grigsby for his want of care in opposing the Alaska 'Joker' in the</p>
Diary 40, 1930 June 30	<p>30</p> <p>Merchant Marine Act! Dan wants my permission to spread it in Alaska in this fall campaign! <u>Also</u>, he (Dan) sent me copy of Sec. of Int. Wilbur's report against us in the proposed Bill authorizing the S.E. Alaska Indians to bring suit against the U.S. for recovery of value of their Indian title & lands etc. I judge the Report was drawn by, or based on suggestions of, Rustgard! It contains the arguments made against it in the April campaign by Rustgard & I feel sure it was written by Rustgard, or based on suggestion made by him to Gov. Parks - I will find out!</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 1	<p><u>July 1, 1930.</u></p> <p>Wrote a letter to Dan Sutherland today in regard to Sec. Wilbur's report against the Indian Suit Bill - told him I was confident it was made on the basis of Rustgard's public speeches against it in his primary campaign & asked him to secure what information he could about that phase of the matter etc. Also suggested that his circular - Rustgard's attack on Grigsby for permitting the 'Joker' against Alaska in the Merchant Marine Act to pass, be allowed to rest</p>

	<p>until we could find out if Rustgard did suggest the Report of Sec. Wilbur etc. - <u>let the whole matter rest until S- comes to Alaska.</u></p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 2-3	<p>-July 2nd -</p> <p>over to Tacoma to talk with Hopping & Winden about my sister Nan's condition & getting her to arrange for a place in the old Lady's Home. Nothing done - Hopping & Winden agree to see her & I will go back to consult with them next week. -3rd -</p> <p>Lost my reading glasses while over to Tacoma yesterday & had to get another pair today = \$16.⁰⁰! Many Alaskans call & assurances of support in the fall election are more satisfying. Telegram today from Bartley Howard, Anchorage, suggests that Capt. A.E. Lathrop, Rep. Nat. Committeeman may support me.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 4-6	<p>-4th -</p> <p>A beautiful day - Big parades - music, noise, etc. Have just finished reading the first Vol. of Beveridge's Life of Abe Lincoln. Called on Ernest Walker Sawyer, Asst. to the Sec. Int - for Alaska, and had a very pleasant talk with him. Gave him clearly to understand that in case I am elected Delegate I will be friendly to the Hoover Administration. -5th -</p> <p>Darrell & Jane reached Seattle from S.F. at 3 o'clock this afternoon & we have had a good visit with them. Nothing else - -6th -</p> <p>We went to Buckley - and Mildred & her 5 children at Aunt Kates -</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 7-8	<p>-7th -</p> <p>Darrell, Jane & I went over to Tacoma - Harshberger instructed to pay \$215.⁰⁰ in full of Judgment against Harry! Nan's matter not ready. We went out to the Tacoma cemetery & found everything in good order. -8th -</p> <p>Darrell drove Mrs. Strong, Grace and me to Mt Tacoma (Rainier) today. It was a glorious, cloudless day - we spent an hour at Paradise Inn, & had a very pleasant trip. The roads were good -</p>

	<p>& we had a very enjoyable day. We left Seattle 8 this morning and arrived at the Frye Hotel at about 4. this afternoon - Darrells car is a Packard!</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 9	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Darrell & Jane left us this morning in the automobile - for Vancouver - they will return at the end of the week enroute to San Francisco - home. Grace & I will leave in the morning on the SS. Alaska, for Juneau. Lunch at the Rainier Club with John P. Hartman, long time friend. Called on friends & many coming to see me - Mrs. Gov. Strong will leave here on the 13th for trip to Russia and Germany, etc. We have had a pleasant visit with her while both are at this hotel.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 10	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Left Seattle at 9 a.m. for Alaska - & home. At the dock I met Dr. Whiting, Gus Peterson, Spann, Durand and Pierson, the last three old Cleary Creek miners of early days. Whiting was Dr. on both the White Pass and the Copper River Ry's. when they were constructed - & for the Alaska SS. Co for many years now - & all four seemed very pleased to meet me. On board are young Gus Peterson, also Jim Stuart & Lois Luvac, going in to Deadwood, via Valdez. About 125 tourists on board, - a beautiful clear day.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 11-12	<p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Crossed Queen Charlotte Crossing this morning - glorious day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12-</p> <p>Reached Ketchikan at 8 a.m. After breakfast called on Senator Hunt at his store, & Editor Morrissey at his sanctum. Called on Paul but he was not in -did not see him. Met Heckman - friendly and says will bet 2 to 1 on my election. Met other friends - Gore, Temple, etc. At Wrangell this afternoon & met Grant, Pritchett, & many others – “Governor” Bill” Sulzer, of N.Y. on board at Ketchikan - as full of gas as usual - going into the Chandalar - to his gold (?) mine.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 13-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Arrived at Juneau this forenoon - home seemed so good - Sunday & we remained at home - though I</p>

	<p>examined the mail at the office. -14th - Attending to paying bills etc. Correspondence piled up.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Meeting of Board of Directors of the Admiralty Is. Coal Co. tonight: Present John Reck, Pres. Bob. Coughlin, Sec. Henry Roden, Joe Kahrer, Garmick and myself. The Company's affairs are in bad shape - Lien Judgments for about \$4000.00 have been entered against the Co. and its property will be sold at public</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 15	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>sale on the 17th. The Board is without funds or any way of running the property & it seems as if the Company is hopelessly bankrupt and must go out of business. Roden and some of his associates are keeping watch - to buy it up when it is at the bottom price - Reck is of the same mind - and the stockholders are in a fair way to lose all their investment! Lerch is at work along lines similar to those used by Roden & Reck - and there it goes - all for want of a competent manager! I am glad I advised Harkrader of the situation by telegraph & will do what I can to protect the stockholders.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 16	<p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> <p>Working to get the office correspondence up to date - Grace had four little neighbor children to lunch - gave them some music, candy & presents. Frank H. Foster, from Cordova, came in again & told me he came to Juneau at the suggestion of Capt. Lathrop, Rep. Nat. Committeeman for Alaska: he wants me to write to Lathrop & surrender my right to appose his candidates for Judge, Marshals, etc. now pending with the President. Its the same demand made by Shackleford and others of his friends years ago - which I refused then - I am considering the matter - I made no reply.</p>

Diary 40, 1930 July 17	<p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Am preparing letter to Capt. Lathrop on the matter of appointments, etc.</p> <p>Tom Gardner, Rep. candidate for senator from this Division came in & we agreed to support every nominee on the Republican ticket - nominated at the primary. Think we will be able to get all our Rep. nominees into line & thus aid their election.</p> <p><u>Completed my letter to Lathrop - Foster came over & read & approved it, and I have mailed it this day.</u> It is a friendly letter & I hope it will bring Lathrop into line in my support for Delegate - <u>I do not surrender any of my rights!</u></p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 18-19	<p style="text-align: center;">-18-</p> <p>Answering belated correspondence.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Error in Figures Makes Rustgard 1,000 Votes Short</p> <p>Use of a "2" instead of a "3" yesterday in The Empire's primary elections returns story resulted in reducing by 1,000 the total vote cast for Attorney General John Rustgard for Delegate to Congress. As it appeared in The Empire, his vote was given as 2,522, instead of 3,522 as shown by the official figures received at the office of Territorial Auditor.</p> <p>Judge Wickersham received 4,390. His majority was 874 instead of 1,874, as it appeared yesterday.</p> <p>The returns now in give me a majority of 874 votes over Rustgard, but there are yet eleven precincts which have not reported & these will change the vote a little - not much.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>Cash Cole, auditor, returned today from trip to interior, Eagle, Fairbanks, etc. with Bob Sommers & came in to see me. Reports that I am to be supported by Seward Gateway, Hoben, etc. Thinks my campaign in good</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 19	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>condition, though Frank Knight, Anchorage, late candidate for Ter. Treas. is disgruntled because I</p>

	<p>mentioned Smith, his opponent, in primary for treasurer, in my speech at Juneau in a friendly way! Cash says he conferred with Capt. Lathrop at Fairbanks & that Cap. was talking about supporting Geo. B. Grigsby, Dem. candidate against me - that Cash denounced him for it etc. and that Cap. weakened in his stand - then left Fairbanks - came to Cordova. When Frank Foster came to see me three days ago he told me Cap. was willing to support me on the statements made in my letter.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 19	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>It may be Cash did some good in threatening Cap. who then concluded to compromise - hence his journey to Cordova, and Frank Fosters trip to Juneau. Anyway I think I did the proper thing in writing my letter to Lathrop on the 17th! Phil McGuire, insurance agent from Ketchikan in to see me. Is on his way to westward points - to Cordova, Seward, Fairbanks, Seldovia & Kodiak & will represent me at all these places invited him to dinner at the house on Sunday - tomorrow evening. He is a good booster. Writing many letters, political to the westward points - some answers & others original.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 20-21	<p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>We had company for dinner: W.G. Smith & Mrs. Smith, Mr. John Hayes, Mr. Phil McGuire & Mr. Bailey. Just as dinner was over - 7:30 p.m. Mr. Gordon Charles Bettles, of the Koyukuk called on the phone & I invited him & his wife to come up from the boat - they came & all spent a pleasant two hours!</p> <p>Gordon set the type on the Yukon Press at St James Mission - in 1893!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Busy in the office with correspondence. I had a talk with Chas E. Flory, U.S. Forester - think he is entirely friendly & will support me in the fall election.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 22-24	<p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Recd. full returns - official - from Taylor, Clerk Dist. Court, Fairbanks & find that I have just 300 majority over Rustgard in the fourth division - an increase of 44 over my last report. Good old Tanana country!</p>

	<p>-23d-</p> <p>I am preparing my Ms. Old Yukon Trails - Erickson, of Lawman & Hanford Co. Seattle booksellers, talked to the agent of Ruell Co. publisher, who wrote to me to send the Ms. on them & I am doing so.</p> <p>-24th -</p> <p>Had long & satisfactory talk with <u>B.M. Behrends</u> <u>about politics</u> etc. He declares he will assist me earnestly.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 24-25	<p>24th continued.</p> <p>He is interested in securing purchase of block of land in front of capitol building by the Government, for park & better appearance of Capitol building! He owns 2 lots in the block, - the block ought to be purchased by the Govt. & I will do all I can, if elected, to secure the land for that use - and told him so. I suggested the matter to him - re responded readily.</p> <p>-25th -</p> <p>I wrote Paul & Johnson, Ketchikan asking them to come to Juneau soon - to consider what we are going to do in the fall campaign. I am to pay Paul \$50. expense & hope to get him to agree to support all the nominees on the Rep. ticket - Gardner included.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 26	<p>26th</p> <p>Same as usual in be office. Frank Foster came up to the house to see me tonight while his boat lay at the wharf. He had been to Seattle and also stopped & saw W^m L. Paul at Ketchikan. He says Paul will join in organizing our Divisional party & will support all Republican nominees. Tells me that Grigsby is at Ketchikan - & that he told Grigsby that neither he nor Lothrop will give any assistance, but will both support me.</p> <p>-27th -</p> <p>Sunday - polishing up some rough spots in Old Yukon Trails to send to Fleming H. Revell Co. N.Y. - through Erickson - of Seattle.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 28-29	<p>-28th -</p> <p>Recd. from Darrell six months interest on the bonds his Mother left to him & which he insists I am to have during my lifetime. Answering</p>

	<p>correspondence.</p> <p>-29th -</p> <p>Cash Cole was just over - he is against making any alliance with Gardner & other Republican candidates for the Legislature in this Division for the united support of the Republican ticket - on which he is a candidate for Auditor. He will keep Paul out of such combination if he can - while I am trying to get peace in our local party ranks. He will make trouble when & if we do have a meeting of candidates for that purpose - though he is allying himself with some of our enemies - Bob Sommers, etc.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 30	<p>-July 30-</p> <p>Jack Underwood, Seattle Representative newspaper man in Washington, D.C. came to call - he has been around the fishing grounds with O'Malley. He is friendly, said everywhere he went he heard only friendly words about my election & thought I was sure to win. Also said he would be glad to assist me in Washington - advised that I work with the Administration - that I could get more for the Territory that way, and I assured him I intended to do just that thing. Said he thought the Hoover administration would receive me friendly & help me - if I acted friendly etc. Said he thought Dan could have accomplished more by friendly & discreet courts etc.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 July 31	<p>-July 31st -</p> <p>Attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon today when the officers of the British vessel "Dauntless" were guests. Was asked to make a 5 minute talk by the chairman - but declined. It was an interesting - ordinarily so - meeting - nothing startling.</p> <p>Telegram from Paul who will come to Juneau on Mondays boat - to meet the Republican candidates and try to get united effort! in answer to my letter of 25th. Gardiner was in and. I asked him <u>not</u> to lose his temper - but to be patient - that we will get Cash Cole & Paul in time - if not the first meeting at a later one He promised. <u>O'Malley called!</u></p>

Diary 40, 1930 July 31	31 continued - O'Malley called & he is in good humor - I told him I would work with him quietly and fairly. Much more can be done by friendly persuasion than by fighting - we can in that way get the canneries, <u>also</u> to give the Indians work. Now they will not employ Indians - but if the fighting can be quieted - we can get them to employ <u>all</u> the Indians - and that will be the end of the war! All the Indians want is work & fair pay, & I feel sure the canneries can be induced to do that - <u>now</u> . They are tired of the constant threat of war & menaced taxes. "Peace," sounds good to them.
Diary 40, 1930 August 1-3	August 1, 1930. In the office as usual. We will attend the public reception at the Governors tonight - in honor of the officers of the British vessel -the " <u>Dauntless</u> ". It was a fine reception! -2 nd - Paying monthly bills. Judge Clegg, from Fairbanks, called while the boat going south was in port - talked over politics in Fairbanks country - it looks good he thinks. -3d - I was greatly pleased this morning to receive notice through the mail that the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had <u>reversed</u> the judgment of the
Diary 40, 1930 August 3-4	3 District Court - Judge hill - in the case of Pond, et. al. <u>vs.</u> Goldstein, No 6033 - etc. Hill held against us & threatened to take away the Pond Building & give it to Goldsteins - a great wrong - & we have now secured reversal & saved Pond's property - worth \$15,000. - about all he had. -4 th - As usual at work in the office - Have just read " <u>Uncle Sam's Attic</u> ," - Mrs. Mary Lee Davis' new book. It is the best book yet published description of Alaska. She is a good writer - & has a statesman's view of the needs of the Territory.
Diary 40, 1930 August 5	-5 th - Have just received official copy of the Opinion in the Pond case - it holds Mrs. Ponds claim to a half interest in the property valid - & the lease to Winter

	& Pond Co. also, but leaves the matter of fraud on Pond - for his 1/2 interest open for a new trial - not quite as satisfying as I would like it to be. W ^m L. Paul, candidate for the Legislature came in about 11 oclock - he talks all right & I think it possible now to get unity among the Republican candidates. Paul had dinner with us - he seems in good faith to desire a friendly organization & support by all candidates of the Republican party.
Diary 40, 1930 August 6	-6 th - The Republican nominees for office - Tom Gardiner, Walstein G. Smith, Cash Cole, Grover C. Winn, Walter Scott, W ^m L. Paul, and myself, met in my office this afternoon to consider how many of us will support the Republican ticket at the election in November. I stated the purpose of the meeting and declared my intention to support honestly and fairly any Republican candidate present. Paul wanted to know what assurance Gardiner, Scott & their friends would give that they would also support the ticket - including himself. They both gave positive promise that they would work united with the group - Winn & Smith gave same assurance.
Diary 40, 1930 August 6-7	6 Cash Cole was insisted on for the security from those whom he called "the other crowd" before consenting to support them. Cash is a "grouch"! We adjourned after an hour's talk, to meet again on Friday afternoon. We made some headway. Grace "pulled off" a bridge party today - & says it went nicely - she is pleased about it. -7 th - Same as usual in the office. We are to have Rec. C.E. Rice & wife, Miss Mary Carnahan.
Diary 40, 1930 August 8	-8 th - Aug 9, 1930 The Republican nominees for Territorial Legislature met with myself, Treas. Smith, Auditor Cole - we finally all agreed to support each other & the whole Republican ticket & abandon our factional quarrels. That which did most to bring about harmony was

	<p>a telegram which I received this morning from Lathrop, Rep. Nat. Committeeman, as follows: Cordova, Alaska, Aug. 7, 1930. <u>Hon. James Wickersham, Juneau. Just received your letter on my return to Cordova today stop you ask me a certain question at the close of your letter I unhesitatingly say that I answer your question in the affirmative, I will.</u> A. E. Lathrop.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 8	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>The telegram enabled me to read the last paragraph in my letter of July 17th to Lathrop to the candidates & brought them into line instantly. We then agreed unanimously to support the whole united ticket - so we now have a united party in the First Division & in the Territory - for the first time since 1908! We then agreed to form a Divisional organization, and to meet a week from today - in my office to bring about that organization! In short it now looks as if we will have peace and unity in our Republican organization - at least in this Division - which casts almost as many votes as the other three.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 9-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Sunday - We went with Lockie and Mrs. McKinnon out to visit Mr. & Mrs. Howard B. Stabler, at their cabin beyond Auk Lake - on the beach. Had a pleasant trip, enjoyed the visit, had a good dinner etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>My friend Mike Sullivan – “Big Mike,” has long been working on an oil land project at Yakataga beach, and is no? reorganizing his Guyot Oil Co. He has my old Alaska friend Kruger interested who has secured some S.F. capitalists to back the project. To help Mike out I put in \$100.⁰⁰</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 11-12	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>today, for which I get 1000 shares of stock. Mike owes me another \$100. and he gives me another 1000 shares of stock for that. The Company is stocked for 200,000 shares! Grace & I go to see a local play “The Hoodoo”</p>

	<p>tonight. -Aug. 12th - [clipping] ALASKAN TRIP. Two destroyers of the Battle Fleet, U.S.S. Wasmuth and U.S.S. Perry, will leave Seattle, Wash., Aug 12 with the select committee appointed by the Senate to investigate the Alaskan railroad and its prospects. The party will include Senator Robert B. Howell, Senator John B. Kendrick and Senator John Thomas. Rear Admiral Robert E. Coontz, United States Navy, retired, who has been ordered to active duty temporarily, will accompany the committee, because of his connection with Alaskan matters for 43 years and his particular knowledge of Alaskan waters and harbors. Tom White, from Katalla, came in with Mike Sullivan - he came to Alaska 44 years ago - one of my friends. I am writing a long political letter to Dr. Chase, Cordova - also to Bob Lavery, Fairbanks - in support of Unity & organization.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 12-14	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>[Card] Credentials for Delegate's Watcher United States of America, Territory of Alaska. is hereby duly authorized to act as Watcher at the General Election to be held in the Territory of Alaska on the Fourth day of November, 1930, in pursuance to the provisions of Section 398, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, in the precinct in which he resides, and in the interest and for the undersigned, the Republican Candidate for the office of Delegate from Alaska. [signed by] James Wickersham I am sending out copies of this card to the most distant precincts early, so as to organize my friends. -13th - Same as usual in the office. Have just finished reading “The Education of Henry Adams,” & I think</p>

	<p>he is too full of vanity which he tries unsuccessfully to hide - he is a highly educated failure! -14th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. Writing political letters - Chase, Lavery - Taylor & sending out Watcher's certificates to distant places.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 14	<p>14th – continued.</p> <p>O'Malley, U.S. Supt. Committee of Fisheries came in - I gave him copies of my letter to Capt. Lathrop - to Chase, etc. all urging peace in politics & support of the Hoover administration - and O'Malley - to read. He read them with interest, & we then talked the matters over & he went away with assurance that if I am elected as Delegate I will work in the most friendly way with his friends in Washington and will do what I can to quiet the disputes & troubles that have arisen between Dan, the natives and our faction of the Republican party. He seemed pleased & will write to Lathrop urging him to assist</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 15	<p>-15th -</p> <p>Second meeting of Republican candidates at my office - everything is going smoothly and in a friendly spirit of cooperation. Busy sending out "<u>Credentials for Delegate's Watchers,</u>" Sent those for 4th Division to Charles E. Taylor & wrote him and Lavery fully about what to do: also sent cards for Nome - 2. Div. to A. Polet, my home supporter, with a letter of instruction.</p> <p>The three Senators - Howell of Nebraska, Kendrick of Wyoming and Thomas of Idaho, accompanied by Admiral Coontz, U.S. Navy, retired, will be here at midnight on their own fleet. Will call in morning.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 16	<p>-16th -</p> <p>Missed the Senatorial party upon whom I called at 9. - they had gone at that moment to visit Mendenhall glacier: Wamsley, Sec. Chamber of Commerce informed me I would have a reserved seat at the luncheon on their return.</p> <p>Luncheon at Arcade Restaurant – 12^N. Met everybody, Senator Howell, Thomas & Kendrick, Com. Int. State Commerce, Ry. Frank McManany & Admiralty Coontz talked - Gov. Parks & Henry Roden - Senator Kendrick said that while he had</p>

	<p>never seen the Alaska Ry. he knew all about it - for he had read the statements in the Senate Hearings etc. made by me! -which raised a laugh, of course.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 16	<p>16</p> <p>Parks & Roden both made good speeches - Robertson -presided. The official visitors seemed in full sympathy with Alaska, and I hope for favorable results.</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Judge Clegg Seattle saying "<u>Had satisfactory conference with Mr. Sisson today he goes north on Aleutian and hoped he would see you</u>" Sisson is Asst. Atty. Genl U.S.A. and is coming north to look into fitness of new appointees for judges etc. in Alaska.</p> <p>Sending out more Cards to the Westward & writing letters to my friends</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 17-18	<p>-17th –</p> <p>Sunday: Preparing list of Illustrations for "<u>Old Yukon Trails.</u>" Completed reading "<u>Safari</u>" by Martin Johnson - African animal stories & good reading.</p> <p>-18th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> <p><u>Chas. P. Sisson, Asst. Atty. Genl. will be on the "Aleutian" tonight - she arrives at our wharf about 2 a.m. and I intend to deliver a letter to him with copies of my — letter to Lothrop, and to Chase, and copy of Lothrop's telegram & my platform - to show him that I am working earnestly to bring union to the party & induce general support of the Hoover administration</u> etc.</p> <p>Sent "<u>Credentials for Delegate's Watchers.</u>"</p>
Diary 40, 1930 August 18-19	<p>18</p> <p>out to Dr. Chase for 3rd Division by Tom White of Katalla, with letter of instruction. That covers the coast of the Third - but must send Cards for Railroad belt to Roach, at Anchorage!</p> <p>-19th -</p> <p>Asst. Atty. Genl. Charles P. Sisson, came on the SS. "Aleutian" early this morning & had Marshal White telephone for me - 7 a.m. Came down to the office & met him - White & Stabler were with him - Privately he asked me about Judge Clegg & I told him that Clegg is a competent & honest man.</p>

	He asked me about O'Malley - just to find out my bias - I told him O'Malley was a good man in the right place - also gave Marshal White a good recommendation
Diary 40, 1930 August 19	19 th – continued- I did not urge any candidate - just answered inquiries - but confined myself to presenting him a copy of my letter to Lathrop - his answering telegram - my Platform & a copy of my letter to Dr. Chase & an assurance that I was doing all I could to secure peace and unity in the Republican party in Alaska and the support of President Hoover & his administration & offered my letter to Lathrop & other evidences as surety of my actions. He seemed pleased with the situation - but kept his counsel about appointments to himself. He was pleasant and friendly and wished me success in the fall campaign. His boat left for the westward at 8 a.m.-
Diary 40, 1930 August 20-22	-20 th – Answering correspondence - John H. McGinn, Fairbanks, Sutherland, Wash. W.E. Holmes, Amarillo, Texas, etc. -21 st – Working on illustrations for “ <u>Old Yukon Trails</u> ” Recd. a letter from Chas. W. Vail, Clerk Supreme Court, Springfield saying, “ <u>Pursuant to your request of 31st ultimo, I looked up the record and find that you were admitted to the bar on January 14, 1880.</u> ” -22 nd - Same as usual in the office. Tom Gardiner, candidate for Senator on our ticket tells me the “ <u>Empire</u> ” will have long editorial against us tomorrow.
Diary 40, 1930 August 23-24	-23 rd – Long conference with Hoonah Indians about incorporation of Hoonah town. Even in law Matters they are shrewd, hardheaded, sensible - Like Missourians - you have to “ <u>show me.</u> ” -24 th - <u>My 73rd Birthday.</u> Sunday: Conference with Neal, Postal Inspector, about politics, public buildings, etc. He tells me he

	is working in connection with Sisson. I exhibited my letter to Lathrop, the later telegram agreeing to work in harmony etc. <u>Also told me Lathrop has lost Prestige in Washington by working publicly there with Marquam!</u>
Diary 40, 1930 August 24	24 The Empire in last nights issue tries to stir up the prejudice against the Rep. ticket & especially our candidates for the Legislature, as follows: [clipping] DAILY ALASKA EMPIRE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1930. G.O.P. NOMINEES COMBINE; AGREE ON FALL UNITY Gardner and Scott Agree on Harmony Program with Indian Faction Under the leadership of W.L. Paul, Indian leader of Ketchikan, the Republican candidates of the First Division will this year make a campaign under the slogan of “Vote the Party Ticket Straight.” The dove of peace has descended on these champions of the longtime warring factions of the G.O.P. in this Division and harmony prevails among them. Alliance Is Formed Prejudices such as that against mass voting of the organized Indian element, held up to April 28 last by some of the nominees, and bitter denunciation of everything for which the anti-Indian primary candidates stood have been cast aside. And the pipe of peace has been smoked by the nominees. The breach between the candidates is closed. It may be it is not wholly healed, only time can reveal if it was quieted by a genuine specific or merely lulled into inactivity by the dope makers. Whatever it eventually proves to be, cure or otherwise, it was decided upon at a conference, or series of discussions, a sort of political clinic, held here early this month. Participating in this were Judge Wickersham, nominee for Delegate to Congress; Cash Cole, nominee for Auditor; W. G. Smith,

	<p>nominee for Treasurer; C.T. Gardner, Walter P. Scott, Grover C. Winn and W. L. Paul, all legislative candidates. The only Territorial candidates not present were Joe Ulmer, High Engineer candidate and W.K. Keller, candidate for Commissioner of education, and J.E. Johnson, Ketchikan nominee for the House was the only Divisional office seeker not attending.</p> <p>Promoted by Foster</p> <p>There is no secret about the fact that Frank H. Foster, veteran Third Division politician and legislator, during a recent visit here boosted along the harmony program. In fact, his visit seemed to have been largely politically evangelistic in its tenor. He took his text from the handbook of practical politics and expounded mightily on party fealty and not without result.</p> <p>After convincing his congregation here that the only true road to political heaven was in supporting the Republican candidates from the head of the ticket right down through the entire list, he carried his stirring message to the Ketchikan Garcia. His hopeful words brought Mr. Paul hotfoot to Juneau and Harmony was a fact accomplished.</p> <p>Enmities Are Forgotten</p> <p>And now everything is lovely. Behind the banner of the Grand Old Party march Paul, Wickersham, Gardner, and the other candidates, shoulder to shoulder, sounding their political battle cries alike to the white and Indian phalanxes to "be up and at 'em" – the "em" being their Democratic opponents- in the coming campaign and in Alaska's next battle of ballots in November.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 August 24-25</p>	<p>24</p> <p>[clipping continued]</p> <p>From the candidates' viewpoint this probably looks like very practical politics. Mr. Paul has and can deliver a thousand or more Indian votes to the candidates he favors. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Scott, both of whom were vehemently opposed by the Indian faction in the April primary campaign, and who just as vigorously attacked that element, polled a very heavy white vote. Gardner received</p>

	<p>one of the biggest primary votes ever given any party candidate for Senator in the First Division.</p> <p>Assured of the Indian vote, he and Scott should be certain of election if they can hold intact their primary white vote. And Paul, also, can view the situation hopefully if Messrs. Gardner and Scott can turn their own strength to him.</p> <p>Paul was defeated in the election of 1928, and without the combination as proposed, undoubtedly would have been in a doubtful position in this year's campaign. Gardner's advisers have been fearful that the Indian vote would go to John W. Frame, who is running independent for the Senate, and that it might be sufficient to elect him in a close race between him and the Democratic candidate, Allen Shattuck. No one, at any time, has had any idea that the Democratic nominee would get any Indian votes.</p> <p>Believes Will Win</p> <p>Thus, the G.O.P. strategists have intended to solve two problems in their new alignment of forces. They believe they can assure the election of Paul and also that of Gardner.</p> <p>They also are confident it will go a long way toward bringing victory to the entire ticket. The First Division has the biggest vote of any in the Territory. The ticket that carries it by a heavy majority can afford to lose all the rest of Alaska by small margins and still win. Therefore, harmony in this Division seemed to be most desirable to those seeking office.</p> <p>-25-</p> <p>Same as usual in the office - reports about poll matters coming in good.</p> <p>An informed the Democratic cohorts are so disgusted with Grigsby's drunkenness and general worthlessness that they will not assist him to a campaign fund or in any other way. He seems stranded at Ketchikan for want of support - sorry - but glad.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 August 26-27</p>	<p>-26th -</p> <p>Same - Mrs. Teddy Kettleison, of Sitka took dinner with us this evening.</p> <p>Teddy is Supt. Pioneers home.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>John Rustgard has just returned from his trip to Norway & Germany - he came into my office today, with a big smile on his face and shook hands with me - seemed to be glad to get home & was entirely friendly & sensible. <u>Good.</u> Grace is giving a farewell party - <u>bridge</u> to Mrs. Polly Post, who goes to California this week - the Post Party was a howling success: about 25 old friends - sourdoughs - cards, dancing, & storytelling - a good baked ham dinner.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 August 28-29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-28-</p> <p>As usual in office - politics O.K. Meeting of Taku Erickson - Ashby mining group tonight - things look rather blue - account of general slump in minerals, <u>etc.</u> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Writing political & other letters. Wrote to Mary Lee Davis – “Uncle Sam's Attic” saying hers was best book on Alaska, etc. Telegram to Dr. Chase urging him to get my Credential cards to westward on “Starr.” Meeting of Rep. candidates - Gardner & Al. White. U.S. Marshal, urged organization of Rep. Div. Com: - Gardiner suggested that Lathrop & Faulkner be put in charge!- Cole objected & nothing finally done.</p> </p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 August 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>29th – continued.</u> <u>Intolerance.</u> <u>The Empire had this Story this evening:</u></p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOPE OF FIRST DIVISION LIES IN DEMOCRATS Democratic Committeeman Issues Vigorous Cam- paign Statement</p> <p>Hope of the First Division citizenry desiring liberation from continued political domination by the organized Indian element rests solely on the Democratic -- party, in the opinion of J.J. Connors, National Committeeman for Alaska of that organization. In a statement issued today, he</p>

	<p>pointed to the recently formed alliance of Republican candidates as the basis of his contention. The issue, he declared, is clean-cut. “The alliance of Republican candidates solely for the sake of election,” of that be conceded, “leaves only the Democratic candidates to speak for the people who rallied around Attorney General John Rustgard and his ticket - on which were C.T. Gardner and Walter P. Scott - in the April primary election,” he said.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outlines Territorial Campaign</p> <p>Mr. Connor's comment on the situation in the First Division was part of a general outline of the Democratic campaign program for the entire Territory. It indicated a vigorous drive for votes throughout the Territory for all offices for which there is a party candidate. Home Rule for Alaska will be the keynote of the general campaign. “In its several conventions from time to time, Democracy in Alaska has spoken in unequivocal terms demanding that the Federal Government extend to the people of this Territory the same rights, privileges and responsibilities of governing themselves and administering their resources as was possessed by every other American territory preceding this one,” he declared. “Our candidates are all pledged to work toward that goal, and we are confident it can be achieved if Alaskans will support us. “We are not making any fight on Federal bureaus, because we recognize they are essential under the present system of Government. But we are in earnest in proclaiming the right of Alaskans to administer their game, fur, fisheries and other natural resources which are now under control and direction of Federal authority, and sincere in our purpose to attain that right without further delay.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Need Intelligent Electorate</p> <p>An enlightened, intelligent electorate is necessary for real home rule, said the statement of Mr. Connors. “Voters, in order to understand issues and realize their import, to weight the candidates and parties they represent, must be capable of</p>
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	<p>studying those issues, to read about them in the daily press, to discuss them with their fellows. An electorate that cannot do this, that is dominated by the will of one or two leaders, that votes as a unit oftentimes without being able to read the name of the candidates for whom it votes and without knowledge of the existence of the office at stake, is a very real menace to self-government," he declared.</p> <p>"This fact has been quite generally recognized in Southeast Alaska for several years. Forward looking leaders of both Democratic and Republican parties have recognized that danger and have in the past co-operated in an effort to suppress it. In this movement they have had the hearty support of a great many Alaskans who have aided in the work without thought of party lines.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Success in Sight</p> <p>"For several years the movement has been slowly gathering headway. After almost complete domination by the Indian block in its pri-</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 August 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>mary elections for the past six or eight years, last April, Mr. Gardner and Mr. Scott, running on the Rustgard ticket, and supported by thousands of voters sincerely disturbed by the threat of mass voting to the welfare and progress of Alaska, succeeded in breaking through the barrier. Gardner defeated W.A. Steel, and Scott beat Pete Somer, both candidates of the Indian action. It was an achievement of note, one in which Republican and Democrat alike rejoiced, since it seemed to sound the note of final downfall to mass voting and political dominance in this Division.</p> <p>Since the slate on which these two candidates made the race made the issue plain, the victory was distinctly theirs and the prestige of the Indian faction suffered severely.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Throw Away Fruits</p> <p>"Now for the sake of the very massy vote they formerly denounced, Messrs. Scott and Gardner have thrown away the fruit of their victory. Not only that, but they are openly endeavoring to lead their primary supporters into an alliance with the Indian</p>

	<p>phalanx which they loudly proclaimed to be a menace a few short months ago.</p> <p>"There has been no change in the attitude of the Indian faction and its leaders since the primary election. The issues so far as it is concerned, have not altered, and their leaders continue to be dominant. Every principle for which Gardner and Scott contended and upon which they exhort for votes last April has yet to be achieved. They cannot achieve them under the banner of W.L. Paul and his Indian organization. In the chase of the Indian block vote, they have turned their backs on these principles and broken faith with the voters who made it possible for them to be Republican nominees.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Turn to Democrats</p> <p>"It is significant that, faced with defeat in the general election by reason of their primary losses, the Indians did not turn to the Democratic party for an alliance to save them from a November disaster. Undoubtedly they were aware that such an offer would have been promptly rejected. Our organization does not differentiate between a white vote and an Indian vote from a racial standpoint. But it does distinguish between a vote that is bossed and directed, and one that is cast freely for candidates of its own choosing, and with a clear understanding of all the principles and issues involved.</p> <p>"Therefore, to avert political obliteration, they made overtures to those men they had opposed so bitterly in April and brought about an alliance of candidates under a specious plea of 'party harmony.'</p> <p>"This, necessarily, leaves the Democratic party and its candidates the only hope for the Division. These candidates, in good faith, are standing upon a platform that is identical with that upon which Messrs. Gardner and Scott made their primary race, but which they have abandoned in order to get the 1,000 or more boss-ridden Indian voters of the Division.</p> <p>While the public may not quite understand the fact</p>
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	is that the Empire “butted in” and fought our action in the Rep. primary election - boosted Gardiner & Scott, Rustgard, & now finds itself unable to support Gardner. Scott against Shattuck & Juddson, &
Diary 40, 1930 August 29-31	29 is now obliged to get out of its own trouble & does it by maligning both Gardner & Scott! It cannot support both Gardner (Rep.) & Shattuck (Demo.) for Senator - so it abuses Gardner & Scott. -30 th - Political correspondence. -31 st - Letter from Frank Ester suggesting organization of Republican platform - Lathrop to be the head - apparently - but Frank in reality. Cash Cole saw me in the office & protests most vigorously against the scheme of the Lathrop-Foster-Faulkner crowd to get entire control of organization & thereby to <u>be</u> the Rep. party in Alaska, we to get the votes - <u>I agree with him.</u>
Diary 40, 1930 September 1	<u>September 1, 1930.</u> As usual in the office, though it is <u>Labor Day</u> , when most men loaf, because it is holiday. Cash Cole came in to grouch about politics. <u>Poor Cash he cannot & will not do team work in political matters.</u> Sent for Gardner & asked him not to urge Faulkner as head of our combination of two former fighting factions - not before meeting of the Legislature next March - anyway. I told him I was afraid it would scare out supporters & probably add to his troubles. He agreed to my suggestion & will, himself - at my request act as the head of our organization of candidates.
Diary 40, 1930 September 2	-Sept. 2- Larry Sullivan came into my office nearly 3 years ago - & has roomed at my house for nearly two years - he leaves tonight to become Asst. Dist. Attorney in Third Division. He had dinner with us this evening. We regret his departure, for he is a bright, honest, studious young man, & ought to become a leading man in Alaska, if he remains here. Meeting of the group of Taku miners interested in

	the Erickson - Ashby group of lode mines situated on the south side of the Taku river opposite the Tulsequah - We are paying up on our summers work - making affidavits of assessment work etc.
Diary 40, 1930 September 3-6	-3 rd - Stockholders meeting Admiralty Island Coal Co - to consider our excessive debt - nothing done but talk - adjourned to meet again Sept. 17 - to talk again. It seems to me if anything is done to relieve the Co. it will be done by Lerch! -4- Busy as usual in the office. -5 th - Working on law cases in court today. Tried Cooday v Cooday - for us. -6 th - <u>Sent my Ms. “Old Yukon Trails” to J.E. Erickson, 1514 3d Ave. Seattle, who will attempt to get it published by Fleming H. Revell Co.</u>
Diary 40, 1930 September 7-8	-7 th - Sunday - Answering correspondence in the office. The S.E. Alaska Stir has just concluded - last night. Not much of a Fair, but it affords the people a chance to meet & visit, <u>etc.</u> The display of flowers, and items of home made materials was good -8 th - Recd. telegram from W. H. Holmes, from San Angelo, Texas, Sept. 7-8, 1930 Hon. James Wickersham, Juneau Republican State Convention here Tuesday please wire R.B. Creager wishing party success incidentally mention me. W. H. Holmes. To which I replied as follows Juneau, Alaska, Sep 8, 1930 Hon. R.B. Creager, Care Republican
Diary 40, 1930 September 8	8 state Convention, San Angelo, Texas. Republicans in Alaska send greetings to the Republican State Convention in Texas stop many Texans in Alaska both Republicans and bully good citizens stop we were greatly pleased that you nominated an Alaskan for Governor two years ago stop you honor us when you honor W.H. Holmes stop we wish you a rousing convention satisfactory

	<p>nominations a Hoover platform and success in November.</p> <p>James Wickersham Republican candidate for Delegate to Congress from Alaska.</p> <p>Foxy "Doc" has something up his sleeve - I am glad to have been able to assist him - & hope he gets what he wants out of it.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 September 9	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Tried another small case today & got a judgment for my client, & \$75⁰⁰ for my services. Recd. letter from Dan Sutherland saying he will be here in a few days & ready to go to the Interior for me. I will ask him to follow upon Grigsbys track & spoil George's game as far as possible.</p> <p>Recd. a letter from W.H. (Doc) Holmes, my Texas friend - enclosing a check for \$100.⁰⁰ addition to my campaign fund. I am really pleased that I got my telegram off to the Texas Sate Convention yesterday! Boats in today & many friends came up to call - Bartley Howard reported that Lathrop is o.k. etc.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 September 10	<p style="text-align: center;">-Sep. 10, 1930.-</p> <p><u>Emory Valentine, old timer in Juneau, died last night.</u></p> <p>W^m L. Paul, of Ketchikan, candidate for the Legislature on the Republican ticket - Indian boss - is here & will take dinner with me this evening - <u>Later: we had a meeting of the candidates tonight, and started a campaign fund - we each put up \$100. a piece, & Tom Gardner was made the treasurer & will make collections & pay out the money for boat hire, halls, printing, and other necessary expenses for the divisional fight. Of course we Territorial candidates are in on the fund & will travel with the local candidates.</u></p>
Diary 40, 1930 September 11-12	<p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Recd telegram from Sutherland saying "<u>Seattle, Wash. Sep. 11, '30.</u> <u>James Wickersham, Juneau, Alaska,</u> <u>Sailing on Rodgers today tell Mike,</u> <u>Dan Sutherland.</u></p> <p>He is coming just at the right time. I will try and persuade him to go on & follow up Grigsby!</p>

	<p style="text-align: right;">-12th</p> <p>As usual in answering correspondence. Tonight I went over to Douglas, on the invitation of Billy Ferro, Dept. U.S. Marshal, & attended a rousing meeting of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The worthy Grand President – Proctor of Elkhart, Ind. was present & spoke - <u>Good Meeting.</u></p>
Diary 40, 1930 September 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Raining - as usual - at work in the office!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p><u>Emory Valentine buried today. He was a strong character - but never could do team work - he had to control matters or he would not engage in any enterprise - he was, in some ways, - an outlaw - but always had a gentle side for those in distress.</u></p> <p>Recd telegram from Sutherland from Ketchikan this evening saying "<u>Will be on Yukon bound for Seward & Fairbanks.</u>"</p> <p>I am sorry that he will not stop off in Juneau.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 September 15	<p style="text-align: center;">-15th -</p> <p>Sent Dan telegram saying: "<u>Disappointed if you cannot stop over at least one boat stop We have room ready for you important to consult before going westward answer.</u></p> <p>Recd. reply as follows: "<u>Booked through on Yukon and hoped you would be going along stop Feel that time is short for interior work stop plan to be with you while Yukon is in Juneau.</u>"</p> <p>John P. Hartman is here today on Rodgers, says he had long talk with Dan, who is both friendly & will work actively in Interior for me & the whole Republican ticket. I feared he would be impatient</p>
Diary 40, 1930 September 15-16	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>and maybe sour because of my efforts to consolidate Republican factions – our opponents are his enemies as well as mine, but Dan never forgives or compromises & I feared he would not approve my plans – but Hartman declares he does approve. I hope so, but his refusal to stop over sounds ominous.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> <p>Dan Sutherland came on the SS. Yukon at 3 oclock this afternoon - took dinner with me - at the</p>

	home. Showed him my letter to Lathrop & talked to him about making peace with the faction which has always opposed us & he approved. He is visiting around & will go west on Yukon tonight.
Diary 40, 1930 September 16	-16 th continued- I was greatly relieved when Dan said we did quite right in combing with the Republican faction which has always fought us - He will make the campaign for me to the westward, Cordova, Seward to Fairbanks - Seldovia & Kodiak, and I am grateful to him for that assistance. We had a meeting of the Stockholders of the Admiralty Island Coal Co tonight. Better spirit prevailed - also made an option to Smith & Buchanan to sell the property for \$75,000 - but these men are wholly unknown & do not look any too good to me. Still its a short option and might be better than it looks. Henry Roden went to Fairbanks on business - on the boat with Dan.
Diary 40, 1930 September 16-17	16 [clipping] The Republican Party of Alaska presents the following Candidates at the General Election, November 4, 1930: For Delegate to Congress – James Wickersham For Treasurer – Walstein G. Smith For Auditor – Cash Cole For Commissioner of Education – W.K. Keller Fro Territorial Highway Engineer – Joseph Ulmer {3 rd Division} (Divisional Officers) For Senator – Robert S. Bragaw For Representatives – Cal M. Brosius, of Seward Frank H. Foster, of Cordova Joseph H. Murray, of Cordova L.D. Roach, of Anchorage -17 th - Working in sending out political letters etc. to distant precincts

Diary 40, 1930 September 18-20	-18 th – Dan went on to westward points on the Yukon - I wrote a nice letter to Mrs. Sutherland about his good appearance - physically - for has been ailing this summer. Busy sending letters & Platforms to the distant precincts. -19 th – Same as yesterday. Tom Gaffney - Demo, candidate for Auditor against Cash Cole, Rep. has arrived in Juneau and is stopping every body on the streets - shaking hands & telling 'em what a hell of a feller he is. -20 th - Sending out political letters - Grace is writing them for me on the typewriter
Diary 40, 1930 September 21-24	-21 st – Sunday – sending out political letters – Grace is typing them. -22 nd – Same as yesterday. Miss Scheibel began work in the office as typist. -23 rd – Same as yesterday. -24 th - Same as yesterday. Sending a letter to each voter - say 4 to 6, in each outlying precinct from Nome to Circle, and in 3rd & 4th Divisions together with printed copy of my Platform & announcement sent out before the spring primary. Trying to reach a few friends in <u>every one</u> of the northern precincts.
Diary 40, 1930 September 25	-25 th - The Seward Gateway of Sep. 6 has a Scare Head Article written by one Don Carlos Brownell, advocating the abandonment of the Government Railroad, and turning it into a truck road – tearing up the rails – widening the grade & making it into an automobile road. The Gateway give it prominent space – first page – scare heads – approval & adopts the plan!! It is an amazing thing for the Gateway to do – and I am interested in noting the reaction. Also wrote to Jensen, editor of the Gateway & sent him cut & am advertisement – with \$25 ⁰⁰ , in which Ad & denounced to plan of “tearing up the

	rails etc.” Also sent ad & \$25. to L.F. Paul, Petersburg, Alaskan.
Diary 40, 1930 September 26-27	-26 th – Same as yesterday. -27 th - Still writing letters - political copy - to my friends, acquaintances & strangers throughout the Territory. Have written nearly 2000 personal letters - & none to First Division - S.E. Alaska. All to the Nome, Fairbanks & Valdez Division precincts - I intend to make the rounds of the precincts in the First - Juneau Division & speak to the people personally. With Sutherland out on the Railroad precincts - where I was in April - it seems to me the situation is pretty well covered - much better than usual, anyway.
Diary 40, 1930 September 27-28	-27 th – Meeting of the Ter. & Div. candidates at my office for the discussion of the political situation. Nothing much of interest. -28 th - <u>Sunday. E.J. (Stroller) White, the editor of Strollers Weekly, died this morning. He is one of the oldest newspaper men in Alaska began on the Alaskan in Skagway in 1898, - or '99, thence to Dawson, Whitehorse, Douglas & Juneau. He was a kind soul and one of the best story tellers in Alaska.</u> [clipping] Asks O.M. Kinney For Old Time Alaskan Newspapers Judge James Wickersham Is Gathering Alaska Newspapers to be Part of His History of Territory, for University
Diary 40, 1930 September 28	28 [clipping continued] Alaska history is being compiled by Judge James Wickersham, of Juneau, by gathering copies of old newspapers which have been published in the territory since the beginning of the civilization in that section of the globe. Through these newspapers Judge Wickersham expects to gather data which, when verified by certain old

	“sourdoughs”, will complete his history. In a letter to O.M. Kinney, one of the publishers of the Whitefish Independent, Judge Wickersham asked if Mr. Kinney would he able to give certain data which he has lacking at the time. Mr. Kinney was a newspaper publisher in Alaska for about 16 years, leaving there in 1916 when he came to Polson. During his time in Alaska, Mr. Kinney was identified in many different towns where he either started or continued the publication of papers! Mr. Kinney’s son Claude, now deceased, was also an Alaska publisher, and at the age of 16. On one of his visits to Alaska, Rex Beach became acquainted with the boy while he was editing “The Alaskan” at Cordova. Rex Beach wrote a very lengthy article for the Saturday Evening Post about the boy and his paper, which appeared during the summer of 1906, and which very ably described the newspapers of Alaska, and under what handicaps the publishers were working. Judge Wickersham was sent by the United States government to Alaska as judge. He later served at representative of territory at Washington, D.C., for a number of terms. He is at present practicing law at Juneau. As a hobby he is compiling this history, which he expects to leave in the library of the Alaska Agriculture College and School of Mines. Judge Wickersham and O.M. Kinney were personal friends and together hope to supply some data which seems to be missing, as will be noted in the following letter: Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 6, 1930. Otto M. Kinney, Whitefish, Mont. Mr. Dear Mr. Kinney: As one old sourdough to another I want to talk to you about old Alaska newspapers. In the early days you worked on newspapers in this territory- the “Alaska Daily Guide” Skagway, issued from 1900 to April 30, 1905, 5 columns, four pages, daily except Monday, O.M. Kinney, editor etc., (2) “Alaska-Yukon Mining Journal,” Skagway, monthly, February of 1901 to April 1902, 2 columns, 30 pages, H.C. Diers, editor, O.M. Kinney manager.
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	<p>(3) "The Diamond Drill, Katalla, established 1907, weekly, O.M. Kinney and son, editors and publishers, no data. Your son, Claude, and Tad Hillery were publishers of the "Alaskan" at Cordova, June 6, 1906 to October 27, 1907, and I think until June 27, 1908, after which the paper was sold and became the Cordova Daily Alaska.</p> <p>This information I get from a book entitled, Bibliography of Alaskan Literature, 1724-1924, prepared by myself and printed by the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, and the point to this long statement is that I want to know if you {have} or your son has any files or copies of these or any other Alaska papers. For some years I have been making a special collection of books about Alaska, of books, pamphlets, newspapers etc. which I intend to preserve and leave to the Future University of Alaska. I have accumulated the largest amount of such material for that use, and I hope if you have any such that I may get them for that public use.</p> <p>Wont you please write to me and tell me if you have fortunately saved even a few copies of those old papers?</p> <p>I have a half dozen copies of the Guide and a specimen or two of the Mining Journal, but not a single copy of the Diamond Drill, and I very much wish to get additional copies of each. They may not have been specially worth saving at the time they were published but in the years to come they add to the value of such a collection. Such a library {collection} in the future University of Alaska will greatly add to its library and I will thank you if you can assist me, even with a few copies in making up my files.</p> <p>Anyway please write to me and tell me what you have left, if anything, out of your early Alaska newspaper efforts,</p> <p>Sincerely yours, James Wickersham</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 September 29- October 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th –</p> <p>In the office as usual. Raining like a flood.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th –</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Our Rep. candidates met yesterday afternoon & today also. We are trying to</p>

	<p>raise the funds necessary to pay our campaign printing bills & for a boat for 20 days trip around the towns & villages in S.E. Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oct. 1, 1930.</p> <p>As usual in the office. Gardner reports that he cannot get the money to employ the Virginia - Rutherford's Mill boat to take us around to the town & villages - it will cost \$1000.⁰⁰ and that seems too much - we cannot raise that much for that purpose.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 October 1-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Republican First Division Platform - o -</p> <p>We, the undersigned candidates for election as Senator and Representatives to the Legislature in the first Division, Territory of Alaska, on the Republican ticket, do hereby pledge ourselves if elected, to support the following among other principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To work with and support President Hoover and his administration in friendly cooperation in all matters for the welfare of the Territory. 2. To aid in, and encourage, the investment of capital in the development and fair utilization of the natural resources of the Territory. 3. To obtain such legislation as will leave the fisheries of Alaska open only to bona fide residents of Alaska. 4. To secure the enactment of an adequate community property law. 5. To provide needy Pioneers of both sexes and afford relief for indigent widows and orphans 6. To give preference to applicants for clerical employment who have been bona fide continuous residents in Alaska for one year or more. 7. To require all available supplies needed by Territorial activities to be purchased within the Territory from residents thereof. 8. To provide proper supervision over the expenditures and accounts of all Territorial offices. 9. To provide for uniform purchase of supplies for Territorial offices under control of aboard of elected officials. 10. To establish convenient and necessary

	<p>airports.</p> <p>11. To Encourage actual prospectors by aiding them with transportation.</p> <p>12. To maintain the fish hatchery at Ketchikan for experimental purposes</p> <p>13. To continue reasonable appropriations for restocking program of game and fur-bearing animals and for control of predatory animals.</p> <p>14. To secure a survey of the schools of the Territory by some competent authority so the Legislature my work intelligently in getting the greatest benefit to our children out of the \$1,000,000 now appropriated by each Legislature for schools.</p> <p>15. To aid in the construction of the International Highway through British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, into Alaska, and its connections with our present system of highways.</p> <p>We respectfully solicit the support of the voters of the First Division at the election of November 4, 1930, upon these pledges.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DIVISIONAL CANDIDATES</p> <p>For Territorial Senator: C.T. (Tom) Gardner, Juneau</p> <p>For Territorial Representatives: J.E. JOHNSON (Ketchikan) WILLIAM L. PAUL (Ketchikan) W.P. SCOTT (Juneau) GROVER C. WINN (Juneau)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TERRITORIAL CANDIDATES</p> <p>For Delegate to Congress: JAMES WICKERSHAM (Juneau)</p> <p>For Territorial Treasurer: W. G. SMITH (Juneau)</p> <p>For Territorial Auditor: CASH COLE (Juneau)</p> <p>For Highway Engineer: JOSEPH ULMER (Fairbanks)</p> <p>For Territorial Commissioner of Education: W. K. KELLER (Juneau)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Oct. 2nd -</p> <p>Asst. Atty Genl. C.F. Sisson is here - came in on</p>
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	<p>early boat & will remain until late this afternoon. Recd</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 2	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>letters from Dan Sutherland from Fairbanks & Curry - says I do not need to come in there again - that Grigsby is working & making speeches, but not dangerous - So I will not go into the Interior, but will make my campaign here in S.E. Alaska.</p> <p>Atty-Asst. Genl Sisson came in and we had a very satisfactory talk about men & appointments in Alaska. I gave Stabler & Mike Sullivan each a strong recommendation - showed him my letter to Sutherland about Stabler - which seemed to interest him. I think he looks with favor on Stabler - <u>maybe for Judge!</u> He asked me for a copy of my Bibliography which I presented to him with my compliments.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 2-3	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>He assured me that Capt. Lathrop was supporting me politically in good faith, and declared I would be elected by a big majority! Good, if true.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Usual Friday meeting of Republican Candidates at my office - all but Cash Cole, for Auditor, who will not come. Recd. copy of letter written by W^m L. Paul to Cash, trying faithfully to keep him loyal to the party and candidates - but my judgment is that we cannot expect any thing from Cash but complaints & disloyalty. Smith, Treas, Gardner, Sen. Winn, Rep. & I have agreed to go on the boat on 11th to Skagway, Haines & Sitka - & probably on till the end of the campaign.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 4-5	<p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> <p>Reports about political conditions come in satisfactory - it is generally conceded that will be elected - that the whole Republican ticket will be elected! Faulkner & his friends here in Juneau, who have generally been opposed to Dan & myself are apparently supporting me now.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Sunday - reading & making notes that may be</p>

	<p>useful if I can get up courage enough to write history of Alaska. Just now I am studying Catherine I. wife of Peter the Great. Just read "The Last Full Measure," by Mrs. Morrow - a study of the conspiracy to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. Also reading Baron Wrangells surveys along the Russian Arctic Ocean shores.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 6-8	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Answering correspondence, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Working busily on political matters. Telegrams to Anchorage Times & Cordova Times to publish my cut & adv. Sent Louis F. Paul, Alaskan paper one Hundred (\$100.) by mail. Elizabeth M. is a poor orphan girl and was taken into a family here - they are "down & out." Elizabeth is engaged to be married & Grace is giving her a "shower" tonight - that is she has invited her own friends to come to our house & meet Elizabeth & give her - each, something that will be of value to the girls household, supplies etc., a common thing these days.</p>
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	<p>Rule for Alaska, and secured the passage of the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, creating the Alaska Legislature. I will support Self-Government in Alaska game, fur and fisheries, and full Territorial Government by the people of Alaska. I will support to the Last Ditch the continued economical operation of the Alaska Railroad and oppose "tearing up the rails." JAMES WICKERSHAM</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 9-10	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Same as yesterday. We have made final arrangements to go to Skagway, Haines & Sitka, on the SS. Rogers, on Monday - Paul and Johnson have telegraphed saying they would come on the Rogers & make the trip with us. Grace gave a dinner last night - Chas. Settlemier, long the editor of the Dawson News, Tom Gardner & wife and Mifs Isnal schoolteacher were with us. Candidates all met this afternoon & to my surprise Cash Cole came - good as pie - & will go with us on the Rogers Monday. He has lucid intervals!</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 1-13	<p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Sending out political printed matter - large card with my cut - and list of all candidates, our platform & sample ballots, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Sunday. Our boat will be here tonight sometime - about midnight. We have all of our campaigning literature ready to mail & Kellar will attend to it here - he will not go with us on the boat - Left Juneau at midnight on the "Rogers" for Haines & Skagway.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Arrived in Haines before noon. Had two hours & we visited every business house & talked with</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 13	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>everybody we could get to listen to us. Made a pretty thorough canvass & left Haines satisfied that we had lost nothing by our failure to hold a public meeting. Left for Skagway - arrived there at 4 oclock & we were met by a committee of our friends with a large automobile - we went to the</p>

	Railroad shops & met Howard Ashley - foreman of the shops & were introduced to many of the men. Then back to town there we called on business men & residents until the boat left at 6 ³⁰ p.m. We are sorry not to have had a meeting, but Keller, Ashley, Semler, Hearn & many more assured us of the support of the town.
Diary 40, 1930 October 14	-14 th - Awoke this morning to find the Rogers at the cannery wharf at Hoods Bay on the west Coast of Admiralty Island. Early this forenoon left Hood Bay for Sitka - through beautiful Peril Strait - Clear weather yesterday & today - with north wind blowing - Arrived in Sitka at 5 ³⁰ evening - we all went to the Johnson's cafe & had our dinner, then over to call on the Kettleson's. Also went with Teddy through the Pioneers Home & shook hands with old Pioneers. Our meeting was held in the Coliseum Theater - crowded full & a fine meeting. Grover C. Winn acted as Chairman - W ^m L. Paul
Diary 40, 1930 October 14-15	14 was our first speaker - Tom Gardner, second, & I last. I talked loudly & rapidly but said little - though I took the last ten minutes to deliver an eulogy on Frank A. Aldrich, who died here in the Pioneers home about two weeks ago & is buried in the Pioneer cemetery. Our meeting was quite a success - we think. -15 th - We left Sitka at 7 a.m. for Juneau. No stop - no meeting - good sleep. Arrived at Juneau at 10 p.m. Clear & a heavy cold wind blowing. Went to home with Grace, changed my clothes, etc. & went to the office & boat: Left Juneau at midnight.
Diary 40, 1930 October 16-17	-16 th - Arrived at Petersburg at 10. a.m. Took room at the Arctic Hotel & visited around town all day. Went out to Scow Bay with candidates. Invited to dinner by W ^m L. Pauls mother - rooms in rear Presbyterian Church - enjoyed it very much. McGregor's movie theater tonight. We will hold our public meeting tomorrow evening. -17 th -

	Visited the business men of Petersburg today walked out to the water tank - saw 5 or 6 "jacksnipes" running on the ground in a yard, etc. Held our Republican meeting tonight: Gardner, Paul & I talked - a good meeting & a big crowd.
Diary 40, 1930 October 17	-17 th continued. Paul made an excellent speech - Gardner stumbled along & said nothing. They left me but little time - When I arose my bladder was full & began to annoy me & before I was half done I was in pain - grew nervous from the fear of losing the urine - some did flow & my distress spoiled my control of my voice, and checked my speech. I closed quicker than I intended - the audience did not notice my condition - but how relieved I was to quit & hurry to the urinal! I walked too much during the day, probably. We candidates all attended the public dance at the Sons of Norway Hall - Cash & Mrs. Cole, Gardner and Johnson danced - the rest of us looked on.
Diary 40, 1930 October 18-19	-18 th - We have had beautiful clear, windy & cool weather for several days - it was such when we went into the Theater last night - though sensibly getting warmer when we came out of the Theater at 11 o'clock p.m. it was snowing! This morning there is a foot or more of snow on the level ground & still snowing. It quit about noon & seems now about to rain - foggy & warm - Alaska Day - stores closed and we have rested, slept and smoked. I am smoking too many cigars! -19 th - Our candidate group left Petersburg at 9 a.m. on the small
Diary 40, 1930 October 19-21	19 boat "Tasmania," and arrived at Wrangell at 3 p.m. - took rooms at Grant's Hotel. -20 th - Visiting business men in Town - Bishop Rowe is here. -21 st - Attended meeting of Chamber of Commerce luncheon, & short talks. We all talked 5 minutes - Bishop Rowe & others &

	<p>each of our candidates. We held our Republican Meeting tonight at the Coliseum Theater - Good crowd - all 6 of our candidates spoke - I last, as usual. It was a very satisfactory meeting. Wrangell looks safe enough.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 21-22	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Visiting around town talking to people - We are told the SS. "Norco" will be here late this evening & we will probably go to Ketchikan on her. raining. -22nd -</p> <p>We left Wrangell last night on the Norco, and reached <u>Ketchikan</u> this morning at 6 a.m. Went to bed and slept till 9 - we could not get rooms on the Norco - only bunks & it was very uncomfortable. Our party was invited to lunch with the Chamber of Commerce - as usual - we all spoke 5 minutes. People here seem friendly and I think our party ticket will have a majority here.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 23-24	<p style="text-align: center;">-23d-</p> <p>We held our Ketchikan meeting at the Coliseum this evening. Good crowd - better attention & a successful meeting - about 400 people present. J.E. Johnson acted as chairman, & G.C. Winn spoke first, all for a short time. Paul took most of the time & I closed for an hour! -24th -</p> <p><u>Sent in my report of expenditures, etc.</u> We are visiting business men, etc. Went over to Metlakatla this afternoon to speak to the Indians. Found them in the midst of a carnival - we spent some money at Carnival Games, etc. I spoke for 5 minutes only & we returned to Ketchikan.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 25	<p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>We returned from our trip to Metlakatla about midnight last night & caught the SS. "Farragut" for Juneau - Arrived Wrangell at 2 p.m. and spent an hour there visiting our friends: Reached Petersburg about 7 p.m. and visited until midnight. Called at printing of the Alaskan - Cash Cole, candidate for Auditor has been unjustly and maliciously criticizing everybody on our ticket - except Paul - whom he toady's too like a lickspittle.</p>

	<p>I had a quarrel with him for his actions - it may quiet him some - at least until the election on the 4th. He is an arrogant ass - I am "fed up" on him & want no more.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 26-27	<p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>Sunday - We reached Juneau at noon - and I am now at home again & reading Grigsbys criticisms of myself - about what I expected - nothing new & not serious! However my friends think he made an impression & that I must answer it fully. -27th -</p> <p>Grigsby declared I did not oppose the Sec. 27 Merchant Marine Act, and I am sending Senator Jones a night letter telegram recalling my appearance before the Com. & asking him to send me a telegram stating the facts.</p> <p>[Wickersham, wrote over the above entry on this page in red ink] Debbie and I were married at Rochester, Ill. 50 years ago today. <u>James Wickersham</u></p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 28-30	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Busy in political work. We will hold our Republican Rally Thursday evening (30th) at the Palace Theater & I am busy on my speech. Grigsby made a strong speech against me & I must make a strong one in reply. -29th -</p> <p>Working on my speech and talking to people who drop in - -30th -</p> <p>Preparing my speech for tonight. Much interest among candidates for this town is doubtful & we are anxious to make a good impression.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 October 30	<p style="text-align: center;">-30th continued -</p> <p>At our meeting tonight in the Palace theater we had a big crowd and our speaking went off in good shape. I spoke an hour and a half - and am not at all satisfied with what I did and said. I was at the end of the list of speakers and felt hurried and did not close up my arguments satisfactorily - & yet it was the best meeting we have had in our campaign. After the meeting our managers sent</p>

	<p>out full telegraphic reports to all points in the Territory. We think we did much good & gained votes and confidence. Competent persons say we had more than double audience that Grigsby had.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 October 31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31st</p> <p>The Empire gave us a good, fair statement & report of our meeting last night - in its todays issue:</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REPUBLICANS STATEPOLICIES AT RALLY HERE Judge Wickersham Replies to Criticisms and Cites his Record</p> <p>Republican candidates in he Palace Theatre last evening held the first and only meeting planned by them for Juneau in the present campaign. Before a large and partly sympathetic audience, which at times manifested approval by applause, their spokesmen for the occasion outlined their party's policies, replied to Democratic attacks and solicited support at the polls next Tuesday.</p> <p>Judge James Wickersham, nominee for Congress, delivered the principal address. He was preceded by Grover C. Winn, who acted as chairman of the gathering, and W.P. Scott, both candidates for Territorial Representatives. Mr. Winn reviewed the careers of all the Republican nominees. He emphasized the legislative record of William L. Paul, Ketchikan Indian, who seeks a seat in the Territorial House of Representatives. Mr. Paul was lauded for initiating enactments in behalf of public schools. Mr. Scott explained that in the primary he had opposed the Paul group, but that as he had entered the Republican primary as a Republican, he was morally and politically bound to support its nominees and that he was glad to do so.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Inequitable Representation</p> <p>"It is to the interest of the First Division to elect the Republican Territorial ticket and to the interest of the Territory to send a Republican Delegate to Congress," declared Judge Wickersham. "Each of</p>

	<p>the four divisions will elect four Territorial Representatives. In the Fourth Division there are no Democratic legislative candidates, so its representatives will be Republicans. In the Third Division, there are only two Democratic candidates, so at least two of its Representatives will be Republicans. In the Third Division, there is only one Democratic candidate so at least three of its Representatives will be Republicans. Therefore in the next Legislature, of sixteen Representatives, there are sure to be at least nine Republicans, a majority. If the First Division's delegation is not entirely Republican-for instance, if two are Democrats-the Division will be merely a cipher.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must Be Corrected</p> <p>"This Division with 6,000 votes has half the votes in the Territory. Its legislative representation is no larger than the Second Division's with only 600 votes. This disparity in representation must be corrected, but until it is corrected, Juneau and the rest of the First Division should make the most of their opportunities, and this can be done only by electing the Republican Legislative ticket.</p> <p>"I urge your support also for all the other Republican Territorial candidates.</p> <p>"At the seat of the Federal Government in Washington, D.C., the Territory needs a representative in sympathy with the National Administration. If I should be elected Delegate to Congress, I shall be a supporter of President Hoover, and as such will be in position to do effective work for Alaska. If</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 October 31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>[clipping continued]</p> <p>George B. Grigsby, Democratic candidate, should be elected, he will oppose the President's policies and quite naturally, as an opponent of the Administration will be unable to enlist its support or gain its favor for his own policies."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Personal Habits Criticised</p> <p>Judge Wickersham caustically criticised the personal habits of Mr. Grigsby, and asserted that when the latter was in Congress for a full term, lacking three days, he did not introduce a single</p>

Two Other Criticisms

Judge Wickersham alluded to criticisms of his opposition to the Beveridge Bill, which proposed a legislative commission for Alaska, and to the Alexander Bill, which contemplated taking from the Territory the right to tax fisheries and canneries.

"The Beveridge Bill," Judge Wickersham said, "would have vested the power of legislation in a commission of nine to be appointed by the President. It was the antithesis of home rule. It was favored by President Taft and by Gen. W.P. Richardson. I was sorry then and am sorry now that I had to oppose Gen. Richardson, but I could not do otherwise then and would not do otherwise now in the same circumstances. I believe in legislation by a Legislature elected by the people of Alaska.

Taxing Power Destroyed

"The Alexander Bill would have taken from the Territory and vested in the Federal government the right to levy fishery and cannery taxes. This taxation right is about the only one left to Alaska with reference to her fisheries. I believe in the Territory retaining it. I defeated the bill by a personal filibuster, submitting a hundred amendments, which the committee considering the measure could not dispose of quickly enough to make a report and obtain House action before adjournment of Congress."

From the Congressional Record, Judge Wickersham read an excerpt in which Congressman Alexander laid the defeat of the measure to the Alaska Delegate's activity.

Trap Site Bill

"Mr. Grigsby has taken frequent occasion in the present campaign," continued Judge Wickersham, "to criticize me because as attorney for fishing interests I drafted a bill for the leasing of trap sites. He says I got \$8,000 for my services. It is immaterial whether I got \$8,000 or \$800. I charged and was paid fair compensation. The service was performed four years ago. I was long since out of Congress. At that time I had no thought of ever becoming a candidate for any office again.

"A little while previously, the United States District court at Valdez had decided that there was no law permitting continual occupancy from season to season of a trap site. That as soon as it was left by one person it could be occupied by any other person.

Result was Confusion

"The result was confusion in the fishing industry. Cannery interests could not be assured of getting sites on which they depend for fish supplies. Frequently sites were occupied with a meager equipment by adventurous persons with no intention of catching fish but merely for the purpose of selling their trap site occupancy.

"The bill that I drafted for fishing interests provided for the leasing of sites for a period of four years, with the privilege of renewal, if the government approved. In addition to any other taxes that might be levied against fish catches or fishing equipment, the measure levied a trap site tax of \$1 for every thousand fish caught in the trap.

Could Be Revoked

"The bill, which made no changes in the rules or jurisdiction of the fisheries authorities, provided that the trap lease could be revoked by the gov't at the end of any but the first year of the four-year term. It was a just bill. It did not affect present regulations or taxes. It merely afforded a measure of stability to fishery interests and - yet guarded the public interests.

"Mr. Paul, it is said, received \$6000 or so for his work in connection with the bill. He received not to exceed \$1,200, which was not much more than enough to pay his expenses while he was in Seattle conferring with fishery interests. The bill was never introduced in Congress, chiefly for the reason that the packing and cannery interests could not agree among themselves as to the trapsite tax of \$1 for every thousand fish.

Deemed Just Measure

"The bill is a just bill. It ought to be enacted.

"Of course, I believe the fish as well as the fur and the game resources of Alaska should be placed exclusively under the control of the people

	of Alaska-in other words, under the authority of the Terri-
Diary 40, 1930 October 31- November 1	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>[clipping continued] torial Legislature. If elected, I shall introduce in Congress a bill to this effect. I recognize that powerful bureaus will be arrayed against such a measure and that there is strong sentiment in Congress against such a change. I do not promise to effect it, but I do promise that I shall do everything that I possibly can to bring it about. "One other thing: I strongly advocate the proposed International Highway. From the main highway, I favor construction of a branch along the Taku River, which with ferry facilities, would make connections with Juneau. If elected, I shall urge on Congress this undertaking, which, I think, is even of greater importance than the building of The Alaska Railroad.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friendly Enemies</p> <p>"Fault has been found with my record by The Empire. Its publisher and editor, Mr. Troy and I are political opponents. Personally, we are friendly. Some of you folk don't like me. Well, I don't like some of you. The issue concerns public welfare. "If Mr. Grigsby should be elected, he will do nothing for the Territory of Alaska. His entry into the Democratic primary was not wanted by J.J. Connor and Democratic leaders of that type. They wanted Anthony J. Dimond, honest man and able lawyer of Cordova. Mr. Grigsby 'muscled' in. "If I should be elected, I pledge to give-as I gave when in Congress before-my best efforts for the improvement of the political government of Alaska ands the advancement of her material welfare." Candidates on Platform Candidates on the platform with Judge Wickersham, Mr. Winn and Mr. Scott, were W.G. Smith, candidate for Treasurer; Cash Cole, candidate for Auditor, and C.T. Gardner, candidate for Territorial Senator. The meeting opened with the band playing the "Star Spangled Banner," at the first strains of which</p>

	<p>the audience rose to its feet. The meeting ended immediately after Judge Wickersham's address. The Republicans will hold a rally Saturday night at Douglas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 1.</p> <p>We are to speak at Douglas this evening. - So far as I can see I am confident of election, though I am not certain. <u>Mike Sullivan just reports that a California Co's expert oil man has just returned from Yakataga & will put on a drill on Mike's claims! in the spring!</u> I am interested in a small way in adjoining claims. <u>It would boom Alaska if they find oil!</u></p>
Diary 40, 1930 November 1-2	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 1 Continued.</p> <p>The Empire tonight contains a telegraphic statement from Grigsby denouncing me - calling me a liar etc. & stating the bills which he says he put through Congress etc. Troy also has a strong editorial denouncing me for saying Richardson assisted in preparing the Beveridge Bill, etc. Grigsby dragged Richardson into his speech & I only answered his charges, but Troy drags Richardson <u>and</u> his coffin across the editorial page in Grigsbys aid! Poor old drunken Richardson will be a burden on Alaska as long as time, I suppose. Our group of candidates</p>
Diary 40, 1930 November 1-2	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>went to Douglas tonight & held a meeting - a good crowd & a good meeting - we are promised a good majority there - Grigsby is making a strong campaign and is gaining votes & I am not so sure of success. He is vociferous and claims every thing which impresses the weak & also encourages his supporters. -Nov. 2- Sunday - Quiet, and nothing doing. We have sent out our sample ballots - two in each envelope to all persons named in the Telephone book, about 800 in number. Sent boosting telegrams tonight to Nome, Fairbanks, Anchorage and Cordova.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 November 3	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>We are making our last day efforts to secure workers, carriages, etc. and scattering our tickets,</p>

	papers etc. The Chronicle, at Ketchikan, comes out this evening for the whole Democratic ticket - excepting they leave off Gaffney & support Cole!! Their ticket will include Grigsby, Dem, Hardcastle, Dem. Shattuck, Dem. from Juneau Johnson, Dem. Seigler, Dem. Sampson, Dem. (and I think, Paul, because he is from Ketchikan) - <u>in other words the Ketchikan candidates - against the Juneau Candidates! - Town v Town!</u> They are thus double-crossing the Democrats of Juneau!! who do not yet know it.
Diary 40, 1930 November 4-5	-4 th - <u>Beautiful clear sunny morning!</u> Workers, carriages, banners, cards! <u>I lose Juneau by 154 votes!</u> I lost it in the primary by 209 votes! Returns from 1st Div. show that I am probably beaten here, if the Ketchikan precincts go against me - as they threaten to do. It seems that most of the Republican ticket is also defeated - in this division. Things look badly! -5 th - So far as the returns are in I am defeated in this division by 471 votes. This may be offset by the Indian precincts where we have a possible 500 votes who are friendly. In the 2 nd
Diary 40, 1930 November	[next page] [clipping] TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 1930. UNOFFICIAL RETURNS OF THE FIRST DIVISION [Election results showing candidates and precincts]
Diary 40, 1930 November 6	-6 th - Nov 6 [clipping] FROM THE TIMES 20 YEARS AGO November 6, 1910 James Wickersham, delegate from Alaska to the national Congress, in a speech before the Chamber of Commerce, urged that body and the

	people of the Northwest to aid the northern territory in getting needed legislation. Returns coming in slowly - there are 50 to 60 precincts not in & while I am about 170 votes behind in the Territory I expect to be elected by at least 250 majority! (296) The country at large goes Democratic. In the 2nd Div. I am reported to have 107 majority; in the 3rd Div. 37 maj; in the 4th Div. 81 maj. & <u>growing</u> . I expect my vote in the missing precincts will overcome my opponents present majority of 358! <u>Close!</u> Total maj. in Ter. against me - 133! The Indian precincts outstanding in the 1st Div. ought to clear that & leave me a fair majority in the Territory! <u>Too damn close!</u>
Diary 40, 1930 November 6-7	-6 th - continued <u>Later.</u> Kake just in - Grigsby! 1 - Wickersham 109. Also Unalaska, Grigsby 24 - Wick - 11. <u>Only 38 behind in the territory.</u> -7 th - The Ketchikan Tribune telegraphed " <u>My tabulations 107 precincts give Grigsby 4875 you 4876.</u> " The Empires figures are Grigsby 4717 & Wickersham 4626. The Tribune has several more precincts and many more votes than the Empire: Empire Tribune Grigsby 4717 G. 4875 - 158 more Wick 4626 W. 4876 - 250 more Paul telegraphs congratulations - which means he thinks the Indian figures correct. Also rumor that I got solid vote from Angoon - the outside Indian villages may help pull me through! I still have hopes - but?
Diary 40, 1930 November 7-8	7 [clipping] UNOFFICIAL, INCOMPLETE RETURNS, TERRITORIAL OFFICES [Election results showing candidates and precincts] -8 th - Returns coming in favorable and increasing my chances. Have gained today about 200 and am

	ahead.
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	[Clipping] [Election results showing candidates and precincts] -9 th - Hoonah came in yesterday evening with 42 majority for me & it is not included in the printed returns yet. When Yakutat - Angoon, Rampart,
Diary 40, 1930 November 9	9
	Afognak, Homer, Katalla, etc. are in I expect to have 250 to 300 majority - may be more when all the smaller precincts come in. We are rearranging our house - fixing up an apartment to rent! It is too large for us & we will have all the room we need after the new apartment is arranged & rented. What makes me unhappy is that my library - upstairs -will have to come downstairs - Grace is packing the books - & will store them in case I am elected, & we will then also rent our part of the house! We had to dinner last night - John W. Troy, Ed. Empire, Tewksbury[?] & his son & Chas. Settlemier - an enjoyable dinner & evening in my library.
Diary 40, 1930 November 10	-10 th -
	Half a dozen small precincts came in today - I am now credited with 141 majority by the Empire. Sent Darrell a telegram saying I would probably have a safe majority. Busy preparing Cross Interrogation in the Matheson Estate Case. [clipping] Wickersham and Keller Increase Leads With nine new precincts reported since Saturday in the First Division and five from the Fourth Division, Judge Wickersham had increased his margin over George B. Grigsby for Delegate to Congress to 141 votes, and W.R. Keller was 165 ahead of Anthony J. Karnes for Commissioner of Education. Allen Shattuck, Democratic nominee for Senator, is still leading C.T. Gardner, Republican, by 32

	votes. The fresh returns made no material changes in the results. There are eight precincts unreported with approximately 165 votes. Standing of Candidates The Territorial candidates standing this afternoon was as follows: For Delegate to Congress: Wickersham 5,127 Grigsby 4,986
Diary 40, 1930 November 11-12	-11 th -
	Armistice Day - holiday but I am working on depositions in the Matheson case: Telegram from Paul urging me to come to Ketchikan to meet the Alaska Native Brotherhood in the matter of their bill authorizing them to bring a suit in the Court of Claims to recover from U.S. value of Indian rights taken in 1867 & not paid for. I will go if I can get on the boat which is very badly crowded. Left Juneau on SS. Admiral Farragut tonight. -12 th - Petersburg - Wrangell, each on hour - Reached Ketchikan at 1. am - 13th. Chronicle reports that I have <u>gained</u> 49 - majority 39 in Yakutat and 10 at Dall Island, Windham & Fanshaw - balance -
Diary 40, 1930 November 13	-13 th -
	I attended the Alaska Native Brotherhood Convention today at Redmen's Hall, and spoke an hour in answer to their inquiry about the proposed suit to recover the value of their Indian titles -rights of possession etc. for which Sutherland introduced a Bill in Congress. I told them the situation - and promised to do what I could - if I am elected - to get the bill through Congress authorizing them to bring the suit. <u>I also</u> told them plainly that I had not been paid a cent so far for my professional services and expenses in that matter - including my trip a year ago to Haines
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	Convention - and made it plain and positive that if I am elected Delegate to Congress I cannot act as their attorney, nor accept any fee - money, etc. for what I have done - nor act in any way as their attorney. There were at least 200 members of the

	<p>Convention present, including both the old and the new officers & the whole matter was fully understood and seemed entirely satisfactory to them.</p> <p>In the evening I was asked to attend their meeting at the Salvation Army Citadel, and talk, but they got into a long winded contest over the Sheldon Jackson School at Sitka & took so much time that I did not speak.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 November 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>The new president of Sheldon Jackson school spoke to them an hour - & then a native from Hydaburg arose & asked why his beloved son was sent home in disgrace & then the row started, Impassioned speeches were made by Louis L. Paul, Young, Booth & others - Marston - & others, supporting the act of the School - and the meeting adjourned at 11 -with prayer & song! -14th -</p> <p>Attended court this morning for an hour - had a visit with and lunch with Forest J. Hunt, who gave me a resume of the political fight made against me here in Ketchikan.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 November 14	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">November 14, 1930 James Wickersham Speaker at A.N.B. Thursday Meeting</p> <p>Thursday afternoon Judge Wickersham spoke before the convention at its request on the land suit case which is being pressed by the Thlinget and Haida Indians of Alaska. He used a specific decision rendered by Chief Justice John Marshal of the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of certain Georgia Indians who presented similar claims and secured judgment for their lands taken from them. He emphatically stated that this case was not a "fake suit" as declared by George Grigsby in the late campaign, and then he showed that at least 40 other similar suits had been presented in Congress in the past. There was no dissenting voice or objection raised. Not one member present replied affirmatively that</p>

	<p>he had contributed \$10 to either Judge Wickersham or William Paul, as attorneys in the case.</p> <p>However, in event he received certificate of election from the Territory to represent it in Washington as its delegate to Congress, he would be forever barred from participating in any way or any further in the case as an attorney. He would, however, again present the bill to Congress and press it for favorable consideration. The bill presented by Delegate Sutherland, he stated, has not been reported unfavorably by the Committee on Claims. Adverse reports have been made, by certain so-called patriotic Alaskans, to the secrecy of the Interior and he has recommended that the time is not ripe for consideration of these claims. If he returns to Washington, as delegate, he would press this bill in order that justice may be accorded the Thlinget and Haida Indians of Alaska even as it has been given to Indians of the States.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{Alaskan} A.N.B. Convention In Full Swing</p> <p>The A.N.B. convention opened Tuesday morning with Grand President Wm. L. Paul in the chair. Armistice Day services were in charge of Sam. G. Davis of Kasaan and Rev. Paul Mather of Ketchikan. In the afternoon the convention took part in the Armistice Day parade, the largest and most colorful in the history of Ketchikan.</p> <p>The Grand Camp officers elected for the coming year are as follows; Pres. Louis Shortridge of Klukwan; Vice Pres. Frank G. Johnson of Wrangell; Sec't, Eli Katanook of Angoon; Treasurer, Ralph Young of Sitka; Sgt. at Arms, Walter Sobeloff [Soboleff]of Sitka.</p> <p>The Grand Camp officers for the Sisterhood for the coming year are as follows; Pres. Mrs. Margret Ridley of Ketchikan; Vice President, Mrs. Louise Martin of Haines; Sec't, Mrs. Ruth Hayes of Juneau; Treas., Mrs. Paul Jones of Ketchikan; Sgt. at Arms, Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Hoonah.</p>
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	Work in earnest was begun after installation of new officers. Committee work took all of Thursday morning, in the afternoon, Wickersham discussed land suit situation, stating that if elected, he would be automatically barred from taking further part in the matter, excepting to get action on Sutherland measure still pending in Congress, Thlinget and Haida people will continue to press claims.
Diary 40, 1930 November 15	-15 th - Left Ketchikan Last night at midnight on the <u>SS Queen</u> for Juneau. While the steamer lay alongside the Ketchikan dock I had a long talk with Parks, the Editor of <u>The Alaskan</u> . During the afternoon W ^m L. Paul, accompanied by Andrew Hope, of Sitka came to my room at the Ingersoll Hotel - during the talk Paul said he was broke etc. and wanted me to agree to make him my private Secretary in Wash. D.C. I told him frankly I had made other arrangements - was under obligations to Will. A. Steel, etc. <u>Paul understood & I made him no promise.</u>
Diary 40, 1930 November 15-17	15 In my talk to Parks, editor, I told him I would appoint one of Pauls sons to U.S. Academy at Annapolis or West Point - first vacancy & would do what I could with Senator Artis to get him appointment etc. <u>but nothing more!</u> An hour or so at Wrangell and Petersburg - saw no one - nothing. Reached Juneau at 9. p.m. & home. -16 th - Sunday. In the office beginning the clean up of business two months behind! Wrote a good long letter to Darrell & sent him newspaper tabulations. -17 th - I lost 21 votes in the final returns today - not unexpectedly.
Diary 40, 1930 November 18-20	-18 th - Busy answering belated correspondence, and doing other work in the office. -19 th - The Empire gives my majority tonight over Grigsby at 282.

	-20- We are packing books etc. and will give up our house about Dec. 1. to Major Elliott's family - I am sorry to get out so hurriedly but they are just the right kind of people to leave in our home for 2 years. My majority today has grown so that I am now 306 - Sent my friend W.H. Holmes, Amarillo, Texas, telegram saying " <u>Elected by good safe majority.</u> "
Diary 40, 1930 November 21-22	-21 st - Busy on Butubaugh case trying to get it closed up - Grace is packing - moving - & the Elliott's are filling our rooms with their furniture, etc. They are to take our house over on Dec. 1, and we will leave it then. She is packing my library in boxes & storing them in the attic! -22.- Same as yesterday. Reports from 4th division giving me more votes & my majority is slowly growing. Dr. Chase tells me that my majority in the 3rd Div. is climbing a little all the time, and I may have between 400-500 - maybe not above 400.
Diary 40, 1930 November 23-26	-23 rd - Sunday - cleaning out old papers etc. in the office. -24 th - Answering correspondence - in office. Nothing new about election returns. We are putting in an oil burning plant in the house - & Krause is setting a new grate & tiling for us. Mrs. Elliott, (wife Major M. Elliott, U.S.A.) is filling our rooms with her furniture - she had to give up their house on the 15th and is stopping in apartments in the Bishop (Grace's) apartments. -25 th - Same as yesterday in the office. -26- Same in the office.
Diary 40, 1930 November 27-28	-27 th - <u>Thanksgiving Day.</u> We had to Turkey dinner, tonight, Judge LeFevre, J. Wolland, W ^m J. Casey and Pat McCallum, four of our old friends - without frills. They enjoyed the excellent dinner prepared by Grace, & we all enjoyed the evening - smoking & talking.

	-28 th -
	Our oil burner is here - I paid the first amount of \$300. today & the work is progressing - the change in the grate for burning coal is also done – and the house - when cleaned down - will be in first class shape and will bring in \$100. a month rent.
Diary 40, 1930 November 29- December 1	-29 th -
	Sending out letters in answer to those received from congratulating friends - etc. Have boxed (2 boxes) of bound newspapers - Alaska papers, and am sending them by Admiral Line freight to Charles W. Smith, Asst. Librarian, Univ. of Wash. Seattle, to be held until I come down in January when I will have them put in place with those now there.
	-30 th -
	Sunday - at the office. -Nov 1 – [December 1]
	Made up my accounts as Candidate for Delegate, paid three accounts, signed & swore to it before Grover C. Winn, & deposited it in the post office.
Diary 40, 1930 December 2	-2 nd -
	Appeared before the U.S. Game Commission at their request - they supposed a bill that Sutherland had introduced in the 1st Sess. of the 71st Cong. was dead at the session began yesterday - but I told them it was not & would not be until Mch 4, 1930 - so they got busy with Sutherland by telegraph! Anyway I told them I was not favorable to their proposed bill to allow the general search without warrant!
	[clipping] The election of Judge James Wickersham as delegate to Congress from Alaska makes certain that the interests of the northern territory will be capably handled. Few men, if any have a better understanding of the needs of Alaska than the veteran delegate. His long experience in Congress and his service on the bench in the Northland equip him well for his duties. Judge Wickersham went to Alaska more than thirty years ago. From the beginning of his public service and his residence there, he interested himself in the history and the economic problems

	of the territory. He has collected an extensive Alaska library excelled by none in the country, save perhaps the Library of Congress. His constant research and reading have given him an exceptional knowledge. Although Judge Wickersham is now seventy-three years of age, he is mentally as vigorous as ever. His many friends in Seattle and in his old home at Tacoma felicitate him upon his return to territorial politics.
Diary 40, 1930 December 3-6	-3 rd -
	Worked on settlement Buturbaugh Est. Lockie McKinnon, Admin. Writing letters in re value of stock, offering to sell etc. Congress convened Monday, Dec. 1. <u>Judge Lomen</u> reappointed today – <u>also Mrs. Spickett, Postmaster, Juneau.</u>
	-4 th -
	Busy in the office destroying old files etc. Jones, of Nome & Lynn Smith of Fairbanks – reappointed today as U.S. Marshals. Grace getting our house ready for the Elliots – we leave it on Saturday.
	-5 th -
	Same as usual in the office!
	-6 th -
	Same as yesterday. We finally
Diary 40, 1930 December 6-10	-Dec. 6 th -
	<u>We finally left our beautiful home at 7th & Seward Sts. today. Grace has been cleaning, packing & getting out for weeks but today we went down to apartments in the "Bishop," and have let the Major Elliott family into our rooms in our home! I thought we were settled there for good – but my election as Delegate compels us to go to Washington for two years - & thus we are tramps again.</u>
	-7 th -
	Sunday – in the office cleaning out & destroying old letters & papers.
	-8 th , 9 th & 10 th -
	Going carefully over my old letters, etc. and destroying all those that have no interest – will preserve the remainder

<p>Diary 40, 1930 December 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Last night, the 8th, the Empire had an Assoc. Press Despatch saying the Senate Judiciary Com. had reported favorably on the appointment of Lynn Smith, marshal at Fairbanks, "subject to the approval of Delegate Sutherland!" – Yesterday Lynn Smith came in the office – he was at the wharf on the SS. Alameda, going south with prisoners. He could not explain the matter. He also took me to task saying that Grant Murdock, deputy, who had been in before Lynn came, had told him that I doubted his loyalty to me in the Nov. election. We had it out! I told him that he opposed me & bet against me in the primary: He admitted that, then I called his attention to his appointment of John Powers, Democratic Divisional Committeeman,</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 December 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>and Democratic delegate to the last Democratic National Convention etc etc. as his deputy at Eagle, & Powers bitter fight against me at the Nov. 4 election - he admitted that, but said he intended to let him go when he was <u>now</u> confirmed! He got mad so did I, and he went out mad, & I let him go. I am sorry for he and I have been friends for many years - but Lathrop & Marquam made him believe that he had to obey their orders to fight me, or he could not get their endorsement & the nomination. Of course I will not apply to Sutherland in the matter, for he was at Fairbanks in October & knows the situation & if he approves Smith I can stand it - though I assume Smith will be my bitter enemy now.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 December 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Grover Winn came in the office and said that the appointment of Will A. Steel as my Secretary would be a bad one: that it would defeat the party two years from now, <u>etc.</u> Said Eli Katanook, the Indian Sec. of the Alaska Native Brotherhood said so, etc. Of course Eli is just up from Petersburg & got the idea from Louis Paul or Parks, Editor of the Alaskan, who wrote to me a week ago in favor of my taking Wm L. Paul. My judgment is that Paul is</p>

	<p>impossible: he would be obnoxious especially to the Hoover administration & would insist on dictating my course of action in - especially the fisheries, & if I exhibited any independence he would be disloyal at once! So I will not -</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 December 11-12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>cannot - consider him for a moment. Cash Cole could reach Paul & together they would run my office - or go "off the reservation," as hostiles inside of two months. Steel is safe, sane and is a man of ability - a newspaper man in addition & will make the best Secretary of any man I know - so thats that!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>"Black Matt," Burcovich, was convicted for Conspiracy in liquor importations at Ketchikan - last evening he shot his partner - killed him - for testifying against him & then suicide with the same pistol! Grigsby was Burkovich's attorney - & lost two perfectly good supporters! Busy cleaning up my office.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 December 13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Recd. a letter from J.E. Erickson, Lowman & Hanfords, Seattle, with copy of a letter from Fleming H. Ruell, N.Y. publisher about my Ms. "<u>Old Yukon Trails.</u>" They speak approvingly, but suggest some small additions, illustrations, etc. I have answered offering to add a chapter on my dog sled journey from Nome to Cape Prince of Wales in Jan 1902, & also a final chapter on the Alaska Ry. & big Cleary Creek dredges, "<u>Showing how Alaska looks at the present time,</u>" as suggested by the publisher, etc. Grace and I sending out Christmas cards to Alaska and Wash. D.C.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1930 December 14-19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Sunday - Quiet & resting - writing letters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15th -</p> <p>As usual in the office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> <p>Answering letters, etc. in the office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Nothing new.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th –</p> <p>As usual - getting matters in office closed up - nothing new.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>In the case of Matheson Heirs, v National Surety Co. I fear my opponents have got the mother of the heirs, admin. of the Matheson Estate, to commit some hard swearing - against her own interest and children - & I am angry about it.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 December 19-22	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>If I can catch them I may give them a bad time over it - anyway I am disgusted with both the attorney and her - she is a fool, whether they are scamps or not.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20th –</p> <p>Sending out Christmas Cards & letters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21-</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. <u>Sunday</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22.-</p> <p>Am preparing a will - dividing my property among Grace & Darrell, & leaving my Alaska library etc. to 3 trustees for the future University of Alaska!! I give Grace our home here in Juneau! & the furniture - the rest to Darrell.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 December 23	<p style="text-align: center;">-23d-</p> <p>Received a very pessimistic letter from Darrell - says he saved \$4500, this year out of his salary & income - but lost more than that - without mentioning the amount of his loss - in investments in the stock market! Of course I am sorry that he lost anything - but he has such a fixed habit of giving me fatherly advice about my reckless expenditures that I cannot help but smile at his confession. It has been a good year for me - notwithstanding my election expenses - which were necessary and really a proper capital investment. Any way he is a fine man and a loyal loving son. God bless him!</p>
Diary 40, 1930 December 24-25	<p style="text-align: center;">-24th –</p> <p>Grace has been cleaning house - our rooms in the Bishop Apartments where we are now rooming. She is truly the most active and competent worker I have ever known. She can do more work, easier, than any half dozen other women & has good</p>

	<p>ideas always ready - she has a keen sense of initiative.</p> <p>Paid all our current bills to date. We are being flooded with Christmas Cards from our friends - a pleasant nuisance!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25th -</p> <p>Christmas Day - We were invited to dinner with Major & Mrs. Elliott & their two daughters, who now live in our house on Chicken Ridge. We had</p>
Diary 40, 1930 December 25-26	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>a good turkey dinner with "trimmins," and enjoyed the evening talking about Washington & their many places of assignment as Army people" Grace had a small home Christmas tree & we received many cards & presents - & sent out our share also.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>No Christmas snow in Juneau this year - plenty of it 500 feet high on the mountains - but none on our streets. A very quiet Christmas. I am working on my will - I cannot get it to suit me, so far as the disposition of my Alaska library is concerned, but will prepare it the best I can and later let my friend Edw. W. Allen, of Seattle rewrite that part of it.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 December 27-28	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th –</p> <p>Same as usual - working on preparation of my will disposing of my property, etc. also my Alaska Library - in case of my death. My former will was revoked at Debbie's death and this one is to take its place. We had dinner tonight with our neighbor and friend Mrs. Marie Skuse. Enjoyed it & a pleasant evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Sunday. Received in the mail today the copy of "<u>Anthropological Survey In Alaska, by Alex Hedlicka.</u>" just printed in 46 Ann. Rept. Bureau of Am. Eth. and acknowledged its receipt by a short letter to Dr. Hedlicka.</p>
Diary 40, 1930 December 29-30	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th –</p> <p>We are having an unusual warm but rainy season - no snow, no wind - regular spring weather. Grace is at work repairing & getting the Bishop Apartments - where we are now rooming - in shape for those who are to occupy our rooms after Jan. 1.</p>

	<p>Answering correspondence & attending to many things my constituents are already sending in - a Delegate is more or less, usually more than less - an errand boy for the people of Alaska. -30th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Working with Lockie McKinnon trying to settle up the estate of Alex M. Butubuah, decd. Its a general mix up of small matters!</p>
Diary 40, 1930 December 31	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dec. 31, 1930</u></p> <p>Spent the day as usual in the office. Lockie McKinnon & I worked on the Butubaugh estate, trying to get the small bonds, etc. closed up. Grace & I attended the Elks High Jinks Ball – just a dance and considerable noise & that’s all! I did not see a single person under the influence of liquor! Sent Darrell & Jane subscriptions to “Vogue” & the Reader’s magazines. Well 1930 has been generally a good year for us – money enough came in to keep us out of debt – good health, & a successful Election to Congress!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 1-2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1931.</u> January 1, 1931.</p> <p>No winter get - no snow in the streets of Juneau, and it has even receded to the timber line. Today is a mild, moist, cloudy spring day. Am preparing my papers so that I can get away without leaving any business dragging or at a loss to my clients. -2-</p> <p>Drew on my Act. in Tacoma Savings & Loan Assoc. through Behrends Bank for \$1000.⁰⁰ and am busy paying my bills - how the money <u>does</u> run through, the hopper! I received a letter from Dr. Chase</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 2	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>this evening appealing to me to help him in his fight for appointment as U.S. Marshal and sent following telegram: <u>“The Attorney General, Wash- D.C. most earnestly I urge appointment Dr. W. H. Chase, Cordova, for United States Marshal as next appointee without regard to division. He is active intelligent honest will enforce the laws fearlessly. As Republican Delegate elect I strongly request his appointment</u></p>

	<p><u>above all others. Second choice Mike Sullivan. Give Sutherland copy.</u> James Wickersham Am writing Chase and sending him copy of this telegram & promise him active support for confirmation in case he is appointed.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 3-5	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Attended Court - call of motion docket etc. In the office as usual, writing letters etc. -4th -</p> <p>Sunday - Making notes etc. in re Russian History - We had dinner with Grover C. Winn & family last evening. Present Winn family, Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Faulkner & two school teachers. A good dinner. Grover is a generous and happy host. -5th -</p> <p>Busy in office. Meeting with Mifs Todd, Pres. business Womans Club, Petrich, Pres. Am. Legion in my office to consider getting aid from Juneau Chamber of Com. to purchase Lincoln Totem Pole to stand in Terry. Capitol grounds.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 6	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>As usual in the office. I attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce - after luncheon I talked to them about the Tongass Indian “Abraham Lincoln” totem pole, urged them to lead a movement to buy it from the Star Indian family and bring it to Juneau and set it in the Capitol grounds. Mifs Todd for the Womans Club & Petrich for the Am. Legion, present & urged same. Finally Henry Roden said he was going down to Ketchikan in 2 weeks, where the Star people live & that he would buy it for the people of Juneau - that course was finally agreed on. Sent a telegram to Charley Taylor, Fairbanks,</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 6-8	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>asking if Gustafson Co. had paid the sum agreed on to be paid Jany 1. for my 1/4 interest in quartz mines on Goessman ridge - Cleary Creek. -7th -</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Charley Taylor, from Fairbanks, saying, “Gustafson paid thousand thirty first draft nine hundred enroute.” Sounds good, for</p>

	<p>I need the money, and the payment gives greater certainty that I will receive the balance - \$2500, in July.</p> <p>Attended court today - call of cases, and I aided in getting my cases get for trial & other attorneys to attend to them in my absence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Nothing new - working on notes for use in an article on Catherine the god mother of Alaska.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 9-10	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Sutherland saying: <u>"can you name approximate date your arrival Washington answer official collect."</u></p> <p>I answer night letter saying: <u>"expect to leave Juneau about February fifteenth stop in Seattle a week and be in Washington soon after March fourth if I can be of service earlier or in any way here advise me."</u></p> <p>I imagine Dan wants some help in the matter of opposition to appointments.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Signed my Will. Preparing Final Act. in Cobb estate, will file Monday & send her balance - about \$435.⁰⁰</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-next page.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 10-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Recd from Cleary Creek Mines Co - Gustafson - \$1000 - less \$100.⁰⁰ held by Charles E. Taylor - with my consent - in payment for his services -: On account sale of my 1/4 interest in 9 quartz claims on Goessman Hill - between Bedrock Creek & Chatham Creek, Fairbanks - Dep. \$900. Behrends Bank to my checking account.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>I have concluded to prepare my address at once - to be delivered at the dedication of the Territorial Capital building on Feb 14th, & if I cannot wait till that date to deliver it in person to ask some one to read off for me. Worked on gathering</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 11	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>material for it today. I am much pleased to receive in todays mail a letter from James Griffith Stephens, Seattle, but long a resident of interior Alaska, in which he tells me has at last found his</p>

	<p>copy - original - of the <u>Alaska Times</u>, and is saving it to present when I come down to Seattle! While I have many photostat - photographic - copies of this first Alaska paper, this will be the first original in my library, and I shall be very much pleased to get it</p> <p>[card]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE!</p> <p>Dedication of Federal and Territorial Building postponed to February 14, 1931, at 8 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Juneau Chamber of Commerce.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 12	<p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Appeared in probate court with my final account and the proofs necessary in the Estate of John H. Cobb, deceased. The court approved my account and made an order discharging me as Administrator upon paying to Mrs. Cobb, the sum of money now in my hands as administrator - \$436.16. This I attended to by sending her a draft on S.F. Bank for that amount. This concludes a case which has long been delayed by its connection with the famous Tuppela mining case. Recd. a telegram from Foster & Ellis lawyers at Cordova offering to lease my library, furniture, etc. for two years. Answered making them a formal offer.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 January 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Recd. telegram from Foster & Ellis, attorneys, Cordova, accepting my offer to lease them my furniture, carpet, law books, etc. my office material complete, for two years, for Twenty five dollars per month! I shall be pleased if this is accomplished as it will relieve me from the care of my office effects while I am in Washington & will pay me fairly for my investment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>As usual in the office. Working now on my address to be delivered at the dedication of the new Capitol Bldg. Feb. 14th. I do not intend to say much or go beyond the usual and obvious!</p> <p>Pulver approves the lease</p>

<p>Diary 40, 1931 January 14-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>of offices & my books etc. to Foster & Ellis. They telegraphed that one of them will come immediately & take charge from Feb 1st. -Jany 15 – Making notes & study for my address at Dedication of the new Capitol Building -16- Preparing notice of Attorneys Lien in case of Goldstein it Pond, so as to hold sum of \$509.95 due to Pond from Plaintiffs for act. my attorney fee. Pond cant pay - or wont - & I must hold this cost amt. to secure my bill. -17th - Recd. telegram from Foster saying he will be here on “Alameda” to conclude agreement about leasing my office, books, furniture, etc. Pulver is cleaning & painting the rooms.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 January 18-20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th –</p> <p>Sunday - confined to house with bad cold - working on Cath I notes -19th – Busy in office: The owner is having my office rooms cleaned & prepared for occupancy by Foster & Ellis, attorneys from Cordova, who will move here & occupy them for Feb. 1. They will also take over my library on a 2 year least at \$25.⁰⁰ per month. -20th - On the “Alameda” going south today were several politicians. Senator Lomen, from Nome, U.S. Marshal Sullivan from Valdez & others called: Cap. Lathrop, the Rep, Nat. Committeeman <u>did not call</u>. Recd. interesting letter from Judge Clegg</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 January 20-22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>who writes about moneys donated by Lathrops “candidates” for Marshals etc. and sent to Marquam, at Wash. D.C. It seems Marquam is telegraphing for \$1500 more - Having received \$8000) Wrote hurried note & sent news to Dan Sutherland - it may serve some good purpose - anyway it cannot do harm. Recd. copy of “Third Reunion of the Wickersham Family” proceedings – held at. West Grove, near</p>

	<p>Kennett Square Pennsylvania. -21st – As usual in the office. -22nd - As usual in office. Out to Tom Gardners for dinner.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 January 23-24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd –</p> <p>Had attack of ptomaine poisoning or something like it last night & it kept me in bed late - makes me weak but at work in the office just the same. -24th - Still weak from my attack but at work in the office - drawing papers in suit - Am receiving telegrams, etc. asking me to oppose raise of rates on the railroad & intend to do so, but will interview Gov. Parks first. Recd. telegram from Fred. Scott, Valdez, asking for my endorsement for marshal. answered saying: <u>“Have no objection to you but before I knew you were candidate for marshal I endorsed another equally good citizen and friend for same office and cannot betray him.”</u></p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 January 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>[clipping] DAILY ALASKA EMPIRE, JAN. 23, 1931 OFFICIAL VOTE IS ANNOUNCED FOR TERRITORY Wickersham Wins by 248 Ballots -- Total Poll Canvassed 11,188 With four precincts missing, Judge James Wickersham, Republican, had a majority of 248 over George B. Grigsby, Democrat, for Delegate to Congress, on the official returns canvassed by the Territorial Canvassing Board. This was made public today by the Board which continuing the canvass for a short time to await returns from the missing precincts. The total vote canvassed to date showed 11,188 votes were cast last November. The First Division cast almost 50 per cent of the total, 5,291; the Third polled 2,899; the Fourth polled 2,180, and the Second Division cast 818 votes.</p>

One Race Uncertain

Only one race remains uncertain. That is in the Third Division where Frank H. Foster has a lead of 26 votes over L.D. Roach. Both are Republicans. There are three precincts unreported from that Division, Eska and Palmer on the Alaska Railroad and Choggiung in Bristol Bay. It is believed that no election was held in the first two. Choggiung is off the regular channels of communication and there is no certainty about when it will be heard from. It has about 45 votes.

The Delegate race was the closest in 10 years. In 1919, the result was so close that a contest between Charles A. Sulzer and Judge Wickersham resulted, the latter being seated.

Territorial Returns

The Territorial returns canvassed to date by the Board were made public today as follows:

- Division -

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Grigsby	2636	308	1431	969
Wickersham	2481	465	1438	1208
Hardcastle	2,049	136	919	479
Smith	2,989	516	1696	1440
Cole	2733	245	1647	1116
Gaffney	2248	522	1107	873
Hesse	1994	296	1510	1069
Johnson	885	89		166
Ulmer	1979	283	1106	798
Karnes	2523	215	1403	753
Keller	2373	449	1285	1181

Total vote cast 5291 818 2899 2180

Divisional Returns

The official returns for Divisional offices in the several districts were:

First Division: For Senator, Frame 330, Gardner 2,284, Shattuck 2314; Representatives, A.H. Ziegler 2,483, Grover C. Winn 2,436, J.E. Johnson 2,368, Judge Frank A. Boyle 2,343, T.B. Judson 2,151, W.L. Paul 2,080, W.P. Scott 2,076, E.L. Sampson 2,067, P.C. McCormick 1,084; for Road Commissioner, P.C. Gilmore 2,609, J. Rice 62, and several scattering.

Second Division: Senator, James H. Anderson 373, Alfred Lomen 409; Representatives, Andy Nysten 407, Allyn 400, Burgh 394, Hellerich 396, Chidester 111, Lay 201, Polson 326, Rose 37, Rydeen 305, Smith 295.

Third Division: Senator, Robert Bragaw, unopposed, 2, 048; Representatives, Cal Brosius 1,979, Joseph H. Murray 1,879, J.H. McCutcheon 1,733, Frank H. Foster 1,713, L.D. Roach 1,687. Three precincts, Choggiung, Eska and Palmer are unreported.

Fourth Division: Senator, John W. Dunn 1,397, Frank Hodgson 538; Representatives, Harry Donnelly 1,251, Fred Johnston 1,130, Joe McDonald 1,359, Andrew Nerland 1,291. The Kantishna precinct is not reported.

Diary 40, 1931
January 25-27

-25th -

Sunday - writing letters.

-26th -

Finishing up correspondence - much belated - & about finished.

-27th -

Same as yesterday - attended Mrs. Herner's funeral - Mrs. Garnicks mother. Recd telegram from W. H. Holmes, Amarillo, Tex. urging me to stop there & visit a day or so. Ans. saying could not. - may go on to Washington from Seattle & cut out S.F. - Darrell & Jane will be disappointed but my time is short & Alaska appointments seem to demand my reaching Washington before Mch 4th. I hoped to escape any contact with them!!

Diary 40, 1931
January 28-31

-28th -

Same as yesterday in office. R.C. Hurley found guilty of Contempt of Court for telephoning to a juror & trying to arrange to have juror support his client in a criminal case. Hurley is an atty - a drunkard & a fool.

-29th -

Same as usual, but also preparing some data for my address at the Dedication of the new Capitol Building -Feb 14th.

-30th -

Same as yesterday.

-31st -

	<p>Frank Foster, Atty. from Cordova met Pulver, owner, in my office & agreed to take the offices as of Feb 15th & I am to pay 1/2 the months rent & Foster the balance.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 January 31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>I agreed with him to make an inventory of my books, furniture, etc. to be left in the office & he agreed to pay me \$25.⁰⁰ a month rental for my books, etc, furniture, carpets, etc. Foster went on to Seattle tonight but said he would try & be back by the 15th but anyway will take over everything as per our telegraphic contract.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third Division Precinct Returns Are Wired to Canvassing Board</p> <p>Returns received by telegram from Valdez, covering the election in the Naknek precinct last November, added 12 votes to Judge James Wickersham's majority for Delegate to Congress and increased Frank H. Foster's plurality over L.D. Roach for Representative to 29 votes.</p> <p>The returns were received today by the Canvassing Board from the office of Clerk of Court at Valdez. He advised that the returns from Choggiung were expected to arrive at court headquarters on the next steamer.</p> <p>The Naknek returns were: Grigsby 1, Wickersham 13; for Treasurer, Hardcastle 1, Smith 13; Auditor, Cole 14, Gaffney 0; Highway engineer, Hesse 1, Ulmer 13; Commissioner of Education, Karnes 0, Keller 14; Senator, Bragaw 14; Representatives, Brosius 14, Foster 14, Murray 14, McCutcheon 6, and Roach 8.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE ALASKA DAILY EMPIRE P.-T.A. TO HELP PEOPLE KNOW ALASKA BETTER Judge Wickersham to Speak on High Lights of Territory's History</p>

	<p>Know Alaska better. All but a few residents of the Territory ought to. Many of them have a fine working knowledge of the history and geography of the rest of the world and yet are distressingly ignorant of the annals and physical aspects of their own homeland.</p> <p>But such deficiency will not obtain much longer, because the Juneau Parent-Teacher Association has arranged a series of "Know Alaska Better" programs. The first of the meetings will be heard next Thursday in the auditorium of the grade school. Judge James Wickersham, delegate-elect to Congress, will discuss "High Lights of Alaska History." None is better qualified to speak on this subject.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 January 31- February 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>[clipping continued]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thirty Years of Study</p> <p>For 30 years, he has made historical studies of this country. His papers, pamphlets, documents and books relating to it are excelled only by the collection in the Congressional Library at Washington, D.C. A few years ago he published an Alaskan Bibliography, representing stupendous research. It is the standard, authoritative work of its kind. It lists everything ever written in any language about Alaska, when and by whom written, and the present place of deposit.</p> <p>The judge's address on "High Lights of Alaskan History" can be illuminating indeed, and absorbingly attractive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Other Interesting Numbers</p> <p>In addition, the program will contain other numbers of unusual interest. Sam Ritter, young man with a wonderful tenor voice, will sing; Miss Joyce Morris will give an instrumental selection, and Mrs. Wellman Holbrook and Mrs. Charles Hawkesworth will appear in a delightful comedy sketch.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Feb. 1, 1931.</u></p> <p>Sunday - worked on my address to be delivered at the formal dedication of the new "Federal and Territorial Building, on Feb 14th. Am reading Rockwell Kents new book "N. by E" - an account of</p>

	<p>his voyage to Greenland. It is light & not important but interesting - for his drawings! -Feb 2 - Paying monthly bills - signed a note for \$500. to help Grace with her expense for oil burner - payable in 90 days. <u>Flag raised over the new Capitol Building this morning for the first time.</u></p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 3-5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Closing up the I.J. Shurick estate, & other matters. Data for my talk to the P.T.A, meeting Thursday evening. Recd. written invitations to attend public functions - Seattle, Los Angeles & San Pedro - & talk about Alaska. Compelled to send regrets!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Answering accumulating correspondence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday - Talk to the Parent-Teachers Assoc. at Juneau School house.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM SPEAKS TONIGHT BEFORE P.-T.A. Public Urged to Attend "Know Alaska Better" Meeting at 8 P.M.</p> <p>Judge James Wickersham, delegate-elect to Congress from Alaska, will be the only speaker tonight at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association in the auditorium of the grade school. His subject will be "High Lights of Alaska History." Besides Judge Wickersham's address, there will be vocal and instrumental musical selections and a brief comedy sketch, but his contribution to the evening's program will be its chief attraction. The Association is undertaking a "Know Alaska Better" movement. Tonight's meeting will be the first of a series that will present interesting persons capable of impart-</p>

<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>[clipping continued] ing interesting information in an interesting way. All persons, regardless of whether they are members of the Association, are urged to be present. Judge Wickersham's term in Congress will begin March 4, and it is not at all unlikely an extra session of the national lawmaking body will be called next month making his presence desirable in Washington, D.C. from a legislative viewpoint. Leaves This Month In any event, business of importance to the Territory before the various departments will require his early attention. He expects to leave Juneau this month for the national capital. His appearance tonight before the Parent-Teacher Association will be one of the last opportunities to hear him before his departure and to hear him on a subject to which he has given 30 years of study and research. The judge is recognized as an eminent authority on Alaskan history. He has a rare and valued collection of written and printed material relating to the country from its earliest known existence to the present time-a collection equaled only in volume and worth by the collection in the Congressional Library at Washington, D.C. Details of Program Tonight's program, which begins at 8 o'clock, follows: "Alaska, My Alaska"-Community song. "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," (vocal), Arthur F. Tate-Sung by Sam Ritter. "High Lights of Alaska History" -Hon. James Wickersham. "The Faithful Pine," (instrumental), from an old German air-Miss Joyce Morris. "De Darcy's Defense" -Variety sketch. De Head - Mrs. Wellman Holbrook. De Feet - Mrs. Charles Hawkesworth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GOV. PARKS AND WICKERSHAM TO</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">MAKE SPEECHES Will Be Main Speakers at Capitol Dedication, Chamber Is Told</p> <p>Gov. George A. Parks and Delegate-elect James Wickersham will be the principal speakers at the Capital dedication ceremonies which will be held here Feb 14-15 under the auspices of the Chamber of Committee, it was made known today by H.L. Faulkner, in a report for the Dedication Committee to the Chamber.</p> <p>The Capitol will be formally opened at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 14, when the dedication will start. Concluding rites will be held Sunday afternoon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ready for Ceremonies</p> <p>While the complete program was not announced, Mr. Faulkner said the Committee had everything in readiness for the dedication. The High School orchestra will participate. The famous Metlakatla choir is due here about the that time and it is expected will appear on the program. Dr. W.W. Council, President of the Chamber, will preside at the dedication.</p> <p>The program will be held in the quarters to be occupied by the Alaska Museum and Historical Library, which will not move into the new building until after the formal opening. The entire structure will be thrown open to the general public on both days.</p> <p>I had a good audience tonight, and the address seemed to, be satisfactory to them.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Feb. 6th -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LAST MISSING VOTE RECEIVED Choggiung Returns Received and Canvassed- Foster Assured Place</p> <p>Official returns from the Choggiung voting precinct in the Third District just canvassed by the Territorial Canvassing Board insure the election of Frank H. Foster over L.D. Roach for the House of Representatives in the Alaska Legislature by 26</p>

	<p>votes. This is reported to be the only place heretofore not heard from in that Division.</p> <p>Foster's election was virtually assured without this precinct since he had a 32 vote lead over Roach. Choggiung gave the latter 25 and Foster 19 votes. Both are Republicans.</p> <p>Both Judge Wickersham, Republican, and W.K. Keller, Republican, added to their majorities in this precinct. The former received 35 votes to four for his opponent, George B. Grigsby, and Mr. Keller got 37 and A.J. Karnes, Democratic candidate only one vote. This increased Wickersham's total majority to 290 and Mr. Keller's to 452 votes.</p> <p>Am preparing notes for my address on the dedication of the Capitol building Feb. 14th. Sent a telegram last night to Sutherland asking him to endorse Al. White's appointment as U.S. Marshal & aid in confirmation. Today I received answer saying that he had already done so & that a favorable report would probably be made next Monday - White is very much pleased. Where there are criticisms of White's service etc, I think he is probably as good as usual, & ought to be reappointed.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 7-10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Tried a case in court today - my last one. Working on my address for the dedication of the capitol building.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Sunday - worked on my Dedication address.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9-</p> <p>Same as yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10-</p> <p>Grace is a wonder - she has now completed rearranging the Bishop apartments & will leave both our home and her apartments clean, well arranged and rented for two years! She is one of the most active & tireless workers I ever knew- & she can do most any kind of work & twice as much as anyone I know.</p> <p>We moved to the Zynda</p>

Diary 40, 1931 February 10-13	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Hotel tonight, where will stay until we leave next week for Seattle.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Am invited to attend a bar association banquet on next Monday evening.</p> <p>I shall talk about a Supreme Court for the Territory of Alaska! Have finished my address to be spoken at the Dedication ceremony Saturday evening – <u>“Alaska's Trade Value To The United States.”</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Rewrote my address today - will have it set in type for easier reading.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Have had my address printed so that I can see to read it better. I am</p>
Diary 40, 1931 February 13-14	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>not at all pleased with it, but there are so many things <u>I do not want to talk about</u> that it rather circumscribes me in what I <u>can</u> talk about - I've barred all controversial matters & all political ones, of course - just one trade value, which has no powder in it to explode.</p> <p>It will not take longer than 20 minutes - which is a virtue in a public talk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Dedication of Capitol Building - this function passed off pleasantly – big crowd, beautiful lights - good talks & music - & I am satisfied with my address - Gov. Parks praised my efforts to secure Capitol building!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 February 14	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXERCISES AT CAPITOL BEGIN AT 8 TONIGHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All Numbers on Interesting Program of Dedication Will Be Brief</p> <p>Exercises in connection with the formal dedication of Alaska's million-dollar capitol will begin promptly at 8 o'clock tonight in the Museum room on the second floor of the new structure.</p> <p>Dr. W.W. Council, president of the Juneau</p>

	<p>Chamber of Commerce, will preside and will call the assembly to order. Immediately afterwards, the high school orchestra will play a selection. Then the Rev. H.R. Allen, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will pronounce the invocation. This will be succeeded by another orchestral selection. Gov. George A. Parks will deliver the address of welcome. Following a selection by the orchestra, James Wickersham, Delegate-elect to Congress from Alaska, will make a speech on “Alaska's Trade Value to the United States.”</p> <p>A short talk will also be made by Mayor Roderick F. Davis, of Metlakatla.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To End With Benediction</p> <p>The orchestra will play again after which the exercises will be concluded with a benediction, spoken by the Rev. C.E. Rice, dean of Trinity Episcopal cathedral.</p> <p>Provision has been made by H. R. VanderLeest, chairman of the committee on arrangements, for seats upon and near the platform for Dr. Council, Governor Parks, Judge Wickersham, John C. McBride, custodian of federal buildings in Alaska; the Rev. Mr. Allen, the Rev. Dean Rice, N.R. Walker, mayor of Ketchikan; Roderick F. Davis, mayor of Metlakatla; L.W. Kilburn, mayor of Douglas; Thomas B. Judson, mayor of Juneau; T.S. Elsemore, representing the mayor of Petersburg; F.G. Hanford, councilman at Wrangell, representing the mayor of that city; Howard Ashley, representing the mayor of Skagway; Lieut. S.H. Hunsicker, representing the commander of Chilkoot Barracks; W.J. McDonald, president of the Chamber of Commerce at Cordova, representing the mayor of that city.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plenty of Space</p> <p>The museum Hall is sufficiently spacious to accommodate the large throng expected to attend the exercises. The room has no seating arrangements for auditors, but as the number on the program will be long the ceremony is in no danger of being tiresome.</p>
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	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVEMENT FOR CAPITOL BEGAN 20 YEARS AGO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Residents of Juneau Bought Part of Site and Gave it to Government</p> <p>Formal dedication of the Federal and Territorial Building today culminates activities that had their inception just 20 years ago for the erection of such a structure in Juneau. Immediately after the capital was moved from Sitka to Juneau, in 1906, suggestions were made for the establishment of a suitable home for the various government offices. Nothing definite was done, however, until five years later.</p> <p>In 1911, a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by James Wickersham, then Delegate in Congress from Alaska, appropriating \$200,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a capitol. The measure was enacted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allotment for Site</p> <p>Thereupon, United States Treasury officials having in charge public building affairs, decided \$20,000 should be expended for the site and \$180,000 on the building.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 14-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>The site desired by the authorities was the present location - the entire block bounded by Main, fifth, Seward and Fourth streets. For \$20,000, only the upper half - the half facing on Fifth street and between Main and Seward streets - then occupied by the Jackson school, could be bought. Refusal by the officials to consider demands made by lot owners in the lower half - the half facing on Fourth between Main and Seward Streets - threatened to delay indefinitely the erection of a building.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donations to Buy Land</p> <p>In these circumstances, the Chamber of Commerce initiated a movement to raise funds by popular subscription for the purchase of the lower half of the block in order to give it to the government.</p>

	<p>John Reck, president of the First National Bank, was named chairman of the soliciting committee. the required sum, between \$23,000 and \$25,000, was raised, the needed lots were bought from their individual owners and presented to the government. Transfer was not completed until well along in 1913.</p> <p>Then, the opinion was held in all quarters that a structure containing only \$180,000 would be inadequate to meet official necessities. Territorial Legislature, at its session in 1913, memorialized Congress to appropriate \$500,000 additional.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bill for \$500,000 More</p> <p>At the session of the Federal lawmaking body beginning in 1916, Judge Wickersham, who was still the Alaska Delegate, introduced in the house of Representatives a bill calling for \$300,000 additional, and this additional amount was included in the omnibus public buildings bill. The omnibus bill was never enacted. The attention of Congress became centered on the World War, and America's entrance into the conflict in 1917 deferred all government activities excepting those relating to the struggle abroad.</p> <p>After the Armistice, war problems demanded solution to the exclusion of public building projects. When the time came for the consideration of public buildings, a new plan respecting their allotments was formulated and followed.</p> <p>The Treasury Department submitted approved projects to Congress and it passed one bill authorizing a lump sum for all approved structures. The department determined the order of necessity, and the Alaska project was third on the list. It was in 1927 that the first appropriation was made under this new plan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plans are Drafted</p> <p>In 1928, the Treasury Department architects drafted the plans for Alaska's Capitol, and these plans were finally approved late in that year.</p> <p>Early in 1929 specifications were prepared by the Treasury. In April, 1929, the call was issued to contractors for bids. Twelve bids were submitted. They were opened by the supervising architect of</p>
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	<p>the Treasury July 15, 1929. Because of the large number of tenders, consideration of them lasted until August 17, 1929. On that day, Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon announced that the N.P. Severin Company of Chicago, was the lowest bidder and that afternoon he signed the contract with the Severin Company for the erection of the building.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amount of Low Bid</p> <p>The Severin company's bid was \$712,000, with provisions relative to certain extras. All together, the site, and building with its extras and new furnishings represents an investment of approximately \$1,000,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15th -</p> <p>Sunday - busy getting the office work completed - Dinner tonight with Dr. & Mrs. De Vighne. McNaughtons & Hellenthal present.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 February 16	<p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> <p>Rushing around getting last things done - reported boat tomorrow at noon. Was very much pleased at the banquet given to me tonight by the Juneau Bar Association - every member - about 20 - present - at Arcade Restaurant.</p> <p>Excellent dinner & afterward - with cigars - speeches by Jack Hellenthal, toastmaster, Henry Roden, H.L. Faulkner, Atty. Genl Rustgard, Judge Harding, Frank Boyle, Le Fevre, Fox, Folta, & others short. They all expressed the most friendly feeling & desire to assist my work. We discussed the bill creating Supreme Court for Alaska, etc. they appointed</p>
Diary 40, 1931 February 16	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>a committee of the Assoc. to consider preparation of bill & agree on ideas & will hold another general meeting in March or April when the Legislature is in session & will call in all the lawyers in the Legislature & submit the matters to the crowd so as to secure widespread support on agreed bills. I was greatly pleased at the friendly disposition of the meeting.</p> <p>Later - Our boat will not arrive in the harbor until late tonight or early in the morning. Sent Mary Jane Harrington, Homer, a little one-legged girl, a</p>

	<p>nice letter & Debbies string of manufactured pearls - she will be pleased to get the beads.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 February 16	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAPITOL IS DEDICATED LARGE CROWD PRESENT WICKERSHAM SHOWS NATION'S DEBT TO ALASKA Northern Trade Totals Bil- lions, Appropriations by Millions</p> <p>"Alaska's Trade Value to the United States" is the Title of the address that James Wickersham, Delegate-elect to Congress, delivered at the exercises in connection with the dedication of the Capitol Saturday evening. He showed that the money the Federal government had expended in behalf of the Territory is but a trivial sum compared with the treat wealth that has flowed to the Union as a result of the Northland's trade and commerce. He said in part:</p> <p>"In recent years Congress entered upon a limited system of internal improvements in Alaska in aid of the development of Territorial Government and the natural resources of the country. It authorized the construction of a Government owned and operated railroad from an all-the-year open harbor at Seward, through the Matanuska and Healy River coal fields to the Fairbanks gold fields, at a cost of \$70,000,000. Recently the Secretary of the Treasury caused plans and estimates to be made and set apart the funds necessary to construct a general-sue building at Fairbanks, to cost \$400,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Harbor Improvement Fund</p> <p>"The War Department will spend this year for Alaska harbor improvements, \$272,000 for the Ketchikan basin, \$84,000 for the Seward</p>

	<p>breakwater, and \$18,000 for the Port Alexander harbor work, while the improvements of the Nome harbor, to cost \$250,000, is to come in two years. The Alaska Road Commission will spend this year \$1,000,000 fore general highway work in Northern and Western Alaska, and in addition the sum of \$130,000 on roads in the Mt. McKinley National Park.</p> <p>“The Bureau of Public Roads, under the Agricultural Department, will spend out of Forest Service funds, for highways in 1931, \$50,000 at Ketchikan, \$140,000 near Juneau, \$45,000 at Seward, \$40,000 at Wrangell, \$60,000 at Skagway, \$45,000 at Yakutat, \$25,000 at Kake, \$30,000 at Moose Pass, \$10,000 at Craig, \$20,000 at Klawock and \$75,000 at Petersburg, a total of \$450,000 while the Forest Service will spend \$191,000 in its separate work.</p> <p>The total to be expended for construction of highways, roads and trails in 1931 amounts to \$1,670,000, not including the appropriations yet to be made by the Legislature of Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Native Schools Remembered</p> <p>“Nor are the native schools forgotten. The Bureau of Education will erect this year six new school buildings in the Northern part of the Territory at a cost of \$36,000; three new hospitals to cost \$29,500; extensions to 14 other school buildings to cost \$110,000; an Indian boys training school at Shoemaker Bay, Wrangell, to cost \$100,000, and other items totaling \$1,125,000. Public funds to the amount of about \$5,000,000 will thus be expended in Alaska in 1931, very largely for public highways.</p> <p>“And why not? Five million dollars per annum is a goodly sum of money, but a mere pittance in comparison with what the United States expends annually in the States for similar work - in States</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 16-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>where there is local power and wealth to construct roads and other improvements by taxation upon privately owned property belonging to those who own both the property and the roads, and where the United States owns but little.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Owns 98 percent</p> <p>“In Alaska, the United States owns 98 per cent of all the lands, and all the railroads, buildings and other property constructed by it, and reserves to its own use for future sale all the coal, oil an other wealth from the pubic lands, from which it will derive great profit. The small sum it expends in Alaska, improving its own properties, is much less than one-half of the annual gold output Alaska mines send to the Government mints for the support of the nation's gold standard. From January 1, 1880, to December 31, 1930, a period of 50 years, Alaskans mined and shipped to the United States the sum of \$628,806,856 in gold, copper and other minerals. There are 600 months in 50 years, - Alaska miners produced more than \$1,000,000 of gold and copper per month during that 50-year period. - The mineral industry in Alaska is yet in its infancy and is constantly growing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exceeded by Fish</p> <p>“As great a sum as that half-century output of Alaska mineral amounts to, the value of Alaska fish - shipped to the United States in half that period exceeds it. From 1906 to 1930, both included, a period of 25 years, Alaska fishermen caught, prepared and shipped to the United States markets fish to the amount of \$743,975,738, - an annual production of \$30,000,000. From the reports of the Governor and Collector of Customs, we are informed that the total production of Alaska fish, furs and minerals expeted to the United States since 1867, amounts to the sum of \$1,762,968,496.</p> <p>“Not only has Alaska Produced and exported that great wealth to the United States, and enriched its Pacific Coast cities thereby, but her people have purchased from the United States, principally from Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco, and imported into Alaska from 1867 to date, more than 900 million dollars' worth of merchandise.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fabulous Total Trade</p> <p>“Add Alaska's total production of Wealth to her total purchase of merchandise - our total exports to, and</p>
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	<p>our total imports from, the United States and we have \$1,762,968,496, total exports; \$907,373,942, total imports, or \$2,670,842,437 in total trade. Thus Alaska's trade value with United States merchants and manufacturers since 1867 is more than two and a half billion dollars!</p> <p>A huge sum to have been won by a few thousand pioneers from in inhospitable wilderness in the first half century of trade with the mother country. It is, however, but a mere trickle to the great stream of wealth which flow into the markets of the United States from Alaska when our natural resources shall be more fully located and enveloped by an increasing number of our people who follow us into the Northern Territory, armed with better trade facilities and aided by wiser and more generous government.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resources are Unlimited</p> <p>"Our seas are filled with fish, our mountains with minerals, our coastal islands with forests awaiting the coming pulp makers, our interior valleys with unsettled agricultural lands equal in area and productivity to those of Scandinavia. Our people are brave and hardy, filled with loyalty to American ideals and love for constitutional Government, and in good time will adopt a State Constitution and secure the admission of the State of Alaska into the Union of the United States. We hail the completion of this beautiful Capital, and the promise of higher development in American Government and trade in our chosen homeland - Alaska."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>All packed & ready to tart on journey,</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February 17, 1931.</p> <p>Grace is greatly excited & pleased, of course for she has never been East and I am looking forward to the trip with much interest. We expected the boat in today but it will not be in until tomorrow morning.</p> <p>Office left in good shape, books in order & I have left receipts with Roden for Foster to sign - contract lease included in receipt. Our two houses - my</p>

	<p>home & Graces "Bishop Apartments" are in good repair & fully rented - so we leave in a contented mind.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>We left Juneau about noon on our trip - on the SS. "<u>Northwestern</u>," Capt Glasscock. A number of Juneau people are on board going to Ketchikan others going to Seattle - The U.S. Dept. Marshal with prisoners for McNeils Is. penitentiary & insane persons for the Hospital near Portland which cares for Alaska Insane. Our boat is to go to Chatham for a load of canned salmon - around Point Retreat - the north end of Admiralty Is. and south to Chatham on the easterly shore of Chichagof Is - where we arrived about 8 p.m. tonight.</p> <p>We have a comfortable room - good music & a good table seat.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>We left Chatham at about 1. a.m. this morning , arrived at Petersburg at noon. Visited with my friend Earl N. Ohmer, shrimp canneryman & Grace & I met his wife and other ladies. Arrived at Wrangell at 5³⁰ & met W.D. Grant, Senator Chris Benjamin, Rev. Corser & others & had a good visit with them.</p> <p>There are Alaskans on board from Wiseman, Fairbanks other places in the interior & I am very much pleased to meet them & to talk about the interior matters with them. Generally the people of Alaska are comfortably situated in comparison with those who reside outside - who are complaining of hard times - even poverty.</p> <p>[the above is the first reference of Wickersham to the beginning economic depression]</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 February 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>We reached Ketchikan about 3 a.m. this morning. W^m L. Paul, Indian leader, Griffith, of the Ketchikan "Tribune" & Bill Lynch met me at the boat & talked political situation, appointments etc. Paul tells me he is considering removing to Seattle to practice law! I tried to dissuade him - but when I discovered his trouble arises from the fact that his wife, a highly educated & good white woman, is chagrined & humiliated over his constant defeats in the</p>

	elections " <u>because he is an Indian,</u> " I cannot blame him so much. Still I think it better for him to remain in Alaska - though he might really
Diary 40, 1931 February 20	20 do better and be more happy in Seattle than in his own country. Paul is very ambitious and makes the political mistake of becoming a perennial & unsuccessful candidate for office instead of remaining a successful "political boss" - which he could do easily through his control over some 2000 Indian votes in S.E. Alaska. As a controlling influence with this mass of voters he would be in constant & powerful control, but as a candidate of less than a majority vote, he is in a weak position & constantly defeated. Better be a successful & influential "boss" than unsuccessful & defeated candidate, - but he does not see it that way.
Diary 40, 1931 February 21-23	-21 st - Queen Charlotte, & Vancouver Is. Passed Seymour Narrows at night. -22 nd - Sunday - Washington's Birthday. Arrived in Seattle at 2 in the afternoon. Went to Frye Hotel & found they had reserved a nice suite of rooms for us. Some friends called: Ruth came & she & Grace were happy together. -23 rd - Today was kept as a holiday - instead of yesterday. Many persons called to talk about Alaska matters. Mrs. Strong is here & we have had her to dinner - Had Mr. & Mrs. Howard S. Lerch to dinner.
Diary 40, 1931 February 24	-24 th - Grace & I went over to Tacoma and visited my old home on C St. It is greatly in need of repair - saw Winden (Hopping & Co) about it and instructed him to have repairs made. Lunch at Winthrop Hotel - with Grace. At Tacoma I went to office of Consumers Utility Co & met Lerch - talked with Flood & Lerch about sale of Harkrader (Adm. Is. Coal Co) - nothing accomplished. Back to Seattle - Harold was married some time ago & is on his honeymoon trip to Los Angeles! I do not know the girl he married! Many persons calling, Jack Dalton among them.

Diary 40, 1931 February 25	-25- Saw Erickson who returned my Ms. Old Yukon Trails - for some corrections & additions etc. Got my new eyeglasses. Had diner at Rainer Club with Edw. W. Allen & his wife - Grace & I. Invited to lunch tomorrow. Called on Hartman & Winn & others. Went out to machine shops & examined Fred Harris electric concentrator - for catching minerals, gold, iron etc. from black sands etc. & promised him I would see Bradley's at San Francisco & recommend them to have a man examine it - when I get to S.F.
Diary 40, 1931 February 26	-26 th - Seattle Post Intelligencer today: [clipping] ALASKA HITS PLAN TO RAISE RAILWAY RATE Judge James Wickersham, Ter- ritorial Delegate, Here On Way East, Gives Figures Uncle Sam will be killing a goose that has laid many golden eggs and is capable of laying many, many more if the proposed increases in rates on the government railway in Alaska are put in effect, Judge James Wickersham, the territory's new delegate to congress, declared in Seattle yesterday. "The people of Alaska are already required to pay the highest rates that prevail anywhere under the American flag," Judge Wickersham Pointed out. "To increase them would be putting an unfair handicap both on the road and the territory as a whole." EXPORTS LARGE "Since the United States acquired Alaska, in 1867, the territory has exported \$1,762,968,496 worth of fish, fur and minerals and has imported, largely from Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, \$907,873,941 worth of products during that period. "This makes Alaska's total trade with merchants and manufacturers in the United States more than two and a half billion dollars-a huge sum to be taken from an inhospitable wilderness by a few

	<p>thousand pioneers.</p> <p>“But this is a mere trickle to the great stream of wealth which will flow into the markets of the United States from Alaska if the development of the territory is not impeded by such steps as the proposed increase in rates.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ON WAY EAST</p> <p>Judge Wickersham will have no congressional duties until next December unless a special session should be ordered, but he declared that the territory's needs are so great that he intends to go to Washington, D.C., in a few weeks and spend the summer there.</p> <p>It will be a return to familiar scenes for him, as he served for twelve years as territorial delegate until he retired in 1921.</p> <p>Judge Wickersham, who is stopping at the Frye Hotel, plans to go East by way of California.</p> <p>Attended luncheon with Alaska Committee at Chamber of Commerce - very friendly - talked about Trade Value of Alaska - Jim Stevens gave me an original copy of the Alaska Times - date</p>
Diary 40, 1931 February 26	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>Oct 1869, Vol I. No 26. Friends to dinner. Sent telegram to Darrell & Judge Brown that we would reach S.F. Saturday morning & leave for the East on Monday evening. Told Judge Brown that I would be glad to meet Alaskans in S.F. on Saturday or Sunday evening. Tickets, sleeper etc. from Seattle to Washington via Southern route - New Orleans, Atlanta cost \$310.²⁷. We leave Seattle tonight at 11:45 People here are much worked up about Congressional unfriendly action on Railroad & sale of Cable & Telegraph line - Administration is blamed!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 February 27- March 1	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>Through Oregon. At Portland early and Medford in the evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>We reached S.F. at 9:30 and found Darrell waiting for us at the ferry. In the afternoon went out & saw the Golden Gate - Twin Peaks etc in Darrells</p>

	<p>automobile. Judge Brown invited us to dinner at the Whitcomb Hotel, tomorrow evening - Sunday. Bill McPhee & other friends will be present. Darrell & Jane have a nice big apartment at 1740 Franklin St.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-March 1st -</p> <p>Sunday. Darrell took us to the top of the Telegraph Hill - there we –</p>
Diary 40, 1931 March 1-2	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>Grace & I walked through downtown while Darrell & Jane went out to the Presidio Golf links - of which Darrell is a member.</p> <p>Met Judge Grown & wife, Bill McPhee, Mrs. Scanlan (an early Nome - Ophir Creek mining woman & Jeff Gear, old Dawson name at the Whitcomb Hotel & had a fine dinner & an enjoyable 2 hour visit - reminiscence talk about early days at Dawson, Nome & Fairbanks. Bill is 81 years old - very deaf etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2nd -</p> <p>Left S.F. this evening at 6¹⁵ & saw nothing all night.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 March 3	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Arrived in Los Angeles this morning - Edgar & Lizzie, Mrs. Mites and her daughter Peggy & George McGovern & his son Charles (Helen's son) met us at the depot where we spent half an hour - Helen has just presented her delighted husband with a second son, but I talked with her over the telephone & gave her the congratulations of the whole family. Charles, her first son is not yet 2 years old & is a fine boy. Edgar is filled with excitement about some improvement on the Automobile axle</p>
Diary 40, 1931 March 3-5	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>in which he is interested & from which he expects to make a fortune etc. so he seems to have quit work & is waiting for the windfall. In my opinion he would be much better off with a good job. He is 65 years old.</p> <p>Through Imperial valley - along Salton Sea - cross the Colorado river at Yuma.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Through Arizona at night - reached El. Paso today & into Texas - sandy & worthless.</p>

	-5-	More Texas sand - & passed better country tonight.
Diary 40, 1931 March 5-6	-5 th -	Houston, Texas - this morning - fine looking, flat country. We came into New Orleans at 7 ³⁵ in the evening - dark, but we greatly enjoyed an hour along beautifully lighted Canal Street. -6 th - Through Alabama at night, but saw Georgia - Atlanta & other towns by day, and greatly enjoyed the daylight trip through South Carolina. We passed Kings Mountain, North Carolina at Sunset. Had a fine view of the famous Revolutionary battlefield, where my mothers ancestor, Terence McHaney did his "bit" for his adopted
Diary 40, 1931 March 6-7	6	country as a soldier in the Revolution. It was dark when we entered Virginia - we will reach Washington at 4 a.m. -7 th - Went from our sleeping car to the Raleigh Hotel this morning - bath etc. and then to the office. Found Will Steel & Mrs. Sutherland there & Dan came later. Filed my Certificate of Election with Clerk of the House of Republicans. Arranged that Will Steel is to have \$3900. per year as salary & Grace is to have \$1100. as assistant. Dan took us out automobiling - & we had dinner with the Sutherlands at the "Dodge" Hotel.
Diary 40, 1931 March 8-9	-8 th -	Grace & will Steel are out today - Sunday - trying to find a place for us - Grace & I - to secure rooms, - apartment , etc. and they are having much difficulty to find a satisfactory place. -9 th - Made my Income Tax Return. Attended hearing in Alaska Reindeer matter at office Sec. of Interior. Sawyer introduced me to the Sec. of the interior - <u>Ray Lyman Wilbur.</u> <u>Grace found in nice apartment for us in the Stratford Hotel - & we moved there last night.</u>
Diary 40, 1931 March 10-12	-10 th -	Spent part of the day in arranging office. - furniture,

		books etc. Grace is an -interior decorator, all right! Had Ernest Walker Sawyer to lunch & talked reindeer matters over with him, also my friendly relations to the Hoover administration - He is entirely friendly. -11 th - Same as yesterday. -12 th - Busy looking up the Appropriations & phraseology of Statutes relating to the creation & control of Reindeer herds in Alaska for support of Eskimo, etc. for use in hearings before special Committee in Sec. of Interior offices - tomorrow.
Diary 40, 1931 March 13	-13 th -	Hearing today in office of Secretary of the Interior! I was heard for 1-1/2 hours, and urged that Sec. of Interior had no power or authority to accept Plan offered by the Lomen-Baldwin interests, to enter into cooperative contract as presented in that Plan. I was particular to confine my talk to the legal objections to the Plan - but it is perfectly apparent to me, now, that the Lomen-Baldwin Plan is to secure cooperation with the Government by a Contract giving them a monopoly in the marketing of Reindeer products - then sell their corporation Stock & <u>get out!!</u>
Diary 40, 1931 March 13	13	This plan would afford them a great profit in stock selling & enable them to recoup their had investment, & lease the project & its probable losses on the stockholders & the Government. I am trying to warn the Government officials so they can keep clear of a bad situation! [clipping] REINDEER AGREEMENT DECLARED MATTER FOR ACTION BY CONGRESS The legal authority of the Secretary of the Interior to sponsor a proposal for the handling of reindeer in Alaska, such as was submitted by the representatives of the Lomen Reindeer Corporation and the Alaska Livestock & Packing Company, is questionable, Judge James

	<p>Wickersham, Delegate-elect from Alaska, told the Alaska Reindeer Committee March 13.</p> <p>At a resumption of the hearing being held at the Department of the Interior, Judge Wickersham analyzed the history of the reindeer industry in Alaska, discussed the laws governing their disposition, and said he doubted whether any authority exists by which the Department of the Interior can enter any such agreement with a private corporation. Such authority should come from Congress, he declared.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Wilbur Testifies</p> <p>Ray Lyman Wilbur, the Secretary of the Interior, called attention to the policy of the Department in attempting to bring about more independence in Alaska. He cited the appointment of the three Commissioners, including the Governor, who are studying the territory with a view to bringing about closer cooperation and greater decentralization.</p> <p>Secretary Wilbur told the Committee he hoped careful consideration would be given the cooperative proposals of L.D. Baldwin, president of the Alaska Livestock and Packing Co, presented at a previous hearing. (Proceedings of the hearing were published in be issue of Feb. 21.)</p> <p>Mr. Baldwin proposed that Seward Peninsula and the coast territory adjacent from Kotzebue on the north to Unalakleet on the south be subdivided into five districts so that each district will have natural boundaries within which the reindeer will naturally remain.</p> <p>Judge Wickersham suggested that the Alaska Commission investigate the entire matter as a fact-finding body so Congress can act.</p> <p>In answer to the statement of Judge Wickersham that he objected to the creation of a monopoly favorable to one company, Senator Kendrick (Dem), of Wyoming, chairman of the Committee, said the Committee had no thought of taking</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 March 13-14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>[clipping continued] any action other than what would be for the benefit of the natives and the disposal of surplus deer. Consideration of Title</p>

	<p>Judge Wickersham pointed out that the Committee must consider the title of the deer. Alaskans are regarded legally as Indians and are citizens of the United States, he explained, protected in their property.</p> <p>Carl Lomen, president of the Lomen Reindeer Corporation, stated that 90 per cent of the deer owned by his firm were obtained from Laps, and not natives.</p> <p>Chairman Kendrick stated that the Committee is seeking an outlet for surplus deer.</p> <p>C.H. Flory, Commissioner of Alaska, stated that he did not think the commission should study the reindeer question further.</p> <p>Chairman Kendrick introduced in the record a letter from the Alaska Steamship Company protesting against any recommendations that might advocate or promote a monopoly of transportation by the Lomen Corporation.</p> <p>The hearing will continue Mar. 14. -14th -</p> <p>Attended the final hearing today in the Reindeer herd matters - the Lomen interests made their final statements. The Committee announced that hearings were concluded, etc. Carl Lomen then suggested that he & Baldwin would like to meet with Sawyer, Bell, Flory & myself to formulate ideas for a compromise settlement and plan - which the Committee approved.</p> <p>Baldwin said he was to leave town & asked for meeting this afternoon, but I could not attend, but told them to go ahead & I would look over their results later! Finney seems</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 March 14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>to have written an opinion for the Dept. of the Interior in opposition to my views as to the power of the Secretary to make a contract with the Lomen interests & I will not do anything until I see it & probably not at all, for I do not intend to approve any plan which I think to be in violation of the law - the Acts of Congress.</p> <p>This afternoon I an supplied with copies of Finneys opinions in the matter of selling female reindeer & am more than ever convinced that the Sec. has no</p>

	such authority! Finney made two opinions - the first last year, the second yesterday & they diametrically oppose each other. I think I will write my view to the Sec.
Diary 40, 1931 March 15	-15 th - Sunday - Grace & I took in the general view of Washington. I am inclined to think that by raising the question of the want of jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior to sell female reindeer, I have roused the opposition of the Secretary & his subordinates, and that I had better keep out of any further interference with administrative matters! Anyway I have made my record fairly and without criticizing any official, & its a good time to fade out of the picture & let those wholly responsible do as they will!
Diary 40, 1931 March 16-18	-16 th - Trying to catch up with Correspondence. -17 th - Sawyer came to office & requested me to go to the office of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce <u>tomorrow</u> & request that body to distinctly approve the construction of the International Alaska - Yukon Highway. Promised to go. Busy with correspondence - Alaska mail in today. 18 th Called at office of U.S. Chamber of Commerce to secure their endorsement of the International Alaska Yukon Hwy. I am to talk to Sawyer again, but I think we can get such an endorsement for this body as we need - not
Diary 40, 1931 March 18	18 all we wanted, but an endorsement of the highway if the surveys show the route to be satisfactory & economical favorable etc. A sensible approval! Also Will Steel & I called on Jack Underwood and W. W. Jermane, the Washington representatives of the Seattle Times, and found both of them friendly. This afternoon met Senator Jones and Underwood at the Bureau of the Budget and seemed a satisfactory assurance that the Budget would not impound or hold up the appropriation for the Alaska Cable & Telegraph Lines in aid of the sale to

	private parties - Congress did not authorize the sale. Matters will go on as usual for the present!
Diary 40, 1931 March 19-20	-19 th - At work in the office - correspondence Jack Underwood & Henry O'Malley took lunch with me at the "Ugly Duckling" restaurant - we discussed matters Alaskan - fisheries, International Highway, better cooperation between the Delegate & the various Bureaus, etc. -smoked & talked and agreed to act together for the benefit of Alaska and its development! -20 th - Same as usual in the office. Col. Wood called & gave us some pictures of the Seward Memorial to be erected - if Congress wills - at Seward, Alaska. Much correspondence coming in from Alaska - from every quarter.
Diary 40, 1931 March 21	-21 st - Same as usual in the office. Have completed reading a biography of Sam Houston, of Texas, this week. Visited the Congressional Library today with Grace. We are gathering up the ends of Alaska matters and will soon have business moving well. Sutherland had permission to extend his remarks in the Congressional Record, & did it by securing the printing of my remarks at the dedication of the Territorial Capitol. I am having 10000 copies printed, and, in lieu of anything else will send them out to the people of Alaska. Will Steel is also getting out a good weekly letter to the Alaska newspapers containing only Alaska Wash. matter.
Diary 40, 1931 March 22-23	-22- Sunday - raining - making notes, for a new chapter in " <u>Old Yukon Trails</u> " on the establishment of courts in Alaska and my experience in traveling the trails by dog team in holding court, etc. -23d- All at work as usual in the office. Grace & I had dinner tonight with Mrs. Steel - Will Steels step mother, at the Burlington Hotel. It was a good meal, with cheerful people, and we enjoyed it. Wills half-sister, a Mrs. John was with her

	mother - & John, besides which a dozen of their personal friends - Mrs. Sutherland & Donald, also, were guests.
Diary 40, 1931 March 24	-24 th - I made out a list of Senators & called on a dozen - most of whom had gone home. I saw Senator McNary of Oregon, and had a good talk with him about Alaska. He is entirely friendly to me & also to Alaska. Senator Jones of Wash. was out but I saw him the other day & this will just serve as a friendly call. Senator Howell was rather coldly cordial - if you know what 'mean! At the barber shop in the House Office Bldg. two of the barbers who were here when I left 10 years ago, & old Dave Bruce who gave me Turkish baths, met me with outstretched arms & a welcome!
Diary 40, 1931 March 25	-25- We are now getting our work down to a regular line & catching up with the belated correspondence. I am making promises to myself of a trip to Atlantic City on April 28 to attend the 19 th annual meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. I have received requests from Alaskan business organizations etc. to attend & will try to do so. Called at the Treasury Dept. & consulted with Asst. in charge of Public Bldgs. Ferry K. Heath, about the Capitol at Juneau, and particularly about purchasing the block across 4 th St. in front for the better protection of the Capitol – for a park etc. He expressed interest & asked me to send him a written statement & show why it should be purchased, etc. I sent Faulkner a telegram tonight asking for photographs & other data.
Diary 40, 1931 March 26-28	-26 th - We moved from the Strafford Hotel to the George Washington Inn. The Inn is located across the street at S.W. corner of House office Bldg. <u>Grace is doing the moving.</u> -27 th - The George Washington Inn is a good clean place, and satisfactory in all things except one – the coffee is so bad that one cannot drink it! -28 th -

	Called on Senator Jones & asked him to present Mrs. Anna Hall Strongs letter to Senator Borah & get her
Diary 40, 1931 March 28-29	28 a friendly letter which she can carry with her to Russia – such a letter from Senator Borah would be sufficient to insure her a welcome in that country, but I am not sure the Senator will want to give it! Anyway I can only ask it! -29 th - Sunday - Grace and I are both disappointed at the food furnished us at the George Washington Inn - it is very common & small in quantity & the coffee is hardly fit to drink. This morning we went out to a near by cafe & had a square breakfast. Have just received a letter from my Seattle friend Allen in which he says: " <u>I have been told that your presumed friend, William Paul, has made some statements</u> "
Diary 40, 1931 March 29-30	29 <u>recently not wholly friendly to you, and I am wondering whether you are aware of this fact.</u> " Allen is careful never to say too much & I assume that Paul is getting even with me for failing to appoint him my clerk as he demanded - instead of Steel. What Billy wants is a job where he can connect with the payroll & he thinks his control over the Indian vote ought to get it! and maybe he is right! -30 th - Same as usual - all at work. Wrote to Allen - saying Paul talks & generally does not mean it. At the Library tonight with Grace looking up the "Vrooman" genealogy - worked on the draft of bill to establish Supreme Court in Alaska!!
Diary 40, 1931 March 31- April 1	-31 st - Working today on the Bill to establish the Supreme Court for the Territory of Alaska, to cover judicial power thereon, <u>etc.</u> My purpose is to draft a bill to permit appeals in minor civil cases and criminal misdemeanor cases to a Supreme Court of the Territory to be Composed of the 4 district judges

	<p>sitting in bane. In such cases there is now no appeal from the judgments of the district judges - a situation which causes much complaint.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-April 1st -</p> <p>Worked all day on Bill to establish Supreme Court in Alaska - when I get it "blocked out" will get "Legislative Counsel" to take up finishing touches & then the Dept. of Justice.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 1	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>The paper "Labor" is edited by my friend Edward Keating – a member of Congress with me for 6 years. A Mr. Kelly, reporter from "Labor" came to talk with me today in relation to be Government Railroad in Alaska - This paper specially represents railroad labor, and they are flooded with letters, etc. from railroad men on the Alaska line & intend to begin a persistent effort to get the U.S. to support the Alaska road etc. and wish my aid in the struggle, which I promised them, of course. I intend to go into the defense of our road soon and give them the material as fast as I can work into shape.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 2-3	<p style="text-align: center;">-2nd -</p> <p>We are receiving a flood of letters from the people of Alaska about almost every public matter - roads, post offices, fisheries, appointments, etc. etc. - we are kept busy answering them. However I have also been busy in preparing a Bill for the creation of a Supreme Court.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>Same as yesterday. Charles B. Ferguson, formerly a member of the Legislature of Alaska called today & Jack McCord, promoter of Alaskan oil & other enterprises has visited with us this week. I saw Surgeon - General Cummings today about my physical condition - he made a date for me to see two surgeons in the Public Health service this afternoon.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 3-4	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd continued –</p> <p>Saw Dr's Grimm & Bush this afternoon at Public Health Service office in the P.O. building. They gave me a careful examination - said I was in perfect health - <u>but</u> my urine showed signs of infection & advised me to go to a physician for</p>

	<p>treatment of infected bladder!</p> <p>I will go Monday to see Doctor Fadeley – 1835, I Street.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>In the office as usual - nothing new <u>Finished my final draft of a bill to create a Supreme Court in Alaska.</u> Recd. my first months salary as Delegate - it was welcome!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 5-6	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Sunday - visited the museums with Grace - also, the house where Lincoln died. Wrote a good long letter to Darrell. Grace & I visited the Smithsonian & the National Museums & the House - where Lincoln died - Museum. Later Grace copied my completed first draft of a Bill to Establish a Supreme Court in Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Correspondence - Sent Mrs. Strong a letter of introduction to the Russians from Senator Borah - she is going to Russia! Dr. Fadeley made examination of my prostate gland trouble - says it is not bad - will continue investigation Wednesday - Grace went to Alexandria to visit Ms. Weber today.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 7-8	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> <p>The paper this evening notices a meeting of a group of Christian women on Thursday to raise money for the Ketchikan hospital: Grace says she will attend and make a small donation! <u>Received a night letter telegram from editor of the Fairbanks newspaper approving the weekly letters written by Will Steel, and asking for more.</u> We sent what he wanted by telegraph.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Dr. Fadeley gave me a more particular physical examination. It is not bad, but he recommends an operation at an early date, - before the infection in bladder & prostate gland spreads too far, & while I am in good physical condition.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 9-10	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p><u>Nicholas Longworth, Speaker of the House of Representatives died today at a health resort in North Carolina.</u></p> <p>Had my photograph made by Underwood &</p>

	<p>Underwood, today. Also called on Major Gotwals, Engineer Office of Dist. of Columbia - formerly Alaska Road Commission, etc. -10th -</p> <p>Called on Smith, Sargent & others in the Geological Survey - had pleasant visit. Received photographs, map & statement of prices asked for block in front of Capital at Juneau & <u>prepared letter to Asst. Sec. Treas. in favor of purchasing the block for use as park in front of Capitol.</u></p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 11-12	<p>-11th -</p> <p>Work in the office as usual. Steel got out his regular weekly letter about Alaska matters in Washington for the Alaska newspapers. We are beginning to get favorable notices from Alaska about them & we hope to keep the people there regularly informed about our work here for their benefit. -12th -</p> <p>Sunday - Grace & I went out to Rock Creek Park - came back to the Zoological Park & visited the animals & birds - The red birds - cardinals - are in full song - I love them - they were my musical playmates as a boy - back in Illinois.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 13-14	<p>-13th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. -14th -</p> <p>John L. Steele, formerly from Valdez now and for some years past a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., called & talked about a coal project he is organizing at a near Katalla - also talked Katalla oil. I have just completed reading "<u>Abraham Lincoln, and his Cabinet,</u>" by McCartney - it is an interesting book, although it demonstrates that there is much smallness even in great men. Wrote a letter to Gov. Parks asking him to write to Sec. of Treasury endorsing purchase of block in front of Capitol in Juneau. Flory who is here has done so & more strength is needed.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 15	<p>-15-</p> <p>As usual in the office. Grace was invited by Mrs. R.H. Sargent to meet with the Chevy Chase Woman's Club - reports it was quiet & dull. The usual Hotel Bridge game is</p>

	<p>on tonight – Mr. & Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Taylor, of Colorado, are its sponsors, though Grace is a good asst. manager. Steel reports that, Sawyer, asst. to Sec. Wilbur, was greatly pleased at my approval of the plan to spend \$250,000 of the Railroad appropriation for prospecting for minerals & coal along that road. I have also written to the Sec. asking that Sawyer go to Atlantic City to the meeting of the U.S. Cham of Com. to assist in boosting for the International Highway!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 16	<p>-16-</p> <p>Recd. a nice letter from Mary Lee Davis, 1616 Sixteenth St. Wash. D.C. saying she has just completed the Ms. of a new book "<u>We Are Alaskans,</u>" Says she will call, etc. on Grace. Also that some of her readers, who have been in Alaska, have made arrangements with the publishers of her "Attic" to present a copy to each member of the U.S. Senate & House. She quotes a part of my letter to her wherein I suggested such an idea as a good to Alaska, and I hope it will result that way. She is forceful, active - intelligent & writes rapidly. Alaska is to be congratulated that she is at this excellent employment.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 17	<p>-17th -</p> <p>Same in the office. Correspondence & Steels visits to the Departments. More favorable attention to Steels weekly letters to Alaska newspapers. The "Alaska Weekly," published in Seattle, sent me a lot of stamped envelopes for Airplane mail and asked me to send them a copy of Steels weekly letters to them, so they could print in the Weekly, which would then go north on the same boat with the Ms. to Alaska papers, & thereby secure the advantage over Alaska papers - I refuse, for I want the material published in the local papers in Alaska, and that scheme would prevent - for it would then be stale!!!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 17	<p>17</p> <p>[clipping] WASHINGTON, D.C., TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1931</p>

LABOR: A NATIONAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER
"Father" of Alaska Railroad Back
to Resume Fight for His "Baby"

Delegate James Wickersham Says Private
Interests Throttle Government-Owned Road

James Wickersham, chosen at last year's
election as Delegate in Congress from Alaska, has
returned to Washington to resume a fight he began
more than 20 years ago for the government-owned
Alaska railroad.

He declares that his "pet" has not been treated
fairly by Congress and by the Interior Department,
which is responsible for its management, and he is
going to see what can be done about it.

Failing to obtain action from department heads,
he plans to carry his case to Congress. For all his
73 years, the Alaskan Delegate is a picture of
robust health and seems perfectly capable of
putting up a good show when he gets into action.

Father of Alaskan Road

Wickersham was a member of Congress from
1909 to 1921, and more than 20 years ago began
agitating for the construction of the railroad. He
told the idea to Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the
Interior in the Wilson administration
and construction of the road was begun before the
war.

Last summer a committee composed of Senators
Howell, of Nebraska, Kendrick of Wyoming, and
Thomas of Idaho made an inspection of the
railroad and brought back a report that it was being
extravagantly managed and recommended that its
rates be raised to meet operating deficits.

The interior Department followed this
recommendation by raising both passenger and
freight rates and this stirred up a hornets' nest in
Alaska.

Rates Held Prohibitive

Wickersham contends that this move is the very
worst solution of the problem. Instead of
increasing revenues, he says, it will reduce them,
because cost of transportation has been lifted to
prohibitive levels.

"What Alaska needs is lower and not higher

rates," he declares, "We are rich in raw materials,
but we cannot market them because of freight
rates.

"Congress has set aside \$250,000 of the
railroad's million-dollar appropriation to develop
industries and the Interior Department makes rates
which prevent those already in existence from
operating. That does not seem to make good
sense."

Wickersham insists that the Morgan-
Guggenheim interests are throttling the
government-owned railroad and are largely
responsible for its policies.

Morgan-Guggenheim Holdings

This group owns the Copper River Railroad,
running from Cordova to Kennicott, and
Wickersham claims it is really a plant facility for the
great copper mines along its route.

He says its rates are purposely kept high to
discourage copper development by outside
interests, but that they are now being used as a
basis for the government-owned road's charges.

The copper interests operate a steamship line
between Seward, the southern terminus of the
government line, and the states. That is the only
way to get in or out of Alaska, and the monopoly is
charging all the traffic will bear – and more.

Uncle Sam could smash this monopoly over
night by putting a few government-owned ships
into the Alaskan trade, but the Morgan
Guggenheim combine is so influential in
Washington that nothing has been done.

Until this relief is granted, Wickersham says,
Alaska will be at the mercy of the Morgan-
Guggenheim outfit and its development will be
retarded.

Treated Like A Stepchild

"Without the Alaska railroad," he adds, "we would
be lost. Yet until it is frankly operated on the theory
that its main purpose is the development of the
Territory, we are not much better off with it than we
would be without it.

"We are asking comparatively little of the govern-
ment - nothing like what was granted to the

	<p>Western states when the building of railroads was subsidized by land and money grants.</p> <p>"We feel that a million dollars a year spent on the Alaskan road is a small outlay in comparison with the tremendous wealth that has flowed into the United States, a section of the country which is being treated as a stepchild."</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>A "fool friend" can sometimes do one more harm than an enemy - and the foregoing interview is ample proof of that statement. I was very careful to say to the reporter that talked to me that I did not want to criticize any one etc. and not to print any thing until I saw & approved it. He paid no attention to my request, but printed what I did not say, to make a good story for his paper, without regard to its effect on my affairs, or Alaska. Of course, I cannot <u>do</u> or <u>say</u> anything - <u>but I can be more careful hereafter!</u></p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 18	<p style="text-align: center;">-18th continued.</p> <p>I am just now in receipt of a letter signed by "Robert Frothingham, Publicist - Writer - Lecturer - Big Game Hunting and the Great Outdoors" - for Mountain Road, Mayfield, N.Y. abusing me vigorously for my testimony in the Lomen Reindeer hearings. In the same mail I received clippings from newspapers, Olympia Wash. saying that C.L. Brown, Washington Supt. of Securities has given the Lomen Co ten days time to show why its right to sell securities in Wash. should not be permanently revoked! - for fraud. I shall not be surprised to hear that worse may befall the agents of that concern - if the purchasers for stock make complaint.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 19-20	<p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>Mr. & Mrs. Chalmers invited Grace & me to take a ride with them through the park around the tidal basin to look at the Cherry blossoms. They took Grace and some other ladies at our hotel through the Rock Creek Park & the Soldiers Home this afternoon. I spent my time in the office writing a chapter for my Old Yukon Trails - a new chapter, for I intend to rearrange that Ms. & look for a publisher later!</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Same as usual - much mail. Delivered letter about additional ground for Juneau Capitol to Asst. Treas Heath. Dr. Smith, Geol. Sur. promised to give Dave Flannigan, Anchorage, job on surveys & prospecting along Govt. Railroad.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 21	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Recd. from Chas. E. Taylor, Fairbanks from Gustafson Mining Co. the sum of \$2000. in full for my interests in quartz claims on Goessman Hill - on summit above Cleary Creek.</p> <p>Have just completed reading "Lincoln & his Cabinet!" & "Lincoln, the Politician" Am now reading "Peter the Great" by Voltaire.</p> <p>Tonight I came down the main stairway in the Library of Congress I fell and hurt myself - fell on my left hand and it pains me very much but I did not break any bones.</p> <p>Grace and I are invited to a luncheon by "Mrs. Dan Sutherland informally to meet Mrs. Mary Lee Davis, author of "Uncle Sam's Attic", & the Great Bears Cub, two very interesting Alaska books.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 22	<p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>Under date of March 27, Mr. Edw. T. Ness, cashier of the National Bank of Tacoma wrote me a letter advising me that there was the balance of a deposit in that bank to my credit which had been there for years. Thinking it was a small sum of a dollar or so I wrote him inviting him to send me a check and the amount so I could draw it and thus clear his books. Today I received a check - blank - with the information that the amount was \$1811.³⁴ and that it had been there, dormant, since Jan 20, 1916! I drew a check for the amount & forwarded it today - I had entirely forgotten it - it was evidently an amount deposited in connection with clearing my Puyallup farm!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 23	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Wrote a letter today to Senator Wolcott, Ch. Senate Com. on Wildlife Resources, who will to go Alaska in June or July, asking him to give the trappers, fur trades and fur farmers in Alaska a hearing while he is there with the view of aiding them to secure better rules & regulations in relation</p>

	<p>to their fur trade, etc. I intent to send copies of the Alaska newspapers, etc. for publication so the fur men in Alaska will have notice of his arrival & the purpose of his trip. Bought a new spring overcoat, hat, & shoes - will go to Atlantic City on Monday 27, to attend meetings of U.S. Chamber of Commerce as representative of Alaska business association.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 24	<p style="text-align: center;">-24th -</p> <p>Had lunch today with Mrs. Sutherland - she had <u>Mary Lee Davis</u> (the author of Uncle Sams Attic etc.) and Mrs. Grace and I. We had a nice lunch & a better visit. Mrs. Davis tells me her books are to be introduced in the schools in Alaska. The only objection I see to that is her unfortunate story about the purchase of Alaska - the unfounded statement that most of the money was actually paid for a bribe to Russia for sending her fleet to New York & San Francisco as a threat to England - taken from Franklin K. Lanes Letters - that story is historically untrue - without a single fact to support it.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 24-26	<p style="text-align: center;">-24 continued –</p> <p>Grace & I took dinner with Mrs. Hatcher this evening & she then accompanied us to Sargrants lecture & pictures about Alaska, at the Auditorium in Dept. of Interior.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25-</p> <p>Dan Sutherland returned to Washington last night - came to office this morning. He accompanied his sister to France, Germany, England & Scotland and says he had an interesting trip.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>Sunday - Spent the day in the office examining my old diaries of 1900 - & 1901, making notes etc. Will go to Atlantic city tomorrow.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 27-28	<p style="text-align: center;">-27-</p> <p>Will go to Atlantic City at 1. am. Sawyer will go on the same train. Admiral Coontz, & Mr. & Mrs. Sawyer were on the train going to Atlantic City. Arrived there at 6:30 & got a room at the Shelburne Hotel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Attended meeting of Councilors of the U.S.</p>

	<p>Chamber of Commerce at the Traymore & dinner - luncheon - with the officials. Attended meetings in afternoon for election of trustees - met Samuel A. Perkins of Tacoma - was glad to see him. Went to theater - movie - saw Norma Shearer & other fill-ins. I do not feel repaid for my trip - without we get a resolution in favor of International Highway.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 28-29	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>Met Mr. Eric A. Johnson, president of the Spokane Cham. of Com. He is on the committee on Resolutions & I got him interested in the Int. Hy. resolution & he promised to do all he could for it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Attended some general & conference session today. The Conference session on <u>what is fair competition in transportation</u> in the Belvedere Room Traymore Hotel, was interesting. It included the transportation questions - R.R. v Bus Lines & Inland waters & was a fight from the start to the end. <u>Ivan Brown, Minneapolis, Min.</u> read an excellent paper - which contains data that I need in my defense of the Alaska Railroad. The general session both in the morning & evening sessions</p>
Diary 40, 1931 April 29-30	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>brought out some excellent papers - all of which will be printed in the final Report of the Chamber of Commerce, U.S. and are worth reading again. One lesson I get from attending this meeting, is the idea that Alaska needs somebody just like it. We Alaskans are not "<u>Alaska minded.</u>" We need to have more & wider loyalty to Alaska, - we are now too local in our thoughts and interests.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>At the General Session of the C. of C. U.S. we got Jack Underwood, of Seattle, Col. Griggs, of Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane & other Pacific coast towns together & organized to support the resolution favoring an automobile road from Puget Sound across British Columbia & Yukon Ter. to Alaska. We are properly organized & have friends on the Com. on Resolutions.</p>

Diary 40, 1931 May 1	<p style="text-align: center;">- May 1st -</p> <p>We cannot get any word from the Co. on Resolutions, but think they are favorable. I hope to get home tonight, but to do so must miss the Annual Dinner – Later, The Com. on Resolutions read their report after 3 o'clock & gave us all we wanted, as follows "<u>International Highways</u>. Substantial progress is recorded in the development of an international highway south from the United States, which has been endorsed in principle by the National Chamber. More recently definite steps have been taken looking to the extension of the highway northward to Alaska and commissions of the United States and Canada are now making a</p>
Diary 40, 1931 May 1	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>preliminary study of the proposal. The Chamber urges early completion of the necessary engineering and economic studies and favorable consideration of the results thereof." The chairman moved the adoption of this report. I seconded & it passed without a dissenting word or vote! I determined to go home & left on the 4:⁵⁵ Pennsylvania Ry. Train. Ivan Gardner, of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Jack Underwood of the Seattle Times, Herbert H. Rice & E. W. Sawyer, both members of the Am. Commission on this Highway. Eric A. Johnson, of Spokane Chamber of Commerce, Sylvester Wearn, of Los Angeles, Col. Griggs & others of Tacoma – all</p> <p>[Dinner Ticket] CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES ANNUAL MEETING DINNER Traymore Hotel American Dining Room Friday, May 1, 1931 at 7:00 P.M. Charge Per Plate \$6.00</p>
Diary 40, 1931 May 1-2	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>these and others aided us. In fact there was no opposition expressed by any one. <u>-it just needed</u></p>

	<p><u>talking about!</u> While I was waiting for the Washington division of my train at Phila, I remembered that I had left my new tan \$10.⁰⁰ shoes under the bed in the Atlantic City hotel! Telegraphed for them from Washington. My old Tacoma client & friend Seml. A. Perkins, was at Atlantic City - said he would call at my office in Washington next week. -2nd - Home last night at 11 o'clock. Recd. check from the National Bank of Tacoma for \$1811.⁴³ in payment for a dormant account which has lain there since Jan. 1, 1916!! <u>forgotten</u> My "forgetting" is good!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 May 2	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Poor Morrisey drank too much bad whiskey. He wanted "Freedom" - & got it out of bootleg bottles. The papers also say that the Legislature in Alaska passed an Act repealing the Alaska "Bone Dry" law, and that the Governor has approved it. Really what happened, I think, is that the Legislature limited its repeal by a clause asking Congress to validate their action! My personal judgment is that the Act ought to be repealed since Congress passed the National Prohibition law subsequent to the passage of the Bone Dry law - & much of the latter was repealed by the National Act - & the rest ought to be repealed!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 May 2-3	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Before I left for Atlantic City yesterday I sent night letter containing the exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in support of the International Highway to Major Malcolm Elliott, Juneau, and to the Fairbanks News-Miner. -3rd - Sunday. We are informed by the newspaper that the Alaska Legislature passed some sort of Act, approved by Gov. Parks, providing for the repeal of the Alaska Bone Dry (prohibition) law - probably instructing me to introduce a bill in Congress to secure a repeal. <u>My present impulse is to introduce the bill in Congress for that purpose!</u></p>

<p>Diary 40, 1931 May 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Will Steel had breakfast this morning with my friend Mrs. Hatcher who is now employed as a confidential clerk in the Republican National Committee. She told Will that she had given a copy of my platform used in Alaska at the last election to the man in charge of the Republican Headquarters, but that he said I had treated Lathrop badly & had tried to secure my own appointment as Nat. Committeeman from Alaska at the Kansas City Convention, etc. Of course there is no truth in that, but I intend, now, to go to the Committee & show them the record & how I did all that I could to get Lathrop appointed & show why he was not so appointed - it seems a good chance to put myself in good with that Committee!</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 May 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Recd. & deposited the sum of \$1811.⁴³ which the National Bank of Tacoma held since Jany. 1, 1916 which I had forgotten was on deposit anywhere. Busy with correspondence: Called on Dr. A. Hedlicka, National Museum, who starts on another trip to Alaska next week, and wished him a pleasant and interesting trip. He said he intended to confine his summers work to examining the various passes through the mountains on the Alaska Peninsula - from Bristol Bay to Shelikof Strait - he thinks the first Americans came from Asia through these routes - I think they came up the old unglaciated Yukon basin route - & by sea.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 May 5-6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Called at the Republican National Committee rooms - saw Mrs. Hatcher & she introduced me to Mr. Donald, the financial man who was with the Harding party in Alaska, some years ago, and made him understand that I was anxious to secure harmony in Republican circles with Hoover Administration here and in Alaska. He was entirely friendly and suggested I call on President Hoover - Also met Mr. Lucas, in charge -friendly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Called had a long and friendly talk with Henry O'Malley U.S. Com. of Fisheries today. He</p>

	<p>expressed an intention to assist the fishermen of Bristol Bay - insists on my calling on the President & saying just what I did to him - friendly cooperation.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 May 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Will go with Grace & the Chamber of Commerce crowd to a reception by the President & Mrs. Hoover at 5 oclock & to the Chamber of Commerce Banquet at 7³⁰. We went to both - the Reception was cool - but the White House and ground were beautiful - we visited the various rooms in the White House - the yards etc. and heard the Marine Band play & Grace was happy. The banquet of the International Chamber of Commerce held in the Washington Auditorium was a beautiful function: Beautifully dressed women - fine looking men - flowers, music, speeches - it was a splendid affair from every standpoint.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 May 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Woke up in the night with a frightful cold & cough - my lungs seemed sealed - but Grace sent for Dr. Conlon who came, gave me the once over - and a prescription - then said it was only a cold in the bronchial tubes & left. Grace telephoned Dr. Fadeley, who sent Dr. Conlon & told him not to let me die until he had performed the operation for the removal of my prostate gland! Remained in bed all day - taking Conlons medicine & still live - waiting for Dr. Fadeley! Had arranged for Grace to go over to Annapolis today with Will Steel & his mother - but she would not go & leave me sick - so she lost that visit.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 May 9-11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Still wobbly today, but in the office. Answering correspondence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Sunday - a day of rest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Called up Lawrence Ritchie, secretary to President Hoover & got a date to see him tomorrow at 10⁴⁵ a.m. with the view of bringing about friendly relations between myself and the Administration. I will take along my platform, etc. for him to examine for I want to convince him, and get his support in</p>

	satisfying the President. I will call & pay my respects to the President soon, with the same end in view.
Diary 40, 1931 May 12	-12 th - Went to White House and had a satisfactory talk with Lawrence Ritchie, the President's private secretary about my standing as an administration supporter. I gave him a copy of the telegram Dr. Chase and I sent to Lathrop inviting him to go with us to Kansas City convention & Lathrops answering telegram promising to do so; copy of my Platform of Jan. 1930 showing my pledge to support Hoover administration; copy of my letter to Lathrop dated of July 17, 1930 urging Lathrop to assist me in organizing the Republican party in support of Hoover etc. and Lathrops telegram of Aug. 7, promising to do so, also copy of the Republican Divisional (1 st) where
Diary 40, 1931 May 12	12 I secured all the Republican nominees to sign a pledge to support Hoover's administration etc. All these papers showed my active efforts to get the Republicans in Alaska to unite - to quit factional quarrels & support the Hoover administration in all fair Alaska efforts. Richey promised to read & understand the matter & to present the result to President Hoover. I assured him that I intended to work <u>with</u> and not <u>against</u> the Hoover administration etc. He was frankly friendly & assured me of fair treatment by Hoover, etc. I told him I would like to call on the President & pay my respects - he said he would arrange it soon - I think as soon as he & the President talk the matter over - may be with O'Malley.
Diary 40, 1931 May 13-15	-13 th - All working on correspondence. -14 th - Same as yesterday. Jack Underwood, reporter called - we talked Alaska etc. but not for publication. Grace is playing bridge today at the Shoreham Hotel tournament. Wrote nice long letter to Darrell.

	-15 th - Same as usual - but I've been troubled with a severe cold - bronchial - for 10 days. Grace & Mrs. Steel do not seem to care for the Bridge Tournament as much as they anticipated. Dr. Fadeley wants a months salary to do the prostate operation. May be he will be more reasonable.
Diary 40, 1931 May 16-18	-16 th - Same as usual - except I am now getting letters from the Postmaster General asking my advice about appointments of postmasters! Evidently they are recognizing that I am a trustworthy republican, and intend to give me something to say about appointments. -17 th - In the office all afternoon. Have had a severe cold for 10 days but it seems to be gradually wearing away - have had a bad cough. -18 th - Same as usual in office. Have finished reading "Ten Thousand Miles with a Dog Sled," by Hudson Stuck.
Diary 40, 1931 May 19-20	-19 th - My friend Fred. McFarland, whom I knew in Fairbanks years ago is now manager of the Regal Shoe Store here in Washington - called today & we spent an hour in talking about the early days in Alaska. He tells me that Dr. Cassels, also a Fairbanks friend is a resident in Washington. Grace & Will Steel are busy sending out to Alaskan readers a mass of public documentary pamphlets - all relating to Alaska, geology etc. -20 th - Busy with letters & also matters from the P.O. Dept. about post offices in Alaska. Cannot yet tell whether it means recognition or not.
Diary 40, 1931 May 21	-21- Recd. letter in my mail - addressed to me on the envelope, but its a letter to Gov. Parks from the P.M. Genl. asking him to pass on a postmaster - whether he should be appointed or not! which shows that the P.M. Gen. is playing "double headers." Am busy with a dozen letters about post offices, candidates, etc. I have so far only

	regretted one appointment - Mrs. Meals at Valdez! I do this because the petitions, letter etc. from there seem to indicate that she is the choice of the people there. I do not make it too strong - for I do not yet know just what the Department intends to do. I was careful!
Diary 40, 1931 May 22	-22- Today Martin, Special Asst. of the P.M. Gen. called up & said that Gov. Parks, Capt. Lathrop and "Tony" (A.J. Diamond had endorsed Robbins for postmaster at Valdez, etc. I called & saw the record. "Donohoe & Dimond" signed Mrs. Meals petition, but Tony had a strong telegram on file in favor of Robbins! do. Cap. Lathrop. I am to go back the first of the week and talk to the P.M. General about it. Made an agreement with Dr. Fadeley surgeon to perform an operation to remove my prostatic gland for the sum of four hundred dollars - for the operation & attention - but not the hospital fees.
Diary 40, 1931 May 22-23	-22 continued – Mr. David Adler, from Fairbanks, came in yesterday to call on me. He has been attending the National Ex. Com. of the American Legion, at Indianapolis & is on his way to see his parents in N.Y. This forenoon Will Steel escorted him to the White House, & got him a ticket to see the rooms etc. etc. and an offer to see the President on Monday - but he must go to N.Y. Sunday. -23- Nothing unusual in the office. Steel getting off his regular weekly news items to the Alaska papers. Grace bought a new dress & attended a luncheon of the Ladies Political Study Club at the Mayflower Hotel!
Diary 40, 1931 May 24-25	-24 th – Sunday - in the office writing. Reading Life of Peter the Great. -25 th - Same - many Alaska letters coming in. The Juneau Chamber of Commerce on May 13 - in Empire of 14th ordered its Sec. to write a "strong letter" of protest to Secretary of Interior Wilbur

	against his public statement " <u>advising young men in the states desiring to better themselves to come to Alaska,</u> " What a fool thing to do! Am told Secretary Wilbur resents their action, & I dont blame him - I supposed we wanted young men to come to Alaska & I certainly intend to continue to invite them to come!!
Diary 40, 1931 May 26	-26 th - Called on Atty (Asst) Genl Session & had a long talk with him about conditions in Dept. of Justice - appointments, etc. there. He told me Pros. Atty Hart at Nome would resign July 31, - but would not commit himself as to his successor. I am impressed that he is opposed to reappointment of Judge Clegg at Fairbanks, & in favor of reappointment of Harvey Sullivan as U.S. Marshal at Valdez. He seemed to be inclined to offer Harts place at Nome to LeRoy Sullivan and not to Charley Taylor! He is tarred with the same natural prejudice against Dan & myself that the rest are - may be this can finally be rubbed off but I doubt it, for Session is very self conceited!
Diary 40, 1931 May 27-28	-27 th – Recd. data from the Interstate Commerce Com. in relation to rates on Alaska Railroad, but its Bacon-Shakespeare cypher to me, and I must go down there & get them translated to me - in plain English. Am getting data for defending the Alaska Railroad from the Howell Committee! -28 th - I am studying the history of the Union & Central Pacific Railroads, for it is quite probable that the Alaska Railroad will have to go through more or less of troublous times & I want to know how the eastern Government Railroads did it! Douglas Gray, Midshipman from Douglas, Alaska, graduates next week & his mother is in Annapolis etc. - I want Grace to see that she is entertained, etc.
Diary 40, 1931 May 29-30	-29 th – Interview with Sawyer, told him the "Labor" interview was not a correct statement of my intentions, but that I did not think it best to attempt any correction - but let stand & just forget it etc.

	-30 th - <u>Decoration Day</u> . Great display of airplanes along the Potomac -- some 700 planes, in promotions, mimic battles, etc. It was a very strange & interesting scene to me. Hot weather is descending on us. Have just concluded reading " <u>The Union Pacific Railway</u> ," by Davis, and " <u>The Story of the Western Railroads</u> ," by Riegel. The first is a very interesting book.
Diary 40, 1931 May 31- June 1	May 31, 1931 Sunday - not so hot as yesterday I have about arranged to go with Grace to Commencement Exercises at Annapolis Naval School on Wednesday - remain for the ball & Exercises on Thursday. I want Grace to see this function - Hugh Douglas Gray, is the Alaska graduate - its mother & father are there to see the - June 1 st . - Busy in office: Called & had conference with O'Malley, Com. Fisheries Bureau about fishing by Bradfords Co-op, Co of Alaskans at Bristol Bay. He is friendly & prepared form of telegram which I sent to them tonight by telegraph
Diary 40, 1931 June 2	- June 2 - Beautiful day of sunshine. Conrad Seim, an old Nome pioneer died 3 days ago. He left a letter to Dan Sutherland asking that his body be cremated & his ashes be scattered from the new Arlington Bridge, upon the waters of the Potomac to drift out to Sea. Mrs. Sutherland has had charge of his money - some \$200. and also of his cremation and funeral. Dan is in New England - so she has taken charge of the ceremony. We drove out to the new Arlington bridge in front of the Lincoln Temple - it was not opened - the approaches were unfinished, but arrangement had been made to let us on the bridge - & even our
Diary 40, 1931 June 2	2 2 automobiles got on the unsurfaced bridge. It was a gorgeous June midday - planes flying overhead - speed boats in the river. I made a short address in memory of Conrad Siem, Nome. pioneer

	cast his ashes into the river over the south side granite balustrade, and they floated down the Potomac toward the sea – that was all. This afternoon statues of <u>Jefferson Davis</u> , President of the Southern Confederacy and Senator George, both of Mississippi were set up in Statuary Hall, with appropriate exercises. Grace and Will Steel attended, but I did not. Prejudice of my early days kept me away - I cannot forget the boys of 1862 who were killed in the War.
Diary 40, 1931 June 3	- June 3 rd - Wash. Post, June 3, 1931 [clipping] Ashes of Capt. Siem, Friend Of Alaska, Carried to Sea The ashes of Capt. Conrad Diem, who died Saturday yesterday were scattered on the waters of the Potomac from the new Arlington Memorial Bridge. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few friends of the man who did so much for Alaska. Capt. Siem, born in Hamburg, Germany, came to the United States more than 40 years ago. He located first as a representative of a German trading company at Point Barrow, Alaska, and soon after became a naturalized American citizen. Judge James Wickersham, the delegate from Alaska, yesterday paid tribute in telling of efforts of Capt. Siem to aid natives of Alaska, whose source of living was largely crippled through wholesale destruction of the whales, walruses and seals upon which the Aleuts largely depended for the sustenance in the past. Judge Wickersham told of Capt. Siem's plans in 1890 for transplanting domestic reindeer from Siberia to Alaska, which resulted in his being commissioned by the United States Government to purchase these animals across the Bering Sea and to land them in Alaska. More than 130 head were landed under this contract in 1899, forming the first herd on the Western American continent, which has since been of great value to natives as well as

	<p>other Americans.</p> <p>In 1913 Capt. Siem came here in the interest of the Territory and later succeeded in interesting Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian premier, in a plan to relieve the meat situation in the Dominion through the propagation of herds of reindeer in the Northwest Territory.</p> <p>Capt. Siem was unsuccessful in securing the aid which he sought from Congress. He had resided here for nearly eighteen years. Two years ago he was stricken with a disease which proved fatal last week.</p> <p>Grace & I going to Annapolis at 1:30 p.m. to see the Midshipman Ball & graduation. We met the Felix Gray family at Mr. Mrs. Hydes home & remained there all night. Attended the Ball given to the Graduating Class of the Naval Academy of which Hugh Douglas Gray, of Douglas, Alaska, is a member - it</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 June 3-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>held in Dahlgren Hall – and more than 10,000 people attended. The graduating class numbered more than 400, but only about 365 will remain in the service. It was a spectacular affair - beautiful - more than 1000 beautiful girls and happy boys dances & flirted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>We attended the exercises today at the delivery of the commissions to the graduating class at the Naval Academy 10,000 people cheered as they were handed out by the Sec. of the Navy. Grace & I then came home - the grays promised to come over next wee & pay us a visit - The Herald</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 June 5-8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>gave the Siem ceremony the side notice - by Arthur Brisbane, and also the following item about our trip to Annapolis:</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Today</p> <p>Conrad Siem, an Alaska pioneer of long ago, dead at the age of 71, has traveled out into unknown regions in accordance with his own plan.</p>

	<p>He told Dan Sutherland, Alaska's Delegate in Congress, that he wanted to be burned and his ashes "thrown from the Arlington Bridge on the Potomac River to drift down the river to the sea."</p> <p>As you read, the ashes are drifting, or settling on the bottom of the Potomac mud.</p> <p>Where is the "featherless biped," formerly called "Conrad Siem"?</p> <p>That's the important question. Has he also gone on floating down the river of time out into the sea of eternity? Or will he come back to be a "pioneer and philosopher" once more?</p> <p>That is the only question that is really important to all of us, and is the one question we cannot answer.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>Delegate and Mrs. James Wickersham from Alaska went to Annapolis today and tonight will attend the farewell ball to be given to the class of 1931 by the class of 1932, at the United States Naval Academy. Tomorrow afternoon they will attend the graduating exercises, at which Midshipman Hugh Douglas Gray of Douglas, Alaska, will receive his diploma. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gray, came from Alaska to witness the graduating exercises.</p> <p>[photograph of Wickershams and Grays standing on lawn]</p> <p>to go into the hospital next week for operation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6th</p> <p>In the office - nothing doing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Sunday – Reading.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Our friends the Felix Grays from Douglas, Alaska & Annapolis, Md.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 June 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>visited us this afternoon.</p> <p>We - Grace, Steel & I, conducted them through the Congressional Library, the Capitol & to dinner out at the new Shoreham Hotel - to hear the Marine</p>

	<p>Band music in front of the Capitol & to the theater! They seemed to enjoy the sights. I also made arrangement with Felix to organize the Revolutionary descendants and present the bust of George Washington, to be provided by the Bi-Centennial Expo. officials, to the Governor of Alaska, for the Territory. They will go west in the morning in their own automobile, visiting their relatives in Missouri, en route.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 June 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Wash. Times June 9, 1931 [clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LINDY ASKED TO TRY NEW ROUTE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alaskans Propose Trail With But 56 miles of Water; May Be Futue Course to Orient</p> <p>Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and his wife today were asked to blaze a new trail - a trail to be followed by commercial aviation between the United States and Asia - in their proposed flight from New York to Peiping, China.</p> <p>The request was made by James Wickersham, delegate in Congress from Alaska, who transmitted to Lindbergh maps of the route which, he says, aviation experts in Alaska believe will be the future airway to Asia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">56-Mile Water Jump</p> <p>This route, which would take the Lindbergh's from New York to Hazelton, British Columbia; Fairbanks and Nome, Alaska, and into Siberia, can be made with an over-water jump of but 56 miles.</p> <p>Wickersham said:</p> <p>"The Great Circle route would take Colonel Lindbergh across the heart of Alaska, over 56 miles of the upper end of the Bering Sea and into Kamchatka, in Siberia, and thence south to China and Japan. He could follow the Russian Railway route into Europe.</p> <p>"The Army 'round the-world flyers went up the Alaskan coast and across the Aleutian Islands to Japan.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Is Safe Route</p> <p>"Aviation experts in Alaska believe the former will be the airway of the future to Asia. The course is over great basins. There are no glaciers, no water except for the short jump over the Bering Sea. The land is for the most part level and landings can be made easily.</p> <p>"There are fewer storms than along the Aleutian Island route. Being the Great Circle route, it is shorter."</p> <p>A fine young newspaper man came into the offices yesterday to talk Alaska and I explained the aviation value of Alaska to him & he interviewed me on Lindbergh's proposed flight to the Orient. At his suggestion wrote a letter to Lindbergh & sent him a map of the Great Circle Route - I have no doubt Lindberg has the map & knows far more than I do about that route, but I could not resist the idea of urging him to the Alaska idea.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 June 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Called on Postmaster General W.F. Brown and talked about postoffice appointments etc. in Alaska. He was entirely friendly & I think will finally turn P.O. appointments etc. over to me - that is, of course, the usual rule, but Sutherland was in such a bitter personal quarrel with Hoover that he was not allowed to have any thing to say about these or any other appointments - so I am having to make my way back by convincing them I was & am a supporter & friend of the Hoover administration. Neal, Post Office inspector including Alaska, came in to talk to me about these matters - both Brown & Neal advise me to call on the President & convince him of my friendly disposition.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 June 10-11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th - continued</p> <p>Grace & I went in a taxi out to 416 O. St. and called on an old Negro woman the mother of young Hill, the Elevator boy in the Capitol at Juneau! We - or rather I promised him before I left Juneau that I would call & tell her that he was well & had a good job. Grace took her a photograph - a postal card photo - of the building. She was delighted to hear about him & his job.</p>

	-11 th -
	As usual in the office. Grace is very much interested in gathering facts about her ancestors - the Vrooman family of Schoharie, New York. See Simms, Schoharie Country, N.Y. where she finds the family rooted.
Diary 40, 1931 June 12-13	-12 th -
	Grace attended dinner at some political function at the invitation of Mrs. Harriman & other ladies at Chevy Chase. Dr Fadeley today advised me to go to the Providence Hospital Monday & prepare for an operation for removal of my prostate gland early next week. Says it will grow worse & better have the operation now while I am in the best condition to stand the shock.
	-13 th -
	Grace & I went over to Providence Hospital this morning and chose a room for my lying in next week. I have caught up with the office work and can go without leaving business
Diary 40, 1931 June 13-14	13
	in arrears. Wrote a letter to Irving Berlin asking him to write a song for Alaska - suggested as guide "The Sidewalks of New York," - but anyway a patriotic Alaska song. He probably will say "Another Crank" & throw it in the waste basket - but no harm done if he does - & he might be pleased with the idea and write it, and then I would also be pleased.
	-14 th -
	Sunday. Recd. letter from Heath Asst. Sec. Treas. refusing to purchase block 8 Juneau, for increasing site of Capitol: I am getting ready to go to the hospital tomorrow for Prostatic operation.
Diary 40, 1931 June 15-16	June 15-1931.
	[Grace Wickersham writing entries] The Judge went to Providence Hospital this morning. June 16. According to the Judge's statement I guess the doctors and nurses have given him all the tests they know of in preparation for his operation tomorrow. He's quite week & subdued after such a general

	overhauling. The doctor says he is in good
Diary 40, 1931 June 16-17	June 16, 1931. condition. June 17. Saw the Judge tonight after his operation. He seemed in good spirits and talked to me about the operation - that is of being conscious of what was going on but of feeling no pain. The doctor says he came out of it very well. Two large tumors were removed. I hope he will recover without any setback. Wrote to Darrell explaining fully. He has two private nurses.
Diary 40, 1931 June	June 18, 1931. They are keeping the Judge pretty well under the influence of hypodermics today. He was asleep both times I called. June 19. Condition same as yesterday. When he was awake he talked rather flighty. June 20. Had a bad day. Called for the police when the day nurse attempted to keep him in bed. As usual he wants to have his own way. June 21 The night nurse decided it was better to humor the patient rather than have
Diary 40, 1931 June 21-25	June 21, 1931 a fight with him and perhaps cause him serious injury. As a result he <u>got up</u> & <u>walked</u> to the bathroom - four days after a major operation. June 22. No serious results from yesterday's walk. June 23. Is quite restless but has had no hypos for two days and naturally feels the effects of the operation. Have written Darrell nearly every day. June 24. Just one week since his operation. Is beginning to appear a little rational when I talk to him. June 25. Continues to im-

<p>Diary 40, 1931 June 25-28</p>	<p><u>June 25, 1931</u> prove. The doctor seems to think he's in a very good condition. June 26 - Took the Judge some orange ice tonight. He seemed to enjoy it. It is very hot but the hospital room is rather cool. June 27- Seemed to have a little fever today. The nurse gave him an icebag for his head. The weather is very hot. June 28 - Still running quite a temperature. The doctor says it is due to a little local irritation which is very liable to</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 June 28- July 2</p>	<p><u>June 28</u> occur in these cases. June 29, 1931 Still using icebags and keeping still in bed. June 30. Seems to be getting back to normal. June 31. Not much change. The weather is unbearable but the Judge doesn't seem to mind it at all. July 1. The two nurses - Miss Smith - the night nurse and Miss Humphreys - the day nurse are both excellent and take such good care of the Judge. They say he is getting along "<u>just fine.</u>" July 2. Fever gradually going down but the Judge will spend the 4th in bed</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 2-7</p>	<p><u>July 2, 1931</u> this year July 3 Still taking it easy. Pretty hard for the Judge who thinks there's nothing wrong with him now & want to get up. July 4 The glorious fourth was rather quiet. No fireworks at the hospital. The Judge is quite amenable to reason now & stays quietly in bed. July 5- Fever gradually leaving.</p>

	<p>July 6- Temperature about normal. Sat up awhile today. July 7- Wants to walk but</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 7-11</p>	<p><u>July 7, 1931</u> as usual is never willing to do anything in a reasonable amount. Wants to walk all the time just because he <u>can</u> walk. July 8 - "Exercise in moderation" - is the doctor's orders. July 9 - Sitting up enjoying attention of the day nurse. July 10 - Begins to want ham & eggs for breakfast. Still on a diet. July 11. Was given some bacon & eggs for breakfast. Seems to have a good appetite. Begins to clamor about going</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 11-15</p>	<p><u>July 11, 1931</u> home. July 12. Steady improvement. July 13. Thinks he's entirely well. July 14. Will has been over to see the Judge several times. Says he notices a marked improvement. The judge is interested in everything going on in the office and wants to talk things over. Was quite upset over the account of his friend, Bob Lavery's death. July 15. Four weeks</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 15-16</p>	<p><u>July 15, 1931</u> today since his operation. I hope he'll be able to go home soon. However he gets such good care here that I want him to stay a little longer. July 16, 1931. We let the day nurse go but kept the night nurse. I feel more comfortable to know someone is looking after him at night. I believe the doctor expects him to go home soon. I hope he's right.</p>

<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 18-21</p>	<p>July 17. Just marking time. July 18. Took him for a ride down the corridor. Says he could walk all right but I'm still afraid of too much exercise. July 19. Was up on the roof tonight. It was lovely. Magnificent view. July 20. Planning to go home this week. July 21. Wound almost healed. Nurse says it looks "good." It looked terrible to me.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 22-23</p>	<p>July 22, 1931. Have decided about Saturday would be a good day to leave the hospital. Have dispensed with the services of the night nurse but the regular nurses don't take her place. July 23. Have decided to bring the Judge home today. Am so happy he is well again. Will let the Judge tell the story now. He could have been telling this story for</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 23-24</p>	<p>July 23, 1931. several days by himself but I always forgot to take the diary over. I hope it will be a long time before I have to write in your pages again – old Diary. July 24, 1931. [Grace writes:] Just a word - <u>Home again</u> – [Wickersham back at it:] Wrote a letter to Darrell today, so he could see that I am up & at myself. The drain arranged by the doctor yet throws off some urine, but is rapidly closing & <u>then</u> the case will be closed. Am glad to be at home with Grace.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 25-26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-25th –</p> <p>Am pretty weak but taking as much exercise as I can stand in the hope of building up strength. Walk from George Washington Inn to restaurant opposite Congressional Library for my meals - Long street car ride to "Friendship heights" & back - too long - etc. - It is good to be out and on my feet - weigh 185 lbs - only a loss of 10 lbs!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p>

	<p>I am slowly gaining - drain in my stomach has healed completely & it is now only a matter of regaining my usual strength. Grace & I went to Dodge Hotel for our Sunday dinner.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 27-29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th –</p> <p>At my desk in the office - big lot of Alaska mail - but will let Will work it up - with suggestions. -28th –</p> <p>Am recovering my strength slowly but surely! Spend half day at desk at work. Dr. Fadeley made examination at his office this afternoon & says I am o.k. but must report for examination for several times yet. Office work in good shape. -29th -</p> <p>In the office most of the day, reading correspondence sent out during my confinement in the hospital - generally satisfactory.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 July 30- August 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-30th –</p> <p>As usual - in office part of the time. -31st –</p> <p>Getting more strength, trying to catch up with correspondence. Visit Dr. Fadeley's office for surgeon dressing every two days. -Aug 1st, 1931.-</p> <p>Same as usual - getting office work up to date - slowly. -Aug 2.-</p> <p>Sunday - cool - wrote letter to Darrell - wound healing nicely. -3rd -</p> <p>Busy going over a Bill to create a Supreme Court for small cases in Alaska - cases which cannot now</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 August 3-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>be appealed from the District Court to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals - where less than \$1000. is involved in civil cases & misdemeanors in the criminal list. Writing letters etc. -4th -</p> <p>Same as yesterday in the office. Paid Dr. J.M. Fadeley, who performed the surgical operation for me - the sum of his bill - \$500.⁰⁰! The total expense of this 2 months hospital - nurses -surgeons, etc. is \$1409.55!! Some Operation.</p>

	Am working on letter setting out legal side of Auk Indian claim to their old village site - in letters to Sec. of Agri, & Sec. of Interior in support of Indian petition.
Diary 40, 1931 August 5-7	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. Sent copies of my Auk Indian letter etc. to both the Sec. of Agri. & Interior.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Busy answering correspondence. Growing stronger rapidly. <u>Prepared a new Will today</u> & will sign & revoke the one made by me in Juneau on Jany. 10th. In my new will I am leaving a larger part of my property to Grace, which I think I ought to do.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. Wrote political letter to White, U.S. Marshal - Juneau - trying to get him & Rustgard in lime for next years campaign.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 9-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Sunday. hot weather is very annoying especially with my healing wound across the lower party of my abdomen. Making some notes for inserting in Old Yukon Trails Ms. I have not done any work on it for months & fear I will not get it done until late in the winter on act. of necessary work on proposed bills for introduction in Congress in December.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>Spent the day in answering big influx of Alaska mail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p>Mr. Nelson A. Mason, Sec. to Senator Frasier of North Dakota, called this morning & we discussed the probable</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 11-12	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>visit of a sub Committee of the Com- of the Senate on Indian Affairs, of which Senator Frazier is chairman, to Ketchikan - Juneau to hear the Indians side of their difficulties - fishing, poverty, lands, etc. I strongly urged each action & we will take it up again.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Called at Dept. of Justice & conferred with Asst.</p>

	Atty. Genl. Caldwell about my bill for establishment of Supreme Court in Alaska. Interested but no decision. <u>On yesterday Mr. Mason Sec. Senator Frazier called & we talked - among other things - about getting Senator Frazier, Ch. Senate Com.</u>
Diary 40, 1931 August 12-13	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p><u>on Indian Affairs to go to S.E. Alaska in Sept. to hear Indians at Ketchikan to Juneau, about their affairs. Have sent telegram to Senator Frazier today stating necessity and urging him to make the trip to that vicinity when committee makes its trip to the pacific coast next month.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>We are all busy with Alaska correspondence This and running errands to the Departments keep us busy - Visited Dept. of Justice & had a long conference with Asst. Atty Genl. Caldwell about Sup. Ct. bill. They promised to give it careful attention - & may amend it by combining the 2nd & Fourth Divisions - which I do not wish to do - for the politics involved!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 14-15	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15-</p> <p>Rewriting two or three chapters in my Old Yukon Trails Ms. My friend Erickson, of the Lowman & Hanford Co. Seattle, is urging me to hurry & finish it, but I do not feel there is any haste, even though the Revell Co. N.Y. seems willing to publish it. It is so old now that it takes its place as History & a few years more or less will make no difference in its value - may even make it more interesting - & I have so much of the present</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 15-18	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>day work to do for Alaska in this Congress that I feel justified in taking my time on the Ms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-16th -</p> <p>Sunday - spent the day rewriting a chapter in my <u>Old Yukon Trails Ms.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-17th -</p> <p>I am getting letters from many persons in Alaska who receive Steels Weekly letter commending us for sending it out. It puts us in weekly contact with all the Newspapers & many individuals where</p>

	<p>newspapers are not published - we send out 130 copies weekly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-18th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. DeNere, my nephew, who lives in</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 18	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Jersey City, N.J. 60 Lexington St. came over and spent the day with me. Had hour conference with Sisson, Asst. Atty. Genl. this afternoon - he is just back from Alaska, & we talked about appointments. He will not reappoint Judge Clegg & asked me whom I would recommend in case Clegg was not to be appointed. I told him that in that case I would recommend Atty Genl. John Rustgard & related his qualifications. He asked about Charley Taylor as U.S. Atty. at Nome. Of course I urged Taylors appointment & he said it seemed agreeable, etc. and asked me to find out if Taylor would accept - at once since that office is vacant. He said Dr. Chase was</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 18-19	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>not acceptable to the Administration! for appointment as U.S. Marshal, and urged Staser: That Dan objects to Staser is accepted as a recommendation for Staser & I finally said I would not oppose Staser if he was nominated. Then he mentioned reappointing Judge Lomen, at Nome, and I strongly objected & told him plainly I would not approve Lomen & thought he could not be confirmed if appointed & I asked for a couple of days to think things over in - he asked me to find out at once if Taylor would accept the appointment at Nome.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p><u>Sent telegram today to Charles E. Taylor, Fairbanks, asking him</u></p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 19-21	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p><u>to say definitely if he would accept the appointment as U.S. District attorney at Nome.</u> Also wrote letters to Frank H. Foster Juneau, and Robt. W. Taylor, clerk of the district court, Fairbanks, urging the election of Delegates to the Rep. Nat. Convention next year favorable to Hoover!</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. No answer from Taylor yet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Received telegram from Chas. E. Taylor declining to accept the appointment as U.S. attorney at Nome. Called & talked with Asst. Atty. Genl. Sisson - I filed a written endorsement of L.D. Roach,</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 21	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>young attorney residing in Anchorage for the place. Session suggested that it would be satisfactory to the Dept. if an agreement could be arranged between Lathrop and myself endorsing Rustgard for judge at Fairbanks, Staser for Marshal at Valdez & Roach for U.S. Atty. at Nome. Said he would send telegram to Lathrop two days later: I had Will Steel send telegram to Frank Foster, as a starter as follows: <u>"Suggested here that Lathrop and Delegate would strengthen Alaska politics by agreement on several appointments stop Will you send Lathrop telegram immediately urging that action answer official W.A. Steel, Secretary."</u></p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 21-22	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>I have endorsed Clegg for Judge, but Session tells me he will not be appointed - I add - because of Lathrops objections. I want him appointed but if the Department will not do it, I do not feel like I ought to break away & lose all my connection with appointments - but ought to get as many of my friends appointed as I can.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>It has been cool weather for a week & raining most of the time. I am putting in some time in rewriting chapters of my Old Yukon Trails. Grade is working earnestly on her genealogy of the Vrooman family of which she is a descendant.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 23-24	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Received answer to Steels telegram to Frank Foster - he says, <u>"Sent following message Lathrop quote "have wire Washington suggesting you and Delegate can get together on appointment in manner satisfactory to both stop after consultation</u></p>

	<p>with and others suggest for good of organization that such cooperation be had - unquote, Frank Foster."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 24, 1931</u></p> <p>My 74th Birthday! As I feel now I am good for 74 more. Recd. nice birthday card from Ida - Grace's sister. Worked in the office as usual - on "Old Yukon Trails."</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 25-26	<p style="text-align: center;">-Aug. 25 -</p> <p>Nothing new - steady office work. Grace is hard at work on Vrooman genealogy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-26-</p> <p>We have come to the conclusion that Sisson, Asst. Atty. Genl. in charge of appointments in Alaska, is <u>not</u> going to recommend the appointment of Dr. Chase as U.S. Marshal in the 3rd Div. nor the reappointment of Judge Clegg in the 4th - <u>because</u> they have been friends and supporters of Sutherland & myself. He gave his ear to our opponents while in Alaska this summer & now demands that I secure the endorsement of Lathrop for those I recommend for office. I am in doubt if Lathrop will join - and I am just about ready to take other means of securing some attention.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 27-28	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>Marshal White writes confidentially about political conditions at Juneau & in Alaska. Says he does not hear of any opposition to my candidacy on the Rep. ticket at primary - thinks there will be none. Lathrop has announced he will not be candidate again for Rep. Nat. Committeeman!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Telegrams from Chambers of -Commerce urging longer than September to hunt ducks & geese in Alaska - but the President has issued a special appeal for their conservation because of the drought & will not extend time in Alaska - telegraphed Ch. of Commerce in towns.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 29-31	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. I am rewriting chapters in Old Yukon Trails - & making it into a history of my efforts to establish the Courts in Alaska - rather biographical for that period - Cooler</p>

	<p>weather.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Sunday & fine cool weather: We took a street car ride & I have worked all day on Old Yukon Trails Ms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>Grace & Mrs. Hunter took the early bus and visited the Luray caverns today - they think they had a fine trip - <u>Press dispatch reports death of Hon. W. C. Houston, formerly the Chairman of the House Committee</u></p>
Diary 40, 1931 August 1- September 1	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>on Territories, at the time the Alaska Railroad Bill passed Congress in 1914. He was a splendid character and always a sympathetic friend of Alaska, and I greatly regret his passing on.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Sept. 1 -</p> <p>Same as usual - very busy - in office. Dr. Fadeley took of the last bandage today and I am at last free from annoyance from my wounded tummy. The Alaska papers report my Democratic opponents very busy getting ready for the next years campaign - they are to hold a Divisional meeting and a Territorial Convention. They say that Gov. Roosevelt of N.Y. will be their candidate for President & <u>sure of election</u> - etc. etc. - so they are already promising appointments to get people to work.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 September 2-5	<p style="text-align: center;">-Sept. 2-</p> <p>Same as usual - nothing exciting A Mrs. Shope called - just to talk - says she is one of the house girls at the Congress Hall Hotel years ago when I & my wife lived there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>I am writing 3 or 4 additional Chapters for The Old Yukon Trail - possibly to many & too much but just to suit my own ideas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office - <u>work</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>Wrote letter to John W. Troy thanking him for kind expressions in Editorial in the <u>Empire</u> of July 21, also asking to state what he means</p>

<p>Diary 40, 1931 September 5-8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>by his oft repeated declaration in favor of "full Territorial form of Government:" stating objections to the phrase in an amended Organic Act and asking him for his views and assistance in agreeing upon Phraseology to be used in an Amended Organic Act!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Sunday - Grace is making an interesting study on the Genealogical history of her family - the Vroomans - of Schoharie N.Y.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p><u>Labor Day</u>, big parade, etc. Worked in the office. Steel went over to Philadelphia Saturday to visit relatives</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>I received a letter today from H.D. Stabler U.S. Attorney at Juneau, asking me to</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 September 8-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>support him for appointment as U.S. District Judge, either at Fairbanks or Nome; he says Judge Lomen is badly broken in health, to such an extent that his mind is badly affected, etc. I will not make him any promise - conditions in politics forbid too many promises - the department of Justice is holding me up & Stabler is their candidate - I may have to compromise with them & if I give a promise to the Dept. candidate it leaves one without any thing to compromise with.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-9th -</p> <p>Busy with Alaska mail. Called on Senator Frazier, Ch. Senate Com. on Indian Affairs and urged him to go to S.E. Alaska and investigate the situation of our Indians - did not consent to go - but is thinking about it.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 September 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MISS RANDALL, C.E. TAYLOR, ARE MARRIED LEAVE FOR CIRCLE HOT SPRINGS ON HONEYMOON- WILL RETURN TO FAIRBANKS ABOUT FIRST OF MONTH</p>

	<p>Miss Eva Lucille Randall became the bride of Charles E. Taylor last night, the ceremony being performed at 8:30 o'clock. It took place at the bride's home on Fourth avenue near Kellum street.</p> <p>The Rev. John E. Youel officiated. Bridal attendants were Miss Mary Benjamin and Major George W. Albrecht. Mrs. Albrecht was the only other person present.</p> <p>An hour after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left for Circle Hot Springs on their honeymoon. They will remain there until about the first of September and then will return to Fairbanks to make their home.</p> <p>The bride has been a resident of Fairbanks for two years. Since her arrival she has been a member of the public school facility.</p> <p>Mr. Taylor is one of the most widely known attorneys in Alaska. He is a member of the law firm of Albrecht & Taylor. Mr. Taylor was in Fairbanks in the early days and later removed to the Iditarod. He returned here in 1923 and has practiced here since.</p> <p>The clipping from the Fairbanks Miner of 22nd August. No wonder Charley refused to accept an appointment tendered him a month ago as U.S. Attorney at Nome. Will Steel send him another tender of the same appointment two days ago - he will probably refuse that also - I am writing him my congratulations - he is a fine fellow & I am glad he has married again.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 September 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-11th -</p> <p><u>Dan Sutherland</u>, my predecessor in office as Delegate, is in the City and will come in today to talk things over - Had long and friendly talk with Dan about Alaska appointments - he is not interested in any but that of Staser of Anchorage for U.S. Marshal. He asked me not to endorse him - and declares he will prevent his confirmation by the Senate, etc. Steel also talked with us - & Steel will see Sisson, Asst. Atty. Genl. tomorrow & report Dan's state of mind. Dan will go back home tomorrow - to his sisters Ogontz school, Philadelphia.</p>

	-12 th -	Sutherland did not go home this morning - Will, Steel called
Diary 40, 1931 September 11	12	and talked with Sisson, Asst. Atty. Genl. again this morning - he told Sisson that Sutherland declared he would fight the confirmation of Staser, of Anchorage, if he was appointed U.S. Marshal for Third Division - also told him that I would not object to Stasers appointment. A new feature was injected in to the matter of appointments by a short bill prepared in the office of the Attorney General, as follows: <u>"Be it enacted etc that on and after July 1, 1932, there shall be only one district judge, one clerk of court, one district attorney and one United States Marshal in and for the second and</u>
Diary 40, 1931 September 11	12	<u>fourth divisions of the district of Alaska: provided, that the term of office of the above named officials now serving - in said divisions shall continue until twelve oclock midnight, June 30, 1932, or until their successors are appointed and qualify"</u> Sisson gave Steel this copy of the bill which the Attorney Generals office prepared & which will be offered to Congress in December by that official, with request that it be passed. I shall not object to such action for the second division is not specially necessary. Still I wish to examine it carefully & learn what is behind the move.
Diary 40, 1931 September 11-13	12	Sutherland came in the office later in that day & Will Steel told Dan about his interview with Sisson & Dan declared it was o.k., & that he intended to fight Staser to the limit - <u>but no one else.</u> -12 th - Many letters & telegrams objecting to the Presidents Proclamation limiting the season to the month of September for killing ducks & geese - Department says no change -that it applies to every State & Alaska alike! -13 th - Sunday - nothing much. Have been writing additional Chapters for my Old Yukon Trails - on

		establishing courts - holding courts - Eagle Circle, Unalaska, Nome-Rampart, etc.
Diary 40, 1931 September 14-16	-14 th -	Wrote a letter to the President today - sent him with it a letter from Territorial Senator Charles Benjamin, of Wrangell, Alaska strongly protesting against limited the duck & geese hunting season in S.E. Alaska to the month of September – asked the President to extend that time in S.E. Alaska to include the month of October – <u>but he will not do it.</u> -15- Dr. Fadeley examined me today & says that I am entirely cured, and I feel that way. Busy in office as usual. -16 th - Dr. W.A. Borland, Juneau - Nushagak came in today from Alaska - charges against him for drunkenness, etc. in Indian service - Steel has gone to Department with him to see the exact charges & aid in defense
Diary 40, 1931 September 17-18	-17 th -	I was invited by Congressman Smith of Alexandria, Virginia to speak at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club, and did so today at noon. Subject - Alaska - time 29 minutes and enjoyed it myself! Dr. Borlands hearing before officials Indian Affairs went satisfactory - so Steel reports, so far as actual charges go - but they insisted on his taking medical examination that may prove more troublesome on account of his physical condition - old, fat & not strong! -18 th - Met Dr. Ayan, Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Hawksworth, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, at Senator Frazier's office at 10 oclock - we all urged him to go to
Diary 40, 1931 September 18-20	18	Alaska with Subcommittee of Com. on Indian Affairs - to S.E. Alaska - and look into the surroundings and wants of the Indians - fisheries - lands, etc. It may be the Senator and others will go! He did not promise

	<p>categorically that he would but gave us all that impression.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th –</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. I am now writing a chapter on my experiences as Judge in Nome in 1901-2.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Dan Sutherland back from his Phila. quarters - looks sick & says he is suffering with his stomach again. Am trying to get chapters of my Old Yukon trails to fit my idea of making it a history of Alaska - Yukon country.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 September 21-23	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st –</p> <p>Called at Bureau of Fisheries & had talk with OMalley, Com, about opening the Yukon river to limited fishing at its mouth. He said he intended to open it for fishing next year, <u>but promised that if the effect showed a depletion of fish in the upper river he would not allow it beyond 1932!</u></p> <p>Grace attended political reception - Republican Women - at the residence of Sec. & Mrs. Doaks. - Mrs. Hawksworth went with Grace.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22-</p> <p>In bed with swollen gland resulting from overdoing myself in hot day yesterday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-23-</p> <p>Out this afternoon - but still sore.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 September 26-27	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>Received note from Mary Lu Davis - she has just returned to Washington from her Nantucket cottage. Work in the office going along well - Steel is a good assistant! I get many references to his weekly letters - all flattering, & I am greatly pleased!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>Have been confined to my room for four days with swollen testicle & sore back brought on by cold & too much exercise. Several persons called at office - sorry not to see them. Heat of summer gone & weather pleasant. Nothing important. Have let Steel attend to office but I hope to get there tomorrow - will call & see if I can get Sec. Agri. to extend hunting season in S.E. Alaska to Oct. 15th!</p>

Diary 40, 1931 September 28	<p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>I am getting much mail from all over Alaska, and we are kept busy running to the Departments on errands for people who want something - Wrote Stabler, U.S. Pros. atty. Juneau, declining to endorse him, & giving him the situation with respect to Alaska appointments - but did not disclose Dept. Justice idea of forming 2nd & 4th Div. I am not inclined to help him & the Judge Harding crowd - <u>they did not support the Republican ticket last fall.</u></p> <p>C. W. & Mrs. Hawksworth, Mr. & Mrs. E. P. Walker & Mifs Green, all Juneau people, called & Grace is doing the social stunt with them and Mrs. Carter & sister, from Wrangell - I am on my feet again and at work in the office.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 September 29-30	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th –</p> <p>Same as usual in the office.</p> <p>Mine enemy Selby - who beat me up so in. Valdez, is now running the Strollers Weekly at Juneau, - in his last issue he says in his political column,</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p>Nothing has been heard from the Hon. James Wickersham, delegate to Congress who is in Washington piling up one of the best records of his long career as delegate. If Mr. Wickersham decides to make the race for delegate to succeed himself, which is highly probable, there is not much chance a Republican running against him, as he would be hard to beat if he “choose to run.” It is hoped that he will announce his plans in the near future so the party can be lined up for him in time to prepare for the primary.</p> <p>I will make a public announcement soon that I do “choose to run.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Called on Sec. of Agri. Hyde, about extending time for shooting ducks and geese in Alaska, but he referred me to Redington in Biog. Survey - & he was not to be found - I am now satisfied that no extension for Alaska can be expected.</p>

<p>Diary 40, 1931 September 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>A Mr. O.N. Carter, from Ketchikan, Mgr. Light & Power Co & Cold Storage plant, who wants action about halibut at Prince Rupert; he promises to wait until OMalley and Dan Sutherland can be consulted next Monday.</p> <p>Steel had talk with Sisson, Asst. Atty. Genl. about appointment of Dist. Atty. at Nome - he refuses to appoint Roach, of Anchorage, but agrees to appoint L.M. Sullivan "Larry" who was in my office in Juneau for a year & is now Asst. Pros. Atty. at Cordova. I felt forced to consent, and I expect the appointment to be made - Sisson will telegraph the offer to Larry & I hope he accepts - if he does not I will insist again on Roach!</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 October 1-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-October 1st -</p> <p>E.A. Rasmussen called- talked about Alaska matters Railroad etc. We went to Int. Dept. he had a talk with Secretary Int - Wilbur - who told him to go and talk with Senator Howell - that <u>he</u> was the man who raised railroad rates etc.</p> <p>Rasmussen is a candidate for Repub. Natl. Committeeman for Alaska & I am inclined to think he will make a good one - he can have it so far as I care.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2nd -</p> <p>Recd. a friendly letter from John W. Troy, Ed. Juneau Empire, in relation to a bill for creating a "full territorial form of government" in Alaska. He has long been unfriendly with me on that subject, but on Sept. 4, I wrote to him thanking him for</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 October 2-3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>publishing writing - a very kind editorial about me in connection with the matter & offering to elaborate with him in preparing such a bill & also offered to introduce it in Congress etc. My letter & offer seem to have pleased him & this letter is the result. He does not outline what he thinks the Territory needs to perfect our Organic Act, but I will prepare a form of a bill which I think may satisfy him and send it to him soon for his consideration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-3rd -</p> <p>We spend most of today interviewing the Department of Commerce in an effort to assist</p>

	<p>Lass, of Seldovia in a way to get his chrome deposits to the eastern market – wrote him a long letter as a result, suggesting the Panama Canal route & other things.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 October 3-5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-3rd continued-</p> <p>Grace and some lady friend attending a lecture on Genealogy - at the Y.M.C.A. rooms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>Sunday. Writing a chapter on the Nome troubles of 1900. F.W. Griffin of Kodiak telephoned he was in town. Sent Steel out to find him etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p>I endorsed L.D. Roach for U.S. Atty. at Nome, but when Sisson talked to me I also told him Sullivan was a good lawyer, etc. He would not appoint Roach - Lathrop objected - so he switched to Larry! a good appointment.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 October 6-7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>E.W. Griffin, of Kodiak, and a former merchant at Fairbanks came to Wash. a day or two ago. Yesterday Dan Sutherland took us out to the horse racing at Laurel, Md. and today Griffin spent an hour in the office talking about Kodiak & their wants there. Busy in the office with correspondence - & writing the story of the Noyes - McKenzie scandal at Nome!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-7th -</p> <p>In the office as usual. Steel not out his weekly newsletter to Alaska. I am still trying to get a clear statement of the Nome judicial Scandal of 1900! We called</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 October 7-8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>on Mrs. Mary Lee Davis & husband in company with the Hawksworth of Juneau. We had a pleasant evening. "Mary Lee" and "C.W." can both talk to waltzing time & never stop. Eskimo - Point Barrow - Bishop Rowe etc. books, Attic, etc. and a jolly good evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Earl Hunt & his wife Lucille - my niece – Sister Mary's daughter - were in the city two days before calling up my office - they were so sure that I was yet in Alaska! Called up this morning and then came to the office and we had a good visit. They</p>

	had lunch with us at the “Ugly Duckling” - dinner with was at the “Shoreham,” and altogether a very agreeable visit. They have adopted two babies - a years difference in their ages - & Lucille is anxious to yet back home to them. She is a fine lovely good woman.
Diary 40, 1931 October 9-11	-9 th – Lucille and Earl left Washington this morning in their automobile on their return trip to Beeville, Texas. I am at work on my chapters of my work at Nome - for Old Yukon Trails. Mr. Geo. C. Grove, from Ketchikan called. He has a scheme to get the Indians of S.E. Alaska to work on their ancient carving basked making, etc. Sent him to call on Chas. W. Hawksworth, acting chief in Alaska, Bureau of Indian Affairs - who is attending hearings before Budget Bureau - also interested in that work. -10 th – Same as yesterday in the office. -11 th - Sunday - Slept till noon - quiet day.
Diary 40, 1931 October 12-13	-12- Same as usual in tie office. Had dinner tonight with Chas. W. Hawksworth & wife at the Shoreham Hotel, on the Rock creek bluff - present the Hawksworths, Mrs. Dr. Ryan & Mrs. Cooper, Grace & I. It was a good dinner! & I greatly enjoyed the pleasant company, music etc. -13 th - Received a very friendly letter from H.B. Selby, the Editor of Strollers Weekly tendering the support of the paper in my next campaign! It was Selby & his son who beat me up at Valdez in 1920 (?), but evidently he has concluded, as I have, to forget our past difficulties & join in reorganizing the Republican party. I have today written him
Diary 40, 1931 October 13-15	13 <u>a friendly letter announcing that I will be a candidate for reelection at the primary & general election next year. He promises to support me!</u> The Hawksworths go back to Alaska today - they are friendly supporters also.

	Grace is busy on her genealogy of the Vroomans - of which family she is a descendant - they were Revolutionary actors. -14 th – Same as usual - at work in the office & also adding new material to Old Yukon Trails - my service at Nome. -15 th - Sending out 200 Bicentennial pictures of George Washington to the people in Alaska.
Diary 40, 1931 October 16	-16 th - Wrote a letter today to President Hoover in favor of Hillis as Rep. Chairman, <u>“Hon. Herbert Hoover, The White House.</u> <u>Dear Sir: The appointment of Hon. Charles D. Hillis of New York, as Chairman of the Republican National Committee to have charge of the Republican National campaign next year, would be entirely satisfactory to the Republicans in Alaska.</u> <u>We wish you to have the appointment of a man to that responsible position that will be entirely agreeable to you, but Mr. Hillis would be a strengthening factor to the party in Alaska.</u> Yours very Truly James Wickersham Delegate from Alaska.
Diary 40, 1931 October 17-18	-17 th – Called on O’Malley, Comm. Bureau of Fisheries & had conference about fisheries & fishermen on Bristol Bay -also - left with him several letters criticizing fishery conditions there for answer. Wrote letter to B.M. Behrends, banker at Juneau, congratulating him on his fortieth anniversary of opening business in Juneau. -18 th - Sunday - Slept until noon. Also wrote a chapter for Old Yukon Trails Ms. <u>Thos. A Edison died.</u> Yorktown Bicentennial Exercises began - President Hoover delivered radio speech in relation to aid on Unemployment.
Diary 40, 1931 October 19	-19 th - Preparing Bill to amend and add to the Organic Act of Alaska. Purpose is to give Territorial Legislature

	<p>some power in fisheries, game, and County organization - as I promised John W. Troy, Ed. Juneau Empire!</p> <p><u>Received a letter today from Maud McHaney sailing that Uncle Bob McHaney - my mothers brother has not been found he disappeared in the woods far up the White River while picking huckleberries with a friend on Sept. 3, and has not been found. He was 75 years old - poor Bob, after hunting the wild animals for half a century & more - they finally ate him - I fear.</u></p>
Diary 40, 1931 October 20	<p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p> <p>Wrote to Darrell & DeNere today telling them about Uncle Bob's death - rather his disappearance. Also finished draft of a bill to amend the Organic Act of 1912 to give the Territory greater legislative power & the power to create counties & to have 1/2 of the Fur Seal income. - Will send Troy, Editor of the Empire, a copy!</p> <p>Received a letter from U.S. Marshal Al White saying he is writing items favorable to me as candidate for Delegate - published in the Strollers Weekly!</p> <p>He also praises the good effect of our Alaska News Letter edited by Will Steel!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 October 21-22	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>Have employed a first rate typist to make a good copy of my Ms. Old Yukon Trails.</p> <p>I am getting many letters from my friends in Alaska - they generally say that I will get the Republican nomination at the April primary as candidate for Delegate without opposition. They also speak highly of our newsletters, which Will Steel issues weekly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22d-</p> <p>Same as usual in the office. I am busy drafting a bill to give the Territorial Legislature more power - trying to strike from Sec. 3. of the Organic Act of Aug. 24, 1912, the words "game" & "fish" etc., thus giving the Legislature <u>some</u> power over both fish & game in Alaska</p>
Diary 40, 1931 October 23-25	<p style="text-align: center;">-23d-</p> <p>Writing a long letter to John W. Troy in explanation of the bill to give the Legislature power over "fish" &</p>

	<p>"game" & power to create county form of Government in Alaska.</p> <p>Mrs. R.W. Ferguson, of Fairbanks called to get assistance in relation to insurance etc. on her son, a soldier who died at Camp Lewis, Wash. before he had secured insurance! She was accompanied by Mifs Myrick, who taught school in Fairbanks some years ago. Steel will go to the Veterans Bureau in the morning with Mrs. Ferguson, to get the facts & information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24th - 25-</p> <p>Am having my Old Yukon Trail Ms. Re-typed & adding some matter.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 October 26-27	<p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>The work of copying my new chapters of Old Yukon trails is approaching completion. I will prepare three new chapters to add to those I have already done & that will complete my effort. This is the third time I have rewritten this material, and I really feel that I have bettered it!</p> <p>Col. Landis, former manager of the Alaska Govt. Railroad came in today. He asked if I would support him in his effort to gain the managership of the road again, & I declined to commit myself.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>I was married to Deborah S. Bill, at Rochester, Ill. fifty one years ago today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Major Malcom Elliott, U.S.A.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 October 27-28	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>the Chairman of the Alaska Road Commission, is in the city and called - took lunch with me - I offered to assist him in every way I can to secure his annual appropriations, etc. He resides in my house at Juneau, during my presence in Washington. He will be here, he says, for about two months.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>Attended a hearing today before U.S. Tariff Commission - in relation to tariff on Copper. Arizona congressmen & big copper companies - short &</p> <p>I said nothing - it is an attempt to get the facts before Congress & plenty of time! Mr. Robt. Marshall, from Koyukuk River called - talked</p>

	opposition to fish catching at mouth of the Yukon River!
Diary 40, 1931 October 28-29	28
	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE ALASKA WEEKLY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1931</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alaska Delegate Announces Candidacy for Reelection Before Primary Next April Washington, D.C., Oct. 15.</p> <p>Delegate James Wickersham of Alaska has announced his candidacy for renomination before the Republican primary in April - next, through the following letter: Washington, D.C., Oct. 13, 1931. H.B. Selby, Esq., Editor Stroller's Weekly, Juneau, Alaska. My dear Mr. Selby:</p> <p>In reply to the statement in your letter of October 2nd, that no expression had been made public that I intended to make the race for Delegate from Alaska again, permit me to inform you and the people from Alaska, that it is my intention to offer myself as such candidate again to the Republican primary next April.</p> <p>In the meantime Congress will be in session and I will attempt in good faith to carry out the pledges contained in my platform upon which I was elected last year, and also further such other meritorious legislation for the benefit of Alaska as shall be presented to Congress.</p> <p>I shall appeal to the voters for their continuous support upon the record to be made by me in that effort, and upon the successful services performed by me in my prior work for them in Congress. You may give such publicity to this announcement as you wish. Thanking you for your promise of support in the next campaign, I remain,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Very sincerely, JAMES WICKERSHAM, Delegate from Alaska</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p>

	Jim Fozzard, former Supt. La Touche mines, called yesterday & spent an hour talking about Alaska. War Department is trying again to sell the Alaska cables, radio, & telegraph lines to private interests.
Diary 40, 1931 October 29-30	29
	<p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Washington Post Thursday, October 29, 1931. Army Seeks Sale Of Alaska's Radio Draws Bill Similar to That Which Failed in Last Congress. (Assoc. Press.)</p> <p>The War Department is preparing to seek authorization at the coming session of Congress to sell the Washington State-Alaska military cable and radio system. A bill identical with that which failed to get action at the last session has been drawn by the department's legislative division.</p> <p>The bill would authorize the Secretary of War to sell to the highest responsible bidder who is a citizen of the United States, all or part of the system which now is operated by the Army Signal Corps on a commercial basis.</p> <p>The system includes cable lines and 36 radio stations connecting Seattle with Alaskan cities and towns northward to Point Barrow. It was established in the early gold rush days to provide a line of communication for troops in Alaska.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Adams, of Cordova, called - he is here on Masonic work - they leave for Phil. tomorrow but will be back.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>I have had a good typist copying my much amended Ms. Old Yukon Trails and she finished today. I am, however, writing three new paragraphs as a conclusion. It now amounts to a history of the Yukon basin, the outline of my efforts to establish courts in Alaska, & concludes with a description of present day trails -the railroad, Richardson Highway etc. & the proposed Int. Highway!</p>

<p>Diary 40, 1931 October 31- November 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-31st -</p> <p>Same as usual in the office & also working on final chapters of Old Yukon Trails.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Nov. 1-</p> <p>Grace is assisting me to read copy on the final typing of Old Yukon Trail.</p> <p>[clipping, no source]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AGED BUCKLEY PIONEER LOST Posse Scouring Woods for Experienced Hunter Who Mysteriously Disappeared</p> <p>BUCKLEY, Sept. 4.- (Special) - a determined search is under way for Robert McHaney, 75-year-old Buckley pioneer, mysteriously missing since Thursday afternoon when he became separated from G.A.B. Dobell, Buckley attorney, with whom he had gone berry picking in the densely wooded Greenwater district, 24 miles east of here.</p> <p>The two men had been picking berries on Huckleberry hill in the Greenwater district all day Thursday. About 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon McHaney told his friend that he was going back to their car, parked some distance away. Dobell followed about 15 minutes later, but when he arrived at the automobile McHaney was not there. Dobell searched the vicinity but found no trace of his companion.</p> <p>He drove to Buckley and enlisted the aid of four other men who were joined by rangers in search for the missing man, but their efforts were unavailing up until a late hour last night, not as not a trace of McHaney has been found. A group of Buckley Eagles were to leave at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning for the vicinity to join in the search at the break of dawn.</p> <p>The fact that McHaney was an ardent hunter, who has lived in this vicinity for 40 years and was thoroughly familiar with the woods, adds mystery to his disappearance as it is not believed that he would easily lose his way, but his woodsman experience give the searchers hope that he is able</p>
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	<p>to take care of himself unless he has met with some accident.</p> <p>His wife, who lives here, has been in poor health for some time.</p> <p>No report to date that Uncle Bobs body has been found. Am writing to Maud McHaney, Buckley, for last information.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 November 2-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Nov. 2-</p> <p>Alaska papers all copy my letter to Selby announcing my candidacy for renomination - April primary.</p> <p>I sent a telegram to Louis J. Paul, editor of the <u>Alaskan</u> at Petersburg, Alaska, saying that I would have the bill for compensating the Indians of S.E. Alaska for their Indian title to their lands introduced in the Senate by Senator Lynn J. Frazier of North Dakota - who offered to introduce it. Also sent my kindest regards, etc. expecting him to read it to the Alaska Native Brotherhood at their meeting at Yakutat.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 3 - 4 -</p> <p>Correspondence in the office grows - Steel keeps the trail to the Departments warm - Our Alaska news letter is being appreciated & my friends at home continue to write me cheering letters.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 November 5-6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-5th -</p> <p><u>Seattle Times has a story - telegram from Anchorage, Oct. 30-31st, saying that a group of Anchorage business men are sending Harry Morton to Washington to work in the interest of public building & for a reduction of railroad rates. He is probably coming to prepare Democratic stories against me & I expect only annoyance and grief for such a man, on such a mission.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-6th -</p> <p>Congressman Wurzbach, of Texas, Republican, died this morning - this makes it almost certain that the Democrats will organize the House of Republicans - I hope so for I think it will be of greater advantage to the Republicans than to have Repub. do it!!</p>

<p>Diary 40, 1931 November 7-8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-7th –</p> <p>An old Nome miner came in today and was so glad to see some one who [knew] the Nome country that he talked to us all afternoon. He is a stamp collector and left \$100. with Will Steel to buy Yorktown stamps!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-8th -</p> <p>Sunday - sent telegram to Winden, my Tacoma land agent, saying I would leave Puyallup dairy land for \$1000. a year for 2 years & \$1200. a year for next four years, payable quarterly in advance. Also wrote Billy Paul saying I would not loan,211im \$600. which he asked for - he always wants money - & I cannot loan it!!</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 November 9-10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-9th –</p> <p>Our Alaskan stamp collector was back again today. he is “nuts” on buying the recently issued Yorktown stamps! He offered to buy \$2500. worth, but the post office would only sell him \$50. worth! He sent a Western. Union messenger boy again & got another \$50 worth & left.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-10th -</p> <p>A lady whose name I did not catch came - a prison worker she said she was - in to persuade us to assist her in securing a pardon for Dempsey, who killed Ike Evans, a U.S. deputy Marshal in Seward in 1919 & a woman just previously in Anchorage. - I set her right on the facts & think she will go no further - Dempsey was a cold blooded gangster - murderer!</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 November 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-10th continued -</p> <p>Major Elliott came in to talk Alaska today. Sent Dr. Chas. E. Bunnell, Agri. College \$25.00 today as contribution to the memorial to be erected there to the memory of Eilson, Aviator, who was lost in airplane accident on the North Siberian coast some years ago.</p> <p>[clipping]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEWARD DAILY GATEWAY HARMONY PREVAILS IN RANKS OF TERRITORY'S REPUBLICAN RANKS</p> <p>For the first time in many years the Republican</p>

	<p>party in the Territory is pulling together, with a few possible exceptions, with more harmony than for several years, says the Stroller's Weekly in giving resume of Territorial politics.</p> <p>If the present situation continues the possible appointment of several well-known party leaders will have its effect in amalgamating the several factions.</p> <p>The probable appointment of Attorney General John Rustgard of Juneau, for the position of Federal Judge at Fairbanks succeeding Judge Cecil Clegg, meets the approval of many of the Republicans thruout the Territory.</p> <p>Mr. Rustgard has been well-schooled for the judicial position. He was U.S. District Attorney at Nome, Alaska, for a number of years as well as mayor in its halcyon days. He has been elected to a number of responsible offices in the past, and has always taken an intense interest in party affairs. His appointment gives rise to the hopes that at last factions are united and that a man qualified within the party has something to look forward to in rewards and honors from his fellow citizens and party.</p> <p>In vacating the office of Attorney General Mr. Rustgard will leave a vacancy for Governor Geo. A. Parks to fill.</p> <p>Delegate Wickersham has signified his intention to again become a candidate to head the party ticket in the Territory. Up to the present time the Delegate has been active in party affairs and his endorsement of men recommended is meeting with general satisfaction. Probably for the first time in history, Mr. Wickersham will find the party solidly behind his candidacy.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 November 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-11th –</p> <p><u>Armistice Day</u> - working in the office as usual. Gov. Parks finally endorsed B. G. Grant for Postmaster at Wrangell, and the Department informed us today that Grant was appointed - notwithstanding the protest of a group of Wrangell business men. The protest was not <u>against</u> Gran, but in <u>favor</u> of Stedman. However, the P.O. Dept. was set on removing Stedman and there was no</p>

	<p>way to get the Dept. to withdraw their objections and permit Stedman to continue in the office, so it is Grant! I am glad it is!</p> <p>Grace will go to Albany N.Y. in the morning to look up her old family history, study its genealogy & get more facts on her own connection with the New York Vroomans.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 November 11	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>[clipping follows]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The STROLLER'S WEEKLY Republican in Politics PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY J.L. Gray H.B. Selby Gray & Selby, Editor WICKERSHAM'S CANDIDACY</p> <p>The announcement by Hon. James Wickersham, through the columns of Stroller's that he will be a candidate in the Republican primaries in April to succeed himself as Delegate to Congress from Alaska, cannot but cause the party leaders to feel gratified over the placing at the head of the ticket so illustrious and able a man as Judge Wickersham. His name will undoubtedly give the Republicans added strength and swing a large number of independent voters to the Republican column.</p> <p>For some weeks Stroller's has felt that Mr. Wickersham should announce his candidacy, as his continued silence nullified the efforts of local party leaders to call a convention for the purpose of discussing political problems and formulating a ticket. This paper has contended that Mr. Wickersham was the logical candidate for the position in case he desired the office. His record as delegate has been a most excellent one and his campaign promises to work for the whole of Alaska have been faithfully and impartially kept. No Alaskan has appealed to Mr. Wickersham for assistance, that he has not complied with his request, were it possible to do so. He has kept in touch with his constituents through a series of excellent news letters, which have given Alaskans all the items of interest transpiring at the Nation's capital.</p>

	<p>While it is somewhat early to make campaign promises, the Stroller's is whole-heartedly for Mr. Wickersham, believing him to be the best man the party can pick to fill the important position of delegate to Congress. This paper will try and work harmoniously with him for the good of the party and the advancement of Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-11th . continued -</p> <p>I have carefully prepared a Bill to Create a Supreme Court in Alaska - handed it to Clerk of House today, who will have it printed & ready for Congress when it meets.</p> <p>The House of R. is so evenly balanced that while it was Republican by one majority a month ago, by death & a loss of one in the election etc. it is now Democratic by two majority - <u>a teter board!</u></p>
Diary 40, 1931 November 12-14	<p style="text-align: center;">-12th -</p> <p>Grace left this morning for 10 days visit to Schenectady, N.Y. & vicinity - to study the genealogy of the Vrooman family - her Revolutionary ancestors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Letter from Grace - she arrived at Albany N.Y. & put up at the Ten Eyck Hotel - O.K. Wrote to her tonight. She had three hours in New York, visited the N.Y. Library & thinks N.Y. is quite a big town!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Spent the day writing an article for the Cordova Review - Lt. Holmes, the oldest brother of W.H. Holmes my Texas-Alaska friend in the office - wants some assistance & I'll act on Monday.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 November 15	<p style="text-align: center;">-15th -</p> <p>Sunday. Spent the day writing an article for publication in the Cordova Annual Review - on the Alaska Railroad in answer to the Howell Report. Several letters and telegrams from Anchorage asking me to <u>assist Harry Morton in securing legislation, etc.</u> Expect him here any hour! I ought to kick him out of the office but Steel insists on calmness - which is probably the best thing to do! but he will get a damn cold reception. He is utterly irresponsible & is coming to annoy & hinder & to make up a political story to fight me with the next election. I shall be very careful - & discreet, &</p>

	watchful.
Diary 40, 1931 November 16	-16 th - I finished an article for publication in the Cordova Times Annual Review. Called with Will Steel & interviewed Admiral Cheatham, at the Navy Dept. about certifying Lt. John H. Holmes, U.S. Naval accountant for promotion but got no results & so notified him. He is the older brother of my friend W.L. Holmes, of Texas, but formerly of Alaska, who asked me to undertake the touch. The Lt. will, however, be given another examination in January & I think will then pass. Recd. another letter from Grace - she is at Schenectady N.Y. & is visiting the old homes of her ancestors - the Vroomans & enjoying it.
Diary 40, 1931 November 17	-17 th - Steel got out his weekly News Letter to the Alaska papers, and friends, in the more distant districts. It gives them the weekly Alaska news that comes to this office, and many write their thanks & others ask us to send it to them. It is also good political propoganda. News from Alaska looks like Zeigler & Grigsby, both of Ketchikan may have a contest between them, at the April primary for the Democratic nomination for the office of Delegate. We are being overrun with letters, petitions, etc. from Alaska about the thousand & one wants of the people. Steel is an excellent assistant - he knows what to do & how to do it - & does it!
Diary 40, 1931 November 18-19	-18 th - Same as usual - much Alaska mail & many trips to the Departments - Wrote to Grace - in Albany, N.Y. -19 th - Have written letter to Mrs. Martin HARRAIS, McCarthy informing her that I intend to introduce a bill to repeal the Alaska Bone Dry law, because the courts have held so many of its provisions have been repealed by the Volstead Act - a latter Act of Congress. Prepared a bill today to amend the Ak Fishery laws to prevent the forfeiture Indian & other Alaska fish boats until the owner or operator is first tried &

	convicted -The Paul Contempt case grew out of one of the bad cases.
Diary 40, 1931 November 20-21	-20 th - Busy writing letters to Alaskans who want too many things done at once! Telegram from Grace to send her fifty dollars so she can come home - on second thought sent it!! -21 st - Preparing Bills - to be introduced in Congress - One establishing a Supreme Court, etc. <u>Grace got back home tonight - she visited Albany, Schenectady & other adjacent places looking up her old Dutch ancestors – the Vroomans. She seems to have greatly enjoyed the trip, & gathered “atmosphere” & much data bout the living families of whom there yet remain a number.</u>
Diary 40, 1931 November 22-23	-22 nd - Have had a bad day with a spell of mild ptomaine poisoning. -23 rd - After consultation with Dan Sutherland I have this day written a letter to Winfield Ervin, cashier 1st Nat. Bank of Anchorage in answer to a letter from him & telegram from other Anchorage people telling me they are sending Harry J. Morton on to assist me in securing the passage of a public building for that town & reduced railroad rates. I roundly denounce their action & Harry Morton - but insist that I will do what I can for them - both matters & ask that my letters be published!
Diary 40, 1931 November 24	-Nov. 24- Just received word that Tom Marquam committed suicide by shooting somewhere in N.Y. Poor, foolish Tom - he wasted a life and a mind that might have made the world better instead of worse! Went over this afternoon & had a long and quite satisfactory talk with Senator Howell about the Alaska railroad - he is not enthusiastic about Alaska or its railroad! <u>Have just received a letter from W^m L. Paul, my former Indian lawyer friend withdrawing his friendship etc. because I refused to send him \$600.⁰⁰! Billy is a natural grafter!! I answered - but</u>

	<u>said nothing</u> - Will talk to him when I come home etc.
Diary 40, 1931 November 25-26	-25 th - Have prepared a Bill <u>authorizing the Sec. of the Treasury to purchase block 8 in Juneau, as an addition to the capitol site!</u> Also working on other bills which I will introduce. -26 th - Busy preparing bills for House on Alaska matters, - have a dozen to hand to the Clerk for early printing tomorrow morning. <u>Thanksgiving Day.</u> & Grace & I have both enjoyed it, good turkey dinner at George Washington Inn. The hotel is filling up & begins to look homelike & cheerful. The Democrats are specially thankful - they now have enough votes to organize the House.
Diary 40, 1931 November 27-28	-27 th - Handed in to the Clerk of the house a dozen or more bills which I have prepared to be introduced in Congress in Alaska matters. The last one prepared today was a bill to allow the entry of Fur Farming Homesteads in Alaska. Among others a bill to repeal the Alaska Bone Dry law, the law limiting the locations of placer mines, a bill to create a Supreme Court, and others. -28 th - <u>Harry F. Morton, of Anchorage, called at my office today - I refused to shake hands with him - because, as I told him, it would show that I was glad to see him, and approved is coming here to "butt in" on my labors as delegate, etc. I told him I did not approve his</u>
Diary 40, 1931 November 28	28 <u>his appearing here to meddle in my efforts to Secure the public building for Anchorage or to reduce the rates on the Alaska railroad, and that I did not want him around my office. He protested that I could not take sides between the Ketchikan and Anchorage buildings, while he could do so: he went out with the distinct understanding that I would do what I could for Anchorage & the Ketchikan buildings and the railroad - but that I</u>

	<u>would not appear as his representative in any way. I am afraid he will do much harm to Anchorage & the projects he tries to represent - he will also damn me</u>
Diary 40, 1931 November 28	28 <u>politically & may do me much harm in that way, also. - he may set the people of Anchorage against me - but I have to take that chance - any way I wont have him bothering me or my work.</u> The papers today give an account of the death of R.S. Ryan - "Dick" - in his wives home in West Virginia. Dick was in Nome when I first knew him - was Pres. of the Controller Bay Ry a Coal Co. corporations, etc. and was a familiar figure around Washington about the time of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation in 1910, etc. He wrote the famous "Dick to Dick" letter to Sec. Ballinger at that time.
Diary 40, 1931 November 29-30	-29 th - Sunday - nothing much - Mary Adeline Schmedlen, Graces nice, took dinner with us - she's a fine girl. -30 th - Attended the Republican House Caucus. A fight between Snell of New York and Tilson of Connecticut resulted in Snell's victory: Since it is known the Democrats have a majority in the House & will elect Garner speaker, the fight between Snell & Tilson then turned on which one of them shall be the minority leader - The Republican caucus in February had elected Tilson - but Snells friends determined to supplant Tilson with Snell, and that fight will come this week.
Diary 40, 1931 November 30- December 1	-30 th - <u>Col. Wood, Architect, was in today - he may get the work on the Ketchikan building - he says it may get in the Budget list - that anchorage building will not!</u> -Decr. 1 st - [clipping] Fail to Find McHaney Party of 15 Men From Buckley Search Last Sunday Without Success Efforts on the part of 15 members of the Buckley Eagles to find the body of Robert McHaney on Huckleberry mountain last Sunday proved futile. The men left Buckley early Sunday morning and

	<p>joined the forest rangers at the mountain and made a thorough search of the places not covered before. G.A.G. Dovell, who was with McHaney on the trip when he strayed away, accompanied them.</p> <p>The men made a thorough and extensive search of all the trails that McHaney might have taken but no trace of him could be found. Local citizens have come to the conclusion that his body never will be found, unless someone stumbles upon it by accident.</p> <p>Poor Uncle Bob - I am vary sorry about his death in the mountains - but he so loved the - forests and hills and if we only knew that his death was not one of lingering and long suffering it would not be so hard. I am writing to cousin Maud McHaney asking</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 December 1-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>her to have an attorney at Buckley notify me what judgments stand out against Harry - Sent Harry ten dollars & for fear he would not accept it I made it as a payment on rent for storing some books in his outhouse - Also sent Maud & Nellie \$10.⁰⁰ for Christmas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-2nd -</p> <p>People of Wrangell criticising me for the removal of Stedman as postmaster - but that removal was wholly departmental & I did not know anything about it until it was done! I am trying to get their minds at ease on the matter. Nothing else of importance - busy with work.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 December 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>[clipping] Cordova Daily Times-Saturday, November 14, 1931</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WICKERSHAM'S CANDIDACY</p> <p>The Announcement by Hon. James Wickersham that he will be a candidate in the Republican primaries in April to succeed himself as Delegate to Congress from Alaska, cannot but cause the party leaders to feel gratified over the placing at the head of the ticket so illustrious and able a man as Judge Wickersham. His name will undoubtedly give the Republicans added strength and swing a large number of independent voters to the Republican</p>

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<p>Diary 40, 1931 December 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-3d-</p> <p>Wrote a long letter to the Chamber of Commerce of Fairbanks giving a legal opinion on act of the Legislature in regard to the right of the Town Council to create a municipal magistrate & give him civil jurisdiction. I held the Territorial Legislature had power to act in the matter & refused to ask Congress to do so as it would take away the power of the Legislature which I did not wish to do. Called on Senator Jones today & he promised to aid me in the matter of two public buildings - and see Sisson - Asst. Atty Genl. and urge him to give me the naming of some of the Alaska appointments.</p>
<p>Diary 40, 1931 December 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-4th -</p> <p>I prepared copy of the bill which Dan Sutherland introduced at my request in the last session to</p>

	allow the Indians of S.E. Alaska to bring suit in the court of claims to recover the fair value of their hunting grounds & homes, etc. and sent it over to Senator Frazier, of N. Dakota who will introduce it for me - in the Senate. It will go to the Committee on Indian affairs of which Senator Frazier is chairman - He also promises to go to Alaska as soon as convenient & investigate their affairs. He wishes me to introduce the bill in the house. I will do so or get some Democrat to do it for me.
Diary 40, 1931 December 5	-5 th - Colonel Ohlson, Manager of the Alaska Railroad called today - we discussed the Railroad - rates, etc. briefly. He will come back & explain the rate situation to me later. Recd. a letter from Englund, a lawyer at Enumclaw about the sale of Harrys land at Buckley - I answered saying I had no interest in or claim to the land and referred him to Harry. I sent Harry his letter & advised him to ask \$300. per acre & if he leased to get some attorney to examine the lease for him so he would not be overreached. Englund said they could not get Harry to do anything - he refused to deal with them.
Diary 40, 1931 December 6	-6 th - Sunday - Worked in the office as usual I have received a copy of C.L. Andrew's new book, "The Story of Alaska," published by Lowman & Hanford Co. Seattle, and examined it somewhat. It should have been entitled a "History of Alaska," for it is the best history of the Territory we have. It is not satisfactory even as a History more on account of the want of proper headings, than for want of material. If it had been given the form of a history it would have passed very creditably as such - and would have made a good book of history in Alaska schools where an Alaska History is much needed.
Diary 40, 1931 December 7-9	-7 th - 72nd Congress convened today. Garner, <u>Democrat</u> , of Texas elected speaker. Was myself sworn in as Delegate from Alaska. Met many old friends whom I knew ten years ago when I retired from Congress. -8 th -

	Col. Otto F. Ohlson, Manager. Alaska railroad is in the city - called we talked over matters relating to the road, etc. Secretary Wilbur declines to take any part in the matter of rates - I fear the President is not enthusiastic! -9 th - Signed lease for 8 years to John & wife for my dairy ranch at Tacoma. Better than none. Grace had a dinner
Diary 40, 1931 December 9	9 party last evening at the Shoreham Hotel - guests Mr. & Mrs. M.H. Thatcher, M.C. from Kentucky - Major Malcolm Elliott, U.S.A. & Pres. Alaska Road Com. Mr. & Mrs. Davis & Mifs Margaret Green, sister of Mrs. R.F. Robertson, of Juneau. It was an enjoyable party. Mrs. Davis told me she had just received a letter from Mrs. W.F. Thompson, Fairbanks, complaining & threatening her with a suit for her chapter on W.F. in " <u>We Are Alaskans.</u> " I am surprised at that for I thought the chapter highly friendly to W.F.! Copies of my Bills are coming to the office from the public printer.
Diary 40, 1931 December 10-12	-10 th - Congress is at work on organization. -11 th - Working actively to cover the many needs of Alaska with bills for Congress. John L. Steele, Jack, Facy, Oscar Breedman & others called. Grace attended her first function at the Congressional Club - run by Congressional ladies. She enjoyed it, & met many new friends. -12 th - Other Alaskans in the office today. We are busy trying to get all our Alaska bills introduced & printed. Albright, of the National Park Service was in today seeking to get me
Diary 40, 1931 December 12-13	12 to introduce a bill to extend the boundaries of the Mt. McKinley Park to include Wonder Lake & an area between the Alaska Railroad & the present eastern park lines - I agree to do so. <u>Recd. letter from Sec. of War, approving my suggestion that the Govt. hold & administer the</u>

	<p><u>telegraph service.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-13th -</p> <p>Mrs. Mary Lee Davis & her husband spent an hour in my office in relation to the threat of Mrs. W.F. Thompson of Fairbanks to sue her for damages for the publication of that Chapter in her recent book entitled "We are Alaskans" - which chap. is entitled "The Old Printer" - pp. 132-158.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 December 13	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Mrs. Thompson has written to Mrs. Davis demanding that she withdraw that Chap. apologize for publishing it, etc. on threat of a suit. Mrs. Davis read me a long letter in answer, in which she declines to withdraw, and defends her position. It is a most remarkable letter - better, I think, than the Chapter which Mrs. T. thinks damages the memory of "The Old Printer." I advised her first to let her publisher read the letter before she sends it to Mrs. T. & if he consents to send it as an explanation & defense of the book. Of course some person with a narrow view of life & old "W. F." is encouraging Mrs. T. to raise the row - I do not think she has any case against Mrs. Davis.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 December 14-19	<p style="text-align: center;">-14th -</p> <p>Prepared 3 more Alaska bills today. Work in the office same as usual. Grace had Mrs. Steel, Mrs. Ladd (Wills sister) and Mrs. _____ to lunch & cards at the Congressional Club. Rep. Beck. of Penn. made a first rate speech in the House today on the duty of Congress to support the President in the exercise of his executive powers in foreign matters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-19th -</p> <p>Have been laid up at my hotel for four days with an Attack of Flu - sick & cross as a bear. Had poor Grace crying - because I was so cross - but better today & saw the Doctor [?]. Had my teeth ex rayed &</p>
Diary 40, 1931 December 19-20	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>may find trouble there! but general examinations good. Grace sending out Christmas Cards & presents - sorry I was so bad - but I felt worse!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-20th -</p>

	<p>Learned today that Harry & Mrs. Morton left today for home!! I imagine they called him home when they got my letter saying the situation of the public building bill, rates on the R. Ry. etc. anyway it is a relief to be rid of him - but they (he and Mahala) got a fine trip to N.Y. & Washington at the expense of their sucker friends. I am glad I threw them out as I did! Now let Harry "holler" if he wants to!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 December 21-11	<p style="text-align: center;">-21st -</p> <p>The Alaska papers today contain an account of the death of Edward M. Stackpole - 19 years of age - whom I appointed principal for the Annapolis Military Academy. His examination was set for February. He was a fine young man & I am very sorry to hear of his death.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-22nd -</p> <p>Called on Senator Howell, of Nebraska, and sought to get him to introduce my bill to construct a coal bunker in connection with the Alaska Railroad in the Senate! But he refused to do so and declared his opposition. I am disappointed in him - he is a small minded man!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 December 23-25	<p style="text-align: center;">-23rd -</p> <p>Sent telegram to Kettleton, Supt. Pioneer's Home, Sitka, conveying Christmas Greetings to Old Pioneers at the Home & instructing him to give them a "big smoke" & send bill to me.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-24th -</p> <p>As usual at work in the office. At work trying to get all my proposed bills ready to introduce on Jan. 4, when Congress reconvenes, so thereafter I may have my full time for hearings and pushing bills in the House.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-25th -</p> <p><u>Christmas Day.</u> We had 10 oclock breakfast with Mrs. Hatcher - called on the Duhamels & had Miss Green and Miss Hardy to dinner!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 December 26	<p style="text-align: center;">-26th -</p> <p>Col. Ohlson, Mgr. Alaska Railroad & Dan Sutherland in the office today & we spent 2 or 3 hours talking Alaska. Wrote letters to Darrell & Graces brother - the later in Barcelona, Spain.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">-27th -</p> <p>Sunday - warm & pleasant. Nothing - writing letters to Alaska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-28th -</p> <p>The <u>Empire</u>, Juneau, while generally friendly has an editorial in the last paper criticising me for refusing to let Harry Morton use me and my office on his trip to Washington. The Anchorage paper, however, prints my letter without criticism & I think the general result will be to my advantage. Certainly would repeat in the same case.</p>
Diary 40, 1931 December 29-30	<p style="text-align: center;">-29th -</p> <p>Prepared outline of a Bill giving the Legislature of Alaska power over <u>fisheries, animals and birds</u> - to Take effect in 1935! If enacted (which it will probably not be) it would do away with the control of the Bureau of Fisheries & the U.S. Game Commission. Anyway it is a compliance with my platform pledge & is good politics.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-30th -</p> <p>Major Malcolm Elliott, Pres. Alaska Road Commission called - we talked over appropriations for his work -in bad shape. Congressman Rankin called - assured me of his support for Alaska bills, and thinks the Democratic House will assist me to the limit. Sounds good!</p>
Diary 40, 1931 December 31	<p style="text-align: center;">-Dec. 31- 1931 -</p> <p>Ernest Walker Sawyer, of the Sec. of Interior's office & Col. Ohlson came in to talk about Alaska appropriations etc. Alaska is cut heavily in the new budget & in some things altogether too much. For instance the two Alaska Agri. Experiment Stations are entirely cut off - that one at Fairbanks & the one at Matanuska. I am to go and consult with the Secretary of Agriculture on Monday & if he will assist I will try to get the Appropriation Committee to restore a small sum for both of these places. Col. Ohlson went to call on Simmons,</p>
Diary 40, 1931 December 31	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>Congressman from Nebraska, who was in Alaska this summer - and reported that Simmons seemed to be unfriendly because of the number of Federal officials in Alaska. Ohlson thinks he is gathering data to make a speech on Alaska. The</p>

	<p>Treasury Department is making me a carefully prepared statement showing all <u>expenditures</u> made by the Government in Alaska since 1869, and all <u>receipts</u>, & I intend to use that data in the defense of the Territory.</p> <p>The end of this book & the year 1931 - <u>New Year Begins Tomorrow</u></p>
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