

DIARY

OF

MYRTLE RYAN

In case of any accident to me, the parties
finding me will please notify this address:

Miss Julia Ryan
3700 California St.
Children's Hospital
San Francisco, Cal.

and care for my remains that it may be sent
to her. If I have not money enough, any kind
person that will pay the expenses will be
well payed by her.

Myrtle Ryan

Los Angeles, Cal.

January 1, 1900

Left the old home at 12:00. Got last car over to Castors, ate supper at 1:00 a.m. then went to bed and got up at 7:00 a.m. ate breakfast and started for home again. Bid Mary and Eva good by at car. Bell came and we all left 451 at 12:00 a.m. for Depot. Checked trunks and Bell left 12:40 train. Amos, Smith, Hicks, Lix and Nicholas came. We all left at 1:35 for Port "Leach". Smith, with us, got on boat and left for S. F. at 3 p.m. Had to say good by to Mr. Smith, then he stood on wharf and I stood on deck of Corona till so far out of site we could not see any longer. We 'waived' handkerchiefs. Ate supper on Corona at 5:30 p.m. Not one of party sick. Got to Santa Barbara at at 8:15, went to bed at 9:30.

January 2

Got up at 6 a.m., stood out on front of Corona and watched them come in to Port "Hartford"--raining hard--had breakfast at 8 a.m. Went on board the Santa Rosa--stayed in P. H. till 12 noon--very rough--Julia got sick. I stayed out on deck most of the afternoon--rained all the way into City.

January 3

Got up at 6 a.m. as we were just coming in to San F. Stayed on deck and watched them come in. Got room at 311 Leavenworth St--had breakfast--bought tickets for Seattle--went down to wharf and got trunks--came back to room and wrote to Geo. Smith and Amos.

January 4

Got up late and went to breakfast--then went to Golden Gate Park and walked and walked--went through the museum--came back--got my hair dressed--went out to call on Mrs. Lowman--came back--had supper--then walked some more--came back to room and went to bed.

January 5

Nothing important today--read most of the time--went out to Knob Hill to call on Mrs. Lowman.

January 6

Arose early this morning--went to breakfast and then down to the wharf to take boat to Seattle. Bid the girls good by. Oh Dear, how sad to leave them all and go so far away. Their boat left at 10:15. Had a lovely afternoon--talked with a lady whose husband was going to Alaska.

January 7 (Sunday)

On board the Walla Walla sailing to Seattle--very rough and raining hard--ate 3 good meals and read all day--sat in parlor all evening--talked Alaska with two gentlemen.

January 8

Oh 'hevens'--still out on the trip to Seattle--have walked deck and talked to people all day--we hope to get in to Seattle about 9 a.m. tomorrow. I will be so glad as I will then meet Bell and won't have to be alone any more. One week ago today we left dear old Los Angeles. Spent such a lovely evening on deck with a big crowd--walked the deck and spent a very pleasant time with Mr. McBain--he got off at Victoria just as I was getting acquainted with him--11:30 p.m.--we are still in port at Victoria--now to bed.

January 9

Got into Seattle this morning at 7:00 a.m.--waited till 9 for Bell--got to room and wrote letter to George, Miss Goodwin and the girls--got letter from George Smith in the evening--we packed all of those terrible trunks again.

January 10

Got up early and went down to the wharf. Got on Cottage City--sailed at 11 a.m.--got to Tacoma and went ashore--went up town--Bell and I had a big time all evening--talking, walking and sitting out on top deck with a young man--6 of us went ashore at Port Townsend--got up town--heard whistle blow--and all ran about two blocks--got back in plenty of time--sat in parlor till 10:30.

January 11

Got up early--first one on deck--had breakfast and lots of fun. I am enjoying the trip so much.

January 12

Not much to say today--we are sailing on towards Skagway--it is raining--can't stay out much and hate to stay inside--have talked and laughed all day--am 'enjoying' my self very much--got an introduction to Fred Haraman, the Pilot on Cottage City.

January 13

Wrote to the girls this morning--stayed out on deck and watched the boat go through 'Prangle Narrows'. The City of Seattle is due here, but she is late--something has happened to her. Got into Juneau at 10 oclock--we all went up town--I went with Mr. Haraman. Came back and Bell and I went out and sat on a trunk in the warehouse and talked to First Officer Mc Farland, then came in and went to supper with Mr. Mill and Mr. Yale. Went to bed at 11:30.

January 14 (Sunday)

Still on board the Cottage City--first news this morning is that the City of Seattle is on the rocks in the "Lynn" canal. The pilots have just got on boat having come down in a row boat to meet us--it is snowing hard and terrible cold. We got up to the City of Seattle at 10 a.m.--tried to catch her with a line and circled around her six times. The line broke twice. It was very dangerous. At last they got her and fastened the line and had to tow her back to Juneau. It is now 7:30 and we have not reached there yet--will have to stay in Juneau all night--will not get to Skagway till some time tomorrow. Every one in social hall tonight playing cards and writing. It is so cold no one can stay outside. The dogs and horses are getting so tired on board. I will be so glad when we can get them out.

January 15

Left Juneau at 6 this morning--the storm is something terrible--can't make any time at all. If the storm tonight is something 'offel' we all fear the worst of everything should happen--nothing could save the lives of any of us. I have not taken off my clothes or slept any tonight--every one is very anxious. All the officers are at their posts in this storm and Captain Jensen is doing his best to battle with this storm. Oh that supper table! We will not soon forget everything thrown to the floor. Mrs. Yale is so frightened--in fact everyone is anxious.

January 16

This morning we are all feeling some better. Things look as if we would be able to get to Skagway about noon. I wrote Julia. Arrived in Skagway at 1 p.m. Finally got our stuff all off and we came up to Bay View hotel. We are all very comfortable here. Bell and myself, Miss Howe, Mrs. 'Tarbox' and Elbridge. The Jewell sisters and Bert Langdon are all here at this house. Mr. Yale and Mr. Mull are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The Hall party are at the Golden North Hotel. Mr. Hope and Hunt are at the St. James. We have a great time visiting back and forth. The snow and wind is terrible.

January 17

Got up at 8 a.m., went to breakfast at 10. Have been out all day. The storm is raging. Don't know how long we will have to stay here. We are having a big time visiting back and forth. oh, the way we do eat. I am hungry all the time. Tonight I am writing all evening. Wrote to the girls, also Kate and Grandma.

January 18

This morning I am feeling fine--went to breakfast--came back and wrote to Mr. Smith. The Rosalie came in today. We will get our letters out on it. The storm is still raging. Everyone is sitting in Bay View Hotel office talking and visiting. Mr. Hall and parties called this morning. Mr. Hope and Mr. Hunt spent the evening with us sitting on tops of trunks in Bay View.

January 19

Oh, 'hevings'! We are still in Skagway. It is raining today. I don't know how long we will have to stay. The men that started out over the trail today had to come back.

January 20

The weather is some better this morning. We met Mr. Hope and Hunt at breakfast--talked to Mr. Mill and Mr. Yale out in street this morning. I wrote the girls today. Got horse hitched up, and he went fine. Had supper with the boys, Hope, and Hunt, then went for a long walk. Came back and played Whist all evening. Ate fruit cake and nuts--then went out with Eldridge to buy something to eat.

January 21 (Sunday)

Got up and had breakfast--went to Church with Mrs. Tarbox and I came back and Bell and I went with Mr. Hope and Hunt to 'brake'. The dogs had a lot of fun and a long sleigh ride. Oh, if I could only hear from my dear girls. This afternoon we hitched the horse and went for a sleigh ride. Mr. Hope, Miss Howe, and Bell and myself came back and I wrote a letter to Amos. They went out on the 'Derigo' tonight.

January 22

We are still in Skagway and not much hope of getting out. The reports of the trail are all terrible. We are all so anxious to get away. Tonight we went ~~went~~ with the boys out to the new cottage they rented to keep house in. Oh such fun. We cooked dog food till ten and had a big time. Then the boys came down to the hotel.

January 23

This morning we got up and went out to the cottage and we played we are married and keeping house. We had such a good time--just Bell and I. We have such a lovely little house and we are as happy as 'june bugs', but of course this won't last long as we must get on to Dawson as soon as that terrible trail ever gets so that we can go through.

January 23 (Continued)

If I had only heard from my dear girls I would be perfectly happy, but of course I can get no letters till I get to Dawson. If I had only known I would have to stay here so long, I could have had letters here. It is now 12 o'clock and I must go to bed.

January 27

Today we are out at the cottage and I am almost dead with a cold. Miss Howe has been out today and brought up 2 or 3 horses for me to look at, We are trying to 'traid' our horse for something more 'taime'. I came home early tonight-- Tracy came with me--Bell came soon after.

January 28

We are all on quite good term this morning. Bell and I went to breakfast together, and Miss Howe went with Mr. Daniels. We then came back and went to the Baptist Church. Bell and Miss Howe have gone over to the Occidental Hotel to call. Oh how I wish we could get to Dawson. I must try to get some work to do if I have to stay here so long.....Went to work at 5 p.m. this evening at Fifth Ave. Hotel. Worked in Dining Room-- going to do chamber work -- help in the Dining Room at night.

January 29

Oh, 'hevens!' How hard I have worked all day--did not get through till 9 tonight. This is the worst work house I ever got 'in to' in my life, but I must keep it as long as I stay here.

January 31

Just three years ago tonight my poor sister Nellie died. Oh how sad that memory. Dear girl, how much better off than I am so far away from home amongst strangers. I went over to the Bay View Hotel tonight to see what they had done about starting out of here. Mrs. Tarbox and I went in to Miss Howe's room, and they began to quarrel and Miss Howe actually struck Mrs. Tarbox. Oh, how terrible for any woman to act like that. Oh, how sick I am of this terrible partnership business. If some of them don't get out of it, I will not go any farther with them. If I have to lose all I have payed in to it, I won't stand for this fighting.

February 1

This morning, Mrs. Tarbos bought out Miss Howe's interest in this business and I bought out Bell, so now Mrs. Tarbox and Eldridge and I will go on by ourselves and intend to go by train to Bennet tomorrow.

February 1 (Continued)

I wrote the girls and Mr. Smith today--worked at Fifth Ave. till 8 p.m. tonight, and then went out to see Mr. Hope and Hunt. Bell & Howe were there. Mr. Hunt came back down to the Hotel with me. I have packed up my things again tonight for the 40.11th time since I left L. A. 1 month ago today.

February 2

We left Skagway this morning at 9--had a very 'pleasant' and successful trip--landed in Bennet safely tonight. I am very comfortable in a room at the Lake 'Open' Hotel. Mrs. Tarbox and Elbridge and I had such a time getting our things through the Custom--such a lot of red tape. Tonight I have the novelty of sleeping my first night in my life out of my dear United States. I am in N. W. T. Canada tonight, and I am all so sick with a very bad cold and sore throat. It is only about 7 p.m. but I am going to bed. The scenery coming over the pass is something beautiful to see and I will explain it sometime when I feel better. Bell stayed in Skagway to come in with Mr. Hope and Hunt. Miss Howe came over on the same train with us. I looked out the window of the train and 'hollard' to Mr. Bane and Hall as we passed them on the trail.

February 3 (Saturday)

This morning we are up and got packed to start over the ice to Dawson. Started at 3 p.m.--were delayed on the trail and then the horse balked and Elbridge and I had to sit out in the snow for about 3 hours and would have had to stay there all night if Mr. Johnston had not come back to get us. It was 10:30 when we got up to a little tent 10 by 12 foot where 6 of us had supper and all slept there all night. We had to sleep on the floor. Oh, such a time. This is really Alaska life. What an experience for a city dress maker. I wrote my dear girls.

February 4

Got up this morning at 5--got the horse fed and got breakfast and started out at 6:30--went as far as Home restaurant, which was 15 miles, and had lunch, then we went on to 'Caiboo' which was 12 miles more. Have walked 20 miles today and lead the horse--had supper here. I ate with Mr. Johnson--he has been with us all the way from Bennet. Oh, how he has made love to me. Elbridge is just killing himself laughing at us.

February 5

This morning we were off at 7 a.m., again on one long trip. We came 15 miles and had lunch and fed horse at 11 mile point. Mr. Johnson turned off here for 'Atlin'. At 1:30 we said goodbye to him and we went on our way to Dawson.

February 5 (Continued)

Oh what a hard trip we have had this afternoon. It has snowed and blowed and covered up this trail so I have had to walk ahead of the horse and 'brake' trail. It got so dark we could not make 'Tagish' so we began to fear we would have to stay out on the trail all night but we sighted a camp fire and we yelled at them and they came out and rescued us. They helped us get up to the camp which was an 'offel' trip, but we got the horse and and all of us and our trunk up there. They had a nice tent 12 by 10" and you ought to see 6 of us huddled up here eating and sleeping. Well it is fun and an experience of a life time.

February 6

Today we took breakfast in this small tent and got packed up and off again at 9 a.m. Got to the Tagish post about 10:30. Here we had to register and then we went on to the Indian road house. Got here at 12 but we do not intend to go any farther today as we cannot make the next road house as it is 25 miles. We will take the rest we so much need this afternoon and all be off at 6 a.m. in the morning. I walked about 25 miles yesterday and walked 7 this forenoon, and I am pretty lame today. The walking is pretty hard on me. It is not at all cold today. The sun is shining lovely today.

February 7

Left at 6 a.m. Had such a long walk today. Made 28 miles--got to this Koran Hotel. I walked the 'hole' 28 miles. We all slept in bunk house. There was a real 'Hamman' bath. One 'hollard' put on some wood--the others open the door--the next pass the water--the next put out the lights, and so on. More life in Alaska.

February 8

Got out this morning at 7:30. Had an 'offel' trail. Got up the trail aways and the old lady and Mrs. Tarbox got out on the ice and the old lady fell through and scared us all nearly to death. Elbridge and I was so afraid she would pull his mother in. Well his mother held her up till the men from the Carpenter crowd ran up and pulled her out. Well then they pitched tents and got her dry clothes and warm. We all got started again and we had an 'offel' hard day of it. The trail was 'terriable'. Got stuck and had to unload and then pack the things and load again--then we got so tired out and it was getting dark so we had to make it to the woods to camp. Just as we got in there some gentleman came along and said they would take the 2 old ladies up to the 'Carrion' road house which was 10 miles. So then Elbridge and I had to camp alone. We had no tent and had to make a camp fire and get ourselves some supper. Well we were so hungry that we very much enjoyed our Bacon and Toast and Coffee.

February 8 (Continued)

Well, after that we had to put down the robes and roll up in them and look up at the stars and the moon. We kept up a campfire most of the night and we layed and looked at it all night and we did not get very cold.

February 9

Got up this morning and made ourselves some coffee--had to melt snow to get water--finally got started--had a hard trail up to the Carrion road house and did not get there till 1:30--I was nearly starved. Eldrige and I nearly killed ourselves eating tonight. We are at the 'famous' White Horse. This afternoon as I came over the train way and looked so far below at the rapids as they rushed along and the sun was shining so lovely and then I saw for my self the 'grandure' that I have so often heard about. We got to the road house about 4:30 and Elbridge's Mother was so glad to see us as she was so worried about us for she was so afraid we would have something happen to us. She is happy tonight to have us all with her. I must write my dear girls a card tonight. If they only knew how I was getting on and if they knew that I was sleeping out doors with-out tent or house they would go crazy. I am so glad they don't know it. I must go to bed as we must get out on the trail early in the morning.

February 10

We all started out again this morning. We are with the Carpenter party. Mr. Carpenter is a very nice man and does everything he can for us. Came 27 miles today. Mrs. Tarbox has been sick today and tonight she is quite sick. We are at Shock's cabin. Tonight Elbridge & I ate such a supper. I am very lame tonight.

February 11

At it again early this morning. Only made 10 miles today. Got to Island road house at 12 oclock and we are going to lay over till tomorrow. Found out Bell and Miss Howe are just 24 hours ahead of us. Mr. Hall and Mr. Bairn and Omart caught up to us today. We were all glad to meet again. I went up to see them in their tent tonight, also to see the Wheelers. They are all camped together in the same place. We got a tent today and Mr. Casey lent us his stove and now we are going to do some tenting but it is such hard work for us not having any men to get up the tent or do anything for us. It is so terrible an experience.

February 12

All the folks got out ahead of me this morning and I got behind the heavy loaded teams and they broke through the ice and they had a terrible time.

February 12 (Continued)

They all had to get their feet wet and they had to come back and put all the horses on the one wagon and pull and oh, such a time as we all had and then they had to come back and pull my team out. Well, we kept that up till 1:00 o'clock and then they pulled me out and let me go on ahead. Well I went well for awhile and then I got up with a man from 'Brackets' and I kept behind him all afternoon and I had to make 19 miles after 2 o'clock. Oh, such a long trip. Every little while we broke into the water and such a time to get out. We had to unload, twist and load up again. Oh, we got so cold and we had to travel till 8 o'clock before we got to the road house at the foot of Lake Le Barge. Then we pitched tent and got supper. The Hall crowd are 'heard' and Carpenter also. They all came out to do what they could for me. I am wet, cold and worn out tonight. Oh, God, but this is a hard trip. Why did I ever leave a good warm home?

February 13

After just about freezing all night, got up and took down tent and got packed and started again. Had breakfast at 'Brackets' and then got started. We are now on the 'C.D.C.' cut off and the hills are fearful--'terrible' hard on the horse. I was behind Mr. 'Ingestin' and his party today. 'Ate crackers off their load all morning'. They got stuck and I passed them and 'mushed' on. The road is so bad we can't make any time today--'mushed till 5 and only made 15 miles. Oh 'hevens' this is slow work. I was most dead tonight. Had to tramp snow and put up tent and the old stove smoked so 'terriable' and then unhitch the horse and feed him. I can't hardly keep my hand from freeezing. I did get the ends of three of my fingers frosted and they are very sore. Oh, how I hate camping and putting up tent and making down beds and getting them up in the morning.

February 14

At it again this morning--pack^{up} up and harness up and mush on again. The road was 'terriable'--'glasers' and hills. We got to the No. 7 C.D. road house at 12 o'clock and we layed over this afternoon. The rest of the folks have gone on but we ate a big meal and rested. The horse is tired out and so are we. I took a bath and went to bed at 5 o'clock this afternoon and am resting. We have to get out on the road very early tomorrow. Bell and Miss Howe left here yesterday morning. One of the 'Ingestine' party has just got into camp and say that one of their horses broke his leg on the 'glaser' this morning. Oh, how glad I am I got safely over that place.

February 15

Today we traveled on to No. 8 road house. Was hard as ever. Mr. Meriman has been along with us most of the time.

February 16

Today we are on the road again. Got to Mc Cormacks. Got in very late and found the Hall crowd here and also the Wheelers and Meriam. We are so packed into this road house tonight. Everyone is on the floor. Had supper and went to the tent to call on the Hall party. Tomorrow is going to be such a hard trip they say so Mr. Omart has promised to wait to see me safely over the hills.

February 17

Up this morning and out again. I started out just behind Mr. Omart and Jimmie. Oh, but we had such a 'terrible' time getting over the hills. Had to hitch on the other horse and pull up some of the hills. Got to a lunch place and had lunch about 2 o'clock and then we traveled on down to 5 fingers. We were all there--the 'hole' party. We stayed in a 'retched' cold place. The boys stayed in the cabin. (Margin Insert--got my foot hurt very bad--hardly able to get around)

February 18

I went down early this morning and changed sleds. I took Mr. Carpenters sled and left our old 'hevey' sled, and I am very glad to get rid of it. Got off about 8 this morning. Came to a very bad place of hills and Mr. Omart to get us up alright. Got to a lunch place about 12 and then we got on to 'Hoochcoo' and stopped at McMillans road house--got in very early. Carpenters are also along. I got 'acquainted' with Corporal Ryan and I ate supper about 10 o'clock in the kitchen with him and Mr. Small and we all had lots of fun.

February 19

We are out on the way again today--nothing new--had some bad hills to get up alone this morning but made them all right. Caught up to the Hall crowd about 10. They were just breaking camp. We got to Renten about 12 having made 16 miles. Had a fine lunch and then made on to the 'Hay Cash'. Had to come over a very dangerous place where the trail had been washed out. Got to the "Hay Cash" about 4 o'clock.. Found Bell and Miss Howe had just left this morning. This place is a cabin, 12 foot square, and an old man keeps it. Well it was warm and we were the first to get in so we thought we were all right. Well pretty soon along came this party of 3 with their dogs and they had to stay. A little later here came the Fay and Walden crowd and that made 12 of us in there to eat and sleep. Well you ought to have seen the jam, how ever we all slept and had breakfast and had quite a time. This is life in the 'Yukon'.

February 20

Got out at about 9 this morning. Made the 'Beef cash' at about noon and had lunch and then made 14 miles on to Selkirk (presumably Fort Selkirk in Canada) and got in about 4 o'clock and found that Carpenters and Hall party had gone on up the trail and I don't 'sopose' that we will catch up with them again. Tonight I met Officer Chapman. He is a friend of Bells and I took a walk with him up to the Barracks and back. When I came back Corporal McFail was calling on Mrs. Tarbox and I was interested in him. He seems so nice. We are at the Seattle Hotel and it is the nicest place we have been in a long time--room enough to take off your clothes which is a rarity in this country. I don't know when I have had them off before. I wrote the girls tonight. The weather is very cold--55 to 60 below every day. I can tell you it is cold traveling. We are going to lay over tomorrow. The horse has such sore shoulders. Oh, how I wish we were at the end of this journey so we would not have to get out on the road every morning. We have to go 180 miles to make it to Dawson.

February 21

Nothing new today--we are just taking it easy. Mrs. Tarbox went out and got the money this morning.

February 25

Today is Sunday and we are still on the road. I have not written here since the 21st, but these days have had nothing of any interest--nothing but mush on and that we left the old Lady at Selkirk. Elbridge and I are delighted to get rid off her and the baskets. we are 'Thistle' tonight at the Seattle Hotel. We got in early today, having made 25 miles in good time. We are still 85 miles from Dawson. We hope to make long runs and get in in three days if we can. We are all so tired of the road and so anxious to get in. All the folks are about a day ahead of us.

February 28

Well, thank Heaven, we arrived in Dawson to night. oh, I can't say how glad I am. I am so tired of traveling over this old trail. Got in about 6 p.m. Found the Wheeler party at the Pacific Hotel where we came tonight. Bell and Miss Howe got in last night. Wheeler party got in only two hours ahead of us. Hall party got in last night. Last night we stayed at log cabin with Mr. Bower. He was a very 'plesant' man and I had a 'plesent' time helping him in the kitchen. We made 40 miles today. Well, now that I am in Dawson I don't know what I am going to do. Must have some work to do--only something to make a living at. I got in to late tonight to get any mail. I will have to wait for morning to hear from home.

March 1

This morning got my breakfast with Mr. Carpenter. He treated me. Then went to post office and got 10 letters from home. Went back to the Hotel and how I did enjoy those letters from home and all good news. They were all well--also told me of George Cornells wedding--at last. He is married today. I went down to see Bell and stayed all night. I went out to hunt work and got a promise of work next week in a dress making shop at 4 dollars a day. I wrote to the girls tonight.

March 2

This morning I got up and went to the hotel and Mrs. Hill took me up to stay with Mrs. Vanderbilt. She is sick. I stayed with her and am going to stay with her and work for my board and room so maybe I can save some money if I dont have to spend for that. We have sold the horse and I got 75 dollars out of it and it went towards paying Mrs. Tarbox. I owed her \$97.25 cts. so I still owe her \$22.25 cts. which I hope to get paid just as soon as 'possible'. Have worked 2 days for Mrs. Hill. Mr. Smith, the cook, 'fed' me fine. I like my boarding place well, but just think of me having to light fires in the mornings in this cold country.

March 5

Today I got 3 more letters from home--1 from Smith, one from Julia and 1 from Emma Rich. I wrote Nancy, Eva, Smith and the girls by todays mail. I went over to Bells and got my grip. That grip is always in the wrong place. I saw Mr. Meriman, who I was very glad to meet--also Mr. Omart.

March 8

Today I went to work for the shop--liked it very well. I expect more letters from home tomorrow. I almost froze to death last night. When I awoke this morning my hair was 'froze' on my head. I thought it had all turned to 'Ice Sickles.' The weather has been very cold again this week. How glad I will be if it ever gets warm weather again.

April 16

You see I have not written anything here for over a month but I had nothing of 'intrest' to write. I have got acquainted with a Mr. Smith who is trying to get me a chance to go to Nome. if I go I am going to work for him down there. I have also got acquainted with a Mr. English of the A.E. Company here in Dawson. He 'youst' to be a traveling man and run in to L.A. He knew Mr. Higgins, my old friend. Also Harry Mayberry. He is very attentive and kind to me.

April 16 (Continued)

We live next door to the A.E. mess house and there are 40 men board and room there. Mr. English 'enterdoosed' Mrs. Vanderbilt and I to the manager and they invited us in last Friday night to a party. I danced and had such a 'plesant' time--enjoyed myself more than I have since I left home. On Easter Sunday Mrs. V. and English and myself went for a long climb over the hills--away up towards Moose Hide--got back about 1 p.m.--he stayed with Mrs. V. and I till 3, then went to the mess house to lunch--then returned with a fine can of mushrooms for our dinner--then he went and took a nap and came and took Mrs. V. and I for a long walk downtown--came back and he stayed and spent the evening till 11:30 with us. This evening he came up the walk right behind me--sometimes I meet him if he gets out just as I come along and we come up home together. He brought us a box of nice French Candy tonight and he has gone to the theater to see Uncle Tom's Cabin. The theaters here are not nice for respectable 'wimin' so we are 'bared' out. I have been writing all this evening. Mrs. V. is doing fancy work--she has some pretty 'doyles' and we are eating away on the candy. The mail has not got in yet--it is almost a week late. Oh, how I hope I will get some long letters. I have not had a letter from Mr. Smith for nearly 3 weeks now. I wrote 'Ora Allen' today, also the girls. I am getting so tired of that 'horad' job of mine and that 'crasey' old woman, but it won't be long till the river opens and then everyone will be off to Nome and I suppose I will go with the rest of the people. Now I am going to bed. I am dead sleepy.

April 22

Sunday again. I have not written for most a week. I went to Church and came home. Mr. English had been out gathering wild flowers. He brought home a pan full for Mrs. V. and I to plant in boxes. He went and got box and dirt and Mrs. V. got them all set out and we now have 'Locus' blooming in our front window. He spent most of the day with us. He has now gone to take a nap and eat his lunch and then he is coming back to spend the evening. Only for him we would spend many lonely hours. He is so very kind to us. Played Whist one evening with he and Mr. Woods. Mr. English and Mrs. V. beat Mr. Woods and I and they think they are very smart. I had a letter from my dear Julie last Tuesday when the mail came in--the only one I got. The last weeks mail has not come in. I hope to get several letters on it when it does get in. Here comes Mr. E. I must now stop.-----He has gone to look at a house with Mr. Brown and is coming back. I must write some letters.

April 29

Today Mr. E. and I started out at 8 a.m.--took our lunch and 2 guns and went away out over the mountains--walked about 12 miles.

April 29 (Continued)

I shot off the rifle ever so many times and would hit the mark most every time. We had lunch and shot some 'squirrels'. Oh how much I enjoyed it all, and we went up to this flag on the Dome, the highest point here and then came down over the hill. Mrs. V. got dinner ready and Mr. E. ate with me and spent the evening. He spends the evening with me very often.

May 8

Today the ice broke. I took a long walk with Mr. E. last night and this morning at 6 he called me that the ice was going out. We got out to see it, but we went down again tonight. Most of it went tonight. Mr. E. was there and came back and stayed all evening. Oh, what would we do if it was not for him. He helps us to spend so many weary hours.

(Transcriber's Comment) This is the end of Diary 1. Diary 2 begins on July 28, following what appears to be the remnants of several pages torn out. From subsequent information it appears that Miss Ryan left Dawson on July 22nd. It is assumed that she took a boat on the Yukon River from Dawson to the Bering Sea, and then travelled by boat to St. Michael and on to Nome.

The Mr. E. mentioned above is apparently Mr. English, later referred to as "my Dear Will". Pure speculation from "reading between the lines" might provide a scenario somewhat like the following:

The very attentive Mr. E. was married and his wife was living in San Francisco. As the developing romance became more ardent, Mr. E. suddenly received word that Mrs. E. was coming to Dawson, and was forced to tell Miss Ryan. He apparently had fallen in love with Miss Ryan, but (assuming that Mrs. English was a lady of means) he was forced to resume his marriage relationship, at least for the immediate future. He left Miss Ryan with the definite impression that he would keep in touch by mail and that there would somehow be a future where the two lovers could be together. The remaining part of the diary expresses Miss Ryan's reaction to the situation.

Since the diary was apparently kept to provide a record for Miss Ryan's "dear sisters", there was apparently something in the missing pages that Miss Ryan later felt should "not be for their eyes".

July 28

This morning I got up early--We expect to get to St. Michaels this afternoon. Sat out and talked to Mr. Crews most of the day. Wrote a letter to my dear girls and sent it to them by "Jimmie". He promised me that he would give it to them. Got to St. Michaels at 2 p.m.--it is a very pretty place. Found that we could leave for Nome tonight at 8 o'clock so will go ashore. Found no small pox scare here at all. I took a long walk in St. Michaels with Mr. Crews. We went over to the A.E. Co. I met Guss Demer over there on his way back to Dawson. We had supper on board the Susie, then went on board the Sadie--took us out to the Dora--a 'terrible' crowd on the her. Mr. Crews is still with us--he is also going over on the Dora.

July 29

This morning I got up early--in fact I did not sleep hardly any last night--stood out on deck for a long time with Mr. Crews and Mr. Kimble. I have spent all morning talking with them. Got in to Nome--that is, as far in as the Dora can come--then we had to be landed on to a lighter to go ashore. Got 'poring' wet. It rained so hard before we got ashore--went into a 'resturant' out of the rain. Mr. Taeff treated me to something to eat. Had a time finding Mr. Vanderbilt but found him at last and got up to the Hotel. He got a room for us. They went out to supper and I stayed with baby and went to sleep and they brought me some turkey sandwiches.

July 30

This morning got up and started to Post Office to get my mail. Such a time--it took me 2 hours to get it and I had not had any breakfast but letters from home are more important to me this morning than breakfast. I got 8 letters from my sister. They are all well. I then went out to have my breakfast and meet Mr. Crews. We went for a walk to look at the town, and then he had to leave me. I went out and had breakfast and lunch together, thereby saved a dollar and got a headache. Met Mr. Ralph Rodgers of L.A., also met Mr. Dusenberry of Dawson. Mr. V. and I went about 2 miles to find Mrs. Tarbox this afternoon and found she had moved and I could not find her. Will try again tomorrow. I am so anxious to find Addie Batlett but don't know where to find her. Have written her. I am anxious to get something to do, but don't know what I can get 'in to.'

July 31

Today I went out to breakfast and met Mr. Victor Smith & Mr. Hunt and Carpenter and Mr. Bream. Went to the P.O., walked way out over Snake river. Came home wrote the girls, also Mrs. English. We are still at the hotel.

August 4

Still at the hotel--nothing of 'importance' to write. We expect to move today. I got a letter each from the girls and 'Cazzie' yesterday. They are all well and enjoying life--2 weeks tomorrow since I left Dawson--2 'hole' weeks since I saw him. That is only the beginning of this long future that we have to spend apart. It has been wet and raining ever since we arrived in Nome. Have not seen Mr. Crews since last Monday. I am so lonely here as I see no one to talk to. If I could only get in to something to do I would be quite satisfied.

August 6

Today we moved out to the house--oh, heavens, we have no stove or anything to eat tonight. Are all huddled up in some clothes on the floor. This is life in Nome.

August 7

Mr. V. had to go get a stove this morning and such a time. Then he had to go to town and get some stuff to eat and did not get back till 6 p.m. We have had nothing to eat all day--the house leaks and it is 'offel'.

August 8

It is a little clearer today. I went down town--met Maggie Knight and Mrs. Casey--had quite a visit. Also went to see Mrs. Godflison.

August 9

Today it is still wet, cold and rainy. Did not get out.

August 10

Most froze today and had nothing hardly to eat. Raining and blowing something 'offel'. Had to go to bed at 7 p.m. to get warm.

August 11

Things are no better today--still windy, rainy and wet. Can't get any dry wood to keep a fire with. I would like to have a little Southern California sunshine to warm my feet with just now. This is just a little the worst time I ever put in. I don't know how it will all end.

August 12

Today the sun shown for a change and I undertook to go up town. I went in to mud up to my knees and got my shoes, stockings, rubbers and all wringing wet. Came back a lovely looking 'site'. If I don't get my death of cold I will be lucky.

August 23

Have not written for some time. Went to work at Horseshoe Cafe on the 18th. Was delighted to get a chance to work. I like it fine but it is hard. Heard from Mrs. Tarbox--saw Mr. Crews the other day. Am going to move to a room tomorrow and get my trunk. I hope I never have to live again as I have had to live since I have been in Nome. I will have 20 dollars coming tomorrow night. How long since I have had that much money.

August 25

Last night it was 'poring' rain so I got a cot and Mr. Swartz 'loned' me his blankets and I took them up to the room and stayed with Alice. Tonight I came back out to the house through the mud and packed my grip. I am going to stay here tonight--will stay at the room after this. Am so glad to have a place to stay. Things are better with us all. Mr. Vanderbilt made a raise of some money and they are getting along all right and I got payed today my week's wages of 20 dollars--also made \$1.50 side money today--have made \$2.25 this week. Have not had any mail for over a week now. I expect some pictures from Jimmie in a few days--also a letter from my dear Will. I wonder if I will get it on this mail--what I would give to be in his dear arms tonight. I am so far from any one that loves me and I am so lonely.

August 26 (Sunday)

Worked all day. Came to the room with Alice today. We went up to the post office tonight after supper. Their office has moved into their new building. I was so disappointed. I got no letters. I wrote Mr. Smith today. We have not got our room fixed up but I am so glad to be in it.

August 27

Nothing of 'emportince' to write about. Worked hard all day. Made \$2 side money. That maded me \$5 for my day work so I guess I ought to be satisfied. No mail yet. It has 'pored' down rain all day and is still raining. That is about all it does here but I don't care now that I have a room close.

August 29

I have been in Nome just one month today and have been working almost 2 weeks. That is the most important thing--to be working so to get some money to live on if I am off. I like this place very well but have no time for anything as the hours are so long. The mail is not in yet. I went to the office hoping to get a letter from my dear Will, also the pictures from Jimmie, but the Dawson mail was not in either.

August 30

Evening again and I have just got in to the room. Alice is out so I am alone. Mr. Vanderbilt just called down and gave me the trunk check so I can get my trunk now. Will get it tomorrow. I will be so glad. Still no mail in. Nothing to write about.

August 31

Went down to get my trunk this morning--found I would have to pay 20 dollars on it--the amount of my fare over from St. Michaels. Well I was mad to think I had to pay out another 20 dollars for that after all I had done for those people but I had to have the trunk, so what could I do. And then I had to pay \$1.50 to get it moved up to the room and so the money goes all the time, but I got it however, and tonight have unpacked it again and it does seem just like having an old friend to see all the things that remind me of the past and the pictures of my dear old friends. The mail is in at last and now I expect some letters tomorrow.

September 1

This morning early Mr. Swartz and went to the post office and got me 2 letters and only 2 and I expected more but they were from my dear girls, a long one from both the girls Julia and Margaret, and I was so glad to have them. They were all well but were so worried about me. Mr. Swartz quit the 'restaurant' today and I am so sorry as he is a very nice man and kind to me.

September 4

The weather has been something 'offel' for the last few days and the rain and the wind and the 'serf' is very wild and no boats have been able to land or to go out and several men have drowned. Mr. Swartz has been up and spent the evening with Alice and I. He leaves tomorrow on his way to San Francisco on his way home to South Dakota where his family live. I wish I could start tomorrow for S.F. Still no letter from my dear Will. I have seen Mr. Tarbox and he is thinking of going back to Dawson. It is late--I must go to bed--so ring down the curtains for another day.

September 6

Well the weather was a little calm yesterday so that the mail was brought ashore but the storm began again this morning and has been 'offel' all day. I got 2 letters today, one from Lizzie and one from Mrs. 'Danake', but none from my dear Will. Mr. Swartz has not got away yet. Dell McCord left yesterday for Dawson. It made me home sick to go back.

September 8

Well, I am dead tired tonight. I was up till 4 o'clock this morning after working hard all day yesterday and had to get up and go to work at 6:30 this morning, and have had a hard day all day. I got so blue this morning and things went so bad that I could hardly keep back the tears and that means a lot for me. The Elks had an entertainment last night at the Standard Theater and I went with the 'Borkers' to help serve ice cream and 'sandwiches' but we did not sell much and it was a very tough affair. All the dance hall people were in it and there were some pretty costumes and the Cake Walk was pretty. Mr. Swartz has not got off yet but expects to get away tomorrow morning. I am so sorry to see him go as he is the only kind friend I have here. I shall miss him so. He came up to the room with me tonight for a few minutes--then he and Charley went up town to take in the sights. It has just commenced to rain again. It rains all the time now days. The Tacoma came in today and brought papers. I don't know if she has any mail. Mrs. Tarbox called to see me last night but I was so busy helping the boys make 'sandwiches' I could not stop to talk to her. Mr. Crews came to supper last evening.

September 9 (Sunday)

I had a hard day today--such a big dinner and I had no one to help me. Mr. Swartz left today on the Kimble for Seattle and I tell you I miss him. He was so good to help me. The place is going to be hard now. The Tacoma got in and I expect to get mail in the morning. Oh, but I am lonesome in this place. All alone and nothing but my work. Go to work at 6:30 and stay all day till 8:30. I get up to my room and then have no one to see or talk to. It is a lonely life for one who had such a 'pleasant' and happy home as I had for so many years but with the good Lords help I shall be with them all again and I will have had an experience of a life time. I just read today of the accident to the Steamboat Hamilton on the Yukon 'flats'.

September 11

Well, it has been a bright day but it is raining again tonight. I wrote to Elbridge and posted it today. I also wrote Lizzie a long letter today and sent her 5 dollars for her birthday. We had the first ice of the season this morning--there was a crust of ice on the 'window'. No letters and no news.

September 12

Of all days this one has been something. There was a 'terrible' storm on the sea and the waves came in so high that every one on the 'spit' is 'drowned' out--all had to fly for their lives--everything washed away--almost the entire front street is all smashed up and the buildings all broke to pieces.

September 12 (Continued)

The big barge "Skooshum" was drifted ashore and 'recked' all the lighters and small boats are all broken to pieces. The damage and loss is 'terriable'. Charlie L. and I went out tonight to see the sights. Oh, the wind and rain was something 'offel'. We went all over town and up to the Post Office. We got in the mud knee deep and I lost my hat. Oh, we had lots of fun.

September 13

Today I went to work--as usual had an 'offel' big breakfast. The storm was still raging, but tonight it is getting more calm. I got 4 letters today--2 from Lizzie, 1 from Julia and 1 from Smith. They are all well and happy. The Ohio came in today. I did not get any letter from my dear Will. Oh why did he not write me? All though I did not get a letter I shall not believe he has forgotten me.

September 15

I did not write yesterday. I think the only thing I did out of the 'yousual' swim of things--I took a bath. The Senator got in this morning. Another storm is raging again today and all the boats had to go up to 'Slaty' Island. Captain Eagle of 'Sentinel' came ashore on the arrival several days ago and could not get back to the ship. They have a load of cattle aboard and they are starving and they can't get the poor things landed. I got a letter today from Julia--also one from Lizzie--they are worried to death about me and want me to come home. I wrote them a long letter. It is late and I must get to bed. What would I give to see the 4 people I love so dearly or any 1 of the 4. I am in this very lonely country so far away from the ones that love me.

September 17

Yesterday was a very nice day and all the boats got back from 'Slaty' Island--we had a big day. Today has also been a fine day--no rain. If the Steamship Kimble had good luck she ought to be in Seattle tonight and Mr. Swartz also. I did not get any letters today. The Tacoma leaves for Seattle tonight.

September 19

Still no letter from Will. Well things are about the same with me and it has been a nice day. Boats are all getting ready to go out. Mrs. Barber went out to dinner on the Sentinal tonight. I got a letter from Margarett today--also from Lizzie--also an invitation to 'Olie Mollards' wedding. Today Mattie Smith was to get married. I wrote to George today.

September 20

Addie called one me today. I was so glad to see her but I was so busy I did not have time to talk to her. She brought me three 'hankerchiefs' from my dear sisters. They are very pretty. She went back to 'Anvil' but will be down in a week and then she is going home. I would so like to go with her but I do not want to go out yet.

September 21

Today I went up town--the first time in weeks--bought some stockings and bought some things to send home to the girls when Addie goes as I must send their Christmas presents now or I won't be able to get them out. Mr. Abbott came home this morning from Port Clarence.

September 22

Today I went out to see Mrs. Vanderbilt--found her in the same place--did not stay long--came home by post office--got no mail.

September 23

Got up this morning--everything went wrong--had a quarrel with the whole outfit--started by Mrs. Barber. I told them if they did not like my style to pay me off and tonight they did so now I have no more job than a Rabbit.

September 24

Got up this morning and it is raining again. Dressed in rubber boots and a short skirt and went out to breakfast and to look for a job. Left my name at the Butte 'resturant' and perhaps they will hear of something for me--came back to the room--wrote the girls.

September 25

Did not get up till 10 o'clock. Was invited to Mr. Searis to lunch at 12 so did not go out for any breakfast. Went to lunch--enjoyed it very much. Took a ladys 'measures' and came back to the room and 'drafted' pattern--then went back and took my yarn skirt that Grandma gave me last winter and sold it for 5 dollars then went to post office and posted 3 letters to Nancy Smith and the girls. Went to supper--came back to room and read. Spent such a long lonely evening--cried about 1 hour then went to bed and cried myself to sleep thinking of my dear Will and how far I am away from him. How unhappy he would be if he knew his darling was laying here crying all alone. It would just break his heart, but I shall not let him know as it is better not.

September 26

Got up early this morning with more courage than I had yesterday. It is clear and bright and cold this morning. I went to the Butte this morning for breakfast, then came back to room--got some silk pieces for Mrs. Searls and went to call on her. Went to see about a housekeeping job but they had someone, then came back and thought I would try and fix up this barn of a room of mine. Went over to Ranks to buy a window shade and he told me of some dress making he thought I could get to do and went with me to Mrs. Young and 'interduced' me to her and I think I will go to work for her Monday. Came back and just gave this room a good going over and fixed up curtains. It looks quite respectable now.

September 27

Did not get to bed till 12 last night as Harvey Shearer came up and spent the evening with me. I enjoyed it to have some one to talk to. Got up this morning--found it snowing-- the first of the season. I put on my warm clothes and went for breakfast and for a long walk--walked till I tired then came back to room and wrote a long letter to the 'Watters'--then read the rest of the day--spent it mighty lonesome. Charlie dropped in for a minute in the evening. I met Mr. Crews and said goodbye to him as he leaves for home, but is coming back in the spring. If I live till spring I will have lots of old friends here again.

September 28

Jo came up this morning to call me before I got up to say Mrs. Searls wanted to see me. As soon as I dressed I went there. She wanted me to clean her silver for her. Made my breakfast, lunch and 50 cents so that pay was not so bad. Got back to room at 2 p.m. Went out to supper and met Mr. Taeff. He came up to the room with me and we had a 'pleasant' visit. After he left I read till I was most dead and then went to bed. Just got to sleep when Alice blew in.

September 29

Have stayed in room most all day. Mrs. Tarbox came to see me today. I have been working on my old 'waist'. Charlie stopped in just for a minute when he came upstairs. Took a bath and went to bed. The San Pedro came in today and I will get mail tomorrow.

September 30

Got up late and went to post office. Got 3 letters--2 from Julia--1 from Lizzie. Tomorrow I hope to get to work again.

October 1

Got up early and went to Miss Youngs hoping to get work, but did not get it. Went to Golden Gate hotel but did not get work there either, so came back to room and went to bed. Got up at 4:30 and went to supper--met Mr. Bell, the man who has been talking to me about getting a claim. He says he has found something good and is going out tomorrow and is going to stake me a claim. He thinks I am on the right road to make a lot of money. God grant it that I may, and that I will yet make something out of this trip. I have struggled so hard and yet I almost 'dispare' sometimes of making any more money than enought to live on, but I may yet make it. God knows I hope I will.

October 2

Before I was dressed this morning Charlie came and called me. He thought he had work for me at 5 today to take care of a sick woman, but I looked and looked and could not find the place, so that fell through. Mr. Bell came up and talked mines to me for some time, then I walked the 'hole' town over to find Mrs. Tarbox--could not find her--came back to room, then Mrs. Bartlett came. we went away down the beach about 1½ miles to see some friends of hers. It rained and we got soaking wet coming back. I heard of a place cooking that I will be off to tomorrow to see about. I hope I get that as I have been disappointed so many times.

October 3

Today is dear sister Lizzie's birthday. I hope she has a 'plesant' one. Got up this morning and went to see about a place, but they were not quite ready and said that they would let me know. I 'sopose' that I will never hear a word from them. Addie came and we went to lunch and up town and then to her room at the Golden Gate hotel. I started to fix a waist for her. Charley stopped in this evening.

October 4

Got up late--saw Charlie--he told me of a lady that wanted someone to take care of her for a few days. Went way out on 4th street--got there--this lady was up and did not need anyone--came back and finished Addie's waist--then she came and we went down to McNairs--she told our 'fortens'. Came back--had supper at the Star--and both went to our homes. I wish I could get something to do--this is 'offel'.

October 5

Same old story--today nothing new. Addie did not come down today. I sat reading late tonight and Mrs. Tarbox came and stayed all night with me.

October 6

Got up late--before I got dressed Bell called. I thought he was out at the mines, but he had come back. He says he is getting me a claim. Alice came and picked up her things this morning. Still no work. Addie called--and then Mr. 'Taell'--then I went to supper--just got back when Mrs. Tarbox came.

October 7 (Sunday)

Today I went to Church with Mrs. Tarbox--got home and Mr. 'Taeff' came--we played cards and went out to supper--took long walk on the beach--came back to room and had a big time visiting all evening. It is 9:30 and I am off to bed.

October 8

Saw Addie today and Mr. Bell call and brought me the deed to a claim. Mr. 'Taeff' came and took me out to supper. I went out to see the Vanderbilts this morning--found them some what better off.

October 9

Raining hard. Mr. Bell called. I saw Addie at breakfast, stayed in and read all day. Mr. 'Taeff' came up and took me to supper--came back--visited awhile--then Charlie came to see me.

October 10

Addie came before I dressed this morning. Mrs. Tarbox came by today. I went out to supper with Mr. Gaylord and Addie tonight--had a 'plesent' time and a good supper.

October 11

I got up early this morning--it is very cold and snowing. I went to P.O.--got a letter from Mr. Smith but nothing from the girls. Went down to see Mrs. Tarbox and stayed most of the day. Wrote a letter to the girls and fixed up their presents. I am going to send them by Addie.

October 12

Went up and got Addie and we went to P.O.--went to the store and she bought skirt and jacket. Mr. 'Taeff' came this evening--did not stay long--oh, 'hevens' all men are the same old story.

October 13

Snowing hard this morning--ground frozen quite hard--went down to see Mrs. Tarbox.

October 13 (Continued)

Back to room and went down to Miss Pattons to fix Addy's jacket. I met a Mrs. Raymond--I like her very much. Hope to get a little work from them this winter. Addie and Mrs. Tarbox just left me. I am going out to supper with Mr. 'Taeff'. The St. Paul came in today. All my friends will soon be gone now on the boats to the outside.

October 14 (Sunday)

Went to P.O. this morning and got three letters from the girls and a package for my Christmas present. Went to Church and then for a long walk with Addie and it is a lovely day. Went to the Golden State Hotel and Addie and I spent the rest of the afternoon with Mr. Gaylord till I had to come home to meet Mr. Teaff and went to dinner. He spent a while with me.

October 15

Went early to P.O. and got three more letters and Lizzie's picture. Went to see Miss Patton about 'parkees'. Think I will get some to make. Addie and I then came back to room. Mr. Bell called and Mr. Teaff came to say goodbye to me. He went on the St. Paul to St. Michaels tonight at 8 p.m.. The St. Paul will return here on the 17th or 18th to load passengers and leaves here for the outside on the 20th--her last trip. All my friends go on her and then I will be nearly alone here, Mr. Teaff, Addie, and Mr. Gaylord. I shall then move and settle down to business.

October 16

Got up early--went down to see Mrs. Tarbox--came back and went to see Mrs. Searly--then met Addie and I went to breakfast with her and there met Mrs. Miller of Dawson. I was so glad to see her and she gave me the news I was dying to hear about my Dear Will. Oh how I wish I was in Dawson. He told me then that I was foolish to leave. Mrs. English went out to San Francisco again. He sold the nice home and the poor dear has gone back to the Mess house. That is the way he got to enjoy his lovely home but he could never have been happy there anyway. I wonder if he ever does look at the old window where a little girl 'youst' to wait to smile at him and to wait for him to come to say good night. Oh, dear, how cruel is fate that threw us together and then drifted us so far apart. Addie, Mr. Gaylord and I went for a long walk in the sunshine away over on the Spit and came back and went up to Mr. Brown and had supper and played Whist. I did enjoy myself so much.

October 17

Got up early--Addie, Gaylord and I went out to Browns to breakfast. Addie and I came up town--did some running around--I got the offer of a job cooking in a small 'resturant', which I am going to take. We went back out to Browns and had dinner. Mr. Payton came and we all played cards--'Specelaton'--all afternoon. I came down town to see about the place and then went back to supper--played Whist and 'Euchre' all evening. Well it is all over now. I have to go to work tomorrow morning at 6 and work till 8 p.m. and Addie, Gaylord, 'Paxton' and Teaff all leave Saturday on St. Paul. I shall have to settle down to a long, hard, and lonely winter.

October 18

Got up at 5:30 a.m. Went to work at new place--got along fine--worked hard. Got home at 8:30 p.m. Have not seen any of folks today.

October 19

Addie came in to say goodbye. I came near to 'braking' down and could only shake hands and kiss her. I could not say a word. I sent the Christmas presents to my dear sisters and 2 long letters.

October 20

Worked hard all day. St. Paul left today. I am quite alone now in Nome except for Mrs. Tarbox. She and Miss 'Callia' came to meet me tonight.

October 21 (Sunday)

Worked all day. Mrs. Tarbox came in store to see me today. Got home to this desolate, lonely room of mine late, and tired, and no one to welcome me or even talk to. Just 3 months tonight I bid my dear Will goodbye in Dawson. Even to live that misery over again would be some comfort, and to be with him and not have to leave him again--oh, would be more 'heaven' than this earth holds for me. When will we meet again.

October 22

Today there has been a 'terriable' snow storm--a regular 'Blizard'. I could hardly get home from work.

October 23

The weather turned warm in the night but is yet snowing hard but slush and wet on foot and the 'serf' is very high. I got a letter today from the girls. Addie and the folks are far out on the deep by this time.

October 24

Another day's hard work done. I wrote to Lizzie tonight. Charlie came in to see me for a minute. Met a Los Angeles man that knew me at 'Gardners' or 'Mr. Darling'. I am off to bed.

October 25

No news--worked hard all day--am off to bed.

October 26

Was so 'terriable' sick last night. Went to work this morning but could hardly move around. Was so sick that I came home and slept 2 hours this afternoon. I am glad the day is done. I am off to bed. Do hope that I am better in the morning.

October 27

Felt much better today. Worked all day. No news.

October 28 (Sunday)

Got along fine today. I have a 'plesent' place even though the work is hard. Harry Shearer comes to eat and eats in kitchen. He makes lots of fun. Weather is cold and stormy--snowing. I am all alone in room on 'Steadman'. Alice moved yesterday without saying a word.

October 29

Nothing new. Met Charlie Latham tonight. He goes out on Sentinel. Very cold tonight.

October 30

I got off this afternoon--went and had deed to claim recorded. Went down to see Mrs. Tarbox. She is 'comfertable' fixed in new place and I am going to go to room with her in a few days.

October 31

Another night at hand. I am packing up to move tonight. I am going to move tomorrow. Harry has been in to eat 3 times today. We had lots of fun. I have been working 2 weeks tonight and I have \$40 coming to me.

November 1

A 'terriable' storm raging tonight. 'Serf' is very high. Got my \$40 tonight and got told my services would not be wanted after tomorrow.

November 2

Very stormy all day. Boats have all gone off to sea and may have gone to Seattle. Finished my job at Barkers tonight and drew \$6 more. I now have \$55. Now I have got to get out and hunt something to do again.

November 3

Slept late--got up--went out on st. and met Jo, then Mr. Tomson. Went to City Bakery to breakfast--then moved my trunk and bed down to Mrs. Tarbox--then went out to see the Vanderbilts. They are cold and poor as ever. Came back to the place I call home again for the present. Fixed up my bed and room and it is quite cute, warm and comfortable.

November 4

Went to Church--then to Bakery--saw all the folks--Overman looks at me like a mad dog when I go there. Went to Mrs. Reefs and had dinner. Lillian, Bert and I and Mrs. Reefs.

fNovember 5

Monday. Got up and went to Bakery and went to find Machine Needles--got some--would not fit and had to go clear back up town again. It is storming hard and snow is deep. Got back and still the Needles will not work and I am .D. mad at the thing. Did some washing and ironing.

November 6

Got up and went to wash for Mrs. Hannam. Did a big wash and got down on my shin bones and 'scrubed' a floor. Just imagine--Miss Goodmans fore Lady 'scrubing' floors in Nome. Went to Bakery--saw Mr. and Mrs. Millford--ate my supper and talked with Mr. Darling--came out and met Mr. Bell--he is going to Seattle--leaves tonight. Met Mrs. Nunn and Mrs. Barber--went in to see Mrs. Casey about Machine. I am to get it in the morning--then came home and I am quite tired. It is lovely out tonight--moon light on the snow. If I only had my Dear Will to take me for a long walk as in days of old. I went out to the beach and looked at the moon light on the water. It is lovely and 2 boats still lay out in the bay. They are loading and they will soon be gone as it is getting very late for them to be here.

November 7

Went up town this morning to Mrs. Caseys and to Bakery. Overman looks at me like a mad dog, as usual. Got the machine--sewed all afternoon fixing Mrs. Tarbox's jacket. Went down to Reefs--played Whist all evening. Me and my partner beat. Herbert came home with me. Had a little 'jar' with Mrs. T.--boats are still here.

November 8

Boats all left at 1 a.m. this morning. I ate breakfast with Kingrose--finished Mrs. T's jacket and fixed Green shirt. Went up to Bakery. It was storming hard. Old 'Kingrose' came in this afternoon when he found Mrs. T out and I thought he would kill me making love to me--the old fool. Mr. and Mrs. Millford & Harry came down to spend the evening. We played Whist and Mattie and Harry beat. Dorie and I thought Harry was 'offel--he said if I was serving (dealing?) he would like to have a new understanding put in his 'pants'. We found out at last that it was 'seat' he meant.

November 9

Went up to Bakery and I met Harry and he and I and Miss 'Carding' and Mrs. Millford had such a lovely dinner. It was Harry's treat. Then we went upstairs to Miss 'Carding's' room and such a time we had. They sang and played on 'Getar' and Harry did make such a monkey of himself, and he and the Doc played and sang my dear Julia's song--sweet bunch of 'daisies' and made me so homesick. Coming home from there I met 'Patton McStay, our old friend from Los Angeles. I was so glad to see him but did not know him till he called my name. Mrs. Tarbox and I went down to Reefs tonight and we all played cards. Herbert and I beat and I coaxed him in to carrying Mrs. T's trunk up to the house, and then he and I took the Machine down to their house as I am going down there tomorrow to sew--then Herb had to bring me back home--such fun. I am really having as 'plesant' time in this place this winter, but I am so lonely for my dear girls.

November 10

Sewed all day at Reeves. Made Mother Hood and Herbert 'Parque' and 'Jackits'. Lillian and I went up town to get fur--could not find anything. On my way home met Harry--he and Miss Carding and Dorie came down to spend the evening and brought 'Geetar' and we had a rough house--danced, sang and did enjoy ourselves. The boys took off their coats and thought they were quite at home. I mended the sleeve of Harrys.

November 11 (Sunday)

I went to Church. The storm was 'offel'--snowing and blowing till you could not see. I then went to Bakery. Harry came and we had dinner and then we went up to Miss 'Carding's' room and the grand 'razel dazel' began again. In came Mr. Murphy and Doc and Miss Carrell. Harry went to Lodge and did not get to room again till 8 p.m. In the meantime Miss Carding and I went down to dinner and there met Mr. Clark and MR. Maloney. Talked mines money, water money and most every other subject. They took our names and promised to stake something for us as they are going out soon.

November 11 (Continued)

Then they went and Harry returned and he and Miss C. and I sat on bed and had one long 'sencible' and sociable visit. Discussed love, matrimony, religion, sensitive dispositions, broad mindedness. Harry told of his love affair--then they both got up and came home with me.

November 12

Very little to write about today. Went down to Reefs. Came home and read and cried all evening. Am so homesick I want to die. Today is 'Margriette's' Birthday. I have not sen any of the folks from the office today. Have not been uptown today.

November 13

Raining hard today. I have not been uptown and did not see any of the folks. They have put a lock on the gate and I am most 'crasey' for fear some of the boys won't get in. Lillian and Burt came up and we played Whist all evening.

November 14

Made 'parque' today--then went up town--had supper with Harry--then went to up to Miss 'Cardings' room--then I had to go out--buy myself a skirt--and come home and alter it--and get ready to go to the Sour Dough Dance. I had to get a very big move on myself and it is just so wet and sloppy out I can hardly get up town. Harry and I went to the dance and had a very nice time--got home at 1:30 a.m.--stayed all night with Miss 'Cardon'.

November 15

Went to bed at 2 a.m.--had to get up at 7 a.m. and leave a whole arm full of sleep that was not touched. Went and washed. 'scrubed' and cleaned house. Earned my 4 dollars and got my back broke in 3 places. Stayed till 5 p.m. and was too tired to go up town. Came home and gave Mrs. T. 5 dollars for St. Mary's Guild. Blew myself last night for a new skirt.

November 16

Stayed home all day. Had Turkey dinner at 5 p.m. with Mr. Kingrose. Took bath and went to Nome Pastime Club social and dance at Maddin Hall. "Teriable' crowd--had your feet mashed off of you--someone knocked the heel off my shoe first round. Went with Mr. and Mrs. Millford. I don't know what is the matter with Harry. He seems in the dumps and did not go with the crowd. He came poking in by himself about 10:30 and took a look around. Found us all enjoying our selfs immensely so he did not stay. The ice came in today--but not solid--it is floating about.

November 17

Stayed with Miss Cardon last night after the Ball. Mrs. Yan brought our breakfast into the bed to us about 8 this morning. We got up about 9. I went to the P.O. and got a letter from the girls that had been written Oct. 6--had been misplaced somewhere. I came down to the house and found the Rev. Mr. Blower calling. Then Mrs. 'Kingalbranch' came. I did a little washing. Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Adams came. I took measures for waist. I am to make 4 waists for them. Ice still floating about. This has ben a lovely day.

November 18

Went to Church--then out to Vanderbilts. Found them cold and dirty and none too much to eat. Went to call on Mr. Brown--stayed to dinner and had a nice visit. Came down to Bakery--met Harry--he seemed some better. Went up to Miss Cardon's--found all the crowd except Harry. He went to Lodge. I came home early and have just written seven pages to my dear sisters as I hear the mail may go out about the 20th. Water in the bay still open.

November 19

Got up this morning and began to sew on waists for Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Adams. About 10 a.m. Harry came down much to my surprise and he was feeling very bad with his lame "sholder". I got him to lay down and I 'rubed' his 'sholder' for a long time till he got relief and fell off to sleep. I let him sleep all afternoon. How the old lady did roast me for doing it. He got up and he and I went up to Miss Cazrdon's and we were all invited over to Mr. Clark and Maloneys. About 6:30 we started--dark as pitch and so 'slipery' we could hardly stand up and we did not know just where the house was so we asked at every store and saloon. Harry had a 'lovely' fall--he came down like a ton of bricks. Well, after a long time and all kinds of life and times in Nome we found them and Clark was full and Maloney gone and no sign of anything to eat. We were not very well pleased at the reception we got so we simply stayed about 5 minutes and started back. We were to call for Miss Carrell and Doc. Well, we looked the rest of the sandspit over for Carrell's house--we found it--saw no light--so thought that they had gone to bed. Then we startd back to town. Wind, slush, and ice was no name for it and my hat went off and blew away and such a time we had. Harry and I were weak with hunger by this time as we had not had anything since early morning. We came to Bakery and it was just 8 p.m., and we got it in the neck again as Mrs. Millford was mad because we wanted to eat. Every .D. _____ thing went wrong and we 'surly' had the ups and downs of life in Nome, We went up to room and lay on Miss C's bed--the three "old maids". After Harry went home Miss C. and I kicked ourselves and everyone else till we dropped off to sleep from sheer exhaustion.

November 20

Got up early--ate breakfast with Miss C. and Mrs. Yan. Came home and sewed hard all day and I am tired to death.

November 21

Dorie called this morning and said they had no more home than a Rabbit. I sewed hard all day. Mrs. Reeves and Lillian came out in the evening. Water still open.

November 22

One month from today will be my birthday. The days are getting so short in this burg that we have to light the lamp at 3 p.m. and burn till 9 "a.m.?" I just feel like I was working all night. Went to see Mrs. Casey today--stayed to lunch. Went to Church and got measure of a cushion. Went to Mrs. Hammans and to Mrs. Searl and met Mrs. Nunn--she was very nice to me. Came back and worked hard till 10. Very cold tonight.

November 23

Sewing hard. Mr. and Mrs. Millford called this P.M. I heard that a mail got in from Dawson and that mail would be going out at 5. I got up from supper and flew to P.O. to send a letter to the girls and to Elbridge and I was sure I would get a letter from him, but I did not. It is as quite in Nome as a country graveyard. The Robbers are the hardest working people in this community now. What will happen to all of us yet before spring still remains to be seen, but the time is slipping by. Clear and cold.

November 24

Worked hard all day till 12 o'clock tonight. Weather very cold. First mail went out this morning. Water in bay still open.

November 25 (Sunday)

Went to Church--then up to Millfords--we went out and looked at rooms and came back and Harry came--Mrs. Small also and Ida. Mrs. M. got supper on a stove about as large as a pie tin. Five of us ate supper on a 2 by 4 table. Such fun--regular Sour Dough.

November 26

Went to Mrs. Hansems--washed, ironed, cleaned house and 'scrubed', and sewed. Quite a variety for one day. Think I earned my 4 dollars. Lillian and Herb came up--went home with them and spent the evening. When I got home all the gates were locked and we had to climb a fence. Herb threw me over.

November 27

Sewed all day till 3 p.m, then went up to bakery. Ate supper with the Millfords--she and I went out to see what we could do about groceries. Took home Mrs, Casey's waists. Doc McClanahan walked down to Caseys.

November 28

Went up early to Mrs. Yaws to fix waist. Sewed all day and worked just 'offel'--thought we would never get Miss Cunningham's dress finished. I worked till 8 p.m., then had to walk down to Baldwin and dress and get back up town, to go to Laurel Circle Dance as we were all going. I was most dead, but I went and did have a lovely time--danced everything from 9 o'clock till 3--then we went to supper with Mr. Joses and did not get to room till 4 a.m.--visited with Miss Cardon till 4:30--also Mr. McCartting found that he had known Mr. and Mrs. Longstreth of 'Phenix', Arizona--got to bed at 5, too tired to breathe--my feet so sore I can't stand on them.

November 29

This is Thanksgiving Day. Oh, how far I am from home and my Dear, Dear girls but I know that they are all thinking of me today. This is a lovely day in Nome--clear and bright and cold--8 below zero this morning and I am about 20 below zero myself as I got to bed at 5 and up at 8:30--had to go to Mrs. Hammans at 12 to get dinner. Had quite a spread--got home at 8 p.m. more dead than alive. 1 year ago today I decided to leave home and go to Alaska and now I have been most 1 year here. I must go to bed.

November 30

Got up too late for breakfast and got closed out with the rest of the old drunks around this place. Mrs. Tarbox thinks we all are doing too much celebrating around this place. Went up to Bakery and found the crowd all getting ready to go to the Past Time Club Dance, so of course I could not miss that. Came back home and gave myself a 'Sprinkle Margetice ?' trying to curl my hair in the latest fad. Wore pink bow in it and looked pretty swell. I had a lovely time--danced till 3 in the morning so am dead again. The ice is in--I guess to stay this time. It is all frozen hard. Mr. Carstins brought me home from Ball. Got to bed at 4 a.m.

December 1

Got up late. Harry came before I was dressed but waited till I finished. Poor Harry--he has been gambling and lost all his money. Now he promised he would go back to work. Poor foolish boy. Came home and finished those cushions for the Church--then Miss T. and I delivered them to the Church.

December 1 (Continued)

I came back and wrote a long letter to Elbridge--also to my dear girls and sent them the paper. Very cold tonight and clear.

December 2 (Sunday)

Snowing and blowing something 'terrible'--You can't see at all out. I went to Church at 11:45--very small crowd. Met Mr. Hamer and went in to his place--then went all the way to the Post Office to post letters. Storm was 'offel'. Went up to Mrs. M.--Don came home and Harry came and they both layed down and went to sleep and then Frank came and got to 'rasing ned' and woke the boys and we had supper and I 'pored' soup down Harry's neck. Mrs. M. and Frank broke the chair. Harry and I held down the bed. Mrs. M., Frank and I went to P.O. and they came part way home with me, Tomorrow I am going to move again, Mrs. M. and I are going to house keeping together and keep boarders. I don't know how it will go but we will see.

December 9

Haven't written here for a week. Have moved and done all kinds of things this week. Moved Monday and got in to our new rooms. Put up stoves and packed furniture and trunks and Harry saw us moving the trunk and he came alone and 'sang' back "Pack your clothes and go--I don't care if you never come back. Monday evening we all went to the opening of this Carrolton Club--had a fair time. Wednesday we all went to 'Lorel' Club--had a lovely time. I lost my mits. Thursday night we all went for a sleigh ride. Oh, 'hevens', such a lovely time this party was. Mr. Jose and Miss Meyers and Miss Cardon and Mr. McCarty, Nrs. Mullf and Mr. Wright, Miss Ryan, and Mr. Corstins all went down to Nome River. I had a 'terrible' cold and yelled till I was so 'horse' I could not speak. Friday I was at Mrs. Hammins all day. Saturday, a 'terrible' cold and stormy day, I had a big wash at home under many 'difaculties' and today, Sunday, I have been out of sorts all day. I am tired and home sick. I am more home sick as it gets near Christmas. Boys did not come to meals on time and everything went wrong. Harry came in and tried to laugh me into good 'humer' but it was no go. Mr. Sturdavant and Mr. Jose spent the evening with us last night. The crowd came up tonight and we had another big time making the table rock and me trying to dance the Cake Walk.

December 10

Today I have washed hard all day. I am lame and tired. It is 'kiling' to se Mrs. M. and I doing the 'skavenger' work and carrying water and so on after we get all the other work done and go out and pick up washing for the next day.

December 10 (Continued)

If my dear Sisters could see me. I am working hard but I am having a very 'plesant' time after all.

December 29

Saturday night again. Christmas is over and the old year is almost gone. It has been nothing but 'danse' and go for the past week. It has been Pastime Ball and Masons Ball, Charity Ball and Eagles--something all the time. I am going all the time. I am 'sertenly' 'popllar' enough this winter. I 'danse' everything on the program and more if they were on it to 'danse'. I go first with one boy and then another. It is Carstens and Jose and Reefs and Dore--Maynard, Harry, Frank or Jack. I take them all in turns and have a very jolly time amongst them all. We are waiting daily for mail. If I only could hear from those dear Sisters of mine.

December 31

I have gone this year and kept this Diary of my joys and sorrows and tonight I sit alone in my room in Nome, Alaska. One year ago tonight I sat with my sisters and friends about 4,000 miles from here. I have travelled many miles since then and god in his kindness has protected me and brought me safely through many dangers and as I sit here alone tonight and wait for the hour of 12 to come and pass us all over into another year--the year of 1901. I wonder what another year will bring us to. I am yet hopeful that some good luck will come to me that I may yet be repayed for this long separation from my dear ones and the many hardships I have endured and as this year is closing I will bid farewell to this diary. Most of the things written here are planted so plainly on my memory I will never need to use it for reference, but I have kept it that my dear Sisters, that are more to me than life or everything else in it, might read of my wanderings, and as the year has passed out I will say good night, dear old Journal.

Myrtle Ryan

Nome, Alaska

12 o'clock

The end of 1900 and the beginning of 1901.

A FEW ITEMS OF 1901

The first mail arrived over the ice - February 5

Jeanie, the first boat, arrived May 24 at 11:00 P.M.

Nome's first big fire - May 25 at 3:00 P.M.

Second boat, Nome City, arrived June 1 at 1:00 A.M.

Ice broke June 4 in morning.

Snowed June 3, 4, 5th

The first boat left Nome June 1 - the Jeanie



Sitting on rock near slide
in Dawson--June 29, 1900

Mr. W. Lee
Miss M. Ryan



In boat on Yukon River
June 29, 1900 At Dawson



Mr. Campbell & Myrtle--Graveyard--
Dawson--June 21, 1900 at midnight



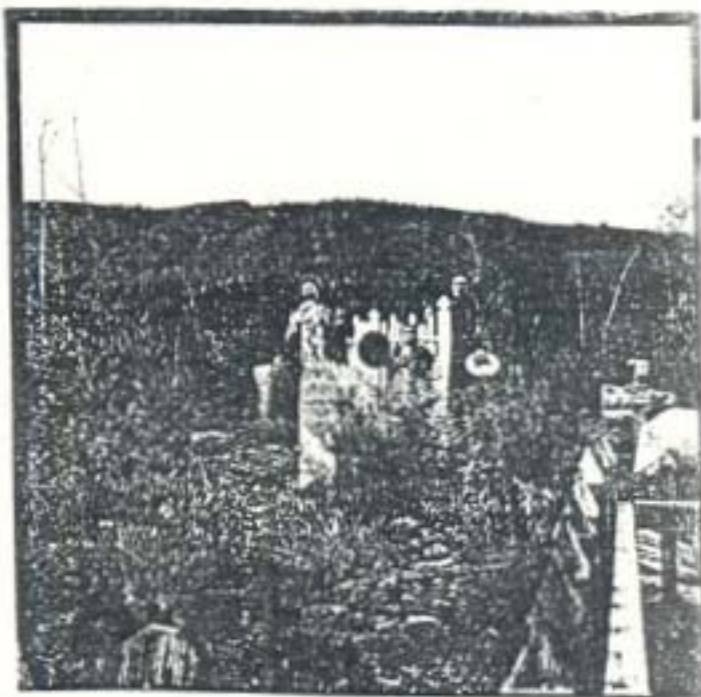
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Bell and Myrtle
Taken at tent-- April 20, 1900
- DAWSON



Taken at midnight June 21, 1900
Looking down Yukon river



Taken in Graveyard at Dawson
June 21, 1900 11:00 p.m.



CALENDAR FOR 1900.

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ECLIPSES, 1900.

There will be three Eclipses this year, two of the Sun and one of the Moon, as follows:

I. A Total Eclipse of the Sun, May 28, visible as a partial eclipse throughout most of the U. S. The line of totality extends from Norfolk, Va., to Mobile and New Orleans.

Boston..... New York..... Washington..... St. Louis.....
 Philadelphia..... San Francisco.....
 Richmond.....
 II. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, June 13. This is so small as to scarcely amount to more than a contact, and details are therefore omitted.

III. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, Nov. 22, invisible in America.

MORNING STARS.

MERCURY, until Feb. 3, and from March 22 to May 20, Aug. 1 to Sept. 13, and after Nov. 20. VENUS, after July 8, MARS, from Jan. 23 to Nov. 26. JUPITER, until Feb. 27, and after Dec. 14. SATURN, until March 23, and after Dec. 29. URANUS, until March 3, and after Dec. 3.

EVENING STARS.

MERCURY, from Feb. 9 to March 24, May 20 to Aug. 1, and Sept. 13 to Nov. 20. VENUS, until July 8, MARS, until Jan. 23, and after Nov. 26. JUPITER, from Feb. 27 to Dec. 14. SATURN, from March 23 to Dec. 29. URANUS, from March 3 to Dec. 3.

PLANETS BRIGHTEST.

MERCURY, March 1-3, rising shortly after the sun; also Aug. 22 to Sept. 5, rising shortly before the sun. VENUS, June 2 and Oct. 14. MARS, not this year, but very bright at the close of the year. JUPITER, May 27. SATURN, June 23. URANUS, June 2. NEPTUNE, Dec. 29.

MOVABLE FEASTS.

Epiphany Sunday..... Feb. 6	Low Sunday..... Apr. 22
Quinquagesima Sunday..... Feb. 20	Ascension Sunday..... May 20
Annunciation Sunday..... Mar. 25	Whit Sunday..... June 4
Trinity Sunday..... June 10	Trinity Sunday..... June 10
Mid-Lent Sunday..... Mar. 4	Corpus Christi..... June 16
Palm Sunday..... Apr. 8	Michaelmas..... Sept. 29
Good Friday..... Apr. 7	Michaelmas..... Sept. 29
Ascension Sunday..... May 14	Christmas Day..... Dec. 25

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter..... G	Roman Indiction..... 71
Epact..... 26	Julian Period..... 4912
Lunar Cycle (Golden No.)..... 1	Gregorian Period..... 602
Solar Cycle..... 5	Jewish Lunar Cycle..... 37



PRINCIPAL CITIES.

POPULATION, DISTANCE FROM NEW-YORK, AND DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEAN AND STANDARD TIME.

CITY.	Population 1900.	Miles.	Hours.	Dist. Time from New York + | -
New-York, N. Y.	2,321,514	.....	.....	- 4 hr.
Chicago, Ill.	1,799,850	574	94	- 5
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,048,564	90	2	+ 1
St. Louis, Mo.	451,270	905	20-40	+ 1
Boston, Mass.	225,477	214	3	- 15
Baltimore, Md.	434,420	258	4-40	+ 5
San Francisco, Cal.	298,527	2570	100-12	+ 10
Cincinnati, Ohio	296,268	332	31-10	- 10
Cleveland, Ohio	252,351	385	34-20	+ 17
Buffalo, N. Y.	235,964	470	34-20	+ 15
New Orleans, La.	242,030	1378	48	- 0
Pittsburgh, Pa.	238,617	444	54	- 10
Washington, D. C.	230,300	204	3-45	+ 5
Detroit, Mich.	205,470	545	10-11	- 15
Milwaukee, Wis.	204,458	597	17-10	- 8
Newark, N. J.	181,830	10	1-30	+ 3
Minneapolis, Minn.	154,738	1332	30	- 10
Louisville, Ky.	151,139	567	14-30	- 15
Omaha, Neb.	140,425	1404	41-30	+ 14
Rochester, N. Y.	132,825	231	6-55	+ 11
St. Paul, Minn.	123,150	1304	38-40	+ 10
Kansas City, Mo.	120,270	1281	41-30	+ 19
Providence, R. I.	120,148	158	4-15	- 14
Denver, Colo.	106,771	1274	50	- 0
Indianapolis, Ind.	105,478	321	30-30	- 15
Albany, N. Y.	94,293	143	4-45	- 3
Columbus, Ohio	88,520	240	17	- 10
Syracuse, N. Y.	88,243	201	5-45	+ 3
Worcester, Mass.	84,523	190	5	- 15
Toledo, Ohio	81,474	706	17-30	- 15
Richmond, Va.	81,284	348	14-15	+ 10
Nashville, Tenn.	76,168	2000	34-30	- 17
Los Angeles, Cal.	65,000	1677	100	- 7
Grand Rapids, Mich.	60,278	334	17-45	- 17
Seattle, Wash.	57,543	3338	100	+ 10
Lincoln, Neb.	55,754	1460	30-30	+ 10
Charleston, S. C.	54,625	803	21	- 14
Hartford, Conn.	53,730	210	4-35	- 9
Des Moines, Iowa	50,023	1030	41	+ 14
Portland, Ore.	48,782	2400	114-30	+ 10
Salt Lake City, Utah	46,843	2474	70	+ 10
Tacoma, Wash.	45,000	2500	118	+ 0
Savannah, Ga.	43,130	904	31	- 14
Galveston, Texas	40,024	1584	52	- 10
Leavenworth, Kan.	39,768	1260	41	+ 10
Rutland, Vt.	21,760	434	7-47	- 9



STATES AND TERRITORIES.

STATE AND TERRITORY.	Square Miles.	When Settled.	Admitted.	Pop. in 1900.	Elect. Vote.
Alabama	52,250	1711	1819	1,800,000	11
Arkansas	53,830	1821	1836	1,200,000	8
California	158,760	1791	1850	1,400,130	9
Colorado	103,045	1860	1876	424,100	4
Connecticut	4,990	1633	1789	1,100,000	5
Delaware	4,930	1787	1787	272,000	3
Florida	58,580	1822	1845	1,000,000	4
Georgia	59,473	1733	1789	1,000,000	10
Idaho	14,800	1860	1890	100,000	2
Illinois	147,500	1818	1818	2,700,000	14
Indiana	36,420	1800	1816	1,800,000	10
Iowa	56,205	1838	1846	1,400,000	10
Kansas	82,280	1820	1861	1,000,000	10
Kentucky	40,400	1792	1792	1,800,000	10
Louisiana	48,700	1800	1812	1,000,000	10
Maine	33,040	1820	1820	700,000	6
Maryland	12,110	1788	1788	1,800,000	6
Massachusetts	8,315	1820	1780	1,771,728	10
Michigan	36,215	1810	1837	1,500,000	14
Minnesota	87,365	1858	1858	1,800,000	9
Mississippi	47,340	1821	1847	1,000,000	9
Missouri	69,425	1820	1820	1,800,000	17
Montana	147,040	1860	1889	200,000	3
Nebraska	77,340	1854	1861	1,000,000	8
Nevada	110,000	1863	1864	100,000	3
New Hampshire	9,300	1776	1776	600,000	4
New Jersey	28,020	1786	1787	1,800,000	10
New York	49,470	1784	1787	1,000,000	36
N. Carolina	50,800	1776	1789	1,000,000	10
N. Dakota	80,545	1889	1889	200,000	3
Ohio	42,060	1788	1802	4,704,815	22
Oregon	96,000	1811	1859	400,000	4
Pennsylvania	45,245	1762	1776	5,000,474	20
Rhode Island	1,500	1790	1790	400,000	4
S. Carolina	30,570	1690	1788	1,000,000	9
S. Dakota	70,000	1889	1889	400,000	4
Tennessee	40,000	1770	1796	1,800,000	10
Texas	695,760	1845	1845	3,400,000	11
Vermont	9,500	1774	1791	700,000	4
Virginia	44,400	1783	1783	1,771,000	10
Washington	69,100	1852	1889	400,000	4
W. Virginia	62,760	1863	1863	1,000,000	6
Wisconsin	52,000	1836	1848	1,500,000	10
Wyoming	97,800	1890	1890	100,000	3
Utah	84,070	1847	1896	400,000	3
Alaska Ter.	584,000	1787	.....	40,000	.....
Arizona	115,000	1852	.....	100,000	.....
Indian "	64,000	1834	.....	100,000	.....
New Mex. "	100,000	1848	.....	100,000	.....
Oklahoma "	70,430	.....	.....	100,000	.....



THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES

NAME	TERM	IN OFFICE	NATIVE OF
GEORGE WASHINGTON	1789-1797	April 30, 1789	Virginia
JAMES ADAMS	1797-1801	March 4, 1801	Massachusetts
THOMAS JEFFERSON	1801-1809	March 4, 1801	Virginia
JAMES MADISON	1809-1817	March 4, 1809	Virginia
JAMES MONROE	1817-1825	March 4, 1817	Virginia
JAMES Q. ADAMS	1825-1829	March 4, 1825	Massachusetts
ANDREW JACKSON	1829-1837	March 4, 1829	Georgia
MARTIN VAN BUREN	1837-1841	March 4, 1837	New York
WILLIAM H. HARRISON	1841	April 6, 1841	Ohio
JAMES K. POLK	1845-1849	March 4, 1845	Tennessee
ZACHARY TAYLOR	1849-1850	March 4, 1849	Kentucky
MILLARD FILLMORE	1850-1853	July 9, 1850	New York
FRANCIS PICKENS	1853-1857	March 4, 1853	South Carolina
JAMES BUCHANAN	1857-1861	March 4, 1857	Pennsylvania
ABRAHAM LINCOLN	1861-1865	April 15, 1861	Kentucky
ANDREW JOHNSON	1865-1869	April 4, 1865	Tennessee
FRANCIS PICKENS	1869-1873	March 4, 1869	South Carolina
REYNOLDS B. HAYS	1873-1877	March 4, 1873	Ohio
JAMES A. GARFIELD	1877-1881	September 4, 1877	Ohio
CHESTER A. ARTHUR	1881-1885	September 4, 1881	New York
GRANT	1869-1877	March 4, 1869	Ohio
GEORGE CLEVELAND	1893-1897	March 4, 1893	New York
THEODORE ROOSEVELT	1897-1901	September 14, 1897	New York
WILLIAM HENRY TAFT	1901-1909	March 4, 1901	Ohio

papers + envelopes 75
 stockings 2.50
 lace + thread 50
 aprons 1.00
 samples 50
 soap 25
 coat 4.00
 shoes 2.00
 division suit 4.00
 coats 2.50
 stockings 1.00
 gloves 1.00
 under coat 2.00
 silk 5.00
 toasmati 1.00
 blue 1.00
 shields 1.00

 10.00

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 12.00

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 14.00



**INTEREST TABLES.
FOUR PER CENT.**

TIME.	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$8	\$9	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100
4 DAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 MO.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 YR.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

FIVE PER CENT.

TIME.	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$8	\$9	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100
4 DAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 MO.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 YR.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

SIX PER CENT.

TIME.	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$8	\$9	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100
4 DAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 MO.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 YR.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



TABLE OF WAGES BY THE WEEK.

Rate per Hour	Half Hour	One Hour	Two Hours	Three Hours	Four Hours	Five Hours	Six Hours	Seven Hours	Eight Hours	Nine Hours	Out Day	Two days	Three days	Four days	Five days	Six days
\$1.00	50	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00
75	37	75	1.50	2.25	3.00	3.75	4.50	5.25	6.00	6.75	7.50	15.00	22.50	30.00	37.50	45.00
50	25	50	1.00	1.50	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	30.00
25	12	25	50	75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50	5.00	7.50	10.00	12.50	15.00
10	5	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	200	300	400	500	600

This Table is based upon the usual calculation of 16 hours to a day.