February 12, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MR. HOWARD E. McGINLEY, of Kodiak, Alaska, having submitted satisfactory evidence of his qualifications, is hereby authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

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February 12, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MISS ESTHER M. VOIGT, of Kodiak, Alaska, having submitted satisfactory evidence of her qualifications, is hereby authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

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February 12, 1914.

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Mr. Howard E. McGinley,

Principal, Kodiak Public Schools,

Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 31st ultimo I am enclosing herewith certificates issued by the Governor to Miss Voigt, Mrs. McGinley and yourself. As soon as Mrs. Erskine presents satisfactory evidence of her qualifications to teach a certificate will be issued to her by the Governor.

I am returning herewith the enclosures which accompanied your letter and would ask you to kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same, as well as the certificates issued by the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 13, 1914.

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Mrs. Helen Bahlke,

Clerk, Council School Board,

Council, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 22, 1913, with reference to the affairs of the Council School Board, your action therein being approved. I trust that your school is prospering, also your community. I am glad to note the improvement which you state has been effected in the sanitary condition and comfort of the schoolroom. It is my earnest desire that the schools of Alaska under the direction of this office should be maintained at the highest possible point of efficiency, and that the comfort and welfare of both teacher and pupils should at all times be carefully looked after.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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February 13, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MISS EMERELDA LONGMIRE, of Emik, Alaska, having submitted satisfactory evidence of her qualifications, is hereby authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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February 13, 1914.

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Miss Emerelda Longmire,

Knik, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo with reference to securing from this office a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting herewith such a permit for the term of two years from this date.

With reference to your statement as to your salary, you are advised that the requisition for funds for the maintenance of the Knik School District was made by this office on November 21, 1913, and certified to the Secretary of the Treasury for issuance of warrant on December 9, 1913, and I have no doubt the treasurer of your school district has received the warrant ere this. If not, it should be received within a very short time.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 14, 1914.

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Mr. Edwin Maurice Bailey,

1702 "C" Street,

Pullman, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant with reference to the study of the "social center movement" in the Territory of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that this work is yet in its infancy and little or no progress has been made in that direction.

I believe, however, that the time is right for the inauguration of such work and trust that it will be taken up in the near future.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 14, 1914.

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Miss Georgia McKenzie,

Supervisor of Penmanship, Seattle Public Schools,

901 Seventh Avenue,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant with reference to text books for the schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that there is no uniform class of text books used in the schools of Alaska, except in a general way. As a rule, the text books used are those in use in the schools of Washington, Oregon or California.

The schools of Juneau and other incorporated towns in Alaska are under separate boards, and each board may adopt any system of school books that it deems advisable.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 14, 1914.

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Mrs. Eva C. Thompson,

Craig,

Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant notifying this office that Mr. L. K. Halverson, Treasurer of the Craig School District, has declined to serve as such treasurer. The returns of the school election held in your district have been received at this office and have been approved, and you should proceed as speedily as possible to the election of a successor to Mr. Halverson.

With reference to the other members of the school board serving as judges of election, I have to advise you that this office believes that it would not be good public policy for members of the school board to act as judges of election, and, therefore, it would be better to secure other persons for these positions. It may be possible for Craig to have a few months' school during the present year if the election and qualification of a treasurer be proceeded with at once.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 14, 1914.

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Mrs. E. C. Sawyer, Jr.,

c/o Seattle Star,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant asking for information relative to the schools for whites in Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that the white schools in Alaska are divided into two divisions, those maintained in incorporated towns, and those outside of incorporated communities. The schools in the various towns are all graded and in most of them there are high schools. Outside of incorporated towns, as a rule, the schools are not graded except in a few localities where there are a large number of pupils. The salaries paid teachers vary with localities, varying from $90 per month in some districts in coastal Alaska to $175 per month in the interior sections. The teaching term is usually 9 months. I am enclosing herewith for your further information copy of a circular issued by this office, which contains the localities where schools are maintained.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Reservation

Juneau, February 16, 1914. O. B.

Clerk of District Court,

Valdez.

When Judge Brown passes on application for annexation of Reservation tract to town of Valdez kindly wire this office what disposition made of matter and on what date.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

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Secretary to the Governor.

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February 16, 1914.

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Miss IvyAnn Fuller,

617 Poynts Ave.,

Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to obtain a position as instructor of domestic science and home economy in one of the schools of Alaska. Enclosed herewith is copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which will give you information in reference to the white schools of the Territory. Your letter is being referred to Mr. W. G. Beattie, Superintendent of the Native School Service for the Southeastern District of Alaska, Juneau, with whom it might be well for you to communicate.

As stated in the enclosed circular persons desiring positions in the white schools of the Territory should make application to the school boards since this office exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers. Some attention is given to physical training and domestic science in a number of the white schools in the incorporated towns, but so far as I know the town of Juneau is the only one in which special instructors are employed for these branches.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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February 16, 1914.

Mr. W. G. Beattie,

Superintendent, Native School Service,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Beattie:

I beg to enclose herewith the letter of Miss Ivy Ann Fuller, of Manhattan, Kansas, dated the 3rd instant, in which she expresses a desire to obtain a position in one of the Alaska schools and requests, among other things, information concerning the schools for the education of the natives.

I have replied to Miss Fuller's letter in a general way informing her that her letter is being referred to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 16, 1916.

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Mrs. Harriet E. Benson,

1027 Market St.,

Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, I beg to enclose herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which will give you considerable information with respect to the schools of Alaska. Salaries paid in the Alaska schools range from $50 to $150, as a rule; although, in a few of the more remote districts somewhat larger salaries are paid.

It is impossible to give you information with reference to living expenses which will be valuable to you without first knowing what particular section of the Territory you might wish to enter. In general, however, living expenses in this Territory are very much higher than in the States -- ranging from $50 to at least $100 per month, according to the location. One of the most expensive items, probably, which a teacher has to meet is that of transportation.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 16, 1914.

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Dr. P. P. Claxton,

Commissioner of Education,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledged the receipt of your letter transmitting copy of Bulletin, 1913, No. 47 of the Bureau of Education, Teaching Material in Government Publications, for which I thank you. It will give me much pleasure to call the attention of teachers to this bulletin, as I believe such publications are valuable for the purposes for which they are intended.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 18, 1914.

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The John C. Winston Co.,

1006 Arch St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I have to thank you for a copy of Charles Keen Taylor's Character Development, which I have examined with considerable interest, inasmuch as it seems to present a rational solution of a very difficult problem and which should find a place in every school in the country.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 20, 1914.

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Miss Nina M. Nash,

Supervisor, Intermediate Grades,

Montana State Normal School,

Dillon, Montana.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant requesting replies to the inquiries contained on the card accompanying your letter, which is herewith returned. Replying to the several inquiries you are advised as follows:

1. The courses of study in the white schools of Alaska are not standardized, and no particular dictionary has been adopted, but it is believed that each school has a Webster's or other unabridged dictionary.

2. An unabridged dictionary is not required by law.

3. The teaching of morals and civic virtues is not required by law, but these are taught to a greater or lesser extent in all of the schools, which compare very favorably with schools of similar size in the 6 tates.

4. Replied to in No. 3.

5. 6 to 20 years.

6. 8 to 16 years, under act of the 1913 (first) session

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of the Alaska Territorial Legislature.

7. Under chapter 2, 1913 Session Laws of Alaska, the following days are legal holidays: Sunday; the first day of January; the fourth day of July; the twenty-second day of February; the first Monday in September (Labor Day); the eighteenth day of October (Alaska Day -- commemorating the formal transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States); the twenty-fifth day of December; Memorial Day; the day on which a general election is held throughout the Territory -- being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November biennially (in 1914, 1916, 1918, etc.); and any day designated by public proclamation of the President of the United States or of the Governor of the Territory as a legal holiday or as a day of thanksgiving.

8. The capital was transferred from Sitka to Juneau on September 8, 1906.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular of instructions issued by this office to the school boards of districts outside of incorporated towns (schools for white children and those of mixed blood leading a civilized life), and copy of a circular letter form used in replying to various inquiries. These will give you some further information as to the schools of the Territory, commonly called "white" schools. For infor-

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mation relative to the schools for natives (Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts) you are referred to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., or to Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Seattle, Wash.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

(2 encl.)

February 20, 1914.

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Miss Ehzel Kerns,

Cut Bank, Montana.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant and in reply I beg to say that the requirements as to manual training would depend very largely upon the attitude of the particular school board with which you might file an application, and while home study on the subject might serve the purpose in some cases, it is impossible to assure you that it will suffice in all.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 24, 1914.

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Miss Lina Mae Eldred,

Miami,

Arizona.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 9th instant with reference to securing a summer school in Alaska and also asking for a certificate to teach school in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that the summer vacation in the schools of Alaska begins about June 1st and no summer schools are conducted during the vacation period with but one exception, and that position is already filled.

In reply to your request for a teacher's certificate, I have to further advise you that these are issued only to teachers actually engaged in teaching in Alaska. The recommendations which you have forwarded will entitle you to receive a certificate to teach in Alaska for a period of two years as soon as you shall have been employed as a teacher.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 24, 1914.

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E. N. Norton,

6952 Harvard Ave.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo in which you ask for a general outline of what is taught in the public schools of this Territory on the subject of the discovery of the North Pole.

In reply I have to advise you that the question of the discovery of the North Pole is not considered important from the standpoint of grade geography, the physical features of that region being considered much more important. The physical and commercial parts of geography are taught in the Alaska schools much the same as in the Chicago city schools, only in Alaska we have much more first-hand material. As a matter of fact it matters little to us whether the pole was discovered by Commander Peary or by the ubiquitous Dr. Frederick A. Cook. Dr. Cook claimed to have discovered the roof of the continent when he alleged that he scaled Mount Denali, or Mount McKinley as the geographies have it. Up here in Alaska we know that Dr. Cook fabricated when he said that he had attained the apex of the highest mountain peak in America, therefore his alleged discovery

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of the North Pole was taken cum grano salis. However, so far as any real benefit to humanity is concerned, it matters little who discovered the pole or that it was ever discovered.

I may add for your further information, however, that if it were known a gold mine existed about the North Pole any number of Alaskans would soon reach that gold.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 24, 1914.

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Mr. Grant B. Crumbine,

President, Northwestern State Normal School,

Alva, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiries as set forth in your undated letter with reference to the requirements for teacher's certificate in the Territory of Alaska, I have to advise you that there are no normal schools in Alaska and permits to teach in the public schools of the Territory are based upon certificates issued in the various States.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 24, 1914.

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Mr. Isaac L. Otis,

Entrance Examiner, Board of Medical Examiners of Maryland,

1211 Cathedral Street,

Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant asking for a list of the high schools of Alaska for the year 1914 and in reply thereto I beg to enclose herewith copy of a circular which will give you this information, as well as some other information in regard to the various schools in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 24, 1914.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MR. GEORGE A. WARNER, of Saint Michael, Alaska, having submitted satisfactory evidence of his qualifications, is hereby authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years from this date.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

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February 24, 1914.

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Mr. George A. Warner,

Saint Michael,

Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo, in which you make application for a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting to you such a permit in accordance with your request.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 25, 1914.

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Mr. C. Green,

Principal, Juneau Public Schools,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant in which you give me information in regard to the courses of study, etc., for which I thank you.

In response to your request for copies of a circular letter containing information in regard to the various schools in Alaska, I take pleasure in forwarding to you herewith 25 copies.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 26, 1914.

Miss Florence Douglass,

Payette,

Idaho.

Dear Madam:

By direction of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant inquiring as to your qualifications to teach in the schools of the incorporated towns of this Territory.

The supervision of the Governor, as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, over the schools in the incorporated towns is practically limited to obtaining from them statistical reports, etc. No supervision is exercised in connection with the employment of teachers, nor are their qualifications passed upon by the Governor. This is a matter which is left to the discretion of the school boards. I have no doubt, however, from what you say as to your qualifications and experience, that you would meet the requirements of most of the school boards in the incorporated towns.

Inasmuch as school elections will shortly be held in all incorporated towns a list of the present clerks of the school boards would probably be of little use to you. In any event, a letter addressed to the "Clerk of the School Board, Juneau, Alaska," or to the clerk of the board in any other incorporated town would undoubtedly reach the proper officer. Enclosed herewith is a circular letter form used by this office, which contains other infor-

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tion in reference to the schools of Alaska which may be of interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

encl.

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February 26, 1914.

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Mr. R. R. Alexander,

Box 1583,

Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant addressed to the "Head Dept. Pub. Inst., Sitka, Alaska," has been referred to this office, the Governor being ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for this Territory.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which contains a list of all of the schools in the incorporated towns of the Territory as well as schools outside of the incorporated towns, which are maintained for white children and those of mixed blood who are leading a civilized life. Inasmuch as school elections will shortly be held in all of the school districts a list of the present clerks of the school boards would be of little value to you. A letter addressed to the clerk of the school board in any of the towns will undoubtedly reach the proper officer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 26, 1914.

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Miss Ida M. Rider,

Hemlock,

Oregon.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 14th instant asking for the names of the towns or settlements in Alaska where schools have been or will be organized this year. In reply I beg to advise you that the only school district organized this year is the one at Craig in southeastern Alaska. The Otter school district (near Iditarod) was organized late in 1913. I understand that application will be made during this year for the establishment of a school district at Sheep Creek (Thane postoffice) near Juneau, where extensive mining operations are now in progress. Enclosed herewith is copy of a circular letter form which contains a complete list of all the schools in the Territory other than those maintained by the Bureau of Education.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 26, 1914.

--15-9--

The John C. Winston Co.,

1006 Arch St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I beg to refer to your letter of January 31st last, addressed to former Governor Walter E. Clark, advising the forwarding of a copy of Charles Keen Taylor's CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, and which was acknowledged by Governor Strong on the 18th instant.

Inasmuch as this office exercises no functions in connection with the adoption of courses of study or the selection of reference books, etc., in the schools of the Territory, and as it is quite probable that the book in question was forwarded to the Governor on the supposition that such functions were exercises by this office, the Governor directs me to call the matter to your attention and to say that the book will be held subject to your further instructions in the event you should wish us to return it or make some other disposition of it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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February 26, 1914.

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Mr. Wallace L. Johnson,

Treasurer, Council School District,

Council, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th ultimo in which you ask that the Council School Board be allowed to pay the sum of $83.27, being an excess expenditure in certain items allowed in the requisition for the maintenance of the school, from an unexpended surplus in other items for the maintenance of said school. In reply I have to advise you that this office sees no objection to the payment of said sum, $83.27, provided that the total appropriation for the maintenance of the school is not exceeded thereby. I note you state that the board has made a saving on other items allowed in the requisition of over $100.00. This sum will be more than ample to meet the excess expenditure in the two items mentioned in your letter.

I trust that your school is prospering and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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February 26, 1914.

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Mr. C. L. Magill,

Teacher, Chichagof School,

Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant in which you propound the following questions:

"Are Indians entitled to the benefits of schools under the so-called Nelson act? If so, are they entitled to vote or hold office as directors?"

In response to your first question I have to advise you that Section 7 of the act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of the so-called Nelson schools in Alaska provides "that the schools specified and provided for in this act shall be devoted to the education of white children and children of mixed blood who are leading a civilized life. The education of Eskimos and Indians in the Territory of Alaska shall remain under the direction and control of the Secretary of the Interior and schools for and among the Eskimos and Indians of Alaska shall be provided for by an annual appropriation, and the Eskimo and Indian children of Alaska shall have the same right to be admitted to the Indian boarding schools as the Indian children in the States and Territories of the United States". It would, therefore, clearly appear that under this section Indian children are not entitled

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to the benefits of the Nelson schools under this act.

In reply to your second question -- whether Indians are entitled to vote or hold office as directors -- the law provides "that every Indian born within the territorial limits of the United States, who has voluntary taken up his residence separate and apart from any tribe of Indians therein, and has adopted the habits of civilized life is hereby declared to be a citizen of the United States." This provision of an enactment by Congress in the year 1887 has been declared by the Court of Appeals to apply to Alaska.

Whether or not, therefore, any particular Indian is or is not a citizen is a question of fact, depending upon the conditions obtaining in each individual case. The same rule, of course, applies to half-breeds with the additional provision that if the father of the half-breed was an American citizen and the half-breed was born in American territory he, himself, is by reason of that fact alone an American citizen and entitled to all the rights and immunities as such. The fact that the father of the half-breed might be a Russian by birth would be indifferent if he were a resident of Alaska at the time of cession, because by the treaty of cession it was provided that "the inhabitants of the ceded territory according to their choice, reserving their natural allegiance, may return to Russia within three years, but if they should prefer to remain in the ceded territory they, with the exception of the uncivilized native tribes, shall be admitted to the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States and shall be maintained and protected in the proper enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion".

It would appear, therefore, from the foregoing that the question

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whether an Indian has the qualifications mentioned above and has the right to vote at a school election is a question of fact for the judges of election to determine; that is, it would seem to be the duty of the election officers to exercise their discretion in determining who are legal and who are not legal voters, and if they determine that certain Indians and half-breeds are citizens of the United States and possessed of the other qualifications necessary to constitute a voter, as above prescribed, such decision would be binding even upon the courts.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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February 26, 1914.

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Mr. Hugh J. Lee,

Clerk, Saint Michael School Board,

Saint Michael, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 17th ultimo, with enclosures, for which I thank you.

With reference to the application of Mr. George A. Warner, teacher of Saint Michael school, for a permit to teach in the Territory, I have to say that the permit has been issued to him as requested. I am glad to know that Mr. Warner is giving such complete satisfaction in his conduct of the St. Michael school. I note also that you have very fair attendance. It is somewhat refreshing to hear such unreserved commendation of a teacher and the work that he is doing in the conduct of your school and I hope that you will be able to retain Mr. Warner's services for another year.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Leonard and the children, and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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February 28, 1914.

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Mr. F. P. Floyd,

Operator in Charge,

U. S. Signal Corps,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

On March 13, 1913, this office addressed a joint cablegram to the school boards at Latouche, Ninilchik, Ouzinkie and Unga, as follows:

"School Board, Latouche, via mail from Seward.
School Board, Ninilchik, via mail from Seward.
School Board, Ouzinkie, via mail from Seward.
School Board, Unga, via mail from Seward.
"Under recent decision of Comptroller of Treasury no notary fees in connection with school elections or swearing in of school officers can be paid from school funds.

"Clark, Governor."

On the same date the same message was addressed jointly to the school boards at Ellamar, Chitina, Reservation (Valdez), and Ruby, as follows:

"School Board, Ellamar, via mail from Valdez.
School Board, Chitina, via mail from Cordova.
Reservation School Board, Valdez.
School Board, Ruby, via mail from Melozi."

Recently it became necessary to trace the message sent to the School Board at Latouche, which was done in a letter of February 12, 1914 addressed to The Operator in Charge, U. S. Signal Corps, Seward, Alaska. The letter is enclosed herewith, with the endorsement of the Operator at Seward. You will note the Operator says that the message addressed to the Latouche

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School Board "never reached this office". Incidentally, it will be noticed that he says that the message addressed to the School Board, Chitina, via Cordova, was received at his office addressed to "School Board, Chitina, mail Seward."

The members of the Latouche School Board claim that the message addressed to that Board was never received; which corroborates the statement of the Operator in Charge at Seward.

Will you kindly advise what your records show as to the disposition of the message in question?

The message for the Chitina School Board was received by that Board in due course, so that the apparent error in transmission is not at this time important.

Kindly return the enclosed papers with your reply.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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October 20, 1914.

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Mrs. Fanny D. Johnston,

Clerk, Garden Island School District,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant addressed to the Governor I beg to advise that requisition for funds for your school district was made by this office on September 28 last, and a copy of the requisition was mailed to the Treasurer of your district. The requisition was passed by the Auditor at Washington on October 14, and you will no doubt have received the warrant by the time this letter reaches you.

The delay of which you speak resulted from the fact that the accounts of the treasurer for the last school year were not in form for approval when originally submitted, and it was necessary for this office to communicate with Mr. Lewis regarding an unexplained item in his accounts. The information desired was not received until September 28th, when your letter of September 14th was received transmitting a receipt to cover the item in question. On that day, as above stated, the requisition was made by this office.

It is a rule of this office not to make requisition for funds until the treasurer's report for the preceding year has been received, audited, and approved. Here delays occur from failure of school officers to submit their reports promptly and in proper form.

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than from any other cause. In fact, so much trouble was encountered in this respect in years past that it became necessary to establish the rule mentioned in order to try and remedy the difficulty, as the school officers seemed inclined to carelessness and laxity. I am glad to say that of late there has been a marked improvement and fewer delays in making of requisitions. This office fully appreciates the importance to school boards and teachers of receiving the school funds promptly, and every effort is made to see that this is accomplished, but where school officers themselves are remiss, you will readily see that this office cannot well expedite matters.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 23, 1914.

15-8

Dr. C. H. Judd,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of copy of a circular issued by the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., in respect to your work in connection with the Normal Schools of the United States, and requesting that you be furnished with information relative to the normal schools of Alaska.

In respect to this matter you are advised that Alaska has no normal schools, either public or private. There is enclosed herewith a copy of circular letter form used by this office, in which, among other things, you will find a complete list of the white schools of the Territory, some of which (as noted) maintain high-school work. The Alaska school system, so-called, is not standardized, and each school is practically an independent unit in the matter of courses of study as well as in other respects. In general the courses of study are similar to those of the states of Washington, Oregon and California, from which states a majority of the teachers come.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 23, 1914.

15-8

Mr. L. Scholl, A. M. D. D.

General Secretary,

Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant addressed to the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Schools, you are advised that the school laws of Alaska make no reference to the use of the Bible in the schools, and its use is entirely optional with the respective school boards and teachers. In general, however, I think it may be said that the reading of the Bible in the schools is not practiced.

There are some 46 graded schools for white children, and about 90 schools for natives, in the Territory. No normal schools, colleges or universities are maintained.

For information respecting the native schools you are referred to the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., these schools being maintained under its direction entirely.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 3, 1914.

--15-9--

Newson & Company,

27-29 West 23rd St.,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 16th and 17th ultimo with reference to your publications. In reply I have to advise you that the Governor of Alaska is also ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction and as such has general supervision over the white schools of the Territory. Should you desire to do so, you might send copies of your books to the principals of the schools in the towns of Juneau, Ketchikan, Cordova, Fairbanks, Nome, and Valdez.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

March 3, 1914.

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Miss Amy M. Buergel,

c/o Silver Bow Apartments,

1703 Harvard Ave.,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 21st ultimo in which you advise that you have applied to the Juneau School Board for a position as teacher in the public schools of this town for the ensuing school year. If there is anything that I can do to assist you in this matter, I shall be pleased to do it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

March 3, 1914.

--15-1--

Miss Bertha Roach,

2141 A Street,

Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 4th ultimo there is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which will give you some of the information which you desire in reference to the Alaska schools. It might be advisable for you to communicate with the school boards of those incorporated towns which provide a high school course. The larger of these towns are in the order of their importance:

Juneau, Ketchikan, Fairbanks, Nome and Valdez.

Salaries range from $80 to $150 per month as a rule, the average being probably $100; living expenses are considerably higher than in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 5, 1914.

—15-9—

Miss Alice G. McCloskey,

Editor, Cornell Rural School Leaflet,

Ithaca, New York.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo in which you state that you have added my name to your permanent mailing list for the Cornell Rural School Leaflet, and for which I thank you. I am sure that such literature as you are publishing must be of great good in advancing the cause of rural education.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 5, 1914.

--15-1--

Miss Eva A. Lindbergh,

Northfield,

Minnesota.

Dear Miss Lindbergh:

I have your letter of the 20th ultimo with reference to positions in the schools of Alaska. I note that your friends have applied for positions respectively in Juneau and Douglas, while you have made application for a position in Fairbanks, and in addition Miss Gorman has applied at Ketchikan and Miss Aldrich at Wrangell. I may say for the information of yourself and friends that towns of Juneau and Douglas are but two miles apart and are connected by ferry. The town of Fairbanks is situated on the Tanana river in the interior of Alaska about 1600 miles from Juneau. If you wish to be more closely together the town of Skagway is the next nearest to Juneau, about 100 miles distant.

If at any time I can be of any service to you, please command me.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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March 5, 1914.

—15-9—

Mr. Clyde Furst,

Secretary, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching,

576 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo and under another cover a copy of the report of the Carnegie Foundation on Education in Vermont.

Will you be kind enough to convey my thanks to President Pritchett of the Foundation for this work. I note that it is comprehensive in every detail and I shall examine it with much interest.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 5, 1914.

--16-5--

Mr. Ira Richardson,

President, State Normal School,

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo asking for certain information with reference to the changes or proposed changes in your constitution in regard to education. In reply to your several queries I beg to advise you as follows:

1. There are two classes of white schools in this Territory, namely, those in incorporated towns and those outside of incorporated communities. The first class are maintained in part by a general tax levy and partly through monies obtained from the Federal Government through the operation of occupational license taxes. The compulsory education of children between 8 and 16 years of age is required. This provision of the law also applies to children of Indian parents or of mixed blood.

2. There have been no changes in the laws affecting education in this Territory during the past five years with the exception of the compulsory education law. Alaska being a territory, no constitutional provisions have been submitted during the past five years or at any other time, nor are any constitutional provisions contemplated for the above reason.

Trusting that this information will be of some service to you.

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I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 5, 1914.

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Mr. F. B. Cannon,

Treasurer, Knik School District,

Knik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your note of the 16th ultimo enclosing postoffice money order in the sum of $2.25 in response to the Governor's letter of December 12, 1913. Enclosed herewith you will find a receipt in duplicate signed by the Governor to cover this remittance.

You say in your note that your school warrant arrived on the 14th of February, but you have failed to give either the number or the amount of the warrant. I have, therefore, to request that you will kindly furnish this additional information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 5, 1914.

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Mr. H. J. Lee,

Clerk, St. Michael School Board,

St. Michael, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 21st enclosing postoffice money order for $2.25 in response to the Governor's letter of December 12, 1913. Enclosed herewith is a receipt in duplicate signed by the Governor, which you will please hand to your school treasurer. The receipt blanks which accompanied your letter are herewith returned unsigned as the Governor prefers to issue but the one form of receipt in connection with this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 7, 1914.

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The Operator in Charge,
U. S. Signal Corps,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to enclosed papers relative to a message of March 13, 1913, sent by this office to the School Board, Latouche, via mail from Seward, the same message being addressed to other school boards as noted in the attached papers, will you please advise what your records show as to the service on this message to the Latouche School Board. Kindly return all papers with your reply.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 10, 1914.

--15-1--

Miss Geneva Sheets,

Neah Bay,

Washington.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant with further reference to the Alaska public school system in which you inquire whether it is necessary for a teacher to be conversant with regular shop work in connection with the manual training branch of the school service. In a majority of the schools of the Territory manual training is given but slight attention and it is probable that most of the boards would not insist upon actual shop work experience, if the other qualifications of the teacher were satisfactory. This is a matter, of course, which is entirely in the discretion of the school boards.

Instruction is given in domestic science in quite a number of the schools, particularly those in the incorporated towns, one or two of which employ special teachers for this branch. From what you say of your experience and the certificates which you hold, I do not think you would have any difficulty in obtaining a certificate from this office to teach in the Territory should you be employed by one of the school boards.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 10, 1924.

--15-6--

Mr. B. F. Westmore,

Manager, Lewis and Clark High School,

Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office which contains information relative to the Alaska school service. You will find in this circular a list of the white schools of the Territory.

Owing to the remoteness of many of these schools from Juneau, it is practically impossible for this office to keep an up-to-date list of the principals, teachers and school district officers. A communication to The School Board or to The Principal of any of the schools listed in the circular will no doubt reach the proper parties.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 10, 1914.

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Mr. B. T. Westmore,

Jefferson Hotel,

Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your card of the 22nd ultimo, you are advised that the Governor, who is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for this Territory, does not publish a separate report on the schools of Alaska. A brief reference is made to the schools in the Governor's annual report on conditions in the Territory, and a copy of this report is being sent to you under separate cover. There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office which contains a list of the white schools of the Territory and you will find in it a reference to those schools which maintain high school courses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 11, 1914.

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W. T. Thompson, M. D.,

Afognak,

Alaska.

My dear Doctor:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th ultimo with reference to matters relating to your school board and district, for which I thank you.

I note what you say with reference to the employment of more than two teachers at Afognak and Kodiak; also, your reference to the teacher of carpentry. Your statements will be given due consideration before a requisition for funds for the support of the schools at those places for another year is made. While it is my desire that the schools of Alaska should be maintained at the highest point of efficiency, I certainly am in favor of exercising strict but not unwise economy and since I have been in office I have noticed a tendency on the part of school boards to extravagance, which it is my desire to check as far as it may be compatible with the maintenance of efficiency in the schools.

I have heard good reports from your school and the work that you have done there, and I regret to learn that this will be your last year in Alaska. We need good men in this new country and there is much work for them to do.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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March 13, 1914.

Mr. Carl Pettorson,
Kenai,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo in which you state that a petition has been forwarded to the Clerk of the Court, at Valdez, praying for the establishment of a school for white children at Kenai.

In reply I have to advise you that as soon as the provisions of the law regulating the establishment of white schools in Alaska have been complied with and so certified to this office, the establishment of a school at that place will be recommended by me and the necessary steps taken to secure its maintenance in the usual manner.

I have to assure you that this office will be pleased to cooperate with you in the establishment of such school. Of course, you are aware of the requirements of the law regarding the establishment of white schools outside of incorporated communities, which provides that there shall be at least 20 white children (that is, not children of mixed blood) of school age in a community before a school can be established.

In this connection, I have to advise you that I have recommended to the Department of the Interior that the number be reduced to 15, as in districts where there are fewer than the prescribed number, the children are deprived of the great American heritage and a gross injustice is done them.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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March 17, 1914.

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Mr. C. C. Prim,

Principal, Capitola High School,

Sweetwater, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the Governor, and in reply I beg to advise you that there are no teachers' schools in this Territory. I enclose herewith a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in furnishing information in regard to the white schools of the Territory, which will answer your inquiry relative to teachers' certificates, etc. There is nothing in the school laws of Alaska to prevent a man and his wife teaching in the same school should a school board desire to employ them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 17, 1914.

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Miss Marcella L. Bensancon,

Bellingham,

Washington.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 3rd instant addressed to the Board of Education, Juneau, "Washington", was received at this office on yesterday but is evidently intended for the Juneau City School Board, and I am today forwarding it to Mr. H. T. Tripp, President of that Board.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 17, 1914.

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Mr. H. T. Tripp,

President, Juneau School Board,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter which reached this office on yesterday but is evidently intended for your Board. I am advising Miss Bensancon that her letter is being forwarded to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 17, 1914.

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Miss Norma Bick,

Corvallis,

Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to the Board of Education, Juneau, Alaska, has been received at this office, but as it was evidently intended for the Juneau City School Board I am forwarding it to Mr. H. T. Tripp, President of that Board.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter used by this office in replying to inquiries relative to the schools of Alaska, which may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 17, 1914.

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Mr. H. T. Tripp,

President, School Board,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter which reached this office on yesterday, but is evidently intended for the Juneau City School Board. I am advising Miss Bick that her letter is being forwarded to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 19, 1914.

--15-9--

Newson & Company,

27-29 West 23rd St.,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant asking if any conclusion had been reached by this office with reference to giving your Aldine Readers a trial in Alaska's schools.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no uniform system of school books in use in Alaska, each school district being at liberty to select such school books as may be deemed best under the circumstances. The ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction may simply recommend the adoption of certain books, but there is no compulsory law to compel a school district to accept them.

For your further information I am enclosing herewith a circular containing a list of the white schools of Alaska, both in incorporated towns and outside of incorporated communities.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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March 21, 1914.

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The Operator in Charge of the U. S. Signal Corps,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

With the return of all papers, will you please advise what your records show as to the service on message of March 13, 1913, addressed to the School Board, Latouche, mail Seward, which is mentioned in the correspondence accompanying this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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JUNEAU MARCH 21, 1914. O. B.

A. J. Campbell,

Ft. Gibbon.

Referring to your telegram of January ninth this office has not yet received report of Tanana school board for school year nineteen twelve thirteen nor receipts requested of treasurer. Can you do anything to hasten these?

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 21, 1914.

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Mr. F. W. Simpson,

Bullock Creek,

South Carolina.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, in which you state your desire to secure a position as superintendent in one of the schools of Alaska, acting upon the advice of Senator Tillman and Secretary of the Interior Lane.

The Governor of Alaska is ex-officio Superintendent of the white schools in Alaska. I assume that the position you desire is as principal of one of the schools in the incorporated town, the appointing of which rests with the school boards of the respective towns.

I am enclosing herewith for your further information a copy of a circular letter which contains, among other things, a list of the towns which maintain white schools, both inside and outside of incorporated communities, as well as a list of those towns which have high schools.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 21, 1914.

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Mr. George J. Arnold,

Assistant Secretary, American Surety Co.,

100 Broadway,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant I have to advise you that in this Territory school books are bought direct from certain publishers without bids and, therefore, no bonds are required.

We have neither State adoption or County adoption plan for as stated above school books are bought directly from the school book publishers by the respective school districts of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 23, 1914.

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Mr. Geo. E. Howard,

Clerk, Sitka School Board,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 7 last, in further reference to the desire of the Sitka school board to have the school grounds legally turned over to the district so that the title may be vested in the school district. It appears that the grounds were set aside by Executive proclamation of June 21, 1890 as "a public common for school purposes". The question is as to the procedure necessary to vest the title to the grounds in the present Sitka School District, it being now vested in the United States.

Undoubtedly an act of Congress will be required to authorize the formal transfer of the grounds to the Sitka school district. In an opinion of the Attorney General, dated November 7, 1911, rendered at the instance of this office in connection with the proposed transfer to the school district of the incorporated town of Petersburg of the school building erected at that place prior

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to the incorporation of that town, the cost of construction having been paid from the School section of the Alaska Fund, under the act of January 27, 1905 -- "Nelson school law" -- it is stated that the transfer of such building would require the authority of an act of Congress, since the title vests in the government. This is in line, too, with a similar case at Juneau in 1903, when certain lands were transferred to the town by the act of Congress of January 16, 1903, chapter 192. See 32 Stat. L. 773, or Sec. 219 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska. In the Juneau case the act provided: "That certain real property now situated in the town of Juneau * * * * * *, and belonging to the United States of America, * * * * * be, and the same is hereby, granted to the incorporated town of Juneau for school purposes, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to cause a patent to be issued therefor to such incorporation upon proof of its incorporation."

In the present case a question might arise as to whether the transfer should be made to the Sitka school district as such, or to the town of Sitka which is, I believe, not incorporated, or at least not incorporated under the federal municipal law applicable to Alaska.

Probably the best way to proceed would be to ask the Delegate at Washington to prepare a bill to cover the case, giving him all necessary facts and data in the premises. This, I take it, should be done by the Sitka School Board

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or by the town authorities elected in pursuance of the incorporation under the Territorial act relating to towns of the second class.

Should it be deemed desirable, I have no doubt the Governor would be glad to give his endorsement of the matter to the Delegate.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, March 27, 1914, O. B., via mail from Nome.

Candle School Board, Candle.

Newspaper reports state Candle school building burned March twelfth. Please wire if correct stating briefly items included in loss and approximate amount required to replace. If building was constructed from school funds no further allowance can be made for a building under the law.

Strong, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

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March 28, 1914.

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Mrs. Eva C. Thompson,
Clerk, Craig School Board,
Craig, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23rd instant with reference to text books and a building for school purposes in your district.

In reply I have to advise you that text books for school purposes are paid for by the Government and in making up your estimates the necessary sum for such purchases should be included therein. Under the law relating to white schools outside of incorporated towns a maximum sum of $1,000 is allowed for the construction or purchase of a school building. No allowance, however, can be made for the repair of a school building not owned by the school district, although a fair appropriation for rent will be allowed. In this case the owner of the building would be expected to make the necessary repairs, but an allowance will be made for school furniture and other necessary equipment.

This office has not yet received your school board's estimates for the next school year. If the board should decide that a new school building is necessary, as stated above the maximum sum of $1,000 will be allowed for the construction of a building.

It might be possible for you to have a couple of months school the present year, provided you can secure a suitable building pending the construction of a new schoolhouse. This is a matter, however, for your board to determine.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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March 30, 1914.

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Mrs. Fanny D. Johnston,

Clerk, Garden Island School District,

Graehl, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, together with photographs of the Garden Island school building, for which I thank you.

With best wishes for the continued prosperity of your school and with kind remembrances of my visit there last summer, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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March 30, 1914.

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Mr. P. A. Knowlton,

Principal, Fairbanks Public Schools,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant relative to your prospective candidacy for any superintendency of Alaskan schools for white children which might in future be created, either by Congress or the Legislature of Alaska.

Of course, you are aware that before such appointment can be made such position must be created as you state either by Congress or by the Legislature of Alaska. A memorial asking Congress to create such position was passed at the last session of the Legislature, but so far as I am informed it has not has yet been presented to Congress. I am leaving tomorrow for Washington and shall look into this matter and ascertain if it is possible for action along the lines suggested in the memorial to be had. In the meantime your letter will be filed and if such office be created, your application will receive the utmost consideration by this office, provided that such appointment or appointments are placed in the hands of the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 30, 1914.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the U. S. District Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant with reference to a petition from the people of the town of Kenai to establish a school district there, and asking to be advised what would be the necessary steps for them to take to call an election in view of the fact that on July 15, 1910, the Clerk of the Court for the Third Division established the Kenai School District and issued an order for a school election, which was held on August 15, 1910. You further state that although a school board was elected on the latter date no election has since been held. It is apparent, therefore, that the purposes for which the school district was established and the election of school officers held were never fully consummated; no white school has ever been established and the steps taken in the first instance failed of their purpose. You are, therefore, advised to proceed in the establishment of a school district at Kenai and to order an election of school officers to be held without reference to the action taken in 1910, that is to say, as if no such action had ever been taken.

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In order to establish a school district under the so-called "Nelson" act, the law provides that there must be at least "20 resident white children between the ages of 6 and 20 years inthedistrict". It is also provided that such school shall be for white children and children of mixed blood leading a civilized life. Governor Clark, my predecessor in this office, held that white children could only be included in the census and enumeration and unless there were 20 white children in the school district, a requisition for funds could not be made. I am inclined, however, to the view that the law is susceptible of a more liberal interpretation, inasmuch as it is also explicitly stated that such schools shall be established for the benefit of white children and children of mixed blood, etc., and I think there is no doubt since the schools are white schools, it was intended that the white children should predominate, and that the admission of children of mixed blood is to be considered as incidental. It seems to this office that a community having say 15 white children of school age should not be deprived of a white school, and if there be enough children of mixed blood to make up the required number of 20, they should be included in the number necessary to establish a school district and a school.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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March 27, 1914.

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The Indiana University Book Store,

Bloomington,

Indiana.

Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith a sealed envelope bearing your return card, addressed to you, and the stamp on which was cancelled by the Bloomington postoffice on March 18th. This piece of mail was received at this office today in an envelope addressed to the "Superintendent of Education, Juneau, Alaska", which also contained the circular of the Indiana University School of Education of date February 15 last in reference to a six weeks course on vocational education and vocational guidance.

It is assumed that the piece of mail herewith returned was inadvertently sent to this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 1, 1914.

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The Pathfinder Publishing Co.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

For some time past there has been received at this office a copy of THE PATHFINDER addressed to the Hon. Jno. B. Hoggatt, Gov. & Supt. Education, Juneau, Alaska. For your information I may state that the Honorable J. B. Hoggatt retired from the office of Governor on September 30, 1909, being succeeded by the Honorable Walter E. Clark, who in turn retired from office on May 20, 1913, and was succeeded by the Honorable John F. A. Strong, of Alaska.

It is assumed that Governor Hoggatt's name was entered on your complimentary list since there is no record in this office showing that he subscribed for your paper.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 1, 1914.

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Mr. Leonard P. Ayres,

Director, Division of Education, Russell Sage Foundation,

130 East 22nd St.,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the Governor as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, advising the forwarding of a copy of the Division's report No. E-135. The report has been received and the Governor wishes me to express his appreciation of your courtesy.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 1, 1914.

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Mr. Leonard P. Ayres,

Director, Division of Education, Russell Sage Foundation,

150 East 22nd St.,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the Governor as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, advising the forwarding of a copy of the Division's report No. E-155. The report has been received and the Governor wishes me to express his appreciation of your courtesy.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 1, 1914.

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Professor C. Green,

Superintendent, Juneau Public Schools,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th ultimo was received by the Governor on the eve of his departure for Washington and he did not have an opportunity to reply personally. However, he suggested that as soon as time permits I communicate with the various school boards with a view to obtaining from them definite information regarding courses of study, and I shall take this matter up in a few days. When replies are at hand from all of the boards I shall be pleased to give you the benefit of the information received.

I return herewith the enclosures which accompanied your letter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 1, 1914.

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to the Governor and enclosing a copy of your bill, H. R. 12299, the purpose of which is to reduce illiteracy in the several States and Territories. The information which you desire can no doubt be obtained from the Census Bureau, Washington, D. C., to which I beg to refer you. The purpose of your bill is a most worthy one and the Governor wishes me to express the hope that it may become a law.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Honorable Frank Park,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

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April 2, 1914.

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The John C. Winston Co.,

1006 Arch St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 24th ultimo, and on behalf of Governor Strong wish to thank you for your courtesy in presenting to him the copy of "Character Development". We shall be very pleased to place this book in the schools division of our library.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to various inquiries regarding our white schools. The information contained therein may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 3, 1914.

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Mr. J. M. Watson,

President, Motion Picture-Scope Co.,

People's Gas Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo in reference to the use of the Bransscope in public schools. The use of such a machine would probably be precluded in most of the school districts of this Territory, because of the expense incident thereto. There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter used by this office, which contains, among other things, lists of the various white schools in the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU

April 8, 1914.

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The Clerk of the School Board,

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor and ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, I enclose herewith a blank report form which it is requested you use in making the annual report to this office at the end of the present school year. The form enclosed calls for the information which the law requires shall be given by each school board, and for other information which, while not specifically required by law, will be a matter of information and assistance to this office in connection with school matters.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly forward this annual report as soon as possible after the close of the school year. An addressed and franked envelope is enclosed for use in mailing the report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 6, 1914.

Miss Rose E. Rhodes,

Wenatchee, Washington.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to obtain a position at Juneau or Cordova as supervisor of art and penmanship for the ensuing school year, and requesting information on various points in connection with the Alaska schools.

Although the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, leaving that matter entirely with the respective school boards. I would, therefore, suggest that you communicate with the school boards of Juneau and Cordova, addressing your letter in each case to the "clerk of the board". The certificates issued by this office are for a period of two years and are issued, without examination, upon presentation by the applicant of proper credentials and evidences of qualification, etc. Washington State certificates are accepted. The photograph, professional writing certificate and specimens of your work in art have not yet come to hand. They will be returned to you without delay, so that they may be available in case you should wish to make application to teach in the schools of Juneau, Cordova or elsewhere in this

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Territory. The letter of recommendation which accompanied your letter is herewith returned, as is also a book of two-cent postage stamps, which was enclosed with your letter.

I enclose herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office which will give you some further information in regard to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of the same.

In response to your inquiry regarding the establishment of a business college in Juneau, I beg to say that in my judgment this would not prove a profitable venture, inasmuch as a business course is offered in the public schools of the town.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 8, 1914.

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Mr. F. H. Bantworth,

Manager, Pacific Teachers' Agency,

555 New York Block,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd instant, addressed to the Governor, in reference to the work of your Agency in connection with the employment of teachers for schools in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise you that although the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, other than the issuance of certificates upon a proper showing being made. In general, the employment of teachers and the conduct of school affairs is left to the school board of each district. I enclose herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office, in which you will find, among other things, lists of the white schools in the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

encl.

April 8, 1914.

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Honorable J. F. A. Strong,

Governor of Alaska,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith a letter just received from Mr. C. L. Magill, teacher of the Chichagof school, in regard to certain conditions which he claims exist there at present. While I doubt if you will deem it advisable to take any action in the matter, I have, nevertheless, thought it best to forward the letter to you. I have written a letter to Mr. Magill acknowledging the receipt of his letter and advising him that it is being forwarded to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 8, 1914.

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Mr. C. L. Magill,

Chichagof, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, has just come to hand. The Governor is now enroute to Washington, D. C., and I am forwarding your letter to him for such attention as he may deem advisable.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 9, 1914.

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Dr. Isaac L. Otis,

Entrance Examiner, Board of Medical Examiners of Maryland,

1211 Cathedral Street,

Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo and in reply thereto I beg to advise that there are no colleges or universities in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 9, 1914.

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Miss Myrtle Jones,

Cromwell,

Washington.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo in which you request to be furnished with the names of the school clerks at various points in Alaska specified in your letter.

In reply I beg to advise that a school election is held in the month of April in each school district in Alaska and it will be some time before this office will be in receipt of the complete returns. We are, therefore, unable to give you the names of the clerks in the school districts referred to. However, if you wish to communicate with the school boards at those places, a letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board" at any of the towns mentioned will reach the proper officer.

This office has no information in regard to vacancies, since the employment of teachers is left entirely with the school boards. There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office which will give you some further information in regard to the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

April 11, 1914.

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Hemmock & Co.,

31 East 27th St.,

New York City.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your inquiry of the 3rd instant, I beg to advise that at the present time there are no teachers' organizations or institutes in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 10, 1914.

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Mr. John Lyons,

Treasurer, Reservation School District,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo was received this morning and I immediately wired you as follows:

> "Letter thirty-first ultimo received. Governor wrote you twenty-seventh ultimo giving instructions as to disposition school funds after April seventh. If letter not received advise by wire."

I have no doubt the Governor's letter of the 27th ultimo has been received by you since your letter of the 31st ultimo was mailed. Under the decision referred to in the Governor's letter to you there would seem to be no alternative but to turn back to the school section of the Alaska Fund all unexpended funds remaining in your hands after April 7th, and I am of the opinion that the instructions contained in the Governor's letter should be strictly complied with. Governor Strong is now enroute to Washington, D. C., where he will no doubt remain for two or three weeks.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

April 10, 1914.

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Mr. M. R. Luther,

Treasurer, Teller School District,

Teller, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of postoffice money order dated February 17, 1914, in the sum of $2.25, payable to "J. F. A. Strong", which reached this office today, with a report signed by the clerk of your school district but not accompanied by any letter or note of explanation. It is assumed, however, that this money order covers a remittance from your school district in response to the Governor's letter of December 12, 1913, calling for pro rata payment to cover certain forms, etc., printed for use of school districts. Accordingly, there is enclosed herewith a receipt in duplicate, one copy of which should accompany your accounts to this office and the other should be filed with your records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 10, 1914.

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Mrs. Helen Bahlke,

Clerk, Council School District,

Council, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 6th enclosing your treasurer's check in the sum of $2.25 in response to the Governor's letter of December 12, 1913. Enclosed herewith you will find receipt in duplicate, which you will please deliver to your treasurer for his records.

I note that you had not received the circulars and blanks sent you in December last, and for fear they may have gone astray I will send you another supply of them. These will go forward under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

encls.

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Juneau, April 10, 1914, O. B.

John Lyons, Treasurer, Reservation School District, Valdez.

Letter thirty-first ultimo received. Governor wrote you twenty-seventh ultimo giving instructions as to disposition school funds after April seventh. If letter not received advise by wire.

Shorthill, Secretary.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Shorthill
Secretary to the Governor.

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MEMO:

April 11, 1914.

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My dear Governor Strong:

Enclosed I send copy of your letter of the 27th of March to Treasurer Lyons of the Reservation school district, copy of his letter to you dated the 31st ultimo (written before he had received your letter) and copy of my letter to him of yesterday, which includes quotation of telegram sent him the same date.

You will note Mr. Lyons states that "a portion" of the Reservation-tract school district is included in the annexation to the town of Valdez, but not the entire school district. He seems to think that for this reason the funds may appropriately be used to pay the expenses of the school from April 8 to the close of the term. However, he further says that "The children will attend the same school until the end of this school year." By this I suppose he means all of the children living in the school district, whether now in the incorporated limits or outside. Evidently this could not be, under the Comptroller's decision in the Haines case (decision dated Feb. 26, 1910). Possibly that portion of the Reservation school district which has not been included in the annexation might be entitled to its prorata of the unexpended funds as of April 7th, but surely not more than this. And the annexation of the greater portion of the tract (or "the most populous section of the school dis-

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trict", as Lyons puts it in his letter) would to all intents and purposes act as a legal termination of the existence of the school district. If not, will the portion not so included in the town by the recent annexation be entitled to a school under the "Nelson" law in future?

I have deemed it best to send copies of the correspondence to you, so that if the Reservation people should not be satisfied with your position as set forth in your letter of March 27 to Lyons, and should take it up with you at Washington, you will know what they are talking about.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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April 18, 1914.

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Mr. H. B. Murphy,

1355 East Madison St.,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information as to the demand for men in the schools of Alaska, etc. In reply I beg to advise that a large majority of the teachers employed in the schools of Alaska are women. The principals of a number of the schools in the incorporated towns are men. At the present time this office does not know of any school in the incorporated towns in which high school work will be inaugurated in the ensuing school year.

I enclose herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which will give you some further information in regard to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 14, 1914.

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My dear Governor:

I have a letter from Professor Green, of the Juneau schools, in which he says that the high school students have voted to dedicate their annual publication, "The Totem", to you this year, provided you will give your permission. I have advised the Professor that I am writing to you in regard to the matter. The publication will be issued next month, I believe.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Honorable J. F. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Washington, D. C.

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April 14, 1914.

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Professor C. Green,

Principal Juneau Schools,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of even date, and in response thereto send you 30 copies of our circular letter form.

As you know, Governor Strong is now in Washington, D. C., where he will remain for some little time. I am writing him advising him that the high school students have chosen him as the one to whom The Totem for 1914 shall be dedicated, provided he is agreeable thereto. As soon as I hear from him I shall be pleased to advise you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 14, 1914.

Honorable J. F. A. Strong,

Governor of Alaska,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor:

The following telegram has just been received from the Candle School Board:

"Newspaper report correct. Everything lost. Building was constructed from school funds. Suitable building can be bought for thousand dollars. Letter following."

This telegram is in reply to one which was sent by this office on March 28, which was as follows:

"Newspaper reports state Candle school building burned March twelfth. Please wire if correct stating briefly items included in loss and approximate amount required to replace. If building was constructed from school funds, no further allowance can be made for a building under the law."

The Candle School District having received $1,000 for "construction and equipment of a schoolhouse", it would seem that, as stated in the telegram to the Board, no further allowance can be made for a building under the law. As the Comptroller has ruled that this $1,000 must include not only the construction of a building but the equipment of a permanent character, it would seem that the Candle School District is precluded from receiving an allowance to replace the equipment which was lost in the fire.

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If the District cannot obtain funds to replace the building and equipment, it will no doubt work a great hardship and may even result in the closing of the school. The situation is an unusual one and evidently the possibility of a schoolhouse being burned did not occur to the framers of the law, or some provision would have been made to meet just such a condition of affairs. As there are ample monies in the School Section of the Alaska Fund, the only obstacle in the way of furnishing relief to the Candle School District is a purely legal one, and it occurs to me that this might be overcome by a special act of Congress authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to honor your requisition for $1,000 to be used in the construction and equipment of a building to replace the one recently burned. Since this would not involve a direct appropriation of Government funds, but would merely be authorizing the use for the purpose mentioned of a small amount of the monies already set aside for general school purposes in this Territory, it would seem that such a bill should meet with no opposition.

Acting Governor Davidson suggested my writing you on the matter thinking that while you are in Washington you may be able to secure, through the cooperation of the Delegate, the passage of such a bill.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 17, 1914.

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Mrs. O. L. Grimes,

Teacher, Ouzinkie School District,

Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

In the absence of the Governor who is now in Washington, D. C., I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo in reference to the Governor's ruling of February 14 last on the question as to what constitutes a school month. In view of the statements contained in your letter I am of the opinion that the Governor would hold that when your school has been in session 180 days, you will have complied with the spirit of the ruling referred to, although there may not be a strict compliance with the letter of the ruling. Since the circular containing the ruling did not reach many of the school boards until late in the school year, it could not, of course, be expected that there would be a strict compliance insofar as dates are concerned and so long as there are not less than 180 days of school in each district during this school year the Governor will no doubt accept the same as a sufficient compliance with the ruling.

In the future, of course, it will be expected that there will be a strict compliance with the ruling in all of the school districts.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

April 17, 1914.

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Mrs. Corinne Call,

Dillingham,

Alaska.

Dear Madam:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 3rd inquiring as to the requirements for the establishment of a "Nelson school" at Dillingham.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the act of January 27, 1905, which contains, among other things, the law governing the establishment of schools for white children and children of mixed blood leading a civilized life residing in communities outside of incorporated towns. This act is commonly referred to as the "Nelson school law". By reference to Section 5 of the act you will note that the clerk of the district court is given power under certain conditions to establish a school district, one of the conditions being that the proposed school district "shall not embrace more than 40 square miles of territory, nor contain less than 20 resident white children between the ages of 6 and 20 years". Section 7 provides, among other things, that the schools specified and provided for in the act shall be devoted to the education of white children and children of mixed blood who lead a civilized life.

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It has been the ruling of this office that the phrase "nor contain less than 20 resident white children between the ages of 6 and 20 years", means children whose fathers and mothers are full-blooded whites. The primary purpose of the law seems to have been to provide schools for white children, but once a district is established children of mixed blood resident in the district and who lead a civilized life are entitled to attend the school. It is not believed that children of mixed blood can properly be counted in the original 20 which the law requires shall be resident within the district in order to secure the establishment thereof. Therefore, the children of a native woman who is married to a white man could not be counted in making up the requisite 20 for the establishment of the school.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 18, 1914.

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The Operator in Charge,

United States Signal Corps,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to refer to my letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to you, requesting that you advise this office as to your record of service on message of March 13, 1913, addressed to the School Board, Latouche, mail from Seward, referred to in the papers which accompanied my letter. Although nearly a month has elapsed and there have been numerous boats to and from Valdez during that time, I have as yet received no reply. I shall be pleased if you will kindly give this matter your early attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 18, 1914.

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Mr. Charles C. Houghton,

Clerk, Katalla School Board,

Katalla, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant requesting to be supplied with blanks for use in the school election. As these blanks are furnished by the Clerk of the United States District Court, I am today writing him asking that he forward to you the various forms necessary.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 18, 1914.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office has received a letter from Mr. Charles C. Naughton, Clerk, Katalla School Board, asking for blanks for use in the school election at that place. These blanks are, of course, furnished by your office and not by this office. It will be appreciated if you will kindly forward to Mr. Naughton a set of the necessary blanks, including oaths of office, treasurer's bond, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 18, 1914.

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Mr. N. Larinoff,

Clerk, Ouzinkie School District,

Ouzinkie, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th ultimo and I note you say you did not get the oaths of office for the clerk, director and treasurer. This office does not furnish any blanks for use in connection with school elections. These blanks are furnished by the clerk of the district court, to whom you should make application for the same.

While the first session of the Territorial Legislature passed a compulsory school attendance act, it failed to make provision for funds for its enforcement, and the law, therefore, is practically a dead letter. The matter will no doubt be remedied at the next regular session of the Legislature, in March, 1915.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Washington, D. C. April 18, 1914.

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Dr. L. B. Ashton,

#1814 National Realty Bldg.,

Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Sir:

With ~~xxxx~~ reference to the application of Miss Rose C. Smith of Cuba, New York, for a position in the Public Schools of Alaska, I have to advise you that there are two classes of schools in the Territory, namely, schools for natives and schools for white children. Miss Smith evidently desires a position in the former service, and, from her letter, I judge that the application she has already made is all that will be necessary. Should she desire a position in the white schools, you may advise her to write to the Superintendent of Schools, Juneau, Alaska, for further information as to the white schools of the Territory.

I am returning herewith letter handed me by you from Miss Smith.

Very truly yours,

April 20, 1914.

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Mr. I. M. Hofstad,

Clerk, Snow Bay School District,

Snow Bay, via Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant I beg to advise that the blanks referred to are supplied by the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, at Juneau, and I am today writing him asking that he forward a set to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 20, 1914.

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Mr. Jay W. Bell,

Clerk, U. S. District Court,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Mr. I. M. Hofstad, Clerk, Snow Bay School District, has written this office requesting that blank forms, oaths of office of school clerk, director and treasurer be sent to him for use in connection with the April school election. As these blanks are supplied by your office, I beg to request that you will kindly forward a set of them to Mr. Hofstad.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 20, 1914.

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Miss Winifred A. Withey,

1037 South Flower St.,

Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant I beg to advise that I do not know of any school in Alaska which employes a special art teacher as this subject has not as yet been given any special attention in this Territory.

There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office which will give you some further information in regard to the school system.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 21, 1916.

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The Clerk of the Longwood & Garden Island School Districts,

Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Under date of December 13 last a letter was addressed to the school board of your district in respect to certain printed forms which this office had obtained for use of the school boards and calling upon your school board to remit the sum of $2.25 as its pro rata of the cost of the printing, etc., mentioned in that letter.

To date we have received no response to the request for a remittance of $2.25. I enclose herewith a copy of the letter of December 13th above referred to for your further information, and beg to request that this matter receive prompt attention by the school board. If the blank forms referred to in the letter have not been received, please advise and another supply will be sent.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 21, 1914.

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Mr. Victor H. Crown,

Arroyo,

Porto Rico.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Commissioner of Education, Sitka, Alaska, has been forwarded to this office, the Governor being ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for this Territory. In reply to your inquiry I beg to advise that the ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers in the schools of Alaska, such employment being left entirely with the respective school boards. There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which will give you further information in regard to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 21, 1914.

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Mr. Jay W. Ball,

Clerk, U. S. District Court,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclose herewith you will find two copies of the oath of the judges or supervisors of the school election held in the Chichagof school district on the 13th instant, together with a tally sheet of the votes cast. These papers were forwarded to this office by Mr. R. E. Welch, Clerk of the Chichagof school district, who says:

> "We have not received the usual blank forms of judges' reports and oath of office of directors."

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 22, 1914.

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Mr. J. Philip Vinson,

15 Sherman Ave.,

Washington, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information in regard to the opportunities for teaching in the schools of this Territory. In reply I beg to advise that salaries of teachers in these schools range from $60 to $150, the average being $125 per month. Few, if any of the schools, employ special instructors in the subjects of botany, geology, physical geography and agriculture, which branches you state are the ones you prefer to teach. The employment of teachers is left entirely with the respective school boards and this office is seldom advised as to any vacancies.

There are four agricultural experiment stations in Alaska, two of them being located on the coast, at Sitka and Kodiak, respectively, and two in the interior, at Fairbanks and Rampart. These stations are under the direct charge and supervision of Professor C. C. Georgeson, Special Agent, whose headquarters are at Sitka. Inquiries as to the possibilities of obtaining employment at one of these stations should be addressed to Professor C. C. Georgeson. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy

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the last annual report on these experiment stations.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

April 22, 1914.

Miss Flora J. Wagner,

Jackson,

Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Commissioner of Education, at Juneau, has been delivered to this office, the Governor being ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory. The matter of the employment of teachers in these schools is left entirely with the school boards, to whom applications should be addressed. You might write to the school boards of some of the incorporated towns.

Salaries range from $80 to $150 per month, the average being about $125 per month. Price of board varies according to locality, the average being probably $40 per month. First-class transportation from Seattle to Juneau is $25.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a printed letter form used by this office, which will give you some further information in regard to the white schools, as well as a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 27, 1914.

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Mr. Charles Hughes Johnston,

Urbana,

Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor and ex officio Superintendent of Education.

In reply I beg to advise that as yet there is no legislation in Alaska in respect to vocational education and while some attention is given to this matter in individual schools, no attempt has been made to systematize the work and introduce it in all of the schools.

I enclose herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which will give you some further information with regard to the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 27, 1914.

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Mr. R. W. DeArmond,

Treasurer, Sitka School District,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant has been received and I am today requesting the Clerk of the United States District Court to forward the necessary school election blanks. These blanks are furnished by the Clerk and not by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 27, 1914.

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Mr. Jay W. Bell,

Clerk, United States District Court,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Will you please send to Mr. R. W. Dearmond, Treasurer, Sitka School District, Sitka, Alaska, a set of blank forms for school election, including certificates of election, oaths of office, treasurer's bond, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 27, 1914.

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Miss Geneva Sheets,

R. F. D. No. 3,

Palmer, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your inquiry of the 20th instant, I beg to advise that the employment of teachers in the public schools of Alaska is a matter which is handled entirely by the school boards, the Governor, who is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, having nothing whatever to do therewith. For this reason this office has no information as to any vacancies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 28, 1914.

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Miss Grace Wilhelm,

409½ Jackson St.,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant I beg to enclose herewith copy of a circular letter form relative to the white schools of Alaska, which includes a complete list of these schools. In reply to your several questions I will say:

1. In general, it is unnecessary for a teacher to know anyother language than English, except of course in the high schools, where Latin and German are taught.

2. Nearly all of the schools open early in September and close in the latter part of May or early part of June following.

3. The courses of study are similar to those in the graded schools of Washington and Oregon.

4. Salaries range from $80 to $175, the average being about $125 per month.

5. Expenses of living vary greatly according to the locality, but are in general from 50 to 100 per cent higher than in Seattle and Portland.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

April 29, 1914.

Mr. W. J. Feaster,

Deputy United States Marshal,

Chitina, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Feaster:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant; also the information in regard to the courses of study in your school at Chitina, for which I thank you.

I am sorry to learn that practically all of the children of school age have moved from the Chitina school district and doubt if the Governor will feel justified in appropriating funds for the conduct of the school for another year, unless a better showing can be made than seems probable at the present. When the Chitina school district was established, I believe it was necessary for the railroad company to transfer one or two of its section foremen to Chitina with their families, so as to make the necessary showing as to the number of children of school age resident within the district. It occurs to me that possibly a similar arrangement might be made so as to insure a continuance of the school for another year. We have one or two other districts which were organized several years ago, and which have now only about a half a dozen children attending school. If the Chitina school board can satisfy the Governor that from six to ten children will attend school during the coming year, I think he would be willing to

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appropriate the necessary funds.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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April 29, 1914.

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Miss Jeanita Anderson,

4543 - 17th Ave., N. E.,

Seattle, Washington.

My dear Miss Anderson:

I have your letter of the 21st instant stating that you have sent your application to several schools in Alaska and have given my name, among others in your list of references. This is entirely satisfactory to me and if I can be of any assistance to you, I shall be glad to do so. As the school boards make their own arrangements for teachers, it is seldom that this office is informed of vacancies. I am inclined to believe that a new teacher will be employed for the Chichagof school, near Sitka, next year. The salary at this school is $100 per month.

A letter was received a few days ago addressed to the Clerk of the Sheep Creek School Board, which I believe was from you. I saw Mr. Harley, Mr. Thane's Secretary, a day or two later and asked him about the school at Sheep Creek, and he told me that he did not think anything would be done about it for the present. I told him that I would forward to him the letter addressed to the Clerk of the Sheep Creek School Board, and he said that he would reply to it, since he has been handling the correspondence in connection with the proposed school at Sheep Creek.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

April 30, 1914.

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Mr. T. B. Hanna,

Manager, Northwest Teachers' Agency,

North Yakima, Washington.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant requesting a copy of the latest directory or report giving salaries and other information concerning town and city schools in Alaska. In reply you are advised that there is no directory published in connection with the Alaska schools. Enclosed herewith is copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of theTerritory. The salaries in theseschools range from $80 to $175, the average being about $125 per month.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, May 1, 1914, 0. B.

Clerk of School Board,

Fairbanks,
Ketchikan,
Nome,
Seward,
Skagway,
Valdez,
Wrangell, Alaska.

Please wire total high school enrollment and number high school graduates school year nineteen twelve thirteen.

Shorthill, Secretary to Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Shorthill
Secretary to the Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

JUNEAU.

May 1, 1914.

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The Clerk of the School Board,

Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the form sent you recently by this office upon which to make a statistical report of your school for the school year 1913-14, I have to request that in addition to the information called for on the form, you kindly report the following:

1. Number of pupils enrolled in high school during the year.
2. Number of pupils graduated from high school during the year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 2, 1914.

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Professor C. Green,

Principal, Juneau Public Schools,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th ultimo expressing a desire to dedicate the forthcoming edition of "The Totem" to Governor Strong. I beg to advise that I am today in receipt of a letter from the Governor from which I quote as follows:

> "I have your letter of April 14, 1914, in which you state that Professor Green of the Juneau Public Schools advises that the high school students have voted to dedicate their annual publication, "The Totem", to me this year, provided I will give my permission. Please say to Professor Green that the honor proposed is highly appreciated and I have great pleasure in extending the permission so courteously asked."

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 2, 1914.

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Professor Charles Hughes Johnston,

Department of Secondary Education, University of Illinois,

Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 31, addressed to the Governor, has just reached this office. Governor Strong is now in Washington, D. C., and will not return to Juneau until about June 1st, at which time I shall be pleased to place your letter, with its enclosure, before him for such attention as he may deem appropriate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 5, 1914.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the U. S. District Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo transmitting papers in connection with the Ellamar school election. The action of the school board in appointing two supervisors instead of three, as is required by the school law, is not, in the absence of any contest, sufficient to invalidate the election, and I have no doubt the Governor will accept the papers as submitted. For your information, I may say that it has not been the practise heretofore to forward to this office the register of voters or tally sheets, and as these serve no useful purpose here, you need not forward them in the future.

In reply to that portion of your letter which relates to the Blackburn school election, I beg to advise that your action in requiring the re-elected treasurer to furnish a new bond is entirely proper. Your interpretation of the law on this matter is the same as that of this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 5, 1914.

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Miss Margaret J. Stroup,

Ruby,

Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th of March last advising the forwarding of a secondary certificate issued by the Bellingham State Normal School last year and requesting the issuance of a certificate authorizing you to teach in the schools of Alaska. The certificates are issued by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

He is now absent from the Territory and will not return until the latter part of this month, at which time your letter and the certificate referred to will be placed before him for attention.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 5, 1914.

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Miss Ruth Milroys,

Chitina,

Alaska.

Dear Madam:

In response to your request of the 26th ultimo, I take pleasure in sending you herewith a copy of the printed regulations issued by this office under date of November 20 last; also copy of supplement to these regulations issued under date of February 14 last.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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May 5, 1914.

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---------FOX----------

Fox, via Fairbanks,

APPROVED ESTIMATES:

1 teacher 9 months at $175 per month	$1575.00
1 janitor " " " 25 " "	225.00
7 cords wood at $10 per cord	70.00
Lights	25.00
Repairs to building	160.00
Books, stationery and other supplies	100.00
Incidentals	50.00
	2205.00
LESS unexpended balance from 1913-14	5.89
NET AMOUNT REQUIRED for 1914-15 school year . . .	2199.11

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Juneau, May 5, 1914, O. B.

Julian Kleiber, Clerk, Fox School District, Fox, via mail from Fairbanks.

Requisition for full amount asked for goes to Secretary Treasury first mail. Matter inadvertently overlooked until receipt your letter seventeenth ultimo.

Sherthill, Secretary.

Secretary to the Governor.

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