

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to FLORENCE W. DEAN, of Chichagof, Alaska, who having presented a teacher's second-grade life certificate of the State of Nebraska, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this sixth day of September, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Second Grade Life  
Certificate of Nebraska

Sept. 7, 1917

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Mr. H. A. Pinger, Treasurer,  
Treadwell School District,  
Treadwell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is just in receipt of a letter from the clerk of your school board, advising that the board has arranged to pay one of your teachers at the rate of \$120 a month and the other at the rate of \$115 a month for the ensuing school year. This arrangement is entirely satisfactory to the Governor's office.

I have been informed that Mrs. Daniels is leaving for the States; hence am addressing this letter to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Edward Snyder,  
Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office has received from the clerk of the district court at Juneau a certified copy of his order establishing the Tenakee school district, and it is noted that you were named as one of the supervisors of the election called for September 4, to select a school board for the district.

Enclosed herewith you will find an estimate blank in duplicate, which you will please hand to the clerk of the Tenakee school district, so that the same may be used by the board in submitting its estimates of funds required for the maintenance of the school during the ensuing school year. Kindly advise the clerk that estimates should be made out in duplicate, the original being forwarded to this office and the duplicate being retained with the records of the school district. Three copies of printed regulations for the information and guidance of school boards are also enclosed, which please hand to the clerk.

If the Tenakee school board experiences any difficulty in obtaining a teacher, this office can probably arrange to secure one, as we have a number of applications on file from persons in Juneau and the immediate vicinity.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 7, 1917

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Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,  
United States District Court,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th ultimo, enclosing a certified copy of order and notice of first election held in the Wassilla school district and certificates of election, oaths of office and treasurer's bond, I beg to say that upon examination of the papers, it appears that you forwarded two copies of certificates of election and oath of office of O. G. Herning, treasurer, but did not forward the certificate of election and oath of office of the person who was elected as school clerk.

It is the understanding of this office, from an examination of your order and notice of election, dated July 13 last, that this district was established under the act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson school law," and not under chapter 22 of the 1917 Session Laws, which amends the Nelson school law and which became effective July 30.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. O. G. Herning, Treasurer,  
Wassilla School District,  
Wassilla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find estimate blank in duplicate for the use of your board in submitting its requirements for funds for the maintenance of your school during the ensuing school year. It may be that the board has already submitted estimates in letter form, in which event, it will be unnecessary to use these blanks. If the blanks are used, the original should be forwarded to this office and the duplicate should be filed with the records of the school districts.

It appears that your district was organized under the federal act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson school law." This law allows a maximum of \$1,000 for the "construction and equipment" of a school building. This is manifestly inadequate, and since the Territorial legislature at its last session made an appropriation in aid of the maintenance of school districts such as yours, it may be possible to secure additional funds from that appropriation,

but this cannot be definitely promised at this time.

We are also enclosing three copies of printed regulations for the information and guidance of school boards.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 7, 1917

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Mr. Steve Ragan,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find an estimate blank in duplicate, which please hand to the clerk of the Chilkat Valley school district, for use of the school board in submitting estimates of funds required for the school during the ensuing school year.

It is noted that the Chilkat Valley district has been organized under the provisions of chapter 22, Session Laws of Alaska, 1917, which amends the Nelson school law. This chapter allows a maximum of \$1800 for the "construction and equipment" of a school building, the old law allowing but \$1,000 for this purpose. The school board may, of course, if it wishes, arrange to rent quarters, if they can be had.

We have not yet been advised as to the election of officers for the Chilkat Valley school district; hence I am sending the enclosed blanks to you, as I note that you were named as one of the judges of the school election. In addition to the blanks mentioned, you will find enclosed three

copies of printed regulations, which you will please deliver  
to the clerk of the board for the use of the members.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

Sept. 7, 1917

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Mr. M. Lickwold,

Natruskn, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, referring to the organization of the Finger Lake school district and inquiring with regard to the papers which were made out and sent to the clerk of the court at Valdez.

In reply I beg to say that we have received from the clerk of the court certified copies of papers forwarded to him, and the same are now on file in this office. We have been expecting to receive from your board a letter containing the board's estimates of funds desired for the maintenance of the school during the ensuing school year. Enclosed herewith will be found an estimate blank in duplicate, which may be used by the board in the event it has not submitted its estimates before you receive the blanks. In case the blanks are used, the original should be sent to this office and the duplicate should be kept with the records of the school district.

It appears that your district was organized under the federal act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Helsen school law." Under this law not more than \$1,000 can be allowed to a school district for the "construction and equipment" of a school building. This is manifestly insufficient, and since the 1917 session of the Alaska legislature made an appropriation in aid of the maintenance of school districts such as yours, it may be possible to draw upon that fund for an additional sum to assist in the construction of a school building for your district. This, however, cannot be definitely promised at this time.

The salaries of school teachers in the Cook Inlet section range from \$100 to \$150 a month. Should you experience any difficulty in securing a teacher, this office can probably arrange to send you one, as we always have applications on file. In the event you should wish us to secure a teacher, you should advise us the amount of salary which you propose to pay, the length of the school term and what the opportunities are for a teacher to obtain board and room and the expense of the same.

The usual length of the school term is nine months, beginning early in the month of September. Since, however, your district has only recently been established, it is assumed that your term will not exceed seven or eight months

for the ensuing school year.

In ordering textbooks for year school, it would be well to order only such as will be necessary during the ensuing school year, as it is expected that standard courses of study will have been adopted before the opening of the 1918-19 school year, and these may call for a considerable change in text books.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to HELEN C. WILSON, of Skagway, Alaska, who having presented an Idaho State Life Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this seventh day of September, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon

Idaho State Life Certificate  
dated June 21, 1915.

Juneau, September 8, 1917. O. B.

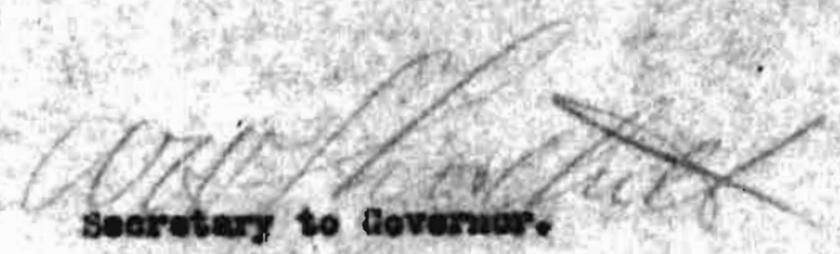
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Mrs. M. H. Hopkins,

VALDEZ.

Be ready to go to Kodiak on Admiral Evans which sails westward from Juneau the eleventh instant. The principal and other assistant will sail from Juneau.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, September 8, 1917. O. B.

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J. S. Clark,

Wrangell,

Wired Afegnak school board several days ago for information as to quarters for teachers, but have had no reply as yet. Have understood that limited quarters are available but knew absolutely nothing as to their extent, condition or equipment. Would probably be wise to take limited equipment and bedding sufficient for immediate needs.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Miss Helen C. Wilson,

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the fourth instant, addressed to the Governor, there has been issued to you a teacher's permit, good during the school year 1917-18, which you will find enclosed, together with the return of your Idaho State certificate, which accompanied your letter.

Permits are being issued for the school year 1917-18 only, as it is expected that before the beginning of the 1918-19 school year, the Territorial Board of Education will have provided for the examination and certification of teachers along lines similar to those followed in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Alex Friedolin, Clark School Board,

AFOGHAK, via KODIAK.

Miss Virginia Clark engaged as principal your school will arrive in Kodiak with two assistants on steamer Admiral Ryan which sails westward from Juneau on September eleventh.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. Lura Olsen,  
Chignik, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 15, in which you refer to the advisability of having a Territorial school established in your district, the school now maintained there, as I understand it, being under the direction of the United States Bureau of Education, and which, therefore, would be classified as a native school.

I note you say that there are thirty or forty children attending this school and that nearly all of them are white and speak the English language.

The law provides that there must be at least ten white children in a community before a school district can be established, but, after the school is organized, children of mixed blood may be admitted thereto. The organization of new school districts is vested in the clerks of the courts for the different judicial divisions, in your case the clerk of the court at Valdez.

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio President  
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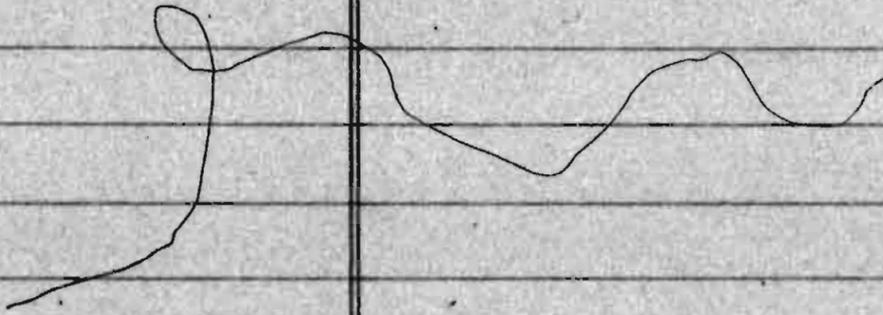
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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MARY B. BRADY, of Sitka, Alaska, who having presented a diploma from the Horace Mann High School of New York, and a diploma of Bachelor of Arts Degree, Vassar College, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this tenth day of September, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Diploma from Horace Mann High School, New York, dated May 31, 1912, and Vassar College B. A. Degree diploma of June 6, 1916.

Sept. 10, 1917

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Miss Mary B. Brady,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, together with your credentials under separate cover.

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit of this date, issued to you for the school year 1917-18. The credentials which were submitted by you are being returned under separate cover in this mail.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 10, 1917

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Mr. James B. Martin,  
Manager of Publicity  
The A. N. Palmer Co.,  
30 Irving Place,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that a teacher's organization has not yet been organized in this Territory. It is quite possible, however, that steps will be taken to organize an association within the next year or two. It is part of the plans of Prof. L. D. Henderson, formerly superintendent of the Juneau public schools, who now holds the position of Commissioner of Education for the Territory. The Commissioner's office is in Juneau and you might communicate with him on the subject.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 10, 1917

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Mr. A. R. Heilig, Clerk,  
Fairbanks School District,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 27, confirming your wire of that date, containing estimates of funds required to run the Fairbanks schools for the ensuing school year, namely, \$25,000.

I note you say that it is not clear to you how the disbursements made for the maintenance of your schools during the period from June 1 to the beginning of the school term, shall be provided for under section 3 of chapter 28, since that section provides for a statement of the expenses of maintenance for three months after beginning of the school term. You also state that disbursements for supplies for the maintenance of schools will have to be made before the beginning of the school term, and you cite your practice, as a matter of economy, in the purchase of wood which you have made during the summer months when school is not in session.

It seems to me that expenditures of this kind can be reasonably made by including them in your vouchers for ex-

penses incurred in maintaining the schools for the first quarter. For instance, if wood is purchased, say, in July, you could include the amount disbursed on this account in your vouchers for the quarter beginning September 1 or October 1. The law certainly does not contemplate the covering of only such disbursements as may be made, or expenses of maintenance only during the school term. Furthermore, the amount which any school district may receive is limited to \$15,000, and your estimate of the cost of maintenance of your school is placed at \$25,000, which would leave \$10,000 to be raised by your school district. It, therefore, occurs to me that you should have no difficulty in providing for the payment of bills for necessary supplies, no matter at what time of the year they are purchased.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Sept. 10, 1917

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Mrs. Ursula B. Good,  
Strawberry Point,  
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 6, in which you state that there are six children of school age at Strawberry Point, and you ask if funds could be secured for the maintenance of a school at that point.

In reply I have to advise you that the law provides that there shall be at least ten white children of school age---that is, between the ages of 6 and 20---before a school district can be organized. It would, therefore, seem that you have not the requisite number of children for the organization of a school district.

I enclose herewith a copy of the school law for your further information.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Enc.

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to VIRGINIA CAROLINE CLARK, of Wrangell, who having presented a five-year normal diploma and a bachelor of arts diploma of the University of Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 11th day of September, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

B. A. and teacher's  
normal diplomas of  
the University of  
Washington

Sept. 10, 1917

14-1

Mr. Alex. Friedolin, Clerk,  
Afognak School District,  
Afognak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In response to telegrams received from your school board, requesting us to engage a principal and two assistants for the ensuing school year, this office has engaged the following named persons for the positions stated: Miss Virginia Clark, as principal, at a salary of \$125 per month; Mrs. M. M. Hopkins, as assistant teacher for the higher grades, at a salary of \$100 per month, and Miss Helmi Aalto, as assistant teacher for the lower grades, at \$100 per month.

These teachers will arrive in Kodiak on the steamer Admiral Evans, which is due at Juneau, sailing westward, tomorrow.

Respectfully,

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

September 13, 1917.

14-1

Mr. O. O. Kregg, Clerk,  
Finger Lake School District,  
Matanuska, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that a few days ago a letter was addressed to Mr. Lickvold, a resident of your school district, in reply to an inquiry from him, in which information was given as to the making of a requisition for funds, and blanks were sent him for that purpose. It is suggested that you see Mr. Lickvold, and that your board arrange to forward its estimates, which will be promptly passed upon. Should you desire a teacher, and wish this office to secure one for you, advise what opportunities there are for a teacher to secure board and room, and approximately the cost per month for same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Sept. 13, 1917

14-1

Mr. H. P. M. Birkinbine,

Haines, Alaska

My dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 11, calling attention to the peculiar shape of the Chilkat Valley school district and stating that it forms a circle around the incorporated town of Haines. I am calling this matter to the attention to the clerk of the district court who established the school district and have asked him to investigate the matter and, if necessary, to issue an amended order so as to eliminate the town of Haines from the school district. In the meantime I should like to have a sketch showing the boundaries of the school district with reference to the corporate limits of the town of Haines. If you can find the time to prepare such a sketch and will forward it, it will undoubtedly prove of assistance in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Governor

Sept. 13, 1917

14-1

Mr. J. W. Bell,  
Clerk of the Court,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter calling attention to the boundaries of the Chilkat Valley school district, recently established by you, adjoining the town of Haines. Our informant states that the district is in the form of a circle around the town, the town being the geographic center.

A reference to the description of the boundaries of the school district, as contained in your order of August 16, establishing the district, would seem to indicate that the statement by our informant is correct and that the district probably does include the incorporated town of Haines.

It is requested that you investigate the matter and ascertain whether or not any portion of the incorporated town of Haines is included within the boundaries of the Chilkat Valley school district as established by your order of the above date, and if it is found that the school district does include any portion of the incorporated town, an amended order should be issued, containing a reestablishment of the boundaries of the district, so as to make the same definite and certain and

particularly stating that the district does not include within its boundaries any portion of the area included within the corporate limits of the town of Haines. In fact, I believe that such an amended order should be issued in any event so as to remove the question as to whether or not any portion of the town of Haines is within the school district mentioned.

It is noted that the order states "Territory described in said application is outside of any incorporated town;" but since the statement has been made that the district forms a circle around the town, it seems to me that the matter should be investigated and all doubt removed. I assume that the statement just quoted was based upon information furnished by the petitioners to you and not upon personal knowledge of the actual boundaries of the district.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Jensen, Sept. 15, 1917. O B Ans.

14-1

Christensen,

Anchorage.

Replying yours tenth relative funds Wasilla district beg to advise that on seventh instant wrote letter to Herring, treasurer of district, relative submission of itemized estimates and sent him blanks for use in event estimates not submitted by letter prior to arrival of blanks. Cannot pass upon requirements of board in lump sum, but will give dispatch to matter soon as properly presented by board.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

Sept. 15, 1917

15-5

Mr. W. S. Tethill,  
Webster Ave., Wood Street & Elston Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 31st ultimo, there is enclosed herewith a circular of information regarding the white schools of this Territory, on the back of which will be found a list of these schools.

Future inquiries with regard to the white schools of this Territory should be addressed to L. D. Henderson, Commissioner of Education, Juneau, Alaska, who is the active officer in charge of the white schools of this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Sept. 15, 1917

15-5

Prof. L. D. Henderson,  
Commissioner of Education,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

I enclose herewith a letter from Mrs. Preston, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Washington, together with a copy of our reply thereto. Please place the Washington State Department of Education upon your mailing list.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Sept. 15, 1917

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Mrs. Josephine Carlise Preston,  
Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
Olympia, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the fifth instant, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that your letter is being referred to Prof. L. D. Henderson, Commissioner of Education, Juneau, with the request that he place your name upon his mailing list. I have no doubt that the Commissioner would appreciate having his name placed upon your mailing list.

I may add that Professor Henderson was appointed Commissioner of Education by the Territorial Board of Education in May last, under an act passed by the 1917 session of the Alaska Territorial legislature. The Governor is President of the Board of Education, but Commissioner Henderson is the active officer in charge.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 15, 1917

15-2

Miss Lura Elwood,  
Box 45,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the Commissioner of Education, has been referred to this office in the absence of the Commissioner.

The Governor, as President of the Territorial Board of Education, is issuing teachers' permits for the school year 1917-18 only, as it is expected that before the beginning of the 1918-19 school year, the Board will have adopted a system of examination and certification of teachers similar to those followed in the States.

Before a permit can be issued to you, it will be necessary for you to submit your credentials.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 17, 1917

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Father A. J. Recenti, S. J.,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Father Recenti:

I am enclosing herewith permit No. 482, issued by the Department of Agriculture, Washington, on September 4, for the shipment, for scientific purposes, of one moose head from Alaska. This is the permit which Rev. Father Burke, of Seattle, asked me to procure for the Seattle college. May I request you to forward the permit to Father Burke?

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Elvira E. Bachelder, of Ruby, Alaska, who having presented a State of California Life Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, this 17th day of September, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Life Certificate of  
State of California  
issued in 1915.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to ANNA SIMONSON, of Hope, Alaska, who having presented a renewed Second Grade Elementary Certificate of North Dakota, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, this 17th day of September, 1917

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

North Dakota Second  
Grade Elementary Cer-  
tificate, renewed to  
Nov. 14, 1918.

Sept. 18, 1917

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Miss Anna Simonson,

Hope, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fifth ultimo, addressed to this office from Anchorage, enclosing your North Dakota certificate and requesting the issuance of a permit to teach in the Alaska schools.

Enclosed herewith you will find permit issued to you on the 17th instant for the school year 1917-18. Your North Dakota certificate is also enclosed.

Permits are being issued for the school year 1917-18 only, as it is expected that, with the beginning of the 1918-19 school year, the Territorial Board of Education will have adopted a system for the examination and certification of teachers similar to those in vogue in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Sept. 22, 1917

14-1

Mr. Daniel Webster,

Nolan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 13, which reached this office on September 19, having been two months and four days en route. Inasmuch as you say that the White Pass Company's boat leaves the mouth of the Koyukuk River for Bettles about September 1 and that the mail boat would leave the mouth of the Koyukuk for Bettles about September 20, it will be useless to attempt the organization of a school district in your section or the securing of a teacher for the school, were it established.

I take it for granted that, following the instructions contained in my letter of September 4, you will make the proper application to the clerk of the court for the establishment of a school at Nolan. The federal school law was amended in several important particulars, among which was a reduction in the number of children necessary for the organization of a school district from 20 to 10. I note from the list of names furnished that all the children are of mixed blood or Japanese, with one exception. I am of the opinion, however,

that you are fairly entitled to a school, and if you have not already sent the necessary petition, etc., to the clerk of the court at Fairbanks, you should do so at once. The law provides that a school district shall not embrace more than forty square miles.

I shall also be glad to do anything that I can for you in the furtherance of this or any other matter of interest to the people of your section.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

VIA HOLY CROSS.

Juneau, September 25, 1917. O. N. Govt. rate COLLECT.

H. R. Hunter, Clerk,

Marshall.

Your estimates not received but will be approved if not excessive.

Books, stationery and so forth ordered from Lowman Hanford Seattle as requested  
your message August twenty four to be shipped you via St. Michael.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to FLORENCE QUAST, of Wrangell, Alaska, who having presented a diploma of Marysville (Wash.) High School and Certificate of Credits from the University of Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 27th day of September, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Marysville High  
School diploma,  
of May 23, 1913;  
and Certificate  
of Credits of  
University of  
Washington

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to VIOLA M. KIRCHSTEIN, of Petersburg, Alaska, who having presented a First Grade Certificate of the State of Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 27th day of September,  
1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

First Grade Certificate,  
State of Washington, of  
Aug. 4, 1917

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to LUELLA SHAFER, of Sitka, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of graduation from the College of Liberal Arts, Drake University of Des Moines, Iowa, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau this 27th day of September, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Informal certificate  
of graduation, dated  
October 11, 1915

September 28, 1917.

14-1

Mr. J. W. Bell, Clerk,  
United States District Court,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to call attention to the order establishing the Loring School District, issued by you under date of the 5th instant, in which the description given of the boundaries of the district would seem to indicate that a serious mistake had been made in drawing the order, the major portion of the boundary description being omitted. You will note the order describes the boundaries as beginning at Point Higgins, thence "in a general northerly direction" to Indian Point, and "extending three miles inland" -- to where? As the order now reads this district is merely an irregular line.

To remedy this defect it will be necessary to issue a new order establishing the district, giving the correct (and complete) boundaries of the district, and calling for another election -- in other words, to proceed as if no order had yet been issued.

The duties of the Clerk of the District Court are more than merely clerical, in respect to the establishment of school districts, and it is suggested that in future you carefully scrutinize all papers in connection therewith and see that they are in proper form, before issuing orders for the establishment of districts.

Faithfully yours,

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JUNEAU, Sept. 29, 1917

O B Buy rate PAID CASH.

Louisa Hanford Company,

SEATTLE, WASH.

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Ship by parcel post to School board of Council, Alaska six US histories for use of seventh and eighth grades and four Civics and two Ritchie human physiology and four Ritchie primer of sanitation. Not sure as to name Ritchie and you may substitute if necessary. Send bill with books. Steamer Victoria scheduled sail for Nome October sixth and order should be care to get them.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, September 29, 1917. O. E. RUSH.

14-1

Mag. Clerk Court,

VALDEZ.

Telegram just received from R. E. Krauthor of Talkeetna says  
interstate order has been signed by Judge Brown for Talkeetna school corporation  
and adds quote at present we have five school children and quote. Please advise  
as to organization this district. If only five children of school age there is  
no law under which funds can be provided.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

October 1, 1917.

15-2

Miss Eva Kelly,

Urbana, No. Dakota.

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 10th ultimo, we are returning herewith your North Dakota 2d Grade Professional Certificate, and photograph, which were transmitted to this office with your letter of May 5, last.

There has been some delay in this matter, due to the fact that your letter and its enclosures had been handed to the Commissioner of Education upon its receipt, and we did not have any record of it here in this office. I trust the delay has not inconvenienced you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 1, 1917

14-1

Mr. Ivan Wales, Treasurer,  
Otter School District,  
Flat, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a duplicate copy of requisition of the 27th ultimo upon the Territorial school fund for the sum of \$2,433, to cover the maintenance of the Otter school during the school year 1916-17.

You will also find enclosed Territorial warrant No. 1, dated Sept. 29, 1917, covering the requisition. The requisition and warrant have been issued to the Governor, as President of the Territorial Board of Education, for you as treasurer of the Otter school district, and the warrant has been endorsed by the Governor to your order. This has been done to save the time which would otherwise be consumed in forwarding the requisition to you to be signed and returned to this office.

Upon receipt of the warrant, you should, if you have not already done so, make up your report as treasurer of the Otter school district for the school year 1916-17 and forward the same to this office. If you have already submitted a report, you

should make out a supplemental one to cover the receipt of the funds represented by the enclosed warrant and any unexpended funds from the school year 1916-17 should be transferred in a proper manner to your successor and this office should be advised of such.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 1, 1917

15-2

Miss Florence Quast,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit issued to you on the 27th ultimo, for the school year 1917-18, together with return of your Maryeville, Washington, high school diploma and certificate of credits from the University of Washington, which accompanied your letter of the 24th ultimo.

Permits are being issued for the school year 1917-18 only, as it is expected that before the opening of the 1918-19 school year the Territorial Board of Education will have adopted a system of examination and certification of teachers similar to those in use in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 1, 1917

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Miss Luella Shaffer,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find teacher's permit issued to you on the 27th ultimo, for the school year 1917-18, together with return of the letter certifying your graduation from the College of Liberal Arts of Drake University.

Permits are being issued for the school year 1917-18 only, as it is expected that before the opening of the 1918-19 school year, the Territorial Board of Education will have adopted a system for the examination and certification of teachers similar to the systems in use in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Sept. 29, 1917

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Miss Viola M. Kirchstein,  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find permit dated September 27, 1917, issued to you for the school year 1917-18, together with the return of the documents which accompanied your letter of the 12d, including the postal money order.

Permits are being issued for the school year 1917-18 only and no charge is made for them. It is expected that before the opening of the 1918-19 school year, the Territorial Board of Education will have adopted a system for the examination and certification of teachers, under the act passed by the 1917 session of the legislature. Until such system is adopted, no fee will be charged for permits issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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**Department of Public Instruction**

**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

**THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to GRACE MONTANA PRITCHARD, of Unga, Alaska, who having presented a Normal Diploma of the University of Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.**

**GIVEN at Juneau, this second day of October, 1917.**

**Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education**

**Granted upon:**

**Five-year Normal  
Diploma of Uni-  
versity of Washington,  
dated June 6, 1917.**

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to KATE M. WILLIAMS, of Valdez, Alaska, who having presented a Washington First Grade Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this second day of October, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

First Grade Certificate  
of State of Washington,  
dated March 3, 1917.

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to TRESSA CURTIN, of Wrangell, Alaska, who having presented a Washington Second Grade Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this second day of October,  
1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Renewal Second Grade  
Certificate of State  
of Washington, dated  
Aug. 3, 1916

**Department of Public Instruction**

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**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

**THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to EDITH S. CARRANT, of Wrangell, Alaska, who having presented a North Dakota Professional Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.**

**GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this second day of October, 1917.**

**Governor, ex officio President,  
Territorial Board of Education**

**Granted upon:**

**North Dakota Professional Certificate,  
dated March 7, 1908**

October 4, 1917

15-1

Miss Alice B. Cavanagh,  
184 Parnassus Ave.,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your recent letter, addressed to the Governor, relative to vacancies in the Alaska school service, I beg to advise that at this time we do not know of any vacancies. School opened in the various white schools of the Territory early in September and, so far as we know, all schools have their full quota of teachers.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 4, 1917

14-1

Mr. A. B. Kinne, Clerk,  
Council School Board,  
Council, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the 26th ultimo, we received your telegram of the 25th, requesting that we order from Seattle a few additional textbooks needed by your school. The telegram came in such bad shape that we had considerable difficulty in determining just what you desired, but after having the Signal Corps service back on the message, we made it out to read as follows:

"Former teacher failed recommend purchase following textbooks required by present teacher for advanced classes: Six U. S. histories for seventh and eighth grades, four civics, two Ritchie Human Physiology, four Ritchie Primer of Sanitation. Can you allow? Wire Seattle and have them mail time for sailing next Victoria."

On the 29th ultimo, we wired the firm of Lowman & Hanford, Seattle, as per copy of message herewith enclosed.

The Government cable line between Sitka and Seattle was out of business at the time we sent the message to Lowman & Hanford and we were therefore obliged to make use of the United States Naval Radio Service, which necessitated the payment of 61 cents tolls on the message from Astoria, Oregon, to Seattle, via the Western Union telegraph line. As you probably know, the Naval

Radio station at Ketchikan works with the Astoria, Oregon, station, there being no radio station in Seattle. A receipt for the tolls paid accompanies the copy of the message. Kindly deliver both to the treasurer of your school district and remit to this office the amount of the bill. There is enclosed herewith a receipt filled out except as to the date, which the treasurer is authorized to fill in when he issues the check.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

October 4, 1917

15-2

Miss Edith B. Carhart,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 16th ultimo, addressed to the Commissioner of Education, which was referred to this office, together with the enclosures accompanying the same, I beg to enclose herewith permits issued on the second instant to you and to Miss Treasa Curtain, of Wrangell, covering the school year 1917-18. The two certificates which accompanied your letter of above date are also returned herewith.

Permits are being issued for the 1917-18 school year only, as it is expected that before the opening of the 1918-19 school year, the Territorial Board of Education will have adopted a system for the examination and certification of teachers similar to those in use in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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October 4, 1917

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Miss Grace Montana Fritchard,

Unga, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith please find permit dated the second instant, issued to you for the school year 1917-18. Your University of Washington Normal Diploma is being returned under separate cover.

Permits are being issued for the school year 1917-18 only, as it is expected that before the opening of the 1918-19 school year, the Territorial Board of Education will have adopted a system for the examination and certification of teachers similar to those followed in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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October 4, 1917

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Miss Kate M. Williams,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there was issued to you on the second instant a permit covering the school year 1917-18, which is herewith enclosed, together with return of the certificate which accompanied your letter of the above date.

Permits are being issued for the school year 1917-18 only, as it is expected that before the opening of the 1918-19 school year, the Territorial Board of Education will have adopted a system for the examination and certification of teachers similar to those followed in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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14-1

Juneau, October 3, 1917. O R, and NIGHT LETTER COLLECT relate to Iditarod.

Ivan Wales, Treasurer,

FLC, via mail from Iditarod.

Warrant for funds for last year mailed to you from this office October first.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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October 5, 1917.

14-1

Mr. Ed Snyder, Treasurer,  
Tenakee School District,  
Tenakee, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Governor has approved the estimates submitted by your Board, and a requisition is herewith enclosed to cover the same. Please sign the original and duplicate copies and mail them to this office, retaining the triplicate copy for your own records. Upon receipt of the signed original and duplicate the requisition will receive the Governor's approval signature and be passed to the Secretary for the issuance of a warrant, which will be mailed to you by that officer.

When you receive the warrant from the Secretary, you will please advise this office in writing, giving the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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October 5, 1917.

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Mr. J. W. Bell,  
Clark, United States District Court,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to your Order of August 16 last, establishing the TENAKEE School District, and to suggest that the description of the boundaries of this district is such as to make it almost if not quite impossible to determine the same, or what particular territory is included therein, if any. You will note that the description reads:

"The said school district shall include both the north and south shores of Tenakee Inlet, Alaska, from North Passage Point to a point five (5) miles west of the village of Tenakee, Alaska, containing and embracing not more than forty square miles."

Now the question is: Does the boundary line, which is supposed to extend "from North Passage Point to a point five miles west of the village of Tenakee," follow the meandering shore line or go in a direct line to the "point five miles west of the village of Tenakee," and in either case, how does it get across to the south shore of Tenakee Inlet, and, also, how, and where, does it return to the point of beginning -- if, in deed, it does return?

I think if you will try to make a sketch of the district from the description given in the Order, you will see the inadequacy of the description.

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The question as to the exact boundaries of a school district may arise in a legal proceeding at some time, and in such event the first place to which one would naturally look for information on the subject would be to the Order of the Clerk establishing the district. Were such a question to arise in respect to the Tensas district, it is submitted that a jury or a court would have considerable trouble to determine with exactness the boundaries of the district, if reference were made to the Order establishing it.

You are requested to take this matter up with the Tensas School Board, and to secure from the Board a sworn statement which shall give with due exactness the boundaries of the school district. This should show the initial point, and the direction of all lines therefrom, given in such way as to enable your office or this office or any one else who might wish to do so, to make a sketch of the boundaries and secure an intelligent idea of the shape of the district, as well as the particular area contained in it. The description in the Order referred to would lead one to believe that the district contains nothing but water.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 5, 1917

14-1

Mr. J. E. Clark,  
Clerk of the Court,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By reference from the Department of the Interior, I am in receipt of a copy of the final report of the grand jury for the special July, 1917, term of the district court for the Fourth judicial division at Ruby, and my attention has been directed to the suggestions of the grand jury in relation to providing better school accommodations at Ruby.

In reply I have to advise you (and this the jury should have known, to say nothing of the judge of the court or the United States attorney) that the amount allowed under the act of Congress of January 27, 1905, for the construction and equipment of a white school outside of incorporated towns, is limited to \$1,000; and you are further advised that upon my recommendation, this amount was increased to \$1800 by act of the Territorial legislature in May last. Therefore, the absurdity of the jury's recommendation of \$10,000 for the construction of a new school building will be apparent, as I know of no way in which the maximum of \$1800 can be legitimately expended into \$10,000.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 5, 1917

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Mrs. John Peterson,  
Chicken, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 15, in which you ask if something cannot be done for a number of children in your community in the way of establishing a school. I note you say that there are six children of school age in your vicinity, four of whom are growing up without any educational training.

In reply I regret to advise you that the law requires that there be ten children of school age before a school district can be organized. Under the Federal law the number was 20, but the Territorial legislature, at its session in March and April last, reduced the number to ten, this being a matter in which I have been profoundly interested ever since I became Governor, inasmuch as I believed that any community having ten white children was entitled to a school. Hence the action of the legislature. I have to commend you for your efforts to educate your own children and the interest that you have shown in the matter of education, and it is with extreme re-

regret that I have to advise you that the law will not permit  
the establishment of a school in your community until ten  
children shall have permanently located there.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Chairman  
Territorial Board of Education

Juneau, October 5, 1917. O. B.

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R. E. Krauthor,

Talkeetna via Natananaka.

Replying your message September twenty sixth your district incorporated under chapter five of session laws of nineteen seventeen which provides for levying tax for school purposes upon real and personal property not otherwise exempt within school district. Under chapter twenty eight the Territory refunds seventy five per cent of cost of maintenance but provides nothing for building or site.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

October 5, 1917

14-1

Mr. Ivan Wales, Treasurer,  
Otter School District,  
Flat, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your telegram of the third instant, relative to funds for the school year 1916-17, in which you say that no bills have been paid and you add, "everybody kicking, bills long overdue; they want to know why delay. Sent proper papers last April per instructions. Please do something. Old bills should be paid."

We are not at all surprised that everybody in your district is kicking about unpaid bills. The fact of the matter is that we have done some kicking ourselves. However, I wish to assure you that the burden of responsibility for the delay rests upon your school board and not upon this office. As early as November 27, 1916, this office started inquiring with regard to the election returns and treasurer's bond for your district for the school year 1916-17. On that date we wired the clerk of the court at Fairbanks, asking if he had received these papers and whether or not the bond had been approved. The clerk replied that he had not received the papers and had not had any mail

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from Iditarod for many weeks. On July 26, 1917, we again addressed a telegram to the clerk of the court, asking if he had received any information regarding your election papers, to which he replied that he had received nothing regarding the Oster school district election returns and was wiring his deputy that day regarding the same. On February 19, 1917, the Governor wired you regarding the delayed election returns, etc., in reply to your letter of January 9 and wrote you a letter on February 21 covering the same matter. On April 18, 1917, we received your letter of March 12, explaining that the election returns and bond had been made out before attorney Henry Roden, who had promised to forward them to the clerk of the court. Evidently he did not do so; or, if they were forwarded, they must have been lost in the mail. On July 3 we again wired the clerk of the court at Fairbanks, inquiring with regard to the returns and bond, to which he replied that, although he had just received the papers for the school year 1917-18, he had not heard anything of the returns for the preceding year. On July 28, 1917, we received from the clerk of the court at Fairbanks certified copies of the election returns and bond covering the school year 1916-17. These papers came at a time when we were extremely busy with other matters and no action was taken

with regard to the issuance of a requisition until September 27, when we issued a requisition upon the Territorial school fund for the full amount allotted your district, namely, \$2431. The warrant covering the requisition was mailed to you on October 1, 1917, as stated in telegram sent you this date, a confirmation copy of which is herewith enclosed.

From the foregoing, you will note that the election returns and treasurer's bond for the school year 1916-17 were received by this office just about a year later than they should have been received under ordinary conditions. While your school board may not be responsible for the long delay, it is certain that this office cannot be charged with any responsibility in the matter.

We are glad to note that more careful attention was given to the forwarding of the election returns and bond for the school year 1917-18, and as a result funds for that year have already been furnished.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, October 5, 1917. O. B.

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Wasilla School Board,

Wasilla, via Anchorage.

Replying your telegram third instant estimates as therein stated will be allowed  
in full and you may proceed with arrangements for building said school.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

October 6, 1917

14-1

Mr. E. A. Adams, Treasurer,  
Chilkat Valley School District,  
Heines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I return herewith the duplicate copy of your board's estimates, which were recently forwarded to this office, and beg to advise that on yesterday the Governor passed on these estimates and approved the same in full, including the sum of \$1800 for the construction and equipment of a school building, which is the maximum amount authorized by the law under which your district was organized.

I enclose herewith a requisition covering the estimates. Please sign the original and duplicate copies and return them to this office, retaining the triplicate copy for your records. As soon as we have received from you the original and duplicate copies, properly signed, the requisition will be passed to the Secretary of the Territory for the issuance of a warrant which he will mail to you. When you have received the warrant, please advise this office in writing, giving the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

October 6, 1917

14-1

Mr. Daniel Nelson, Treasurer,  
Kasaan School District,  
Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that on yesterday the Governor passed upon your board's estimates for the school year 1917-18 and approved the same in full. A requisition covering the estimates will be made within the next few days and forwarded to Washington. The warrant should reach you within a month or six weeks, and upon its receipt you will please advise this office, giving the number and amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 6, 1917

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Miss Anne McLaughlin,

Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of October 4 and I am very pleased to know that you have opened the Tenakee school. Permit me to extend my best wishes for your success as well as that of all your pupils. I am satisfied that you will do excellent work in every respect.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

October 9, 1917.

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Mr. Theo. McLaughlin, Clerk,  
Loring School District,  
Loring, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24 instant, addressed to the Governor, submitting estimates of funds which your Board considers necessary in connection with the maintenance of school during the current year.

Enclosed you will find an estimates blank, in duplicate, which it is requested your Board fill out and sign, sending one copy to this office and filing the other with the records of the district. With respect to "Repairs and furniture for school house and teacher's dwelling house", for which you desire an allowance of \$300, it is requested that your board submit a statement showing what repairs are to be made, and what furniture it is desired to purchase. It is also noted that your estimates do not include anything for school books, stationery, etc., for use of the school children. If you need any funds for this purpose, you should include an item in the estimates, on the enclosed form. Please note that the maximum amount allowed for "incidentals" is \$50, and this is supposed to serve for a 9-months' term. Apparently your board contemplates only a 5-months' term, and it would appear that \$30 should suffice for purely incidentals purposes. Your estimates as set forth in letter of the 24 instant, call for \$150 for "Incidental expense." This should be changed when filling out the new estimate blank, and proper itemization made of the amount in excess of \$30 which goes to make up this item. 53

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You will also find enclosed blank form S-3, for reporting to this office the name of the teacher employed for the term. This report should be sent as soon as arrangements have been made for the teacher. Your attention is also directed to the copy of the printed regulations enclosed. Please note that teachers secure permits from this office. Also please see that the Treasurer of your district is made familiar with the regulations relating to disbursements and the duties of the school treasurer. The regulations should be kept for future refer-

We have not yet received from the Clerk of the District Court the certified copies of the election papers and the treasurer's bond covering your district, but assume they will soon be forthcoming.

Permit me to add that we have had to take up with the Clerk of the District Court the matter of the description of the boundaries of your district, as set forth in his Order establishing the district. The description referred to is vague and indefinite that we have not been able to determine what particular territory is included within the boundaries of the district, and we have requested the Clerk to correct the matter by securing a proper and complete description.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 9, 1917.

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Mr. Daniel Nelson, Treasurer,  
Kasaan School District,  
Kasaan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Please advise this office why the Clerk of the District Court has not yet received from your board the returns of the election held some time ago in your district for the selection of a board for the school year 1917-18.

Your letter of September 14th last to this office advises that there has been some difficulty in securing anyone to act as clerk of the district, but does not offer any explanation as to why the papers covering the election of the director and treasurer have not yet reached the Clerk of the District Court.

Was an election held this year? If not, why not? Your board certainly understands that elections must be held annually, and the fact that trouble is experienced in securing some one to act as clerk should not delay the election of the director and treasurer. If an election has not been held, one should be called at once, and your people should certainly be able to find someone, either man or woman, who is willing to do the comparatively small amount of work which devolves upon the clerk. In fact, it must be understood that the offices must be filled; we cannot have school boards with but two members, simply because no one will volunteer to act. Certainly there are plenty of people in your district who appreciate the school sufficiently to be willing, even at some personal sacrifice and inconvenience, to perform the few duties which a small district such as yours calls for. This office will not believe that it can be otherwise. Surely the matter has not been quite understood, else you would have easily found a citizen willing to act as clerk, as well as those willing to act as director and treasurer. As a matter of fact, as you yourself know, the treasurer has the most undesirable position on the board.

We are informed by the Clerk of the Court that he has received your bond for the current school year, but he has received nothing concerning the election.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 9, 1917.

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(1916-17 yr.)

Mr. Daniel Nelson, Treasurer,  
Kasaan School District,  
Kasaan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write you with reference to your annual report for the school year 1916-17, which recently reached this office. In checking the report it is noted that you exceeded the allowance for janitor service by \$16. The amount allowed, as shown in the requisition made by this office on January 26, 1917, a copy of which was sent to you, was \$32, whereas your report and the receipts accompanying it show that you paid out \$48 on this account. You do not offer any explanation as to this, and the files of this office do not show that any authority was given for exceeding the amount of \$32. Unless you can offer an explanation which will satisfy the Governor that the amount expended was properly disbursed, the excess of \$16 will have to be disallowed, and you will be required to refund the amount to the school treasury. It is incumbent upon you, therefore, to explain the matter fully, and your explanation should be corroborated by the other members of the board for the school year 1916-17, since no school treasurer is authorized to act upon his own motion in making disbursements.

Enclosed herewith you will find the receipts covering expenditures on account of lights. Inasmuch as these purchases were made from your own store, it is necessary that at least one other member of the Board approve the same by endorsing his approval thereon.

You will also find enclosed the receipts for school supplies, which, also, appear to have been bought at your store. As in the case of the receipts for light supplies, the approval signature of one other member of the board is necessary on these receipts.

Certain of the receipts covering disbursements on account of repairs are also returned herewith. The first one, signed by Paul Jordan, for "papering school house", lacks detail explaining the number of days worked, if the work was done by the day; or if it was on a contract for the job, or in some other way, the detail on the receipt should show the fact. Kindly add the necessary explanation to the receipt. The other 3 receipts cover items purchased from your store, and require the approval signature of one other member of the Board for 1916-17. The receipt signed by Willie Irvine purports to cover labor furnished on the school house repair contract, but does not indicate anything as to the contract by which this office can determine the correctness of the expenditure. An explanation should be furnished.

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C-Mr. Daniel Nelson, Treasurer, D 2--

The receipts covering "Incidentals" are returned, and you are advised that those for items purchased from your store should receive the approval signature of one other member of the Board. As to the receipt "For repairing school hall," you are requested to note on the receipt the number of hours of labor performed, or indicate definitely just what the nature of the repairs were, so that we may be able to check the item.

When these various matters have received your attention the receipts herewith sent you should be returned, and your report will again receive attention looking to its approval.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

October 12, 1917.

14-1

Mr. C. F. Check, Treasurer,  
Eagle River School District,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Upon starting to make the requisition for your district for a 5-months' term, today, I find that your bond has not yet been filed with the Clerk of the District Court, and it is therefore impossible, under our rules, to make the requisition. Please hurry the filing of the bond, and the requisition will be made at once. I was under the impression, when you and Mr. Stewart were here a few days ago, that we had received your election returns and bond. The returns are on file with the Clerk, but he advises this morning that he has not yet received the bond.

Should you happen to be in town in the next few days, call at the office and you can then sign the voucher for funds, and this will save considerable time.

Yours truly,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, October 12, 1917. O. D. ~~1917~~

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Lowman & Hanford Co.,

SEATTLE.

Finger Lake school district at Natanuska, Alaska, has twenty pupils in following grades: four beginners, four in the second grade, six in the third grade, four in the fourth grade and three each in the fifth and sixth grades. Please ship following text books and supplies to cover their needs for a term of six months. Merrill spellers, Baldwin and Bender readers, American Book Company story hour, Stone and Mellin arithmetic, Cordy American Ideography history, Kibbelle English, Torr and Murray geography, new education pamphlet, and hygiene cards as used in Seattle schools. Also one set drawing, music and nature study books for reference of teacher and one manual for Baldwin and Bender reader for teacher, and half dozen geographical readers. Send also one set school records, and supply of pencils, tablets, writing paper, ink, pens, note books and thirty feet lineal feet good quality blackboard cloth standard width with erasers and chalk. Also ship four medium price desks each for the second, third, fourth, sixth and eighth grades and one desk for teacher and four common chairs. In view needed haste you may substitute where necessary and add any other items deemed absolutely necessary. Shipment must be made without fail on Pacific Steamship Company steamer due to sail from Seattle about the eighteenth instant which will be last boat for Anchorage this fall. Mark and ship to Finger Lake school district, Natanuska via Anchorage, Alaska, and send invoices and bill to Martin Lichfield, treasurer, at Natanuska with copy of invoice to this office.

WILLIAM, Governor.

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Secretary to Governor.

October 11, 1917

15-1

Miss May Alexander,  
1763 Hyde Street,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the second instant, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a circular containing information with regard to the white schools of this Territory, together with a complete list of them.

Your qualifications would probably meet the requirements of most of the school boards in this Territory. It is expected, however, that before the beginning of the school year 1918-19, the Territorial Board of Education will have adopted a system for the examination and certification of teachers, similar to those of the various states. We cannot, of course, say at this time whether or not the qualifications which you possess would meet the requirements of that system.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

October 11, 1917

15-5

Mr. Victor T. Heeflich, Librarian,  
Portland Gas & Coke Co.,  
Fifth & Yamhill Streets,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 27th ultimo, there is enclosed herewith a circular with reference to the white schools of this Territory, on the back of which will be found a complete list of these schools. There are no colleges or other higher institutions in this Territory at the present time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Juneau, October 12, 1917. O. B.

14-1

O. O. Krogh, Clerk,

Finger Lake School District,

Matanuska, via Anchorage.

Your estimates allowed in full and requisition made today covering same. Have also wired order for supplies, text books, desks and so forth to Louisa Hamford Seattle with instructions ship via Pacific Steamship Company boat leaving Seattle about eighteenth instant.

STAND, Governor.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

October 13, 1917

14-3

Mr. A. R. Heilig, Clerk,  
Fairbanks School Board,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 26, with reference to the refund of 75 per cent of the amount expended for the maintenance of schools in incorporated towns, etc., and asking how this office will hold with reference to the words "legal holidays excepted" in determining the length of a school month.

In reply I have to advise you that it is expected that school will be held in each district on every regular school day during each "school" (calendar) month. School will not be in session on Saturdays, statutory holidays, as they occur, nor during the Christmas and Easter vacation periods. This will give an average of 20 school days in each "school" (calendar) month, or not less than 180 school days in a term of 9 months. At the same time the pupils and teachers will have the benefit of the holidays and vacation periods and the teachers will receive pay therefor. It may be that in some school months, school will be in session less than 20 days because of the occurrence of statutory holidays, but in other months during which

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no statutory holidays occur, school may be in session for more than 20 days, averaging on the whole 30 days in each month or 180 days in each school year.

In addition to the legal holidays designated in the Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, the legislature, at its 1917 session, added thereto February 12 (Lincoln's birthday), and March 30, to be called Seward day.

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 13, 1917

14-1

Mr. P. T. Pedden,  
Nushagak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letters of August 20, in which you make application for the position of teacher of the school at Nushagak, for the school term of 1917-18.

In reply you are advised that this office does not appoint teachers to the public schools, that function being performed by the school boards of the respective districts. Your application, therefore, should be addressed to the school board at Nushagak.

I also have your letter of September 9, containing your report of work done in the Nushagak school for the school year 1916-17, which has been filed.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

October 13, 1917

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Mr. E. H. Cahill,  
Manager Great Ais Society,  
839 West End Ave.,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of September 21,  
enclosing a copy of your song "Loyalty is the Word Today;  
Loyalty to the U. S. A., and requesting the names of proper  
persons in this Territory with which you might place this  
music, I have to advise you that you might address Mr. L.  
D. Henderson, Commissioner of Education, Juneau, Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 15, 1917

14-1

Mr. Martin Lockwood, Treasurer,  
Finger Lake School District,  
Katamska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find duplicate copy of voucher No. 16, covering funds allowed to your school district for construction and equipment of a building and for maintenance of a school for a term of six months during the school year 1917-18, the total amount being \$2812.00.

You will also find enclosed Territorial warrant No. 3415 for the amount of the above-mentioned voucher, which has been endorsed to your order by the Governor, as President of the Territorial Board of Education.

Enclosed also is a copy of office telegram of the 13th instant to Lowman & Hanford, placing an order for textbooks and other supplies for your school, in response to the request which accompanied your board's estimates to this office. There is also enclosed confirmation copy of telegram of the 13th instant to the clerk of your school district, advising the allowance of the estimates and issuance of a requisition or voucher covering the same and also the wiring of the order to Lowman & Hanford for supplies, etc.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

October 15, 1917

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Mr. O. G. Horning, Treasurer,  
Wasilla School District,  
Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a duplicate copy of voucher of the 12th instant for funds for your school district, to cover the construction and equipment of a building, clearing of ground and the maintenance of a school during the current school year, the total amount being \$3131.

Territorial warrant No. 3416 is also enclosed, the same having been endorsed to your order by the Governor as President of the Territorial Board of Education.

Please acknowledge receipt of the warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MAY GILKEY REFIOR, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who having presented a Washington State Normal School Life Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 17th day of October, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Washington State  
Normal School Life  
Diploma, dated May  
26, 1917

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to HELENA J. KOBE, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a Minnesota Common School Certificate, First Grade, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 17th day of October, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Minnesota First Grade  
Common School Certificate,  
dated Aug. 1, 1915

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to LURA ELWOOD, of Anchorage, Alaska, who having presented a Washington State Common School Life Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 17th day of October, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Washington State  
Life Certificate,  
dated Aug. 29, 1914.

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October 17, 1917

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Miss Lura Elwood,  
Box 415,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Attached is a teacher's permit which has just been issued to you, in accordance with your letter of the tenth instant.

In view of the proposed adoption by the Territorial Board of Education of a system of examination and certification of teachers similar to those of the States, permits are issued for the present school year only.

Your certificate is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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October 17, 1917

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Mrs. May G. Refior,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Attached is a teacher's permit which has just been issued to you, in accordance with your application of the 8th instant.

In view of the proposed adoption by the Territorial Board of Education of a system of examination and certification of teachers similar to those of the States, permits are issued for this school year only.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc. (diploma)

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October 17, 1917

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Miss Helena J. Kobo,  
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Attached is a teacher's permit which has just been issued to you, in accordance with your letter of the fourth instant.

In view of the proposed adoption by the Territorial Board of Education of a system of examination and certification of teachers similar to those of the States, permits are issued for this school year only.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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October 19, 1917

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Miss Margaret Willis,  
1200 Albina Ave.,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, in which you inquire regarding the qualifications required of teachers in the public schools of Alaska.

In general, teachers are required to be graduates of recognized normal schools, colleges or universities, and to have had some practical experience in teaching. The last session of the Alaska legislature made provision for a Territorial Board of Education and a Commissioner of Education, to have active charge of school work in the Territory. It is expected that before the opening of the 1918-19 school year, the Territorial Board of Education will have adopted a system for the examination and certification of teachers similar to those followed in the States. It is impossible at this time to say whether or not persons who hold only high school diplomas will be authorized to teach in the schools of this Territory

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

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October 19, 1917.

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Messrs. Gunnison & Robertson,  
Attorney at Law,  
City.

Dear Sirs:

This is to advise you that the accounts of Mr. G. F. Check as Treasurer of the Eagle River school district for the school year 1916-17 have been examined by this office and found in proper form. Formal approval of the accounts has not yet been made, owing to press of other work, but the accounts will be approved in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Governor.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MARGUERITE UHLER, of Heenah, Alaska, who having presented an Alaska Permit, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1917-18, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 22d day of October, 1917.

Governor, ex officio President  
Territorial Board of Education

Granted upon:

Alaska Teacher's  
Permit, dated  
Dec. 4, 1915.