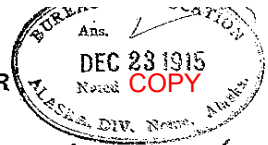


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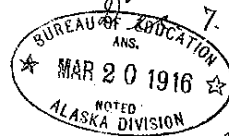
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Kotzebue, Alaska.

7. 1915.



Mr. Walter C. Shields,
Nome, Alaska.
Dear Mr. Shields:-

The enclosures may be of interest to you.

Kiana School Board wanted to borrow for their territorial school. So I loaned to them on condition of their returning supplies on first boat down Hobuk river next summer after break up.

Levy's letter containing list of what was needed reached Kotzebue while I was out of town. The native who came down for the supplies was in a hurry. He went to Mrs. White, ~~whom~~ with whom I had left the school house keys. She selected & cut Levy's expenses number by one half in many instances. Look at that. He asked for 4 1/2 doz. readers for 20 pupils. (more recently I have heard that they are teaching full blood Eskimo children two days in a week. Running opposition to Noorvik!!! Mrs. White did right in cutting down his request.) Mrs. White did not select for him new books as his first letter intimated would be done, but she put in the most worn copies, & such authors as she knew Miss Hawk did not like. He has since requested her to send ~~an~~ **COPY** which I have vetoed. He has enough

gave out to the Hotyebu children books, pencils & paper for them to use this winter. ^{He told her} ~~she~~ ^{COPY} to condemn what she gave out. I think she put a very liberal interpretation on Lopp's suggestion; as you will see by running down the condemned column in inventory soon to be mailed. The books, etc. are being used this winter instead of lying idle.

Everything that went to Heians I am marking in inventory as condemned. What a shock the Seattle office will suffer when they see the wholesale condemnation.

If there is to be a summer school here in Hotyebu there are a few things that must come in on 1st trip of mail boat or Arctic from Nome, & must come from Seattle on early boat. Viny. copy books, No. 1, 2, 3, 2 doz of each; Pencils & eraser 2 doz.; Scratch tablets 5 doz.;

Yours very truly
H. N. T. Nichols M.D.

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