

Nome, Alaska, Aug. 28, 1913.

Mr. F. E. Snowden,
Kotzebue, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Snowden:

I saw the U. S. Mercantile Co. regarding your freight and he promised me that he would take the Noatak freight on this trip sure. If he does not, I intend to send it on the first boat I can get to take it. If the contract had not been made at Seattle, I could have had any one of four or five boats carry this freight a month ago for there is very little shipping for small boats along the coast this year. I am planning on sending some freight on the Corwin her next trip.

I have heard nothing in regard to an assistant teacher for Noatak. Did you request an appointment for Mrs. Snowden? I almost feel that she would have been appointed had you made that request. Perhaps you will get the appointment yet. Mr. Shields will be in very soon and we will see what can be done.

I have spoken to the dentists in Nome about going to Kotzebue. They only dentist in Nome who has no office, and would be willing to go, is a Dr. Andrews and he has just returned from a trip to Deering, Candle and Keewalik. He will

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not be able to leave again until the 10th of September and that will be almost too late for you. He fully intends to make the trip at that time nevertheless.

I have forwarded your vouchers for this fiscal year to Seattle and they will be paid when due. Use your own judgment about hiring new apprentices. If you need any additional authority for this purpose it is hereby granted. I was very sorry not to be able to see you people at Kotzebue because I had planned on a good visit and on getting some first-hand information.

The new strike up near Fairbanks does not seem to give very many of the people the stampeding fever. One of the dailies boosts the new country and the other one knocks it, so there you are. Very few Nomeites have left for the new diggings.

Miss Anderson sends her regards with mine to all of you. Keep your "eagle eye" on the Hawk. Still I imagine that the young eligibles are safe although several of us had narrow escapes while she perched in Nome.

Very respectfully,

Acting Superintendent.

Am sending you goods on the Corwin

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