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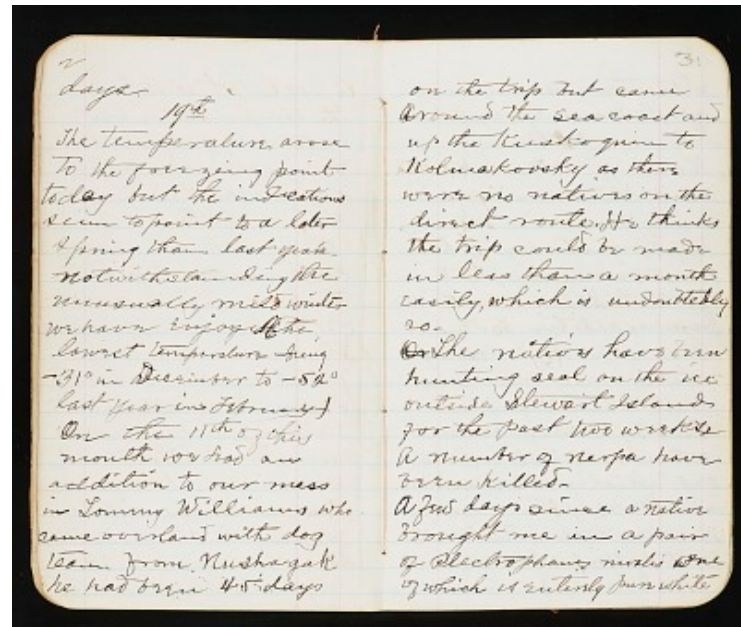
The temperature arose to the freezing point today but the indications seem to point to a later spring than last years notwithstanding the unusually mild winter. We have enjoyed the lowest temperature - being -31 degrees in December to -52 degrees last year in February. On the 11th of this month we had an addition to our mass in Lonny Williams who came overland with dog team from Nushagak he had been 45 days

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on the trip but came around the sea coast and up the Kuskognim to Kolmakovsky as there were no natives on the direct route. He thinks the trip could be made in less than a month easily, which is undoubtedly so.

The natives have been hunting seal on the ice outside Stewart Island for the past two weeks, a number of nerpa have been killed.

A few days since a native brought me in a pair of Plectrophaus nivalis one of which is entirely pure white



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