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The Anchorage [note in left margin]

retreat. Last 24 hours 8" rain

I note that I ~~ha~~ weigh 8 lbs more than last May when I left. I shall make my meals as simple and as scant as possible. Daily swims and outdoor work will do the rest

~~Temp~~ Hygrometer 90%

90% humidity but very comfortable altho 82°F for dry bulb and 78° for wet bulb. But fine trade-wind breeze makes one feel very comfortable. Threw out my northern clothes and am again in light white cotton trousers, and light cotton negligé shirt, no socks, my bare feet in light all cotton duck shoes. What a comfort and no one to bother me with visits

Oct 31 Slept very well and no longer this feeling of fatigue and slight headaches as I had in the North

~~Visited~~ The

Fairchilds have not yet arrived. - Short visit to Dr.

Jeffrey and has

~~who was alone, and interesting talk on many subjects~~

Nov 2 1. 1932. Nice sunny weather. Two swims a day. Afternoon went to Miami

to buy some gold leaf ~~for~~ and a few

groceries ~~This~~ I have

two ~~three~~ Midnight blooming

Cactus flowers about ready to open. Two of them

will open tonight in patio. Gave one of them to Dr. Jeffrey

After dark After dark,

AT 7 P.M the flower was half open and began to emit a faint odor.

Hygrometer was 90%

76° F dry bulb

74° " wet bulb

The flower which was slightly

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Night blooming cactus [note in left margin]

pinkish white closed, now in opening turns whiter and whiter and its numerous pure white petals, open and spread as an exalted multiplied white lily while pistil and stamina look like

~~appearance~~ a la appearance

of delicate lace work. At 8-9. P.M the flower is full open and emits a

delightful perfume ~~wh on the th~~ At 4:30

A.M. the flower was still wide open. But by daybreak it closed gradually

and assumed the pinkish color and reduced volume of this morning

While watching the flower I heard a speech by radio from the city of

Cuernavaca Mexico!

Nov. 2. ~~Showers~~

~~Occasional showers.~~

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Election Politics against Hoover.

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Evening Radio political speeches: by ~~political~~

~~men running Hoover down, telling~~

lies, misrepresentation and giving every kind of

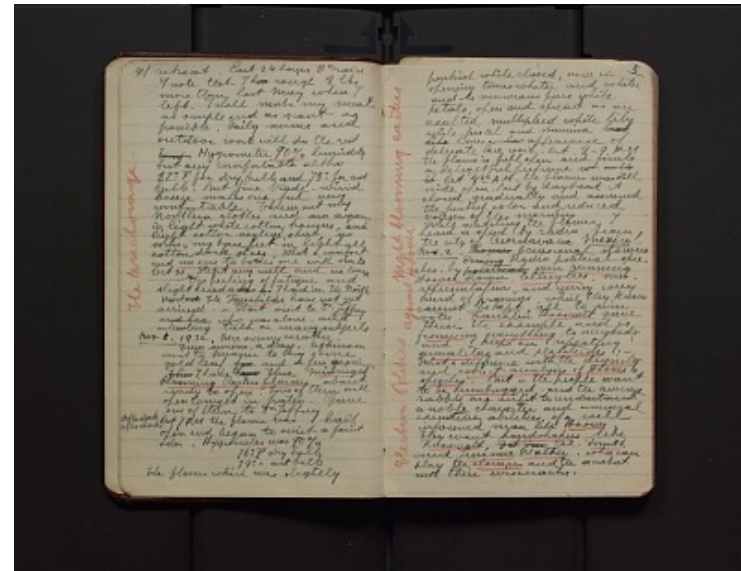
promises, which they know cannot be kept, all to win votes. Franklin Roosevelt

gave them the example

and is promising everything to

everybody and keeps on repeating generalities and

platitudes. - What a difference with the



in red]] dignity and correct analysis of Hoovers speeches. But - the people want to be humbled, and the average rabble are unfit to understand a noble character and unusual executive abilities of a well informed man like Hoover. They want handshakes like Roosevelt, ~~Get Sm~~ Al. Smith and Jimmie Walker, who can play the clown and the acrobat with their wisecracks.

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