Nov. 24, 1859: S's version of jargon
Chinook: a bargaining language which took on further meanings.
Chinook: pidgin
Chinook: it was something almost anyone could jabber a bit of.
jargon words pepper Swan's diary entries
Chinook: a jabberwocky language
Chinook: use the jargon in connection with Swan.

From Hitchman: best source is Edward Harper Thomas's dic of Chinook
UW und grd PM 846 T45
(also in American Speech, June '27)

Hitchman says he has list of 150 or so Washn place names derived from chinook.
Mr. Phillips, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following report:

Mr. President:
The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred—
II. B. No. 60—An act to punish person for enticing sailors to desert from ships,

I have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Council without amendment, and recommend its passage.

C. C. Phillips,
Chairman.

Mr. Caples, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:
The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred—
II. B. No. 71—An act to suppress houses of ill-fame,

I have had the same under consideration, and from a careful examination of the subject, you committee have come to the conclusion that the object sought by this bill would in a great degree retard the establishment of many institutions of this character; which institutions have, in all ages of civilization, been fostered by good and wise men for beneficent purposes. We have also ascertained that, among most civilized nations of the earth, such institutions are not only tolerated, but receive the fostering care of government and the patronage of good men. The chairman of your committee, however, dissents from the views above set forth, but yielding to the superior experience and wisdom of the other members of the committee, has, according to their instructions, agreed to report the same back to the Council, and recommend that the further consideration of the same be indefinitely postponed.

H. L. Caples,
Chairman.
BC Prov. Mus

- 4 shaman figures, 0.20 high, in lighted plastic cases
- In last decade, 1970s, Hakka artists began to produce curios with portrayals of subjects they were formerly regarded as taboo. Depicts such esteemed persons as shamans or ritual regalia, probably reflects 167kg apart from traditional cult values rendered combined with pop music and missing

- #s 236, 234, 239, 235 (female)
- Figures are wooden, long-headed, female's partially face, justly lower lip stiled ochre, hands at breasts holding what like spondal ring holds: — painted face on knot, as if human above

- a puppet
Haida
Haida cane 10677  K pic'd by Candn Geo Jul

- Edinso ? -, same carved, snake and cane length, some 1 c serpent-like figure dangling a frog - winged together in ring b serpents mouth.

- silver band beneath
BC Provo Museum
of Toler:

Hard art: sculpture mostly ID'd by carved, raised eyelid line of
d宣vre concave ribbed whose occulting sweeps back a defined
curve cyj, br y, more part. temple to mortal
THE NOOTKA WHALING SCENE

An all-carved diorama depicting the act of harpooning a California Gray Whale

Location
The Orientation Hall, British Columbia Provincial Museum, Heritage Court complex, Victoria, British Columbia.

Period
Pre-contact.

Size
Without slate base - 13' 8\frac{1}{4}" x 32' 7". On base - 14' 5 3/4" x 33' 8".

Components
a. The crew consists of eight men carved slightly larger than life size to suggest drama, power and appropriate scale.

b. A dug-out 30'6" long, 60" beam.

c. Equipment consisting of four floats, deflated floats, harpoons, lances, rope baskets, tackle box, bailer, paddles and ropes.

Water Patterns
Consists of 9' 8" swells, gravity and radial waves. Capillary and "catspaws" water action carved in a rather allegorical manner.

The Dug-Out
Carved from a solid red cedar log by Douglas Cranmer and Godfrey Hunt from accurate drawings executed by Lionel Thomas.
Carved from solid laminated yellow cedar blocks in accordance with full-scale drawings from life and existing replicas of equipment. It should be noted that native born Indians posed in relative "action" position in the dug-out. Photographs and coloured slides were employed and carving from actual models for final detailing.

Necessary research -

a. Observing the California Gray Whale off the coast of California, U. S. A. and Baja, Mexico.

b. From anatomical drawings supplied by Dr. Raymond Gilmore, La Jolla, California, U. S. A.

c. From anthropological facts and details supplied by the late Professor Wilson Duff, formerly with the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of B.C.

d. A full-scale cartoon 12' x 40' was first executed, followed by a maquette carved from balsa wood by Lionel A. J. Thomas.
e. Individual drawings were made for each figure, including photographs and slides from life. Final details were executed from individual native born models.

f. Carving technique - through the use of gas saws, electric saws, die-grinders, electric sanders, etcetera.

Time

Two years, two months. Carving time - over 8,000 hours. Research drawings, maquette, supervision - 3,200 hours.

Carvers

Douglas Cranmer, Godfrey Hunt, Bryce Thompson, Fred Lachnit, Michael Thomas.

All final detailing was executed by Lionel Thomas with the exception of the dug-out.

Models

Victoria: nudged aside y pushien comercial rival (UCVY) b. mans
1st captivs
Tahquash Range is a castellation
surf sanding away the shore
Swan's scattershot career: I think of my own years of random magazine work, perpetually interested in some next topic, some dance of words...
(quote Swan on June 8, 1882, fall which skinned his forehead: McD, 181)

Very probably he was tumbled by alcohol.

On the twenty-sixth of May, 1883, came this:
Swan's reputation as a coastman
the Makahs:

It reads, as Swan details it, as a feline sort of life
Indian tamanoas and art: the power to draw the forest into the mind, like fog into a cave...
Swan, in his schoolhouse aerie, could hear the ceremonies...
kempt (landscape)

1880

and
He did not laugh at himself as much as he might have. On the other hand, name me a diarist since the translucent Pepys who has.
impossible to imagine him called Jim; later known as Judge, the frontier's predilection for titles, much the way the Indians were given fancy names.
Swan seems to have counted it a bonny day whenever the wind wasn't ripping the roof from the house.
vim
paling Days 88?
With the zeroes of the new century, he was gone. — next-to-last day?

—his years met the zeroes of the new century, and vanished into them.
we wink out fast
neverchanging
roughage - diaries: much is roughage
Through Swan, we are within earshot of distant history. He was born while Napoleon was still alive; as a schoolboy saw the Marquis de Lafayette; as a young man saw Queen Victoria in her blue bonnet; as a middle-aged man heard Ralph Waldo Emerson; as an older man, rode trains across the entire continent and steamships to Alaska.
what filaments tie us across a continent, as Swan to Baird?
Swan surely would have given it epic treatment if he had.
Omni-  (use as modifier)
I share S's fascination with this.
lie doggo
case of the vapors
take the weather 3 times a day, as Swan did.

To feel my way back into the skin—more especially, the underskin—of Swan. I have his daily words, his locations, his age. Now to feel my insinuation way toward his interior; not the merging or superimposition of nervous systems, but just of stance—of standing and focusing the eyes, tasting the weather, worrying the future.

Switchover toward end of book: give Swan a chance to be me.

Use the above effort toward Swan in opening entry, without naming him; begin second with his name, and info that as the name advises, he was something of an odd duck.
my explosive sneezes, from being allergic to the very trees which keep me here. Makah belief about sneezing (S's Makah memoir?). They were right.
The box canyon of the mind

not easy to...
word-men
mountains are fever lines of earth's making
winterbook.
In the diary pages over the years, Swan takes an uncommon number of tumbles.
What would the Makahs make of our constant shattering howl of mortality, the ambulance sirens...?
the lesions inside
wordstream
hairsbreadth
mooched off
Swan, old nomad of winter: 
use as a lead:

What Swan does not pen into his daily pages is (explain the lack of introspection)
Swan's careers--or his life and mine--as Indian art, the swirl and overlay of design...
Scene:

(use as ch. lead)
Enounce
the century outlasted its boundaries
the middle distance: the PNW is all middle distance in winter.
(Or is there no middle distance? Just closeness?)
possible ending: see Swan in the middle distance, everywhere.
the pull of place is tidal
Swan's 40 years of diaries equal my own age.
John Roden, about men he was in Marines with: how dare they die.
Swan as fish in castellated Pt T, watching others go past—McGivra, Doc Maynard...

The bubbles of his diary entries...

Later, as S goes to QnChs, say he seems to know everybody, red or white, in N Pacific.
BC card catalog
Queen Charlotte Islands Museum Society (Masset)
James Deans

Story of Peter and his wife: legend of the Haidas...


p.p. 225-268
(Whether he occasionally talked into his silences is doubtful; it does not seem that a man born so close to Boston would unbend that far.)
Swan: all the drift and some of the grace of his namesake...

thoughtful sideways drift
It sometimes is not clear whether Swan affected the Indians more than they affected him.
Swan's role in helping to put a skilled seagoing people on a potato economy.
A pride of the family was that it had owned land on Bunker Hill, site of the Revolutionary War battle.
It seems probably that Swan missed his calling in life by not going down to the Dorchester and becoming a chef presenting himself as
the uninsistent NW rain, simply there in the air like molecules made visible.
WINTER

It is not the iron Montana winter in which I grew up, but a winter of pewter—gray, soft-toned, workable. (And workable, malleable.)

—hallmark

—gray sheen of the metal
L'battle into B'feel: to us, it was just grass.
This is the frontier remaining to us.
This coast is the edge of more than just land. Modes begin and end here. Hopes start up or are snipped off. It is a rim of our world, and we fall over if we go beyond with too much hope.
Time blends horizons, compresses them into one another. Let's see the skyline of the Rockies (q'te my dreams); more later, rim of ocean (q'te). Ann Watt is made whole in those two...
To begin with, they are big. Nine of them make a dozen.
(possible lead on sasquatch material?)

--eyes like obsidian set in coconut shells.
--breath heavy and dank as swampsmeel
Proportion: Swan's life somehow provides a proportion to mine, to the past.  
It becomes a kind of home where we have never been before.
bivouac

On Ch 7
The suburbs were a dream, a crudely Amish one, which is to say an overambitious one.
We are both a little too proud of our beards, as if growing hair
was a hard task.
Swan newspapering in Pt. T, before job at Neah Bay: I would have ended up right there, somehow getting my hands on the newspaper—they changed hands often in those days—content to turn out the given number of words per week, be a quietly eccentric watcher of the town.
peasant's habits in a computer-quick world. Yet with the time gained, the society arounds me goes jogging, roller-skating...
bored me into spending the time by whetting words into print.
I have not shot anything for 20 years, and possibly never will again.
Swan lived out in nature as an aggressor (shooting bear with shotgun, etc); I live beside it.
Names of Oly Pen'a rivers like poem with lines added alternately by poets of different tongues—Makah, Breton, Kurd...
In my life, I follow maps for land that already has changed.
Days 7, 8, 9, 10—show how the Makahs looked thru Swan's eyes.

Day 19+—from Neah Bay, show how Swan looked thru Makas' eyes (as teacher).

Day 24— from Cape Alava, describe what earlier Makahs were like, in artwork
Winter: a character sketch that happens to be 100,000 words long.
A childhood joke was to look at one's wristwatch and say the day of the month; a joke which has come true with calendar watches.
A mark of American progress: cement trucks churning as they drive.
Man has refined time. But before that, time, man.
Trains run in the sky now.
I recognize that he is a brother, who happens to be 121 years older than me.

The key point: Swan, and the other old-timers and frontiersmen, are to me as the Indians were to him.

They are the tribe that fascinates me.
winter brothers—as Swan had begun to be to Swell...
WINTER

Swan as observer, explorer, on edges of cultures—his own and the Indians'.

—What are our bounds, each of us? The Indian view of Swan, the "Boston":
interpolate his entries—commencing with bar of soap, for ex—with
Indian view, or running commentary. (see Trask) Or, interpret his
diary events, such as gardening or marking 40th b'day, in straightfor'd
Indian description. Use present tense, and bring myself in?
—have Indians call S "The Boston"?
—eagle: Boston bird
Swan reciting windy Indian legends: Indians must have relied on them as I do books.

It may be that the Indians could not survive a society that was succinct.

(--- without room for imagin)
Through Swan, we are within earshot of a civilization before 00 was dreamed of.
west of winter (possible title)
Swan:

A section of Swan's quotes about the Indians, interspersed with 1st-person Indian comments on him, "The Boston"—i.e., The Boston speaks to us like children.
Count the parentheses in ms when done; try confine them to Mt Rainier days.
as a writer, I am in a cottage industry

others: Tweed weavers of the Hebrides
trying to right his life--to get the camber a little more true
the question is all MEM humankind's: how hard he really is trying.
stickum that keeps our society together

a life together
detail: Swan would receive letter from the East--from Ellen, for ex--and at once write reply, evidently so it could go back on same steamer.
fever dreams
of me & wealth
jockey
not a chronically jockey man, but...
I know of him, what?--that...
He was a spree drinker, dry for weeks, months—at Neah for years—at a time; no constant souse ever...
No one who was very drunk kept records to the extend and care Swan did.
Swan can only have been a spree drinker. Nobody who was sozzled day
hundreds and hundreds of
upon day could have written the thousands of letters, the hundreds of
diary entries, the 00 or so newspaper articles, the Smithsonian pieces,
and Northwest Coast.
precipitate (noun)

Swan
Swan: chose the wrong town. Land such as his, in Seattle, would have gone to suburbs, brought in much money. But he seems barely to have noticed the sawmill town, preferring Pt. Townsend for its maritime flavor.
Oly Pen'a, around LaPush and Forks: nothing looks as if it has been built, only uncrated (trailer houses, etc.)

--whole country looks as if it fell off the back end of a truck.

--Exception is the big gray barns, spraddled and enduring...
John
NWC -  Meares - Voyages made 6 yrs 1786 & 1787 from China to NW Coast of America
No. 711
M 46 1790 - cap. B
and crew of Swan
and tartar
Transactions of the Washington Pioneer Association, 1883-89
pp. 90-111 is 4th annual reunion, at Pt T, June 2, 1887,
address by Swan, full of names and detail.
S, in back of 1890-98 notebook, Box 9:
-tells of arrival of Steamer Coptic at Honolulu, Aug 12, '95, news of annexation by US - details of celebration - then:

"I have been here Consul for 14 years and I feel sorry that my official relations with you is ended after so many years of pleasant and friendly intercourse."

over
Steamer Coptic arrived at Honolulu from San Francisco on Friday, August 12th, 1898 with news of annexation to the US. Great joy on the wharf....

I have been Hawaiian Consul for 14 years and I feel sorry that my official relations with the Hawaiian Islands is ended after so many years of pleasant and friendly intercourse.
This n'hood, compared with Indian village: about the same number of dogs, as I walk around, except that they are scattered and motley. The Indians could have written an entire legend about the beagle-spaniel up the street. Also, Josh.
Les Gassett and saw sharpening
I built this writing room—the desks, the Douglas fir bookshelves, yes, and the typing shelf which is sagging to the right. (compare to Swan's handiness, or lack of it—perhaps at Neah Bay schoolhouse.)
The fear I feel for my eyes—Swan's notations on weakening vision.

His casual glasses, mine are bothersome if out of balance on my nose.
freed from magazine work as if getting out of school.
Swan needed glasses to write with: incident of misplacing them in bk is paperclipped in '60s diary transcript could be a bit presumptuous to insist upon
Sunday night, Dec. 10: C answered the phone, was met with "Hello, Carol, this is Mr. Swan"...of Lester, Mass., 40 miles from James Swan's hometown of Medford.
Swan's schoolhouse tower room shook with earth tremors (late 1866 diary); this house cracks as the sun heats it (1:05 p.m., Jan 18, '79--Day 29)
The animals on the living room walls: the eagle with talons like stevedore hooks, the great-eyed birds of the Ojibway print makers.
forest nosing at the back of our house, pushing, probing.
I live in a long house of my own...!
possible topic: on being a non-combatant, amid generations who have been to war, on either side of me (WWII, Korea, VNam). No bloody run to Murmansk.

RHJ ploy of limping, saying "It was hell out in them islands," whenever he was a trifle stiff. Tribute of his sergeant: "Here's a man who cuts his toenails square across."

Wally's letter (on tape) from Pacific—mass-produced for the troops.
What I would have been like in Swan's Time.
p. 27--insert S's whaling intentions

--add to Dungeness? Mar 15, 1861, squaws and whiskey "legal tender" among D'ness people

--p. 26: add mention of whaling intentions

--p. 32: move news of death of S's wife and mother to later?

--p. 41, add distance from Alaska to Arctic
in back of 1861-2 diary, sketch that is prob'ly the Neah Bay schoolhouse, captioned "July 10, 1862". Shows an L of structure, with square tower rising where the two wings meet.

--several other sketches of structures on next pp.
Walking the OG boardwalk in today's wind: wind at my back began to lift my arms out from my body, a basic push to flight.
Winter is a frontier between years, between growing seasons.
Bring back mention of clock, or time, to tie in with day 1 lead technique.
point out that Swan kept with him the full collection of diaries, as at NBay in 1880.
Winter -
- shorten sentences? (sky is seen shorter)
- use more phrases standing alone, as in sky
- move death of $'s wife & mother into direct narrative, in 1864:
  "grotto dwindle by gift Swan, $ - day or so -" muddy.
- one trail: 'wagons coming at determined creep, ant-fila.'
- save - name of Young Creek, for Badger St book?
  - use 1 (?), ship names standing alone, in a row.
- have someone mark sentence beginning, ends & verbs
Carol advises: uses quote on aborigines' "natural progress toward extinction" (from Bush and Backwoods?)
twin sets of birches, 4 at south end, 3 at north—birds' preference between them? (bushtits seem impartial.) The stands ought to be west and east—house does not sit square with the world—dub them the north-trees-that-ought-to-be-east, etc.
spraddled

spraddle (as a noun)
Ours is not the horseback west, although mine was once. (Swan in Hawaii wrote of disliking riding.) Surprisingly, more so than Swan's. I find him reluctantly getting on a horse in Hawaii, and on a few trips, but he is a water man—a true coastie, as the C Gdman said...
The Illinoisans who ran Wash. Terr'y: Swan never had a feel for politics, to rank among them.
When Fur Was King, by HJ Moberly and WB Cameron UW 921 M712m
autobiog of HBC factor; use with Joe Smith material?
Washington: the only western state with grafted name
If Haidas had lived on this coast in sufficient numbers, it would have been like trying to dislodge wolverines.
Identifying Oregon Driftwood — OSU Extension Service
An interesting face-off it would have been had the Haidas inhabited the coast, and been seriously backed by the British, thru the HBC, against the Americans.
We have been swigging down resources like . . .
California, June '78: a tawny fractious state, like a palomino bronc, which visiting journalists never quite know how to approach
All such pioneers may have been under a delusion about frontier prospects: one of the notable fortunes of the time was that of George Smith, who obscurely stayed around Milwaukee and Chicago (continue from George Smith's Money)
There are trees outside my window I have stared holes into during this book
suburbs are now the most stable neighborhood of society, changing less than city or countryside.
Why live here? One reason of course is geography. That is a truism, the sense of place.
In this society of orphans, this country that began in urges within foreign minds.
Brock Adams: announcement of death of passenger trains
other pioneers, to other frontiers...
Transport fifty from each state as a colony on Mars, and the
Oregonians will put up a church and a city hall. The Washingtonians
will establish a bank and a union.

--as if the Columbia divides more than...
A MAN FROM SOUTH DAKOTA--George Reeves  shln 920 R332

--read for style
--And then there is the matter of tracks. (animals)
use with trapping?

Beavers Too Eager: Wide Damage Foun In an Idaho County

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — A growing population of beavers in Latah County is blamed for dammed-up creeks, plugged culverts, flooded pastures and fields and treeless gardens.

A county conservation officer, Steve Agte, estimates that there are 1,000 of them, one for every square mile in this county of 28,000 people. He said that he could not put a dollar figure on damage they have done, but hundreds of trees have been felled by the animals and a road was washed out after they plugged up a culvert.

Bolville's main residential district was hit when a colony of beavers started felling front-yard trees. And County Commissioner Garry Morris lost an entire windbreak, more than 25 willow trees, to a colony.

"It's instinctive," Mr. Agte said. "They just dam up flowing water. They go into a valley, dam it up, eat themselves out of house and home and pack up and move on."

Heavily wooded areas around Moscow and other towns contain many streams, rivers, lakes and ponds. One beaver can chew down a six-inch-thick tree every night, strip the bark clean, eat the fiber and chop what is left into sticks for a dam.

The beaver population has increased because the price of pelts has dropped in the last five years and trappers have lost interest in stalking the animals. In addition, the beaver has been placed on Idaho's protected species list, so hunters must abide by state trapping guidelines.

Mr. Agte said that fish and game agents trapped the animals as fast as complaints came in, carting them off to uninhabited areas of the county.

"Most people don't want the beavers destroyed, just relocated," he said.
...they were coming (on the Oregon Trail), with what behind them?
(diary entries; Gathering of Zion? Parkman?)
fondling the native peoples to death like child with a kitten
parabola across the continent
hours are microseconds of historical time
Indians as praise lawyers
There are even tribes, such as the Eskimo, who have never made a distinctive weapon." (cited in "Reflection on Yank," Kennett Moritz, UW ma 1950, uw 800 Th 6504)
THE PLAINS ACROSS: The Overland Emigrants and the Trans-Mississippi West, 1840-60


Here is a comprehensive, fresh approach to the first two decades of Western migration, one that rejects popular legends without detracting from the heroism and hardship of the travelers. Noting that most historians have confined their studies to the Great Migrations of 1843, '46 and '49, the late John Unruh (formerly history professor at Bluffton College, Ohio) chose to examine the entire antebellum period and the movement of 250,000 people to Oregon and California, 40,000 Mormons to Utah. From his monumental research these facts emerge: the overland journey was never as isolated as legend has it—trails were overcrowded most years; the Indian threat was minimal in the first decade (theft was the major problem), increasing as the Army came in to protect the emigrants; by the 1850s there was government aid, and supportive facilities, relief and escort services were provided by Oregon and California. Unruh emphasizes the changing nature of travel during the period—improved trails, ferries, bridges—and the entrepreneurs who found their gold mine in the emigrants. He notes the cooperation and assistance among the east- and westbound travelers, and he states that carelessness and disease were the leading causes of trail mortality. Well organized and readable, this may be the finest piece of Western history in a generation; it will be savored by general readers and scholars alike. Illustrations, tables, maps, index, etc. [January]
frontier guild system: lawyers, military, sea captains
Pt Townsend--Mrs. Helen Burns, of local histcl society: open 11-4, except Tues/Wed. They have considerable Swan material, she says, including some supplied by Charles Swan, now living in Harrisburg, Pa. Among their stuff: S's letters to his wife from Hawaii.

--She says Swan's grave is findable, by a big madrona tree near the Sp-Am War marker.
The weeks Swan had filled with his steady lines since settling at Neah Bay in the autumn of 1861...
home to where we've never been.
Winterers we,
When a landscape alters beyond what an earlier generation would recognize, a quiet place to see a sunrise is no longer unpopulated, we make a kind of passage to another planet, without it being explained to us why we have to go. And the proper word for that is exile.
The west has been the cabin of this country.
suburbs: it may be the American talent to be neither one thing nor the other, but the compromise (the vestige of nature amid the urban).

suburbs as most conservative n'hood of my society: less change than cities or country. In curious way, they are older...
suburban druid
beyond pixilation, short of trance.

use c on?
scrub alder, madrona. But in the organic growth of Seattle's suburbs it made a healthy green lung. If the forty acres had to be built on, there is an upper level area where apartments or condominiums could be inserted, and the lower slopes be left nearly intact. The decision instead was 107 houses.
I find Swan and his fellow Port Tonsenders mooching amiably from one another... Of course Swan getting a more frequent mooch. (He always repaid promptly)