

The Tripod



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The Trail for all Seasons

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes public awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and Alaska Native heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship commitments and support.



50/40 Celebration in Seward

On June 3rd the Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers held a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Trail Systems Act, the 40th anniversary of the Iditarod National Historic Trail and National Trails Day®, at the Branson Pavilion in Seward.



From the past...

"Fairbanks Sunday Times" July 9, 1911

Iditarod Personals

A horse recently was drowned in the mud on the Flat creek trail. The horse stumped while attached to a load en route to the creek, and before it could be extracted, was smothered by the mud and water.

Jack Monaghan has purchased the lease on the Happy claim on Happy creek, formerly owned by Harry Chester and others. The sum paid is said to be \$20,000.

The little steamer Samson, under charge of Captain Warren Sanford recently landed at Dikeman four barges containing a total of 550 tons of merchandise. The trip from the mouth of the river to the warehouse town as made in 48 hours, the best record made thus far on the lower river. Included in the shipment was a consignment of 400,000 feet of lumber shipped by the Independent Lumber Company of Fairbanks.

The value of the real and personal property of Iditarod City is estimated at \$1,000,000 and the operating expenses of the city during the coming year are figured at \$20,000. The tax will be half a mill on the dollar, this together with the other incomes will prove sufficient to cover the expenses.

On June 14, the Mutchler brothers had completed two miles of the tramroad which they are building from Iditarod City to Flat. Further work at this time was hindered by the stalling of a raft of timber on a bar in the Iditarod River.

The city council has awarded a contract to the Cascade Laundry & Water Company for the supplying of water for fire protection at the rate of \$600 per month for a four-inch service. The company now has but 300 feet of three-inch mains, but the four-inch pipe and a quantity of hose will be installed at an early date.

The tax on the women of the restricted district was recently increased from \$10 a month to \$15 at Iditarod City.

E. E. Drake and W. Ward were each fined \$10 recently for gambling at Iditarod City.

The first baby born in Iditarod came to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larson on June 19.

There was a variety of refreshments and door prizes every half hour.



U. S. Forest Service personnel were present at the celebration to inform people about the extensive work the Service has done to reestablish the Iditarod Trail on the Kenai Peninsula and to talk about Stewardship Saturday on the 9th of June, when Forest Service rangers and volunteers would be working on improving the Iditarod Trail between Rocky and Victor Creeks.

Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance President, Judy



Bittner (at right) was also present.

It was a beautiful sunny day and some of the guests who attended were lucky enough to see whales in Resurrection Bay, which the pavilion overlooks. Of course, the pavilion is on the Iditarod National Historic Trail.