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The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes 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.

Alaska Long Trail Projects Passed by Legislature

Fifteen Alaska Long Trails projects were included in the budget passed by the State Legislature. This joint effort by the bipartisan group of legislators and trails advocates clearly demonstrates that trails are for everyone, a good investment, and something we can all agree on. Such investment in public health and the outdoor recreation economy would be a huge step forward for the State of Alaska. Next stop, the Governor's desk for budget approval.

Alaska Archives

The National Archives and Records Administration is plugging away on digitizing Alaska's federal records housed in Seattle according to Senator Lisa Murkowski. Although the COVID pandemic slowed the Administration's ability to digitize Alaska's records, Senator Murkowski says the agency has promised that the records will be fully digitized and posted on a platform that is easily found and searchable.

The Senator also says the National Archives and Records Administration remains dedicated to maintaining a National Archives facility in the Pacific Northwest to house these valuable federal records and preserve public access to them.

From the past...

Iditarod Pioneer July 3, 1915

BIG TIME COMING UP

The various committees entrusted with the preparation for the celebration of the 4th of July in Iditarod, report the plans completed, the program prepared, and lacking only the final touches. There is every indication that a splendid time will be enjoyed by the people of Iditarod and vicinity on this occasion, and in many respects the celebration will resemble that of a year ago, which all, visitors and residents alike, pronounced one of the most enjoyable events of the kind ever given in the north.

Owing to the fact that the holiday comes on Sunday this year, the celebration will be held on Monday, July 5th.

The program prepared by the committee will commence at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon with trapshooting for suitable trophies on the grounds of the Iditarod Gun Club. This event is open to all and should prove of much interest.

At 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The patriotic exercises will be held at the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, which has been secured for the occasion. These will consist of the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mrs. Ray D. Clark, followed by introductory remarks by Mayor E. M. Stanton, who will introduce the speakers of the day, Judge Charles E. Bunnell and District Attorney R. F. Roth. By inadvertence the name of the latter was left off the posters announcing the event.

The addresses of these gentlemen are looked forward to with keen interest. Mr. Roth is known to all former



residents of Fairbanks as an able and eloquent platform orator, and no doubt he will contribute greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. Judge Bunnell, who has made friends of every resident of the district, during his brief stay here, has the reputation of being an orator of much force and ability. And it is anticipated that with a theme such as is available for patriotic celebration he will be at his best. The exercises at the hall should therefore furnish the most enjoyable feature of the day's celebration. It is hoped that the hall will be filled to greet the distinguished speakers.

At the close of the exercises in the hall the sports program will be taken up and for these liberal prizes have been offered. The athletic events will be held on First Avenue. These comprise the usual running races for ladies and girls, men and boys, and a nail driving contest for the ladies, which is expected to exercise keen competition.

A special feature has been made of the water sports, which proved so entertaining to the crowds last year. These will consist of a water tournament, the details of which will explained to the contestants by Dick Button, a canoe race and swimming contest.

A feature of the celebration which is expected to attract a great deal of attention, is the mule race. In this event, it is not at all unlikely that the same riders who contested last year, Earl Byers and Bert Thornton, will again be pitted against each other, as there is some jealousy between the two as to their respective claims to supremacy in this line. A pony race for which there are some fast entries has also been arranged.

At 9:00 pm will take place the free picture show and dance. It is regretted that there may be a disappointment in store for the lovers of motion pictures, as Professor Draper and has not yet received his new films from the outside. They are expected any day, however, and may yet be here in time. Messrs. Hudson and Lowrie have been engaged to furnish the dance music, and this is an assurance that the closing event of the celebration will be an enjoyable feature.

National Trails Day© and World Bike Day



The Seward Trail Blazers celebrated National Trails Day© a day early on June 3. Serving hot dogs, special cookies and other snacks and providing information about the Iditarod Historic Trail, the Seward Trail Blazers and the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance.

It may not be well known

but June 3 is a dedicated International Day set by the United Nations for the promotion of bicycling. On April 12, 2018, the resolution declaring June 3 as World Bicycle Day was unanimously adopted by all 193 member states of the UN General Assembly.

