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OUR TOWN'S URGENT NEED

Immediate and Thorough Construction of a Road From Iditarod City to the Creeks

There is one thing which above all others should occupy the minds of the people of Iditarod City, and engage their immediate attention. There is one thing upon which the very life of the camp depends—one thing that strikes at its very existence.

The Iditarod Pioneer, in this its first issue, wishes to go on record as demanding the immediate and thorough construction of a road from Iditarod City to the creeks. The citizens as a body, must get behind the road commission and Mr. Light, its representative, and put up the money to make a good road and do it now.

Mr. Light is doing the best he can, but he is hampered by lack of funds. Large concerns and well-to-do individuals are going into business every day in this city and investing large sums of money, yet the chief artery that will supply the life blood of the camp is being neglected, and is left to struggle along as though of no consequence.

This should not be; in truth it is suicidal.

Ninety per cent of the business of this town will be made or will be lost according as the road is good or bad. Otter City has plenty of goods and claims to have a thoroughly practical water route to the creeks. Dikeman will have lots of goods, and claims a winter trail to the creeks.

This city has plenty of goods and is nearer to the mines than either of them; yet every day the officers of the government are only getting dollars from the people by threatening to throw them in jail.

The proposition needs no demonstration beyond the mere statement. It is as plain as a wart on a pumpkin that if Iditarod City cannot get freight to the creeks cheaply, Otter City and Dikeman will get the business. It is as plain as black and white that a good road cannot be built to the creeks this summer with the present available funds. It is entirely plain that the people here will have to dig up and dig up quick.

The draining ditches should be dug now. There are a hundred idle men in the camp who will go to work. They should now be working on that road. There are 10 miles of it and it must be built, else Iditarod City is a dead one.

A meeting has been held and a subscription list is going the rounds. It is headed by some good looking sums. The big investors are protecting their interests and the smaller ones will come in with their proportion.

On another page we publish that list and the amounts given and will hammer away on this proposition until the cows come home or the road is built.

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IDITAROD, ALASKA, SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1910

WILL BLAZE TRAIL TO THE COAST

Balked by a niggardly congress that spent more than a billion dollars fixing Outside courthouses and things, but would only appropriate \$100,000 for maintenance of existing roads in Alaska, Major Richardson, head of the Alaska Road Commission, and friend of every prospector in the country, says that he can do little for the Iditarod this year. He is here, however, to do all that he can, and says that he may be able to pinch out a few dollars from the regular fund to provide for necessary work.

Major Richardson arrived in Iditarod City Wednesday night in company with W. H. Fairbanks, general manager of the N. C. Co. He came on a tour of inspection and to provide for the work that he wants done on the Kuskokwim trail this year. He says that Mr.

Goodwin will start from Nome with the freeze up, crossing to Kaltag, and coming through Diskaket and Dikeman to this city. He will make up his own party and will proceed from this point to the Kuskokwim, following down the Takotna and crossing to the head of Cook Inlet. On this trip he will blaze the trail from Otter to the coast, going over the route that Major Richardson has had in mind for two years and for which he asked a \$50,000 appropriation last winter. Failing to secure the appropriation, the only work that can be done on the trail will be the marking of its general course, and it is not expected that the route will be suitable for general travel this winter.

In speaking of the appropriation, Major Richardson stated that the \$100,000 allowed by congress, must,

under the terms of the act be used for the improvement of existing trails, and that the most feasible route for the Fairbanks-Valdez trail. He says that the trail for the Iditarod must come in this winter, but he did not know what had been made by the postoffice for the establishment of a regular trail. He is of the opinion, however, that the coast is the most feasible for the trail, and that he will be able to secure assistance this year to build a road through the mountains of the Kuskokwim, and the establishment of a good and prosperous camp in the interior. He says that something be done to shorten the trail to the coast.

Working for Wireless Communication

Convinced that the need of a wireless station in the territory, believing also that the war department will not back down on the expense of establishing wireless communication in the territory, he has announced himself in favor of wireless communication, and has committed himself so far as to say

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Gone are they all, back to the fields of their old endeavors. Gone are their pessimistic visages, made doubly sour because they could get nothing for nothing. Gone is the Anvil Chort into the limbo, with many other less infamous noise-makers. Gone is the spirit of disbelief, and in its place reigns a feeling of optimistic assurance, that the Iditarod is witnessing the development of one of the richest creeks Alaska has ever known.

Flat creek has pay from tip to tip. Nearly five miles of it stretching from the very top of the divide at its head to the point where its waters empty into Otter. Fabulously rich in spots, there now exists a dead certainty that she carries a continuous paystreak all the way, and that next summer will see the creek ripped open from head to foot with a possible output of more than \$2,000,000.

DR. SLEEM TELLS OF SEWARD

Asserting that the trail to Seward is not only feasible but that it will in fact be traveled this winter in comfort and without danger, Dr. D. H. Sleem, surgeon of the Alaska-Northern railroad is in Iditarod City, having just completed a reconnaissance of that country between the Iditarod and the coast.

Dr. Sleem reached this city last week, having made the journey from Seward with A. Eide of the Alaska road commission. They left Seward on the 21st of June and traveled by boat to Bethel on the Kuskokwim, and by another boat to the mouth of the Takotna. From that point they traveled overland to Discovery Otter,

The trail from here to Seward will not present any natural difficulties, topographically speaking. There is one high range of mountains to pass through, and that is the Alaska range. Nature, however, has helped out the traveler, by providing a pass—the Rainy pass—at the head of Rhon river. There is very little grade to either side of the pass—the Vollies of Dalzell creek on the Kuskokwim side, and of Pass creek on the Susitna side, meet in a ravine or saddle between two high peaks, level, even and well protected.

In a general way the trail will follow the valleys and water courses, and with the exception of six or seven miles on Rainy pass, it will be in timber all the way through to Seward. At least the trail that was traveled last winter followed that course and no doubt Mr. Goodwin, who will permanently locate the trail for the road commission, will follow the same course with modifications. He will undoubtedly cut the estimated distance

shorter, and while following the trend of the rivers, he will avoid the river banks and endeavor to blaze the trail on banks and timbered land.

From Otter the trail will find its way to the valley of Bonanza and follow that stream to the very head, on to the headwaters, that dovetail with one of the branches of Moore creek, which is the continuation of that long and tortuous stream. The divide between the two waters is of very low grade, and one would hardly notice the ascent or the descent. Then it follows Moore creek to Discovery on Moore. From Otter to Discovery on Moore is estimated to be 35 miles. From Discovery on Moore the trail passes over a slant of a ridge and reaches in 3 miles to Discovery on Fourth-of-July creek, and it follows that stream to its mouth where an Indian village and a few cabins are located. The distance between the two latter points is estimated to be also 35 miles.

Following the Takotna 15 miles

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RAMPS PETERSON HAS NICE NEW GIN MILL

With the genial faces of Fred Chapman and Gordon Shea welcoming the stranger and the old habitue, the new

Evening with the result that many a schooner crossed the bar while some went out to sea. The interior arrangement in its artistic merit is restful, and pleasing to the eye, but if one feels skittish desired effect can be secured by calling the finger and winking the left optic slowly.

A. J. DALY LEAVES ON WAY
In company with Henry Capt. Donovan A. J. Daly, ney, formerly of Nome, wh

re even better than the enthusiastic guesses made in the very head of the creek where the timber line on the hillside, the gold runs down. It has already pelted in the riffles. From Dark & Sweeney's ground they take the gold out directly under the moss, to nestake association on Otter creek bottom, they and it and have shoveled it into their sluice-boxes. Now Dark & Sweeney's ground lays the wonderfully rich of Manley, Aitken & Price. The finds of the have been reported heretofore, where in one hole, weighing \$5 were taken. This claim alone is figured \$1,000,000.

Now the Marietta lays the Wildcat where Doc Mad already taken out \$22,000 in two cleanups, and be ground sliced up better than \$6 to the foot.

stiffing ground that goes \$3 to the foot, and they are just beginning to get into the pay.

On the Bonanza, below, Friend Lawton & James are finding a continuous streak of very rich ground which will go several dollars to the foot.

On down the creek from the Glen association, through 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Fraction to the Homestake association, the pay is known to be there, the width of the paystreak alone being a matter of speculation.

All this is wonderfully good news, for it assures a prosperous camp here through the winter and next season. It means much gold added to the world's wealth and the justification of the faith of those who risked their all to come to the Iditarod.

Try the Pioneer adv columns for results.

SEWARD TRAIL FOR WINTER ROUTE

on his arrival here, Mr. Eide found instructions for Richardson awaiting him, by which he was to proceed at once back to Seward to begin that end of the trail with the freezeup. In that will connect with Mr. Goodwin who is coming to begin work on this end of the route.

The trail will be blazed and cut out, and according to Sleem's statement, travelers will find plenty of good locations along the way, many people having made as to locations for their roadhouses. From Seward to Seward the distance is estimated at 72 miles, the last 72 miles being over the line of the

Alaska Northern now operating between Seward and Kern creek. Dr. Sleem states that there is absolutely no reason why this route should not be used for the mail this winter, providing arrangements have not already been made for bringing Iditarod mail in by way of Fairbanks.

The following is Dr. Sleem's description of the trail with a table of approximate distances. He is a topographer of experience, has drawn several maps of the Seward country, and the information contained in his statement should prove of great value to those who may have occasion to travel over the Seward trail this winter, or who desire to cross into the Kuskokwim

and further you will reach Takotna City, a settlement of 20 cabins, two roadhouses and the headquarters of the Knikokwim Commercial Co., which has a general merchandise store. Frank Joaquin, an old trader, and Mr. Higgins are at the head of that concern.

From Takotna City the trail will in all probability cut through cross-country to the mouth of the Takotna, where there is a big settlement of prospectors and traders. The place was given the name of McGrath. McGrath was once commissioner and built a cabin there. In fact there is a trail now but between Takotna City and McGrath, and probably will be located by Mr. Goodwin as permanent. At this latter place the N. C. Co. intends to establish a trading post. Then the trail will pass to Big river, on the main Kuskokwim where there is a roadhouse, and then crosses over level country to Nicolai an Indian village, and then follows the South fork of the Kuskokwim; but Mr. Goodwin might take a straight be-

line from McGrath to a point on the South fork near Farewell mountain, and shorten the distance many miles. Following the valley of the South fork to Rhon river, it ascends that stream to Daltell creek, thence to Rainy pass, Pass creek and Happy river, and the sequestered valleys.

From the mouth of Yentna to Seward the trail will be traveled all winter and many roadhouses are located at convenient distances. The Sustina station is quite a new town where the A. C. Co. has a large store and supplies can be had. Then the trail passes by Knik, another town and post office, where there are three restaurants and two good stores. Leaving this point the trail winds around Knik arm and Turnagain arm, until it reaches Girwood, another small settlement. This is three miles further. It reaches Kern creek station, on the Alaska Northern railway, 72 miles from Seward. Seward is located on Rearracket

bay, endowed with the best townsite on the coast, and enjoys all the privileges and improvements of an Outside city. It has very commodious hotels, elegant large stores, banking facilities, and has an open harbor all the year round, and connected with the Outside world by cable. The town has mail service every week, and one can catch a boat every few days.

To recapitulate the distances from Discovery Otter:

Discovery Otter	35	35
Mouth of Fourth-of-July creek	35	70
Takotna City	15	85
Mouth of Takotna	20	105
Rhon river	70	175
Rainy pass	14	189
Sustina station	106	294
Little Sustina	18	312
Knik	17	329
Girwood	75	404
Kern creek station	3	407
Seward	72	479

A. J. DALY LEAVES ON WAY OUTSIDE

In company with Henry Boden and Capt. Donovan, A. J. Daly, an attorney, formerly of Nome, who has been

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Mr. Daly will practice law in Seattle during the winter, having been already established there. He is a firm believer in the future of this section, and will be among the first back on next spring's stampede.

Goes Outside to School

Ariel Slippert, the 11-year-old son of J. A. Slippert, well known fish and door manufacturer of this city, left on Thursday last for Portland, Ore., to join his mother and younger sister and to take up his second term in high school. Ariel is a youngster of the

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The foregoing call for bids for the winter mail contract into the Iditarod has just been received and posted in the postoffice here. It is indefinite to say the least, and apparently calls for something impossible to perform.

It is impossible to say from the wording of the call whether the mail is to be carried to Ophir in the Innoko diggings or whether it can come straight through Diskaket to this point. If the Innoko mail is also to be included, then it will be practically impossible to make the run in the time allowed by the department.

However, there could seem to be no use for the words "by Innoko" unless it meant the Innoko diggings.

The distance as figured by those who have traversed the route and who have lived long enough in the country to be familiar with conditions, places the total from Kaltag through Diskaket to Dikeman and Iditarod City at 188 miles; thus Kaltag to Diskaket, 76 miles; Diskaket to Dikeman, 72 miles; Dikeman to Iditarod City, 40 miles.

Some think that if the Ophir postoffice is included in the contract that it would be easier to go from Diskaket to

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Others believe it feasible to come into the Innoko from Ophir instead of from Diskaket.

In view of the uncertainty contained in the call it would seem advisable that precaution be taken in forwarding bids that there will be no mis- vexatious delays in the establishment of the service. It is barely possible that Mr. McManus is not fully aware of the

TOOK UP OPTION ON

One of the best signs of the times is the deal closed last week whereby Charles Knell, one of the pioneers of the Iditarod camp, took up an option for Flat creek interests which he had secured last winter, and which under recent developments, appears to be a profitable proposition.

The option referred to, is the one given by Jack Sheedy to Knell for a quarter interest in the Link association, a one-half in the Sourdough fraction, just above the Link, and a quarter in the Alpha, a piece of

the option was secured last winter, Knell has taken it down. Last Tuesday, a second payment of \$1000 was met by Knell and his partner, Albert A. Knell. A balance of the purchase price is due on or before the first of summer.

By a happy coincidence, all this ground is in advantageous positions, and seems likely to result in the general prosperity of Flat creek. Above the Link and the Sourdough fraction lays the Wildcat, and the Sourdough fraction lays the Wildcat. A cellent bay is known to exist. Below the T

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MAIL VIA KALTAG

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In view of the uncertainty contained in the wording of the notice it would seem advisable that precautions be used in making bids that there will be no mistake causing any delays in the establishment of the service. It is possible that Mr. McManus is not fully advised as to

conditions obtaining on the proposed route, and it might be well for the prospective bidder to keep that in mind.

Thus it would seem advisable to submit a bid for carrying the mail under the terms of the notice from Kaltag through Diskaket to Dikeman and Iditarod City. In addition another bid, apparently called for by the notice for carrying mail from Kaltag to Ophir, Dikeman and Iditarod City.

Again, it is contended by some that the only feasible route for mail from the Yukon is by way of the Lewis cut-off, the trail that leaves the Yukon about midway between Melozi and Kokrine's and passes through the Innoko diggings to this camp. If the postoffice department is not fully advised of this route, it might not be amiss to submit a bid for carrying mail that way, taking in the Innoko and the Iditarod.

After all it is a matter of regret that the department has asked for bids for mail from the Yukon when we are advised that the Seward trail will be feasible this winter. However, with a 22 day service from Valdez, we will get mail almost as quickly as we could from Seward.

MINING ON FLAT CREEK

Ground was secured last winter, Knell paid \$3,000. Last Tuesday, a second payment of \$7,000 was made to Knell and his partner, Albert Arndt. The balance of the purchase price is due on or before next week.

As a happy coincidence, all this ground lays in advantageous positions, and seems likely to share in the general prosperity of Flat creek. Above the Link Soundough fraction lays the Wildcat where exploration is known to exist. Below the Link lays the

The Alpha lays right above the rich Marietta group, and seems almost certain to have the goods. Frank Manley and associates are the holders of the other three-quarters of the Alpha and they are now prospecting there with a Keystone drill.

On the lower end of the Link, Strandberg brothers and Emil Johnson have a lay where they are just opening up. On the upper end, the Chropshire and partners are getting ready for work.

The deal is one of the important ones of recent

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probably a two to one bet that they are granted. And that isn't all. Having heard that Flat City was after a commissioner and licenses, Discovery City began to sit up and take notice. They say they are entitled to a saloon license if Flat City is, and they mean to have it, basing their applications on the fact that they are

As soon as it was learned that there might be a chance for creek licenses, Jack Connolly, of the River side lodging house of Flat, immediately got busy getting his petition signed and was off to Fairbanks, followed closely by the representative of Ed Anderson, of this city.

Judge Overfield is probably the more liberal constructive where he resided for some time listen to the people who show themselves whether they want or not.

JUDGE OVERFIELD WILL HOLD COURT HERE IN NEXT

Yielding to the demands and representations made by the citizens of this district, Judge Overfield at Fairbanks has at last expressed his intention of visiting the Iditarod next spring for the purpose of holding a term of court here. According to a statement in the Fairbanks News-

Miner Judge Overfield will be busy there until next spring, and cannot get away to this camp this fall as Iditaroders had hoped. But since he can doubtless clean up his docket in nice shape this winter, it seems likely that he will be down here, perhaps for the spring breakup since the early spring traveling by trail will

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ROUTE OF IDITAROD-SEWARD WINTER TRAIL HAS BEEN DEFINITE

The route of the new trail from Seward through the Kuskokwim into the Innoko and Iditarod districts has been fixed so that those who intend opening up roadhouses along the way can do so without fear of having the route changed. This is the statement made by Major Richardson, head of the Alaska road commission just before leaving Fairbanks on his buckboard trip to Valdez.

This trail will unquestionably be the next great highway of Alaska, and with the blazing out that will be done as soon as the freezeup, there is every probability that it will be traveled to a great extent this winter. The Seward route starts from the end of the Alaska Northern which now has its terminus at Kern creek and goes across country to Susitna station, across country to the Shwentna branch of the Venna river and up that

stream to the head waters when by Rainey pass. To the west follows down the south fork of across country to the mouth of of the Takotna it holds north to or westward toward the Iditarod ward to Ophir by this route; it Otter City to the Iditarod at 51

MINING NOTES

Although they are just stripping the ground preparatory to real sluicing, it is said that Craig and Britt, laymen on the Homestake association at the mouth of Flat, have been making expenses in the gold that is caught from the waste. Finding the paystreak too light to bring them in more than wages, King Brothers and Jules Spencer, laymen on the Wildcat association on Willow creek threw up the proposition some time ago and are now following other pursuits. Mr. Spencer is assisting Karl Thiele

The Regina Hotel To Open Wednesday

With as fine a lot of rooms as can be found in the city, the Regina hotel at the corner of Second and Willow, recently erected by I. Nyholm is about to open its doors to the public, the formal event being booked for next Wednesday. The hostelry is one of the big buildings of the city and its interior decorations are all to the good.

SAM LANGFORD MATCHED TO MEET TOMMY RIRKS

NEWS FROM MANY PLACES

Mayor Gaynor, of New York city will recover from the wound inflicted by one Gallagher who shot the mayor in the neck as he was about to go aboard a steamship for Europe. According to latest advices he has been able to walk about the hospital for several hours a day. His assailant prays night and day for his recovery.

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As soon as it was learned that there might be a chance for creek licenses, Jack Connolly, of the River-side lodging house of Flat, immediately got busy getting his petition signed and was off to Fairbanks, followed closely by the representative of Ed Anderson, of this city.

Judge Overfield is probably predisposed in favor of the more liberal construction given the law at Nome, where he resided for some time, and may be willing to listen to the people who should be able to decide for themselves whether they want the presence of saloons or not.

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OVERFIELD WILL HOLD COURT HERE IN NEXT SPRING

and representations made Judge Overfield at Fair- intention of visiting the rpose of holding a term a in the Fairbanks News.

Miner Judge Overfield will be busy there until next spring, and cannot get away to this camp this fall as Iditaroders had hoped. But since he can doubtless clean up his docket in nice shape this winter, it seems likely that he will be down here, perhaps for the spring breakup since the early spring traveling by trail will

not be bad. The Fairbanks paper goes on to say: "The Iditarod obviously should be part of the Nome district as it falls in that division quite naturally through its location. If a part of the Second division it would be much better for all concerned, as the Second does not have near the litigation found in the Fourth."

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TAROD-SEWARD WINTER TRAIL HAS BEEN DEFINITELY LOCATED

rom Seward through the nd Iditarod districts has ud opening up roadhouses fear of having the route y Major Richardson head just before leaving Fair- aldez.

This trail will unquestionably be the next great high- way of Alaska, and with the blazing out that will be done as soon as the freezeup, there is every probability that it will be traveled to a great extent this winter. The Seward route starts from the end of the Alaska Northern which now has its terminus at Kern creek and goes across country to Susitna station, across country to the Shewitna branch of the Yenitna river and up that

stream to the head waters where the Alaska range is crossed by Rainey pass. To the west of the mountains the road follows down the south fork of the Kuskokwim and then across country to the mouth of the Takotna. At the forks of the Takotna it holds north to Ophir City in the Innoko or westward toward the Iditarod. The distance from Se- ward to Ophir by this route is given at 447 miles and to Otter City to the Iditarod at 516 miles.

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The Regina Hotel
To Open Wednesday

With as fine a lot of rooms as can be found in the city, the Regina hotel at the corner of Second and Willow, recently erected by I. Nyholm is about to open its doors to the public, the formal event being booked for next Wednesday. The hostelry is one of the big buildings of the city and its interior decorations are all to the good.

SAM LANGFORD MATCHED
TO MEET TOMMY DIBBE

NEWS FROM MANY PLACES

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of Aug. 24th. The bride came from Kingman, Arizona, and the marriage was the culmination of a long romance. They will live at Richardson, where James is mining.

Believing that the facilities they now have at hand insufficient to handle the quartz shipments of another season, the Tanana Valley railroad at Fairbanks will purchase a new and powerful locomotive and other cars for next summer.

A canvas of the banks at Fairbanks places the output for the season in that district at six millions.

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In the whole district, outside of the Russians who are working at Greenburg on No. 1 Above, there are not 10 men working for wages, although there are at least 30 men broke who would go to work if they had a chance.

The town of Kiana is 12 miles from Discovery on Klery creek by the trail and many miles more by the river.

DIKEMAN-IDITAROD SURVEY SOON COMPLETE

Just about the time this paper goes to press, the arrival of the survey party from Dikeman, with L. S. Robe in charge, should be announced.

Last Saturday they had arrived at Murray's roadhouse, after taking a day in going from Murray's to Dikeman and back again. Robe was in the lead, with the surveying instruments, while behind him a party was at work cutting out the road that will constitute the government mail highway this winter.

According to Mr. Murray, the distance by the trail from his roadhouse to Dikeman was 13 miles, the distance from the roadhouse to this city being estimated by Robe at 16 miles.

This work was authorized by Major Richardson, head of the road commission on his visit here last summer and will be paid for out of road commission funds.

It will constitute a practical highway after the freezeup for transportation of whatever freight may be caught at the lower city, which is now generally admitted to be very limited. According to the call for bids on the mail contract, the mail must come through that town in spite of the fact that there will be scarcely anyone living there this winter.

The much-talked-of trail from Dikeman to Discovery Otter seems to have been entirely abandoned since there is no further reason for its existence.

A. F. Light, local representative of the Road Commission, left last week to meet Robe and the clearing crew to take charge of the work to this city.

Some Banks May All Coalesce

A G. S. Gordon, food authority here, says that there is every possibility that there will be but one bank in some locality and that the Miners & Merchants and the same institution that is doing business here.

ANOTHER ATTORNEY TAKES TO THE HILLS

Armed with an oath for a notary public which he intends to despatch at once to Hon. William Dixon, secretary of Alaska, that he may practice law with a commission in the new country across the divide, Jeremiah C. Murphy, formerly deputy marshal in Fairbanks and the Koyukuk, accompanied by Duncan Gillies, also an ex-deputy marshal at Dikeman, and Ernest Uhl, departed Monday for the head of Bonanza creek where they may hole in for the winter, or proceed over to Georgetown.

Mr. Murphy is a member of the bar of North Dakota and of Washington, and the succeeding spring will most likely find him set up for business at Georgetown. However, for the winter, the three adventurers will doubtless devote themselves to the mining game.

Mr. Walter Riley, assistant at Kemp's dry goods store on Second avenue, has completed arrangements for her hairdressing and manicure parlor. This gives everyone an even break if you phone first.

Anderson Bros. & Nerland have just completed several large and "classic" signs that now adorn the big Nestor block.

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ize. Sentiment runs high here, and Seattle is torn with politics.

THE VERY LATEST STEAMER NEWS

Although the season has now definitely closed and the mighty rivers are locked in the embrace of winter for the long sleep of the Arctic night, it is interesting to know what become of the boats and where they choose their winter quarters.

From a Signal Corps bulletin of Oct. 9th it is learned that the Delta passed Hot Springs on her way to Fairbanks at 10 p. m. on Oct. 8th. It will be remembered that she tried to make Whitehorse but was compelled to turn back at Rampart on account of ice. She will winter at Fairbanks. On the same day the Koyukuk was reported up at Nevana at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Delta was again heard from at Tolovana and reported the Clow on a bar at that place.

The agent at Nevana said that the Schwatka had passed down river. He said she was looking for a good place to go into winter quarters.

Tolovana reported two boats three miles below him. He thought them the Delta and the Minneapolis, but it would seem that he was mistaken.

The Susie and the Davis arrived at St. Michael on the evening of the 8th, after the Susie had pulled the St. Michael off a bar.

The ice was reported running very heavy in the Yukon on the 10th of Oct. at Nulato.

AS A LAWYER FERGY WAS THERE

The first case has been tried by Judge Taylor of Flat City, the de

most devoutly wished and enjoyed. With this cleanup the active mining operations ceased on the claim for the winter, and the crew discharged saving only such men as will be used in development and exploration work until next season.

On Monday night Doc spread his table for about 18 guests and they reported such a time as never was. Among those present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worden, Miss Gertrude Jones, Mrs. Selma Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDowell, Miss Coolidge, Mrs. H. Cummings, Jack Holmes, Jonas Brewis, Tom Jackson, Claude Jenks, Bert Day, Al Burke, Bob Hart, Harry Johnston, Wm. Guttschick, Della McDowell and Doc Mading.

TRAIL TO FLAT NOT A BOULEVARD

The dangers of trail travel to Flat creek at this particular time are not to be minimized lest one lose much cuticle through scraping up an acquaintance with the road. The going is bad, especially for bobs, and two accidents occurred last week, fortunately without very serious consequences. There is not enough snow to fill up the hollows and at the sliding places it is impossible to keep bobs from swinging into dangerous holes.

Of the party that went to Stanley's dance last Saturday night one outfit capsized about midway of the distance. They were all dumped out on the frozen ground but a sprained finger is the only damage reported.

In returning from Flat, Irene Harvey was reported to have been seriously hurt by an overturning sleigh, but subsequent inquiry developed only a slight injury.

Frank Morrison, of the Berry and Hamil outfit and Mrs. Jane Parks Caldwell were married in Fairbanks, Sept. 29th.

Mrs. J. K. Hunter and Miss Anna Nelson, both of whom arrived from Fairbanks on the Teddy H last week, and who have been stopping at the Sheburne in this city are contemplating a trip to Flat City.

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FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THOSE WHO DO TRAVEL

The question has been asked so often concerning the roadhouse accommodations on the way between this city and the Kuskokwim, it is deemed advisable to give out so much information as could be gathered from returning travelers.

There are now two recognized routes to the Kuskokwim, that one leading to Julian creek ending at Discovery city, and the one from Flat city going to Donlan creek. For Georgetown, it is said that the Discovery trail is the better, since it is splendid going from Julian creek down George river to Georgetown.

In leaving Discovery the musher hikes over a trail that is already cut out and which takes him to Pound's

place at the "mouth" of Nugget on Bonanza, a distance of 10 miles. He then passes on to Ruby, still on the Bonanza watershed a distance of 6 miles where he will find Felsberg's roadhouse. The traveler then crosses over to Dogherty creek on the Kuskokwim side where he finds the roadhouse being conducted by Evans and Golden. Ten miles further on, you reach Julian where there is plenty of accommodation. In going down George river, a roadhouse will be found at the mouth of North Fork.

Although it cannot be definitely stated that these roadhouses are all completed buildings, it is understood that they are taking care of the traveling public as best they can.

The entire distance from Discovery

Otter to Julian is estimated at 32 miles, the latest travelers having made it in 10 and one-half hours under adverse circumstances.

The Flat creek people have the only available routes to the Smoot and Larson discovery on Donlan creek. They claim almost a direct line south through Willow and Bonanza and according to the testimony of travelers, this route is short and sweet, save the portion lying between the roadhouse near the head of Eldorado, a tributary of Bonanza, and Discovery Donlan creek.

Starting from Flat, the route lays to Cullen's place, known as the Fork's roadhouse on Flat and then crosses to Willow, where accommodation is offered at Howard's roadhouse on the Willow roadhouse.

Then passing over into Bonanza there is Stephen's roadhouse and Sillib's at Bonanza crossing. The trail then leads off up Eldorado, passing a wayside inn near the head of that creek. From thence the going thus far this fall has followed a ridge most of the way, which travelers explain will be impassible through the winter on account of its exposed position. There is a stretch of some 16 miles to Discovery Donlan, but it is thought that when snow gets better, they will effect a cutoff which will follow the valleys, and perhaps there will be a roadhouse established in this portion to afford a resting place between the two points of the journey.

From Discovery, Donlan, on down Crooked river to the Kuskokwim, information is imperfect concerning habi-

clerk of city trustees, Fred Mellis, the man who is always the... He looked for Brumbaugh, Hamilton & Kellom, it is said, selecting his site in upper Georgetown, on that townsite located on the upper side of the mouth of George river. He is evidently counting on grabbing the first lumber that comes down George river, - because why? Because, that's probably the way it will come.

Then there is another millsite below the town of lower Georgetown which is reported to have been staked by Mike McNeill and partner, and which according to rumor was staked for the benefit of local parties. Then again, A. Longnecker, that sawyer of forests who set up his mill at Otter city last spring, lately departed for the scene of future municipalities, doubtless bent upon the project of getting into the game at some point where he can do the most good.

All of these prospective hewers of wood are evidently contemplating the shipment of the proper outfit as soon as they can do so with ease and economy. When this thing is pulled off, the public will be duly notified that they may be able to recognize a board over there when they see it.

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Many of these dogs belong to people in the country and were left on the Yukon to be fed during the summer and fall. They will come in very handy here, as good dogs are practically out of the market and have commanded good, stiff prices.

It appears that the Iditarod and the Kuskokwim will be dog-mushing countries with the result that some fine teams should be evolved here before the winter is gone. If such should prove the case, it might be possible to challenge Nome's long held superiority in the matter of dog teams, in other words we might rib up a big dog race for the spring.

CUTTING NEW TRAIL YUKON TO DISKAKET

Dave Lewis is reported cutting a new trail from his place on the Yukon to Diskaket, hoping in this manner to provide a shorter route to the Iditarod.

This work is now in progress, including the building of two road-houses which are in course of construction on the new line. "Mukluk" Joe has one of these places, but when last heard from he was shy of a tub, wherefore it cannot be stated that there is actual accommodation ready on that route.

It will probably be traveled to a considerable extent this winter as it furnishes the shortest route to Fairbanks and in addition there is much of the cargo of the Minneapolis which they can doubtless afford to bring here.

MOORE CREEK HAS LONG LINE OF IT

According to a statement made by Mr. Myers, who arrived in town last Thursday, Moore creek at the head of the Tokatna is now showing pay for about two miles. Prospecting is held up just now as the men turned their attention to the building of winter quarters, but the work that was done there last fall is convincing to the extent that they believe they are up to the creek. Myers is familiar with the creek having been there with the first party. He says it looks very good to him.

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THEY ARE PROSPECTING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD

With attention diverted for a time to the opening of the Kuskokwim, the average observer is apt to overlook the fact that the Iditarod is still opening and her possibilities just beginning to be reckoned. With her own wealth, great as it measures in proven ground, the conclusion must be forced home that the district is just waking up and has scarcely reached the first milestone of progress.

There are many men in the hills of this vicinity and the results of the fall work are indeed surprising even at a hurried survey.

Take, for instance, the work now going forward on Happy where they begin to talk of a paystreak that will prove a rival of Flat. Bill Deetering and his associates opened their eyes last fall when he started shoveling gold from the top of the ground up there near the timber line at the very head of Happy. Apparently there is gold all over the hillside and it even slides across the divide into Chicken where Dan McCaskill is finding good prospects, and a number of outfits are selling down for the winter.

The one that lay on the Shamrock adjoining Deetering's ground looks very good to McCarty & Howard. They took the lease from W. Sam Clark and Deetering a short time ago, and call it a fine open cut proposition, as the prospecting shows good pay.

McCarty, Howard, Harry Hadley and others have also been doing some drifting on the Ray fraction below the Texas on Happy, and it looks so good to them that they were in town the other day figuring on a small boat for a winter dump.

Dan McCaskill, who is putting down a hole on the Washington association above the Texas, has struck some fine stuff there that indicates a paystreak on the right limit. They now figure that the pay swings from the left limit at the head over to the right limit further down, and McCaskill seems to be on it.

Frank Wiseman, Pat Whalen, Barclay and others are going after it in the same vicinity and from their last reports, they are already counting the joy rides they will take to the Breakers next fall.

Down on Willow they have made a new strike, told about in another portion of this issue which seems to indicate that Willow will at last declare herself with a well defined and rich paystreak. This gold undoubtedly comes from Happy.

Coming across the head of Happy into Flat, you will find George and Bob Mitchell on the Idaho, right near the top of the hill and above timber line. They have 2100 feet of ground there and it is said to be a pippin of a hydraulic proposition. They have been working there this fall and have a bed rock drain that will do to sluice it out when they get the pipe laid and the giant working next spring. They have ordered 400 feet of hydraulic pipe which will be made in this city and their

DISTANCES ON LEWIS CUT-OFF

When Dave Lewis was in town last week after finishing his new trail to Diskaket from Lewis Landing on the Yukon, he left a table of distances for those who will travel out that way this winter.

It is claimed that the new trail is shorter by 25 miles than the route via Opbis City and is provided with accommodations now in the way of roadhouses, and is considered a safe trail to travel.

Between this city and Diskaket there are several roadhouses, and two new ones have established on the new trail between Diskaket and the Yukon. Traveling from this city to Fairbanks via Lewis Landing the distances are as follows:

Dikeman	30
Cutoff	50
Frenchman	80
Diskaket	100
No. 2 Roadhouse, Lewis Trail	133
No. 1 Roadhouse, Lewis Trail	158
Lewis Landing on the Yukon river	183
Melozl	198
Jessies	219
Kokclines	234
Mouse Point	241
Carlides	255
Portage Roadhouse	263
Birches	283
Portage	295
Gold Mountain	301
Old Station	316
Fort Gibbon	331

ON TANANA RIVER

Long Lake	345
Fish Lake	357
Sullivan City	368
Hot Springs	385
Lavins	391
Tolovana	405
Minto	425
Goldstream	445
Ohlo	461
Fairbanks	490

Getting eight hits in eight times at bat, Napoleon LaJole passed Ty Cobb on Oct. 8 and won the automobile given as a prize for the top score for batting in the American and National leagues for 1910.

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A Little Dope on the Seward-Iditarod Trail

This office is in receipt of a letter from John H. Richards of this city who is now on his way to Los Angeles. He had picked up a communication from J. F. Wills on the Seward trail with a list of distances between roadhouses. Richards reports the trail in fair condition, but advises all travelers to carry plenty of robes as it might be a question of accommodation at some of the stopping places. He says that there is shelter along the way as far as he was able to ascertain, but is candid enough to admit that some of them are only tents. Here is the table as far as he was able to give it:

	Miles	Total Miles
Discovery Otter	10	
Bonanza, Campbell's	10	20
Ruby creek	4	24
Hunter's Roost	14	38
Moore creek	10	48
Japs	4	48
Discovery Moore	4	49
Sanford's	18	66
Lagging	6	72
Big Creek	15	87
Tokatna	14	101
Smith's	18	117

DISTANCES FROM KALTAG TO IDITAROD

The following table of distances was supplied by the Goodwin Road Commission party as determined by their cyclometer. This is the first table supplied for this trail that can be called reliable.

	Miles
Kaltag to Slough roadhouse	16.55
Slough roadhouse to Lake Shore	14.10
Lake Shore to All Right	14.94
All Right to Diskaket	21.48
Diskaket to Slim's	20.78
Slim's to Lowell's Tent	21.56
Lowell's to Cutoff	6.21
Cutoff to Dikeman	18.35
Dikeman to Bruhn's	15.25
Bruhn's to Iditarod	15.85

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This paper is in receipt of a message from Commissioner Strangman at Nulato saying that they are just in receipt of news to the effect that the government has allowed them an appropriation of \$600 for the Nulato-Diakas trail. This means that the road commission has decided that this route is the easiest and most practical, especially in regard to the carrying of

the mail. The Kaltag trail will be used mostly for Nome travel, while all up-river mushers will take either the Lewis Cutoff or the Nulato trail.

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While congress is bickering whether or not they will give Seward and Iditarod \$50,000, a lone party of mushers goes over the proposed route and arrives with the statement that it don't make any difference whether we get the money or not, there will be no Iditarod-Seward trail that can be practicable for even fair travel until the Alaska Northern railway is built to Susitna station, and the winds of heaven are tempered by a kind and beneficent Providence.

Bob Griffis, the well-known Nome musher, has been over the trail twice in the last four months. He left in November with a party, carrying out gold dust for the M. & M. bank of this city. He returned yesterday afternoon after one of the hardest journeys of his experience in Alaska. With him came E. Haley, who has been in the Iditarod before, and as far as the K. C. post on the Tokotna came Hans Erickson, bringing back the dogteam that had taken out Mr. Fowler, of the Kuskokwim Commercial Company.

They were 41 days from Seward to the Innoko, and they snowshoed all the way. They traveled light and they traveled slow, and slept in their snowshoes for fear they would disappear in the night.

Coming this way, Mr. Griffis said, they figured they

would be over the worst of their journey after the 180 miles from Seward to Susitna, after turning Turnagain Arm. As a matter of fact they had just commenced. They bought all the grub there was in the town and started out. From then on their journey was a weird dream of what now and then with little cutrant bushes, which in reality, the tops of tall trees.

They encountered the Goodwin party just this side of Rainey Pass, but were able to get but little assistance. They were compelled to stop for lack of supplies, and each day but the heaving repetition of the hard work of the day.

According to Mr. Griffis, it is almost impossible to run a mail service between Seward and Iditarod. The extension of the Alaska Northern is built cutting out the almost impossible going between the present terminus of the railroad and the part of the trail lays over mountains and gorges, practically impassable for laden dogteams. From the creek, the present end of the track, they have to travel over the railroad, dragging through the tunnels on drift. These are glaciered at the entrances so that it is very hard to cut one's way in.

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Caught 20 miles this side of Rainey Pass in snow that left only the tops of the trees in sight, with grub down to the lowest limit, 11 men and 40 dogs to feed, 200 miles from assistance if they went ahead and 100 miles if they returned, the Goodwin survey party, blazing out the trail from Iditarod to Seward, is believed to have been in serious difficulty on their way to Seward, and further news from them will be anxiously awaited.

The plight of the party was learned by Bob Griffis, who met Ross Kinney on Rhone river. Kinney was reconnoitering for the shortest route to the Pass, and the

main party was some 10 miles away on a creek that they had put through from Tokotna toward Wall mountain. Ross reported the condition of the party and asked for all the grub that Griffis had stored, which was only 30 pounds. They had salt, tea, smoked meat, and other luxuries and ties. They had killed a moose a few days ago and were depending upon that mainly for the future.

From that point to Susitna station was approximately 200 miles. That was their first haven

Caravan of Unfortunates Finally

After being beguiled into a false start yesterday morning when the sun smiled for a brief moment early in the day, and the sky later let loose a raging blizzard, the caravan of insane patients under charge of Harry Sheppard and his guards got away this morning while the whole town

and the patients, who seemed to enjoy their liberty, were put back in their cells.

Today, the weather conditions being more favorable, the party was quickly assembled and got away at 10 o'clock.