

HUNDREDS FLOCK TO THE FESTIVAL

Portland Commercial Club, One Hundred Strong, Sees Lower and Upper Valleys and Is Entertained at Banquet--Portland Press Club, Numbering Two Hundred, Is Impressed By Beautiful Sight of Blossom-clad Valley--Many Other Guests Tour Valley in Autos--Occasion Is a Splendid Success

Hood River's famous hospitality was taxed to the utmost during the three days of the Blossom Festival in entertaining the guests who flocked to the city by the hundreds in order to see the valley at its most brilliant season.

The principal event on Friday was the visit of S. Benson, donor of the \$10,000 for the Columbia River road. Mr. Benson was accompanied by Samuel Hill, champion good roads booster of the Northwest.

At Parkdale a delicious dinner was served by the Upper Valley ladies and the visitors, whose appetites were sharpened by the exhilarating atmosphere, did it ample justice.

The Hood River Gas & Electric Company scored a success by its illumination of Oak street, which was encircled by festoons of red and green lights.

The decorating committee, inasmuch as they did not have any available funds for decorating the streets, particularly appreciated the generous donation made by the Hood River Gas & Electric Company.

Plenty of machines were lined up at the station Saturday morning to meet the Portland Commercial Club's special. The day was bright and crisp and the atmosphere as clear as crystal, giving an unexcelled opportunity for seeing the valley.

The Portlanders were taken in autos out the East side, through the "parlor district" of the valley and to Van Horn station. There they boarded a special on the Mount Hood Railway, drawn by two engines and were taken to Parkdale.

All visitors were given an opportunity to see the valley; both east and west sides, by automobile. Headquarters for the machines were established at Hadlock & Steinhoff's office and a large number took advantage of the opportunity.

The committees which had the festival in charge and to whom credit for its success is due, were as follows: General--J. H. Hellbrunner, chairman; Dr. Watt, N. W. Bone, C. D. Thompson, P. S. Davidson, Truman Butler, G. R. Castner.

The banquet in the evening was one of the most delightful features of the day and is referred to at more length in another column.

In addition to the two Portland organizations and their invited guests, there were a considerable number of festival visitors in the valley. Many residents invited their friends for the occasion and many of the ranches were the scenes of week end house parties.

Decorating--Frank A. Cram, E. A. Franz, A. B. Graham. Autos--Captain C. P. McCan, C. F. Gilbert.

Press Club reception--J. D. Thomson, J. E. Montgomery, R. B. Bennett, Captain McCan, Chas. Hall.

Portland Club lunch--Dr. Watt, P. S. Davidson, C. D. Thompson.

"Next Door to Paradise" Declare Pencil Pushers

Press Club and Friends From Rose City Turn Out in Force and Use Many Superlatives When Shown Wonderful Beauties of Hood River Valley at Blossom Time--Day Is Delightful One

Perhaps no other feature of the Blossom Festival resulted in more favorable mention of Hood River in the press than did the visit of the Portland Press Club. This organization, which is one of the live wires of the Rose City, came to Hood River two hundred strong on Sunday.

The local reception committee was put on its mettle to properly care for the large number of visitors, but through the generous and prompt co-operation of local automobile owners the entire company was taken out the East Side to Eggermont, the beautiful summer home of Charles Hall, which had been hospitably thrown open for the visitors.

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Upon leaving Eggermont, the return trip was made by the West Side

route. Although the pencil pushers are supposed to have a vocabulary which is equal to all occasions, their power of expression was taxed during their trip through the valley and up Van Horn Butte, which many of them visited.

The day was a beautiful one and the atmosphere as clear as crystal. The visit of the Portland Press Club was one of the most successful features of the festival.

In the entertainment of the Press Club home grown products were served: John Coberg donated some delicious asparagus, while J. O. Mark, J. C. Howland, Oscar Vanderbilt and the Apple Land & Orchard Company supplied some of Hood River's famous apples.

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TRAGIC SUICIDE AT CASCADE LOCKS

David P. Bevilitt committed suicide at Cascade Locks at a late hour last Wednesday evening only about two hours after he had returned to his wife and family after an extended absence.

Bevilitt got off the 9:40 train from Portland. He went to the house where his wife was living with her mother, Mrs. Eva Anders, and there was an affectionate reunion. After they had talked for a while Bevilitt said he was going to the lodging house conducted by H. W. Taylor.

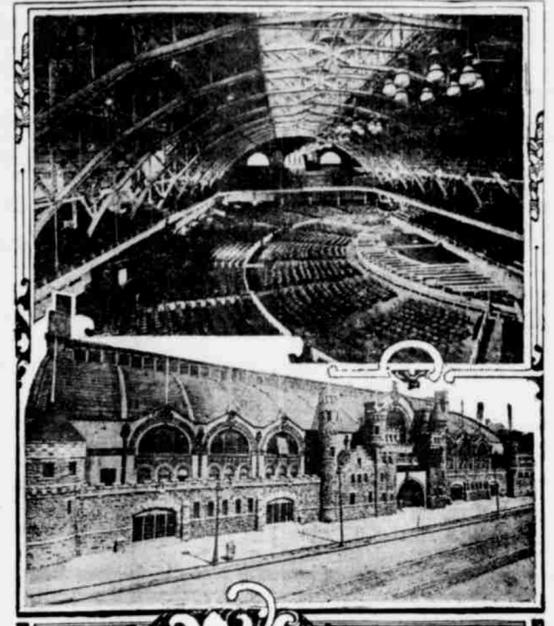
Dr. Dumble, the county coroner, investigated the case Thursday and found that it was clearly suicide, so that no inquest was deemed necessary.

Bevilitt left a note addressed to his wife stating his intention of ending his life. He was about 28 years of age and it is understood that he and Mrs. Bevilitt had not proved congenial.

FUND IS BEING RAISED TO HELP MRS. PAUL SHIEN

For the benefit of Mrs. Paul Shien, (and her two little children) who's husband was killed last week in the Upper Valley, an effort is being made to raise money to take care of her household. It is in condition so that she can commute on it and so get title, but she has no funds to meet the expenses.

Scene of the Republican Convention



THE CHICAGO COLISEUM

The building in which the delegates to the Republican national convention will assemble on June 18--the Chicago Coliseum--is on part of the ground occupied by the world's fair of 1893. It is in Wabash avenue, near Fifteenth street, a few blocks south of the hotel center.

The number of delegates will be 1,074, an increase of 94 since 1908. This is due to the reapportionment by congress, which increased the size of the house of representatives from 391 to 433 members or 436 with the representation from the new states of Arizona and New Mexico.

The distribution of delegates will be as follows: Alabama, 24; Arizona, 6; Arkansas, 18; California, 26; Colorado, 12; Connecticut, 14; Delaware, 6; Florida, 12; Georgia, 28; Idaho, 8; Illinois, 58; Indiana, 30; Iowa, 26; Kansas, 26; Kentucky, 26; Louisiana, 20; Maine, 12; Maryland, 16; Massachusetts, 36; Michigan, 30; Minnesota, 24; Mississippi, 20; Missouri, 36; Montana, 8; Nebraska, 16; Nevada, 6; New Hampshire, 8; New Jersey, 28; New Mexico, 8; New York, 90; North Carolina, 24; North Dakota, 10; Ohio, 48; Oklahoma, 20; Oregon, 10; Pennsylvania, 76; Rhode Island, 10; South Carolina, 18; South Dakota, 10; Tennessee, 24; Texas, 40; Utah, 8; Vermont, 8; Virginia, 24; Washington, 14; West Virginia, 16; Wisconsin, 28; Wyoming, 8; Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Philippines and Porto Rico 2 each.

Portland and Hood River Grasp Hands at Banquet

Good Fellowship Abounds When Commercial Club From Rose City Is Entertained at Sumptuous Banquet--Close Relations Between Two Communities Are Subject of Mutual Congratulation

A feast of good things to eat, a flow of humor and withal a feeling of good fellowship all around made the banquet which was tendered the one hundred visiting members of the Portland Commercial Club Saturday evening a delightful event.

The Odd Fellows' Hall was artistically decorated for the occasion with colored lights and an abundance of apple twigs laden with blossoms. The decorations were made under the direction of Major J. S. Booth.

Attorney Ernest C. Smith presided as toastmaster and his introductory remarks were in a happy vein, immediately putting all present in a good humor. He then called upon Mr. Covert, who represents Mr. Benson in the donation for the Columbia River road.

Bishop Faddock was called upon and responded briefly but forcefully, urging a higher and more complete system of education, church unity and a higher sense of duty in politics.

who spoke interestingly of life at the "Outpost of Hood River."

Truman Butler was called upon, herald that Mr. Smith had spoken so comprehensively as to leave nothing to be said, unless it was about the Taft-Roosevelt situation, but he added that, according to Mr. Benson, Hood River people were supposed to talk only in Latin and Greek and that no dead language could do that subject justice.

The Schubert Trio, composed of Messrs. Hoerlein, Chandler and Osgood, rendered a selection, which was heartily enjoyed.

Rev. Edmund T. Stimpson was called upon. He spoke of the many advantages which combine to make Hood River an ideal community for homes. He took the occasion to urge upon the Portland business men that when they seek a rest from business cares or when the time comes for them to retire they should remember the beautiful Hood River Valley.

C. F. Gilbert and Arthur Clarke next put on a vaudeville stunt, which aroused much amusement. Made up in Coontown costume, they made their entrance on velocipedes and did an amusing song and dance, which they were compelled to repeat.

One of the most delightful features of the evening was the selection by the quartet composed of Mrs. Charles Henney, Mrs. P. S. Davidson, Mr. Henney and George R. Wilbur. This was roundly applauded and those present insisted upon an encore.

In behalf of Portland, G. E. Johnson acted as toastmaster. After a few felicitous remarks he called upon C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Portland Commercial Club. The latter spoke in the highest terms of Hood River and of the close relations which exist between it and Portland.

Heights Team Leads In Race For the Pennant

In Snappy Exhibition of Baseball the Flound Dwellers Administer a Decisive Defeat to the White Salmon Team, With Which They Were Tied For the First Place--City Twirlers Trim The Dalles

In one of the best exhibitions of the national game played on the local diamond this season, the fast Heights team defeated White Salmon Sunday and took the lead in the league. The score was 4-0. The city team, which has secured several new players, administered a defeat to The Dalles aggregation at the latter city, the score being 4-2. This ties the city team and White Salmon for second honors in the league.

It was nip and tuck between the Heights and White Salmon until the fifth inning. B. Samuels singled past short; Tate bunted to Stockton, who failed to get him at first, putting two men on bases. Roy Samuels then bunted, sending Tate to second and B. Samuels to third. The latter then scored on Hart's sacrifice. Hall then secured a hit, bringing in two more men.

Butterfield did the star fielding for the Heights, having five assists and two put-outs to his credit. Another feature was B. Samuels' work with

the stick. Hart pitched a remarkably clever game, not allowing a single hit. The entire team showed up in good form.

The city team was strengthened by several recruits. John Coshov played second, Walter Shay short, while Davis held down third. Henry Olsen, also a new man, played a good game at left field and did some heavy hitting, bringing in three runs in the final inning. This he did after getting two strikes and three balls. His three-bagger at this critical point was the sensation of the game. Myers and Large did their usual effective work as battery. Fagin and McInerney were the Dalles battery.

The city team is greatly encouraged as a result of Sunday's game and promises to put the Heights aggregation on its mettle when the two local teams meet here Sunday.

ACTUAL WORK ON RIVER ROAD STARTS

Actual work on the Columbia River road at Shell Rock was started this week. There are now 17 convicts at the camp. They have completed the construction of their bunk house, cook house and other buildings and the word that they would start work was given the last of the week. County Surveyor Murray Kay went to Shell Rock Monday and designated the work which shall be done first in excavating around the point. They will start at the west end of the rock and work east.

Governor West and County Judge Culbertson visited the Shell Rock camp on Saturday morning and the Governor found everything satisfactory. Adam Shortgren, the superintendent of the camp, established himself in charge last week.

The railroad has insisted that the road should be constructed above the railroad's retaining wall at the rocky point just east of Shell Rock. This the county has found would necessitate a large additional expense and an appeal was made to Governor West Saturday to have the survey dropped to a line between the railroad and the retaining wall, there being sufficient width, it is asserted, to permit the road being so constructed without jeopardizing the railroad's right of way. Governor West took this matter up with the railroad officials in Portland and it is believed that a satisfactory concession will be made.

About 15 more convicts will probably be brought to the scene of operations this week.

W. F. Brown, a Portland mail carrier, is spending a couple of weeks here, his physician having prescribed some Hood River ozone for an asthmatic trouble.

West Marvels at Great Growth of Upper Valley

Governor Is Much Pleased With Splendid Development Which Has Been Accomplished Since His Visit Three Years Ago--Gives Address On Road Legislation and His Prison Policies

When Governor West was the guest of the Upper Valley Progressive Association last week he was taken for a trip through that prosperous section and expressed himself as greatly pleased at the splendid development which has been made since his former visit three years ago.

The governor arrived in Hood River Friday noon and was met by John R. Putnam, G. M. Uptegrove and John Goldsberry, who escorted him to the Upper Valley by automobile. They went by way of the east side grade in order to give the governor a slight of the wonderful apple blossoms.

Upon arrival at Mr. Putnam's ranch, dinner was served by Mrs. Putnam, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Hare of Portland. In the afternoon the governor inspected the well-known chicken ranch owned by Messrs. Ives and Frey. He was then taken on a slight-seeing tour through the developed sections of the Upper Valley.

At 5:30 p. m. a public reception was tendered the governor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tobey. A buffet supper was served by Mrs. Tobey, assisted by Mrs. Pieronnet, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Hann and the

BRIDE COMES FROM BONNY SCOTLAND

True to the lover who came to America and Hood River about three years ago, a bonny Scotch lassie traveled from the faraway Highlands and arrived in Oregon a few days ago. William Melville, a rancher in the Willow Flat district, was awaiting her and they met at Vancouver, Wash., where the nuptial bonds were tied. They arrived at their home here last week and were given a warm reception by a number of Mr. Melville's friends who congratulated him upon the happy culmination of his romantic courtship. Mrs. Melville was a native of Montrose, Scotland.

Misses Allen and Shahan. In the evening Governor West addressed an audience of 200 persons at the Parkdale Hall and was enthusiastically received. He spoke of the special road legislation proposed and also of the honor system established by him in the penitentiary. The governor gained many converts to this reform.

The entertainment committee in charge of the governor's visit included G. M. Uptegrove, chairman, W. S. Gribble and R. E. Babson.