

## A. O. U. W. COMES

Great Welcome to Visiting Workmen.

## GLORIOUS RIDE DOWN COLUMBIA

Thousands Greet Them in Portland—Delegates Much Pleased With Oregon's and Portland's Reception.

## PROGRAMME FOR TODAY.

Morning—Opening of supreme lodge at 10 o'clock in Hibernia Hall, corner Sixth and Washington streets. Oregon welcomes to the supreme lodge, by P. G. M. W. William M. Colvig, of Jacksonville.

Evening—Reception to Superior Lodge, D. of H., at Woodman's Hall, East Sixth street, between Washington and Alder. Take any City & Suburban car, get off at Alder street if East Astoria car, or East Sixth street if Mount Tabor car.

Four hundred members of the Supreme Lodge, A. O. U. W., and the Superior Lodge, D. of H., arrived in Portland at 7:45 last evening, to attend the annual sessions of those orders, which convene in this city tomorrow. About 215 of the delegates came by special train from Chicago, and were welcomed at the eastern boundary of the state by a reception committee, headed by Governor Geer. The other delegates came by regular trains at various times. The delegates who came in a body were transferred from the train to the steamer Bailey Gatzert, at The Dalles, and enjoyed the inspiring grandeur of the unsurpassed scenery of the Columbia in its passage through the rocky cliffs of the Cascade Mountains. From the time the guests crossed the state line until they were registered in their hotels in Portland, they were given an almost continuous ovation, the members of the Oregon jurisdiction of the Workmen and Degree of Honor orders doing everything their ingenuity could devise to make the visit one of unbroken enjoyment.

According to the statement of a Supreme Lodge official who has attended every session for 12 years, never before have the supreme representatives been accorded such royal welcome—such a magnificent reception—as they have received at the hands of their brothers and sisters and friends in Oregon on this occasion. W. W. Walker, who was one of the founders of the order, and who is now the oldest living member, in point of affiliation, praised the splendid demonstration and the complete provision for all the wants of the delegates, as passing all expectations that may have been formed by any of the delegates. "Say all that words may express in commendation of our Oregon brothers and sisters in Oregon," said H. C. Simons, editor of the National organ of the A. O. U. W., "and you will not give them more credit than they deserve for this unexcelled reception."

The steambot ride from The Dalles to Portland, yesterday afternoon, was the termination of a long journey the delegates had taken across the plains and mountains, and rivers and valleys, that lie between this Western Coast and the homes from which the representatives of this great order have come. With acclaim of whistle and ring of bell, the guests were greeted at the gateway to Western Oregon. On the trip down the river, occupying six hours, the visitors were entertained with frequent strains of pleasing music, and long tables were kept continually supplied with tempting viands of which all might partake at will. The decks were conveniently supplied with chairs and campstools, where the travelers could sit in ease and enjoy the splendid view of the wild and rugged scenery that spread before the eye almost the entire distance from the rapids of the Columbia at The Dalles to the broad fields that border that river near the mouth of the Willamette. President L. B. Seely and Secretary E. W. Crichton, of the White Collar Line, and all the principal officers of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, were present to explain to the guests any matters of interest, and nothing was left undone that could add to the pleasure of the trip. On their arrival in Portland, the delegates were greeted by a grand escort of thousands of members of the order and other citizens of Portland, who had gathered at Alder-street dock to welcome the city's guests. Without a moment's delay, the delegates were seated in carriages and whirled away to their hotels, where they were made comfortable for the night.

Last evening the Superior Lodge, Degree of Honor, held a brief business meeting for the purpose of appointing a temporary committee. At 10 o'clock this morning, in Hibernia Hall, the Supreme Lodge, A. O. U. W., will convene in its 10th annual session. The two great organizations will hold almost daily sessions for a period of two weeks, transacting the business of the order in the jurisdiction covering the United States and the Canadian provinces. The men who compose the Supreme Lodge, A. O. U. W., are leading men in their respective states. Among them are an ex-Lieutenant-Governor, Congressmen, Legislators, Judges, eminent lawyers, a King's counsel at Montreal, Canada, successful business men, editors, and, in fact, esteemed members of almost every occupation. Every one of these men has occupied the highest office of the Grand Lodge of his respective jurisdiction, so it may be said without exaggeration that the A. O. U. W. lodges of the United States have sent to Portland the best men their membership affords to transact their business on this occasion.

## Crossed the State Line.

The special train bearing the representatives to the Supreme Lodge, A. O. U. W., was scheduled to cross the Idaho line into Oregon Sunday evening, but because of many delays the train did not reach that point until after midnight. A reception committee, composed of Governor Geer and a number of members of the Oregon Grand Lodge, boarded the train at Huntington, but as all the delegates were asleep in their berths, no welcoming ceremonies were had. At Pendleton a half hour's stop was made, and the delegates breakfasted at the Pacific Hotel. In order to reach Portland early Monday evening, it was thought advisable not to lengthen the stay at Pendleton, and all welcoming exercises were held on board the train, while on route from Pendleton. Governor Geer, accompanied by Supreme Master Workman A. C. Harwick, Supreme Recorder M. W. Sackett and J. E. Werlein, of the reception committee, passed through the train, shaking hands with each person and briefly addressing the people in each car just before passing into the next car. In this way each of the 12 coaches was visited, and a welcome was extended to each person individually and to all collectively. In substance, Governor Geer expressed his high opinion of the good work that is being carried on by the fraternal insurance societies, and said that they are felt as a power in the process of advancing civilization. He gave his endorsement to the sentiment that it is almost criminal for men in these days to leave their family unprotected and unprotected for by insurance, in case the dread summons should come to him. He spoke particularly of the splendid work of the A. O. U. W., and voiced the wish that dur-



The A. O. U. W. Delegates and Their Entertainers.

ing their stay in Oregon all the delegates may have an enjoyable time and return to their homes with many pleasant memories of their associations here. No responses were made, except as each individual expressed his thanks for the welcome which accompanied the Governor's handshake.

## Taken on the Steamer.

The train reached The Dalles at 1:20 o'clock, and without a moment's delay the guests were escorted on board the Bailey Gatzert, which lay at her wharf 100 yards from the railroad. As the delegates passed up the gangplank they were greeted by Past Grand Master W. M. Colvig and George H. Durham, of the reception committee, who directed them to the cabins. Within a few moments the lines were cast off, and the Gatzert drew out into the current of the river. As her bow turned gracefully down stream, her whistle blew a parting salute, which was returned with similar salutes from every railroad steamboat and factory whistle in the city. The large crowd on the dock waved their handkerchiefs and the farewell was answered in a similar manner by those on the steamer.

**Mayor Rowe's Welcome.**  
The delegates gathered in the ladies' cabin, where Mayor H. S. Rowe extended a welcome to the visitors on behalf of the City of Portland. He said in brief:

"On behalf of the people of Portland, I come to meet you at the gateway of the Cascade Mountains, and to greet you with all the feelings of fraternity and good fellowship that are in our hearts, and to bid you glad welcome to Portland and the hospitality of her people."

"You have come a long distance to honor our state and city, but I feel sure your journey will not be regretted. You

have just crossed that great empire that lies between the Rockies and the Cascades, which, though it resembles a vast desert, has possibilities which are demonstrated only in small sections where irrigation has been tried. You will now pass through the Valley of the Columbia, one of the fairest and most fertile countries in the world. In scenic grandeur it is unsurpassed. I dare not attempt to describe the splendors of the Columbia, the beauties of the Willamette, the great canyons, the waterfalls, the Spring's green witchery of foliage and flowers, the snow-crowned mountain peaks—all must be seen to be appreciated."

"It has been my privilege to welcome commercial and industrial bodies, seeking knowledge of our natural resources and advantages, but this is the first opportunity I have had to welcome a delegation of men and women, and to provide against suffering and distress, which so often follows in the wake of death. This fraternity of men cultivating sympathy, benevolence and charity in the hearts, the love of God, country, home and friends, must be the strength and stability of our country and the safeguards of our beloved institutions. The A. O. U. W. is one of the greatest of the many fraternal orders, and I extend to you all a most cordial welcome to Portland."

Short addresses of welcome were also made by A. J. Capron, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce; F. E. Beach, representing the Board of Trade, and C. H. Melanson, representing the Manufacturers' Association, the sentiment of which addresses were that not only the members of the A. O. U. W. and D. of H., but all the citizens of Portland appreciate the

honor that has been conferred by the visit of these representatives of these orders.

**Master Workman's Response.**  
Supreme Master Workman A. C. Harwick made a brief response, in which he said:

"We have listened to your kindly words of greeting and greatly appreciate the welcome given. We recognize the fact that we have come over a long and tiresome journey to visit your beautiful City of Portland. We also recognize the fact that the closing chapter of our journey will have the effect of effecting all recollection of the discomforts to which we have been subjected prior to the present time. I believe that we shall all realize that Western hospitality is a fact and not a fiction. Were I to say what I, individually, have learned in this regard, I fear that some who are here might be skeptical. Still, I am satisfied that before their stay is ended, all will agree that when once Western hospitality has been enjoyed it will always be remembered with pleasure."

"Upon our part, we believe that our legislation and our conduct will be such that when you look back upon this session in years to come, it will be with pride that the Supreme Lodge has been your guest and received your kindness. We shall use our best endeavors to conduct ourselves in such a manner as will in truth and in fact show a due appreciation of the kindly greeting extended and the hospitality given by you. Most sincerely, we thank you."

The formal welcome over, the reception committee set about making the visitors feel that the hearty greeting was meant in every sense of the term. As all the delegates could not be seated, tables were

spread with dishes of ripe, luscious strawberries, large plates of cake, sandwiches, cold meats, crab salad, baked salmon, oranges, apples and bananas. Ice cream, tea, coffee and milk were served as requested. About 30 persons could gather at the table at once, and there was scarcely a moment during the whole afternoon when the table was not crowded. A promenade on the deck, where the heavy, bracing wind put vigor into the system and aroused the appetite, together with the delicious taste of the choice viands on the table, tempted the people to return time and again to the dining-room. The members of the reception committee and the officers of the boat were never so pleased as when a crowded table gave evidence of their success in providing a lunch. Boxes of cigars, the best the market afforded, were passed around in the forward cabin, and the men enjoyed smoke while they chatted, exchanged stories, watched the ever-changing scenery or commented upon events or places of special interest.

As a gap in the mountains brought the snow-white form of old Mount Hood into full view the passengers crowded to one side of the steamer to enjoy one of the grandest of nature's structures. When the nearer mountains had again hidden the peak, whose summit is covered with everlasting snows, the peculiar formation of the rocky cliff on the other side of the river caused a general movement to the corresponding side of the boat. Memory Island, with its solitary marble shaft marking the last resting place of Victor Trevitt, the Government locks, through which the steamer passed around the swift and treacherous rapids; the fabled Bridge of the Gods, where once a gigantic

arch of solid rock spanned the great Columbia; Castle Rock, with its imposing vastness; Multnomah Falls, with its great column of water dropping in an unbroken mass over the precipitous rocky basin below—all were scenes that inspired exclamations of admiration, delight or awe. "Talk about the scenery of the Hudson," said Supreme Master Harwick, whose home is in New York state, "the Hudson does not near equal in grandeur the scenery of the Columbia between The Dalles and Vancouver. The palisades of the Hudson are not so high as those of the Columbia, the Hudson does not pass through a great range of rugged mountains as does the Columbia and the extent and varied character of nature's wonderful creations are not so great on the Hudson as on the Columbia. For scenic grandeur nothing could be more attractive than this trip down the Columbia from The Dalles."

**River Voyage Appreciated.**  
The warmest terms of commendation were heard in praise of those who had arranged this pleasant river voyage. For many days the travelers had been confined in railway cars, surrounded with the continual rumble and rattle and click of the car wheels on the rails. The had not the inconvenience of dust and smoke. What a relief it was to leave the cars and enjoy the freedom of the decks of a river steamer, where the cooling winds, the splash of water and the varied movement made up for whatever loss of time there might be. To those who had made the trip many times the familiar scenes had little attraction; to those who had for the first time the event was one that will be remembered and talked of as long as interest in life shall last.

Appreciation of the welcome extended them by the people of Oregon was shown by the delegates as the steamer Bailey Gatzert entered the harbor of Portland. Gathered in the cabin, they sang several patriotic songs and then gave three cheers for Oregon.

**A Double-Acting Joke.**  
A practical joke that nearly resulted seriously was perpetrated at Huntington yesterday by Jack O'Neill, J. E. Werlein and Ralph Feeney. While the reception committee was waiting with as much patience as possible for the arrival of the delayed special train bearing the visitors, Mrs. Mamie Briggs and Miss M. A. Barker secured a room at the hotel and undertook to rest. It was late in the afternoon, and they had enjoyed little sleep in 24 hours. Displeased that any of their party should enjoy what all could not share, the three gentlemen entered into a conspiracy with the hotel office boy and prepared a bogus telegram, signed by Mrs. Ella Mantor, supreme chief of honor, dated at Salt Lake City and announcing that the train would not arrive at Huntington until 6 P. M. Monday and requesting her to notify the committee and change the programme accordingly. It was with astonishment mingled with despair that Mrs. Briggs received the dispatch, which would virtually spoil the whole trip from Huntington to Portland. She sent out messengers hurriedly to call the committee together, and after informing them of the unexpected delay she communicated the intelligence to the three gentlemen who perpetrated the joke. They were at the moment enjoying a hearty repast to close their day's work, and it was with a fort that they joined in a laugh at Mrs. Briggs' expense.

The serious turn of affairs came, however, when a genuine dispatch was received late in the evening, announcing that the train would not stop at Huntington long enough for the programme, but that the welcoming address must be delivered on the train. This message was shown to Governor Geer, who was to make the address of welcome. "No you don't," said the Governor; "you cannot play two dispatch jokes in one day." No amount of explanation and assurance would satisfy the Governor, and he declared his intention to enjoy a night's rest. It was only by sending for the telegraph operator and securing his assurance that Governor Geer would believe that he was not being joked. After the event was over both sides laughed at the double joke, and good cheer prevailed when the reception committee boarded the train at 1 o'clock A. M.

**Shooting the Rapids.**  
The plunge into the rapids just below the locks at the Cascades was an exciting incident for many of the passengers who have spent their lives on the prairies or who have had no other experience than that which may be had on the smooth and sluggish streams of the Middle States. As the Bailey Gatzert steamed out of the locks she went full speed directly into the whirling, foaming, boiling waters just below the rocky descent. Catching a wave on one side of the bow, the steamer would scatter a beautiful sheet of foam and spray and yield to the shock by only a gentle rolling motion. To those who were not accustomed to the water it seemed that the boat might easily roll over on her side, but she dashed forward in stately magnificence, born partly by the rushing current and propelled by her powerful engines.

At the moment when the plunge was made into the rapids all the passengers were gathered near the rail, watching the whirling waters over which they rode. Two photographers had stationed themselves so as to get as nearly perfect pictures of the steamer as possible. J. W. Brill, of Warrendale, took a photo for the White Collar Line, and Shields, the moving picture photographer, secured a picture of the steamer showing her progress through the rapids.

The trip from The Dalles to Portland was unusually quick, no stops being made at intermediate points. Only 15 minutes was consumed in passing through the locks, and the entire trip was made in five hours and 20 minutes. There was a strong head wind most of the way.

**All Worked Together.**  
Credit for the success of the reception of the delegates to the Supreme Lodge, A. O. U. W., and D. of H., is due to every person who was connected with it. Not only those who had charge of affairs as members of the lodge or as committees, but all those who were engaged in a business way, made every effort to make the reception a success. In speaking last evening of the steamer service, J. E. Werlein said that General Manager L. B. Seely and Secretary E. W. Crichton, of the White Collar Line, had given much assistance that was not required, and all the officers had rendered service which money alone could not buy. Every man felt a personal desire to show the visitors every attention which could add to their comfort or entertainment. Grand Master C. C. Hogue, of the Oregon jurisdiction, has addressed a letter to Messrs. Seely and Crichton thanking them for the interest they have taken in the affair and congratulating them upon the success with which their efforts were attended.

**A Parting Comment.**  
"Did you ever see anything like it?" said one delegate to another as the steamer neared Portland and he took a last look around the boat where he had been entertained for over five hours. "Never did. These Oregon people are blooded, aren't they?" was the response. "Never saw such a reception as this for any crowd of delegates, and never expect to see another such. Oregon people do things."

**A Word From the Ladies.**  
"This is the first time I ever heard of a Governor going to the state line to welcome the delegates to a Supreme Lodge, and the Mayor of the principal

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