

S. BENSON DESERTS FUNCTIONS AT FAIR

"Oregon's First Citizen" Flees From Too Many Feasts and Entertainments.

MESSAGES ARE DELIGHT

Word and Flowers From Friends at Home Please More Than Medal Given by Exposition—Mention of Hat Brings Blush.

Mr. Benson couldn't stand the "social whirl" at San Francisco. That's the reason he's back in Portland.

After being decorated as "Oregon's first citizen" at the Exposition grounds last Tuesday, Mr. Benson was brought from every side to be the honor guest at a round of receptions, banquets, dinners, balls and divers entertainments that would have kept him busy until the end of the Exposition period.

Mr. Benson never was particularly pleased at drawing-room functions, he just packed the invitations into a dark corner of his trunk, said goodnight to the whole crowd of would-be entertainers, and caught the first train for Portland. With him were Governor Withycombe and John B. Yeon. They arrived home yesterday afternoon.

Ceremonies Conclude Stay. "Why, it would have killed me to eat all that banquet grub," he complained when someone asked him why he had returned so soon.

"Yes, sir," he chuckled after he entertained me to death. But I didn't give them a chance. As soon as the big affair in the Oregon building on Tuesday night was over I made up my mind to leave, and at noon the next day I left."

Mr. Benson admits that the ceremonies in the great Court of Abundance, at which he was the central figure, were impressive, but insists that the preparations for his return trip were impressive, too, only more so.

"Yes, sir," he chuckled after he had draped his comfortable white flannel suit over his bank figure, "the best part of the whole thing was when I got onto the train on the way back to Portland. It tickled me the way I gave them all the slip on those social stunts."

Mention of Hat Brings Blush. Mr. Benson was busy at the Benson Hotel all afternoon receiving congratulations from his employees and from other friends who dropped in.

"Say, I thought I saw a picture of you wearing a ping hat," someone said innocently.

Oregon's first citizen actually blushed as he admitted the truth of the charge. "Yes, they made me wear it," he answered, wistfully, "but I got rid of it as soon as the celebration was over. I've salted it away and I hope I won't need to get it out soon again."

But despite his disposition to treat the subject lightly Mr. Benson apparently was much impressed by the distinction conferred upon him by the people of Oregon and by the officials of the exposition. He is justly proud of the honor and treasures most highly the bronze medal that was presented him by President Moore.

Messages From Friends Pile. He carried the medal, encased in an ebony box, in his pocket. The following inscription is engraved on one side: "Simon Benson, notable citizen of Oregon, August 17, 1915. Oregonian Exposition, San Francisco."

What pleased Mr. Benson almost as much as the decoration itself was the great volume of congratulatory telegrams that he received at San Francisco from friends in Portland and elsewhere.

"The one that I liked most, though," he commented, "was the message from the employees here at the hotel. That did me more good than all the rest put together."

Tasks Now to Be Faced. He also seemed delighted over the numerous floral offerings showered on him at the exposition grounds. Among them was one from his employees which particularly pleased him.

Inasmuch as Mr. Benson had visited the exposition earlier in the year he did not expect to remain long on this visit. His natural modesty, however, forced him to leave earlier than he had expected, to avoid the attentions that were heaped in his direction.

"Now that the fair is over with," he announced last night, "I'll get down to some real work," and his face beamed with delight as he contemplated his plan of providing a trade school on the East Side and of continuing his real development campaign.

UNDERSTUDY IS LACKING

Assistant to Performer at Oaks Says He's "Nigger but No Fool."

Oscar V. Babcock, who is doing the sensational "death trap loop" and "flying the fumes" at the Oaks this week, has no understudy.

He has no understudy, however, Wednesday night, for a fraction of a second, there was a hitch and the terrible "trap" hesitated for a moment as it whirled about, and almost allowed the rider to get out of the loop, and when Babcock finished his act he was dripping with perspiration.

Said Harry Riley, chief of police at the Oaks, to the colored chap: "One of these days we will have to run you in as an understudy."

"How," replied Green, "this am one act that ain't got no understudy. I may be a nigger, but not a fool."

PEDDLING FAKE CHARGED

Associated Ad Clubs Issue Warning Against Suspects.

A warning against peddlers who offer to sell to him more of the same merchandise on a C. O. D. basis and under cover of this raise sell for cash poor-quality goods at handsome prices, has been issued by the Portland Ad Club as the result of a bulletin sent out by the vigilance committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

The peddlers, it is said, represent themselves to be agents for New York firms which never existed.

Another Move for Peace. Buffalo (N. Y.) Express. "What do you think of the acquisition, Mrs. Nurtch" whispered her neighbor. "Oh, I don't mix in their religious squabbles. Let everybody worship in their own way, I say."

PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRONZE MEDAL PRESENTED TO S. BENSON AT SAN FRANCISCO EXPOSITION.



OBVERSE AND REVERSE SIDES SHOWN.

"BOOZE" HELD FOE

Insurance Man Says War Less Costly to Life Than Liquor.

EUROPEAN LOSSES SMALL

Edward A. Woods, of Pittsburg, Who is President of National Underwriters' Association, Entertained by Portland Agents.

How the war has affected the insurance business was the subject of an interesting discussion yesterday by Edward A. Woods, of Pittsburg, who was elected president of the National Life Underwriters' Association at the recent convention in San Francisco, and who is visiting for a few days with insurance men in Portland.

"Although the American life insurance companies were doing a heavy business in Europe previous to the war," explained Mr. Woods, "the losses have been slight. This is due, probably, to the fact that the average soldier has not reached the age at which it is customary to take out life insurance. Those who do carry it, are only lightly insured."

Mr. Woods explained that the company he represents has been required to pay only \$279,000 in losses as a result of the war. The loss through the sinking of the Lusitania, however, was \$450,000 to this company alone.

A Los Angeles man who was lost on the Lusitania was insured for \$150,000. American life insurance companies have an extra premium clause in all their policies written upon the lives of Europeans. Under the provisions of this clause insured persons, enlisted for service in any army actually engaged in war, are required to pay an additional premium of \$100 a year on each \$100 of insurance. The American companies, as a result, have collected hundreds of thousands of additional premiums since the war began. Despite this extra premium, the lapses have been few.

"But the war," explains Mr. Woods, "has not been the subject of as much consideration among insurance men as has the liquor question."

"Insurance people have come to the definite conclusion that booze and insurance mix about as well as oil and water."

"In other words, a drinking man is a mighty poor risk. Cold figures have proved us positively that the drinking man—even the moderate drinker—has less than half as much chance to live out the life of his policy as the teetotaler."

"The mortality of teetotalers between the ages of 35 and 60 years, when men are of the most use to society, is only 56 per cent of the average mortality."

Mr. Woods intimated that the life insurance companies are lending passive support to the prohibition movement. Active efforts now are being made, he said, to vote Pennsylvania and other big Eastern states dry.

Mr. Woods was accompanied to Portland by members of his family. They were entertained while here by Edgar W. Smith and other insurance men.

LAWBOOK SALESMAN VICTIM OF MALARIAL FEVER.



Thomas Benton Smith.

Thomas Benton Smith, Pacific Coast salesman for the lawbook department of the Bobbs-Merrill Company, of Indianapolis, residing at 1135 East Twenty-fourth street North, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital Wednesday of malarial fever, contracted in the Sacramento Valley while on a business trip through California last month. Mr. Smith was born at Polo, Mo., December 23, 1878, and was a graduate of the State Normal School at Warrensburg. After teaching for a time he was admitted to the Missouri bar and engaged in the lawbook business, removing to Oregon in 1912. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Smith, and six three sons—Hal W., John M. and Thomas Benton, Jr.

CLACKAMAS ATTORNEY GIVES OPINION ON HILL MURDERS.

Right of Multnomah County to Take Action is Contradicted, Despite Boundary Law.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—The Hill murder case is entirely out of the jurisdiction of Multnomah County, and any official investigation or action in the courts must be made by Clackamas County officials in the Clackamas County courts, declared J. E. Hedger, Acting District Attorney, today.

Mr. Hedger found that section 1385, Lord's Oregon laws, reads: "When a crime is committed on or within one mile of the boundary line of two or more counties, or when the boundary line between two or more counties is intersected by the crime, and it is doubtful in which county such crime was committed, an action therefor may be commenced and tried in either county."

The Hill home in the Ardenwald district is well within Clackamas County, and there is no doubt of the county line or the place where the crime was committed.

Mr. Hedger is of the opinion that a county cannot take advantage of this law unless it is doubtful in which county the crime was committed. The mere fact that the Hill home was within a mile of the county line would not give Multnomah County jurisdiction, as the element of doubt necessary under this statute is lacking, Mr. Hedger believes.

District Attorney Evans, of Multnomah County, has been investigating the case and, after studying the location of the Hill home, declared yesterday that Multnomah County could take up the case. Under the present interpretation of the law, this would be impossible.

ELM TREES THREATENED

HARMFUL BEETLE AT WORK, SAYS PARK SUPERINTENDENT.

Council Asked to Provide Pump and Spraying Outfit to Prevent the Spread of Pest.

Investigations which revealed the fact that parts of Portland are besieged with elm leaf beetles and that unless steps are taken at once to fight them the city will lose all its elms, caused Park Superintendent Conville yesterday to urge the Council to provide funds at once for a pump outfit and spray to conduct a campaign of extermination. The Council probably will act at today's meeting.

The pest, which has ravaged elm trees of the East for years past, is reported to exist in millions in Laurelhurst and to extend as far north as North Irvington and south to Division street on the East Side and on Bancroft avenue on the West Side. The beetle is said to be on which propagates and spreads extremely rapidly, killing elm trees within a short time. Elm leaves are its only food.

It is reported that in parts of Laurelhurst trees already have been killed. The pests, after eating the leaves, have died and now lie in piles under the trees.

Mr. Conville says the pest has been here about two years. Within two years more, he says, the insects, if unchecked, will destroy every elm tree in the city. If a fight is started now, he says, the spread may be checked

and a large majority of the trees which have been attacked can be saved. Many, however, are too far gone even now for saving.

ENDEAVORERS TO GATHER

Washington County Union Convention to Open Tomorrow.

BANKS, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—The seventh semi-annual convention of the Washington County Christian Endeavor Union, representing societies from 28 churches, will be held in Banks Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22. About 75 delegates are expected. The devotional leaders of the convention will be Thomas E. Isaac, song-

and T. W. Lane and L. M. Booser, scripture. Rev. T. W. Lane, of Portland, will deliver the main address at the opening of the convention Saturday morning. Others on Saturday's programme are Rev. Daniel Staver, Gales Creek; E. Earl Felke, Portland; Constantine Geiger, Forest Grove; Estella Ford and G. Everett Baker, Portland.

LABOR OFFICE TO AID IDLE Federal Co-operation Promised State and Municipal Authorities.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—That Secretary of Labor Wilson and state and municipal labor officials will make every effort to solve the unemployment problem was a statement made today by Labor Commissioner Hoff upon his return from San Francisco, where he attended a conference of officials.

Mr. Hoff said that Secretary Wilson was deeply interested in the subject, and promised the state and municipal authorities the co-operation of the Federal Government as far as possible.

Alderman Marries Mute Couple. NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—With the aid of one of the marriage witnesses, Alderman Frank Smith married a deaf and dumb couple recently in the marriage chapel of the municipal building, Giuseppe Castello, 22 years old, and Mrs. Anna R. Fotia Massaro, 37 years old, were the bride and groom. A friend of the groom acted as in-

terpreter, reading the marriage ceremony at the direction of Alderman Smith in the sign language. Not a word was spoken throughout the entire ceremony.

The pine, as well as the bottle, has ruined a lot of men. Referring, of course, to rich food, and not to the home plate.

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We have grouped in three lots all of our Summer's "Sport Coats" in short and medium lengths. Those very popular jersey silks, taffetas and pongee silks in all the leading colors, styled loose or with belted backs, neatly trimmed with collars and cuffs in contrasting colors. Values to \$7.00 for \$3.98. Values to \$12.50 for \$6.98. Values to \$17.50 on sale for this special event at \$9.98

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WOMEN'S HATS

\$12.75 Values \$2.45

In the Millinery Salon, second floor, we offer new, up-to-the-minute styles in Summer Hats in large, medium and small sizes. Trimmed in flowers, ribbons and fancies. Regular values to \$12.75, special now for the low price of \$2.45

Midsummer Sport Hats in a good assortment of colors, of straw and silk combinations, values to \$6.95, special for this sale at \$1.95

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KIMONO STYLES 49c

On the Bargain Circle, first floor, a sale of very good quality Aprons in the kimono style or open on side-front, with elastic waist 49c

COVERALL APRONS SPECIAL 69c

Aprons with fitted skirts, kimono waist, sash back, buttoned all down back. Coverall and slip-on styles of good quality gingham or chambray in plain or 69c stripes, special now, only 69c

\$2 Table Cloth \$1.68

In the Linen Department, first floor, a sale of mercerized damask Table cloths with colored borders. Regular \$2.00 grade at \$1.68

\$24 Linen Tea Sets \$17.95

Richardson quality linen Tea Sets of scalloped-edge cloth with napkins to match. Reg. \$17.95

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Richardson quality Linen Towels, hand hemstitched and embroidered for guestrooms, scarfs, etc., etc.: Reg. \$1.50 Towels 85c Reg. \$2.25 Towels \$1.50 Reg. \$1.75 Towels \$1.00 Reg. \$3.00 Towels \$1.68 Reg. \$2.00 Towels \$1.25 Reg. \$3.50 Towels \$1.75

DAY CASES—Initialed. Our regular \$2.38 \$3.00 values. Special at the pair \$2.38

Sale of Women's Shoes

\$3.00 Low Shoes \$1.79 \$4 High Shoes \$2.48

Women's white canvas Oxfords, pumps and Tango sneakers with full rubber soles and heels. All sizes in \$2.50 and \$3 grades, special, pair \$1.79

\$5 Low Shoes \$2.69 Women's Low Shoes in a great variety of styles and various shapes of lasts in all the popular leathers and fabrics, comprising practically our entire stock of low-cut street shoes, pumps, Colonial and garden ties. The regular \$4.00 and \$5.00 values on sale for today at the very low price of—\$2.69

Men's \$4.00 Shoes \$3.48

Men's Gunmetal Calf Shoes, in both lace and button styles, made on a comfortable, medium-toe last. Neat, dressy and durable, full lines of sizes. Regular \$4.00 values, special, the pair \$3.48

\$8 Traveling Bags \$5.90

In the Trunk and Bag Store on fourth floor, we show complete lines of travelers' needs at the most reasonable prices. A line of cowhide leather Traveling Bags, with sewed corners and leather \$5.90 lined, in all popular sizes. Values to \$8.00. Special at \$5.90

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24-inch Matting Suit Cases, light weight, strong and neat. The regular \$4.00 value, special at low price of \$3.25

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