

SIRENS SCREECH AS CARAVAN PULLS OUT

Deafening Din Marks Departure From Portland.

20 MACHINES IN PARTY

Men Prominent in City and State Off for 1800-Mile Tour to Boom Exposition.

At exactly 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while sirens on fire and police machines screeched a deafening din, the 1925 Exposition caravan left Portland for a 1800-mile tour of the state of Oregon.

Thirty minutes before the 20 cars in the caravan departed four large fire engines rushed to Sixth and Morrison streets and proceeded to make such a noise as only fire engine sirens can make, and stress on a number of police motorcycles added to the din.

Then quiet was ordered and seven cornet and trombone players leaned out of a window in the Sherman & Clay company building and serenaded the departing pilgrims with the strains of the official exposition song.

Governor Sends Regards. Walter Jenkins then mounted a platform in the center of the street intersection and read a letter from Governor Oloft in which the chief executive of the state expressed regret at being unable to join the party and wished success for the mission.

Mr. Jenkins then led in the singing of a fragment of the exposition song, after which the words, "Let's go," were shouted from the cars. The pace-making automobile was followed by the pilot car, furnished by the Oregon State Motor association, and driven by Ed Sharnes, secretary of the association.

Mayor Baker, director of the caravan, occupied the next car, a classy roadster, the sides almost hid in a bower of flowers and driven by Dave Segar, official transportation checker of the tour.

Others in the caravan followed until Tommy Luke, baggage master on the tour, had checked out 20 cars. The caravan will stop at additional points en route.

Other prominent Oregon citizens have arranged to take part in the caravan. W. P. Strandberg, whose official designation on this trip is "Official to the Exposition," will be in charge of everything possible. A radio set has been provided for the caravan, and a special press service and a special literature will take both motion pictures and stills of scenes and events.

HUGE CROWD SEES 1925 EXPOSITION CARAVAN HOP OFF FOR STATE TOUR.



Upper—View of crowd watching departure of cars. Lower—Mayor Baker's official car, checked out by Tommy Luke, official baggage master.

EUGENE TO GREET CARAVAN

Welcome to Be Given Fair Boosters Aug. 19.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The Eugene chamber of commerce will play host to the visiting members of the Portland exposition committee on the evening of August 19, when the group headed by George L. Baker, mayor of Portland, will be in Eugene to see the local people about the proposed 1925 world's fair.

L. L. Ray, president of the chamber of commerce, is not yet certain as to the nature of the formal welcome which will be extended to the visitors, but he announced yesterday that he would appoint a committee within a few days.

The group will first go up the Columbia river into eastern Oregon and after swinging down the eastern slope of the Cascades to Klamath Falls, will cross the mountains and start north through the western Oregon territory, coming to Eugene from the south. They will arrive here on Saturday evening, August 19, and a programme has been booked for 8 o'clock. The heralds of the 1925 exposition will remain in Eugene all night.

Boardman Plans Big Welcome.

BOARDMAN, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Plans are on foot to assist the World's Fair Booster caravan in viewing the Boardman project and to present a special programme. Efforts will be made to take a short detour from the Columbia highway at Castle Rock, southward through the alfalfa fields of the project, theme into Boardman where a feast of watermelon will be offered.

WRECK VICTIM IS DEAD

Worker Caught Between Cab and Tender of Logging Engine.

SILVERTON, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Tony Zesh died at the Silverton hospital last night from injuries received in the wreck of a Silver Falls logging engine at camp yesterday. The engine was leaving camp and coming from the switch onto the main line. It is reported a bolt was gone from a rail causing the engine to turn crosswise. A. W. Greene, the engineer, and six or seven other men were in the cab. All of these except Mr. Zesh and Mr. Green were thrown out. Their injuries were minor.

Woman Searches for Husband.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—Dr. R. S. Smith, chiropractor of Oregon City, who disappeared Thursday night, was sought here today by Mrs. Smith. Police said Dr. Smith was here yesterday, but he could not be located today. Mrs. Smith said her husband had been in ill health for some time.

Artist's Sketch of Present Main Line of Southern Pacific Coming into City Showing Projected Tunnel from Point Near the Car Shops to the River and Proposed New Line Down the River Bluffs.



Vast improvement project by the Southern Pacific company will involve a total expenditure of \$5,000,000 and will eliminate 70 grade crossings on east side and assist in speed and passenger and freight service between Portland and California.

EAST SIDE GROWTH BRINGS RAIL WORK

New Project Just One Feature of Gains.

BUSINESS AREA WIDER

Residential Districts Also Are Increased; Property Values Take Jump as Result.

A prospectus of the recently announced \$5,000,000 development project by the Southern Pacific and a conservative estimate of the expenditure in building activities in the business district of the east side west of Twelfth street during the last 12 months is indicative of the rapid growth of Portland. Faith in the future has prompted the Southern Pacific company to invest \$1,500,000 in eastern property during the last two weeks, and to plan the elevation of tracks and improvement of the main line into the city which will necessitate an investment of the additional \$5,000,000.

An estimate of the recent construction programme within the district which will be immediately benefited by the project is from two to four million dollars. This includes factories, warehouses, market buildings, garages, and a number of new apartment houses.

Growth is Unprecedented. An unprecedented growth has been enjoyed due to the war and its causes, the opening up of the Ladd estate, docking facilities and the ready access to railroad transportation within the district. Wholesale establishments are alert to these possibilities and ready advantages. Immediate railroads transporting facilities are afforded in the warehouse and factory district west of Grand avenue by three steam lines of the Portland, Astoria, Light & Power company. The steam lines include in addition to the Southern Pacific main line and switching tracks, the switching tracks of the Union Pacific and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad. The municipal dock at the foot of East Street has also been a factor in creating the wholesale and factory district, while the many privately owned docks are busy throughout the year.

Much Fruit Handled.

Thousands of carloads of fruit and produce from California and southern points are handled during the season. The amount of business transacted in the fruit industry here.

Porcine Aristocrats Soon to Leave for Brazil.

United States Will Exhibit Remarkable Swine Herd.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Forty-two porcine aristocrats veritable superpigs with the perquisite of the screw tails and double chins in endless undulations, will be shipped from New York August 8 to the centennial exposition at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Car, Just Repaired, Wrecked.

Louis Andrews of Meadowdale, Wash., took his car out of a repair shop yesterday morning, and 12 miles from Portland on the lower Columbia river highway, while swinging around another machine which was skidding, ran it into a ditch and smashed it again, also suffering severe cuts and bruises about his head and face. He was picked up by a passing automobile and brought to the emergency hospital. The other car was being driven west. When directly in front of Andrews it suddenly skidded off the highway and turned over completely in a ditch by the roadside. The occupants of the second car were not injured, but both machines were badly damaged.

53 DESCENDANTS MEET

Family Gathering of Charles and William Royal Held.

Fifty-three descendants of Charles and William Royal pioneers of '53 and '53 who figured prominently in the religious and educational life of the early days held a family gathering on Sunday, August 6 at Wildwood, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Oberg, on the Craig road. Mrs. Mary Alderson and Mrs. Mary Flynn are members of the original family.

Barn and Contents Destroyed.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 12.—Spontaneous combustion from newly-mown clover hay is supposed to have ignited the Oak Grove barn of Carroll M. Hurlbert, city engineer. Among the losses, which will total about \$3000, were 20 tons of hay, two automobiles, a power sprayer, a quantity of apple box shooks, a wagon and farm implements. The loss was only partially covered by insurance.

Victim to Be Buried.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The body of Paul Hickey, killed near Stevenson this week, was brought here for interment in the Oddfellows' cemetery Thursday.

SYMPHONY ARTISTS CHOSEN FOR SEASON

Celebrities Are Announced by Conductor Denton.

SIX STARS WILL APPEAR

Three Vocalists, One Violinist and Two Pianists Are Listed for Orchestra Concerts.

SCOUT WINS 2 BADGES

PIONEERING AND LIFE-SAVING TESTS FINISHED.

Kenneth Fennell, 15, Demonstrates Unusual Ability by Stunts in Water.

Kenneth Fennell, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fennell, 1045 Fremont street, and a first-class Scout, won two badges of merit for his life-saving tests. One of the badges was awarded by James E. Brookway, Boy Scout executive. The other badge was awarded at the William Lake training camp, where Kenneth is taking the full eight weeks' course, and are the only badges given at the camp this summer.

Some of the things that Kenneth had to do to win these badges would make many a student of the life-saving course wince. Kenneth had to go down from the surface of the water at least seven feet deep and bring up an object 12 inches in diameter weighing not less than ten pounds.

Swimming 20 yards carrying a person of his own weight by a two-hand carry, using feet only for propulsion; and by a one-arm carry, using side stroke.

Dressed in trousers, coat and shoes, swim 50 yards, then undress before touching shore. Kenneth demonstrated three approved methods of releasing death grip.

Demonstrate Schaefer (prone pressure) method of resuscitation. In pioneering he had to tie 12 knots quickly, lash spars properly together, rig scaffolding, build a bridge or derrick capable of supporting 200 pounds, make a camp kitchen, build a shack suitable for three occupants.

Kenneth joined the scouts when he was 12, the eligible age, and is proud of the fact that he has not missed a single meeting since then. Troop 49, of which he is a member, is one of the crack troops of the organization.

LOT CLEANING PRAISED

Marshal Grenfell Cites Smaller Number of Grass Fires.

City Commissioner Barbur received a letter yesterday from Fire Marshal Grenfell in which he praises the manner in which the lot-cleaning campaign has been conducted. Grenfell points out that although Portland experienced an unusually long dry period, there were less grass fires than heretofore because of the large number of lots had been cleaned.

Joe Roberts, in the department of public works, is in direct charge of the campaign. According to his records more than 10,000 lots have been posted for cleaning.

Mr. Roberts reports that the response to the notices has been more general than last year. Under an arrangement made with the municipal court, persons taken into custody for failure to clean lots of weeds will be required to post bail at the rate of \$5 a lot. Heretofore persons were not required to post cash bail and Commissioner Barbur maintained that the campaign as persons paid no heed to warrants issued against them.

Farmers Declare Bankruptcy.

Two Enterprise, Or., farmers filed petitions in bankruptcy in the United States court yesterday, listing debts far in excess of their assets. Frank Border owes \$6700 and has nothing but household furniture and a few chickens. The other listed his liabilities at \$14,492 and his assets at \$4236. Evelyn Morin of this city listed debts, principally mortgages, at \$1771 and claimed that she had no money, property or possessions whatever.

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