

HOLIDAY FOR HOLLYWOOD.

Large Excursion to the Pretty Place.

Fine Boulevard Viewed by Hundreds.

Hosts and Citizens Thanked by the Mayor for Hospitality.

thoroughfare with decomposed granite. Easy gradients will be the rule, and when completed the boulevard will afford one of the finest drives in the State.

After leaving the city this highway skirts the foothills included in the magnificent grant of 5015 acres given to the city by Col. G. J. Griffith for park purposes. For most of the distance the tracks of the Los Angeles-Pacific line to Hollywood will run over the boulevard, but beyond Ivanhoe there is a short distance where the railway will have an independent right of way. All the details of the plan were explained to the excursionists, and a very general sentiment was evinced in favor of immediate legislation for the boulevard.

On arriving at Hollywood the party left the cars and found enjoyment on the spacious grounds of Mr. Whitley. His large house was thrown open to the visitors, and beneath the portico were served several kinds of delicious punch.

Parties in tallyhos and automobiles spent the next hour in riding about Hollywood and viewing the improvements now in progress. Five miles of fine roadway surfaced with decomposed granite have been built, and over eight thousand feet of granite curb laid. Twelve fine houses are now in course of construction, including the Hotel Hollywood, of fifty rooms.

Prospect boulevard is now the main thoroughfare. It is a beautiful, wide street, well surfaced and affording splendid vistas of the mountains and foothills. It is a sample of the work which has already been accomplished in building good roads. The active cooperation of Messrs. Clark and Sherman of the railway company has in great measure aided Mr. Whitley and the other progressive citizens of Hollywood in building the splendid roadways. Yesterday the Mayor and Council and the Board of Supervisors were shown what has been done, and the opportunity that lies ahead for further construction. Sunset boulevard, as planned, traverses the Cahuenga Valley about one-half mile below Prospect boulevard, and when completed—as it surely will be in the near future—there will be no more pleasant drive from Los Angeles to the sea.

Roads have been built from Hollywood to the tops of the neighboring peaks and the view from these is well worth the climb. Green orange orchards, the trees standing in regular ranks with their loads of golden fruit, wide fields of grain, and on beyond the dotted with houses and on beyond the rest of the city. At the right is the rolling, restful ocean, just visible beyond Santa Monica, and at the left the noble hills of Griffith Park. All that is needed to make the valley a very populous section is the boulevard—a splendid car service is already at command.

The view and the lavish hospitality of the hosts inspired Mayor Snyder to oratory, and at the request of Mr. Whitley he briefly addressed the excursionists.

"I wish to thank the good people of Hollywood and our entertainers for the treat they have given us," said the Mayor. "Men who have wrought as marked improvements as you see on every hand should receive words of encouragement from us who have today seen the results of their enterprise."

"In its roadways Hollywood may well show a civic pride. Hollywood has set an example that Los Angeles might well follow. One year ago I addressed an assemblage here on the subject of good roads. My views on the necessity for better thoroughfares are well known and I shall not repeat them. The citizens of Hollywood have put some excellent theories into practice, and Los

Beautiful Hollywood and its environs was visited yesterday by an enthusiastic crowd of over 500 persons from Los Angeles, Pasadena and near-by cities. It was a holiday in the thriving suburb, and nearly all its citizens turned out to greet and entertain the guests of the occasion.

More than half the crowd was taken to Hollywood in five special cars furnished by the Los Angeles-Pacific Railway Company. The excursion was under the immediate supervision of President H. J. Whitley of the Los Angeles-Pacific Boulevard and Development Company. He was assisted by Col. G. J. Griffith, now known as the Mayor of Hollywood, by several of the directors and stockholders in the development company, and by Gen. M. H. Sherman and E. P. Clark, of the railway company.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the start was made from the offices of the railway company on Fourth street. The parlor car "Mermaid" headed the excursion train. It bore the stockholders of the development company, city and county officials, bankers and representative citizens, among whom were the following named: Mayor M. P. Snyder, Councilmen Powers, Allen, Bowen and Walker, Police Commissioner George Walker, Supervisors Field and Wilson, Gus Holmes, H. J. Woolcott, R. W. Burnham, F. W. Braun, Kaspare Cohn, H. C. Harris, H. W. Frank, A. B. Cass, W. L. Graves, William Mead, Gen. J. H. La Grange, Governor of the Soldiers' Home, Homer Laughlin, Mr. Hamilton of Pasadena, O. T. Johnson, and many others. Mrs. Snyder accompanied the Mayor, and nearly all the gentlemen brought their wives and members of their families. H. J. Whitley and Gen. M. H. Sherman looked after the comfort of the excursionists, and explained to them the ambitious plans for a boulevard from Hollywood to Los Angeles.

Other members of the party were: County Treasurer Mark Jones, President Charles Cassatt Davis of the Highway Commission, recently appointed by the Board of Supervisors; Park Superintendent Mendenhall, A. J. Wallace, Dr. C. B. Dickson, James C. Kays, Dr. C. W. Pierce, H. W. Chase, C. E. Bireley, Frank X. Pfaffinger, Edward Stassburg, William A. Frubling, Niles Poase, Henderson Hayward, O. Classen, W. B. Funkhouser, E. F. Plankham, Arthur



Lawson, Oscar Lawler, W. J. Fisher, George W. Black, Lester Robinson, N. Bonitto, A. B. Russell, E. L. Allen, E. E. Galbrette, W. H. Hoeger, Will C. Mulock, Frank B. Veasey, W. C. Bluet, C. A. Parmelee, W. E. McVay, Fred Baker, H. Jevne, J. M. C. Marble, Robert Hale, A. P. West, T. E. Newell, F. Q. Story, L. G. Beynon, and a host of others, nearly all accompanied by their wives.

Gen. H. G. Otis, accompanied by Mrs. Otis and Mrs. Franklin Booth, drove to Hollywood early in the afternoon.

About thirty automobiles and many tallyhos were in evidence. The tallyhos and part of the automobiles were provided for the use of the excursionists.

On the way from Los Angeles to Hollywood the cars were stopped several times to allow of an inspection of pieces of roadway. Sunset boulevard, where it has been surfaced with decomposed granite, just west of the Sisters' Hospital, afforded a striking contrast to the ordinary roads in the outskirts. Proceedings are now pending in the City Council to widen the boulevard to 100 feet, and extend it from the Plaza, over what was formerly Bellevue avenue, to Hollywood. The route chosen is the most direct that was feasible, and for the whole distance it is planned to surface the

Angeles should copy from the finished product."

In conclusion Mayor Snyder introduced Gen. H. A. Pierce, who made an eloquent address. He referred to the progressive spirit of Mr. Whitley, and told how he had built up Guthrie and Oklahoma City when he first knew him. He said he had always been a progressive citizen, and that he seemed to wield the scepter of the God of Midas. He thought that should an angel stray to the Valley of the Cahuenga from the heavenly realms there would always be a sign on Peter's gate, "Angel lost." In his peroration he paid a tribute to the ladies whom, he declared, were ten times more lovely and beautiful than all the fabled angels of all the whirling worlds.

After three cheers had been given for the speakers, the entertainers, the Council, Supervisors and for Messrs. Clark and Sherman, the party took the cars for the city, arriving about 6 o'clock.

On the return trip Mayor Snyder and Gen. Sherman entertained the guests in the "Mermaid." Mayor Snyder repeated his speech with embellishments for the benefit of the ladies who had been unable to hear from their seats in the car, and Gen. Sherman kept the party amused with his ready wit and vast fund of good humor.