

The Doings on the New Hollywood Boulevard.



Hollywood entertained again yesterday.

About forty prominent Angelenos boarded the palatial special car, "Mermaid," early in the afternoon and went out to view the boulevard. In the evening the party gathered at the banquet board.

Col. G. J. Griffith and H. J. Whitley, the indefatigable promoters of the good roads movement, were in charge of the expedition, and other Hollywood people assisted in receiving, piloting and explaining.

Among those present were: W. M. Bowen and Frank Walker of the City Council; E. S. Field, president of the Board of Supervisors; ex-Mayor Fred Eaton, who drew the plans for the proposed city terminus of the boulevard, near the Plaza; Col. W. B. Shaut and A. C. Gates of the Sunset Boulevard Improvement Association, and Gen. W. H. Sherman, Editor W. L. Hardison was there in his new evening dress suit, with all its long coat-tails and broad expanse of shirt front.

Arriving at Hollywood, attention was first directed to the finished portion of Prospect boulevard, a hard, compact, dustless road, undoubtedly one of the finest in the State. Then the party proceeded to where the work is now going on and inspected the methods of construction. Twenty men with teams are plowing and scraping, preparatory to putting on the gravel, which is from four to eight inches in thickness.

The party entered carriages and was driven over four miles of graded road on the Sunset boulevard, that the visitors might see the condition of the work as it progressed. Workmen are pushing toward the city limits, from which point the Sunset Boulevard Im-

provement Association expects to carry the work on with the aid of the City Council.

Seven of the twenty miles are now complete, and if the Council acts favorably the promoters hope to have the entire boulevard completed by the time the winter tourist travel commences. The city is expected to cooperate to the extent of building a 100-foot roadway from where the Sunset boulevard touches the city limits to some terminus in the business district. The routes most talked of would end at either the Broadway or Third-street tunnels.

When the party detrained at Hollywood, Gen. Sherman proposed three cheers for President McKinley, and they were given with a will, and a tiger added. Then Hollywood, Mr. Whitley, Col. Griffith and others came in for a good-natured cheer, and finally Gen. Sherman himself, though the latter protested that his hat was off.

Col. Griffith pointed to the grading crew and announced: "Now, gentlemen, here's work; here's what we are doing."

"If you're a farmer, let's see you get hold a plow," shouted some one. "I don't believe you know which end to take hold of."

So the colonel grasped the handles and had his picture taken for the benefit of doubting friends.

One of the most delightful side trips of the afternoon was a visit to the studio of Paul de Longpre, the noted French flower painter. The beautiful works of art were the objects of unstinted admiration. The pineapple orchard of Mr. Rapp was inspected, and then the party proceeded to the banquet.

The banquet was held in the Glen Holly Hotel, and was in honor of C.

M. Pierce, the proprietor, who has done much to advertise the scenic and climatic advantages of the Cahuenga Valley and Hollywood.

Supervisor E. S. Field responded to the first toast of the evening, "Our President." He voiced the national hope for the wounded executive's quick recovery, and the damnation of anarchists.

C. M. Pierce made a felicitous speech in acknowledgment of the surprise tendered him.

Col. G. J. Griffith gave the audience a "plain farmer's" views on the boulevard question. He detailed the history of the good-roads' campaign, and spoke encouragingly of the outlook for greater deeds.

H. J. Whitley responded to the toast, "Fair Hollywood." He told of the intentions of those in charge of the road movement, and declared his purpose to see the boulevard through to Los Angeles.

Councilman Bowen responded to the toast, "Los Angeles—the Most Beautiful Suburbs of Hollywood."

Ex-Mayor Eaton declared himself a strong advocate of good roads and boulevards. He described the route by which the people of the northwestern part of the city propose to carry the boulevard out Bellevue avenue.

Gen. Sherman promised the support of the Los Angeles and Pacific Railroad Company for any movement to improve the Cahuenga Valley.

Fred S. Bynon read an original poem dedicated to C. M. Pierce. The following also spoke: Councilman Frank Walker, W. L. Hardison, I. A. Weid, Paul de Longpre, O. T. Johnson, Col. Stott, Rev. Mr. Cash, E. C. Warren, Tracy Robinson, F. J. Beveridge, A. G. Bartlett, G. W. Hoover.