

## HALF OF AQUEDUCT PARTY STARTS HOME

THOSE OF "THE TIMES" Excursionists Who Stayed Over to See Upper End of Valley Are More Than Gratified. Cement Friendly Relations

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INDEPENDENCE (Cal.) Nov. 1 - [Exclusive Dispatch.] The Times party is divided tonight for the first time. Half of those who started are here and the other half are on their way back to Los Angeles.

Those who stayed over to see Bishop and the upper end of the valley are more than gratified over the day's trip. They saw a wonderfully rich agricultural district, were entertained by the Inyo County Good Roads Club at a wild duck dinner, and took part in cementing the friendly commercial relations of Los Angeles and the Owens Valley.

The Times pilot car, a little twenty-horse Ford, with a load of 780 pounds live weight, was the first car in Bishop. All the cars here are in splendid shape for the run back to Mojave tomorrow.

L. A. Nares left Independence this morning to make the record of the trip, running into Los Angeles tonight. Others who started down were: Dr. and Mrs. Walter Lindley, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Cochrane, ex-Mayor Hazard, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dellover, C. T. Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clark, G. Y. Ridenbaugh, Andrew Jung, E. T. Wright, A. E. McDermot, P. Janss, R. M. Allen, Samuel Sparrow, S. P. Eastman, John B. Dawson, John N. Powell, George Dickinson, Walter E. Brown, Warren Wilson, F. H. Metcalf, A. J. Koll, Walter Koll, Charles Off, R. D. Wade and Leroy Seely.

They should be in Mojave tonight, arriving in Los Angeles tomorrow about noon.

Mayor Alexander, Chief Engineer Mulholland, A. W. Ryan and W. R. Rowland, who went to Bishop, are at Lone Pine. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Briggs and R. W. Bainhour are with them. In the party here are Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Whittler, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hailburt, Charles Cassat Davis, Reese Llewellyn, Dr. G. Del Amo, Miss Mary Carson, Miss Lucy Carson, George R. Murdock, Earl Osborne, C. J. Fox Jr., Mrs. G. W. Tape, and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Patterson.

The trip to Bishop opened some of the most magnificent scenery of the Sierras. The road wound around the foot of a forty-mile range of mountain peaks, twelve to fourteen thousand feet high, mantled in snow. The

wheels scattered the golden autumn leaves that are falling in the valley and frequently dipped down into the crystal streams of water that cross the path. The first stop was made at Black Rock Springs and the aqueduct intake, where 10,000 inches of spring water are waiting for Los Angeles consumption.

Between Black Rock Springs and the Eaton ranch, The Times pilot car ran into a herd of eight fine, fat doe of unusual size. They evidently felt doubly secure in not having antlers and in knowing the season closed yesterday. They stood perfectly still and let the machine run close up to them. They objected, however, to having their pictures taken and when the photographer fairly fell out of his seat to snap them they bounded away so fast that a moving picture machine would have been frustrated.

At Eaton's ranch the 10,000 hens were visited and the products of the orchard sampled.

The dinner in Bishop at the Hotel Isalia included luxuries not to be found on the best tables of Los Angeles. After dinner the Good Roads Club had automobiles in waiting to show the visitors some of the beautiful farms in that vicinity.

In spite of long, hard trips every member of the party is in excellent spirits and ready for any experience that tomorrow brings out. Over 600 miles will have been covered before Los Angeles is reached, about Thursday noon.