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Remembering the Antique Paper Round-Up



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THE PRESIDENT VISITS PORTLAND IN 1891



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President Benjamin Harrison visited Portland and rode the cable car to Portland Heights on May 5, 1891.

Benjamin Harrison (August 20, 1833 – March 13, 1901) was an American politician and lawyer who served as the 23rd President of the United States from 1889 to 1893; he was the grandson of the ninth president, William Henry Harrison, creating the only grandfather-grandson duo to hold the office. Before ascending to the presidency, Harrison established himself as a prominent local attorney, Presbyterian church leader, and politician in Indianapolis, Indiana. During the American Civil War, he served in the Union Army as a colonel. The Indiana General Assembly elected Harrison to a six-year term in the U.S. Senate, where he served from March 4, 1881, to March 4, 1887.

A Republican, Harrison was elected to the presidency in 1888, defeating the Democratic incumbent, Grover Cleveland. Hallmarks of Harrison's administration included unprecedented economic legislation, including the McKinley Tariff, which imposed historic protective trade rates, and the Sherman Antitrust Act. Harrison also facilitated the creation of the national forest reserves through an amendment to the Land Revision Act of 1891. During his administration six western states were admitted to the Union. In addition, Harrison substantially strengthened and modernized the U.S. Navy and conducted an active foreign policy, but his proposals to secure federal education funding as well as voting rights enforcement for African Americans were unsuccessful.

Due in large part to surplus revenues from the tariffs, federal spending reached one billion dollars for the first time during his term. The spending issue in part led to the defeat of the Republicans in the 1890 mid-term elections. Cleveland defeated Harrison for re-election in 1892, due to the growing unpopularity of the high tariff and high federal spending. Harrison returned to private life and his law practice in Indianapolis. He died at his home in Indianapolis in 1901 of complications from influenza.

On his visit to Oregon, travelling by train from San Francisco, Harrison arrived in Portland at noon on May 5, 1891. That evening he attended a reception at the Exposition Building where 15,000 Portlanders came to hear him speak. Harrison rode the Portland Cable Railway which began operating on February 22, 1890.



Highlights of the Antique Paper Round-Up



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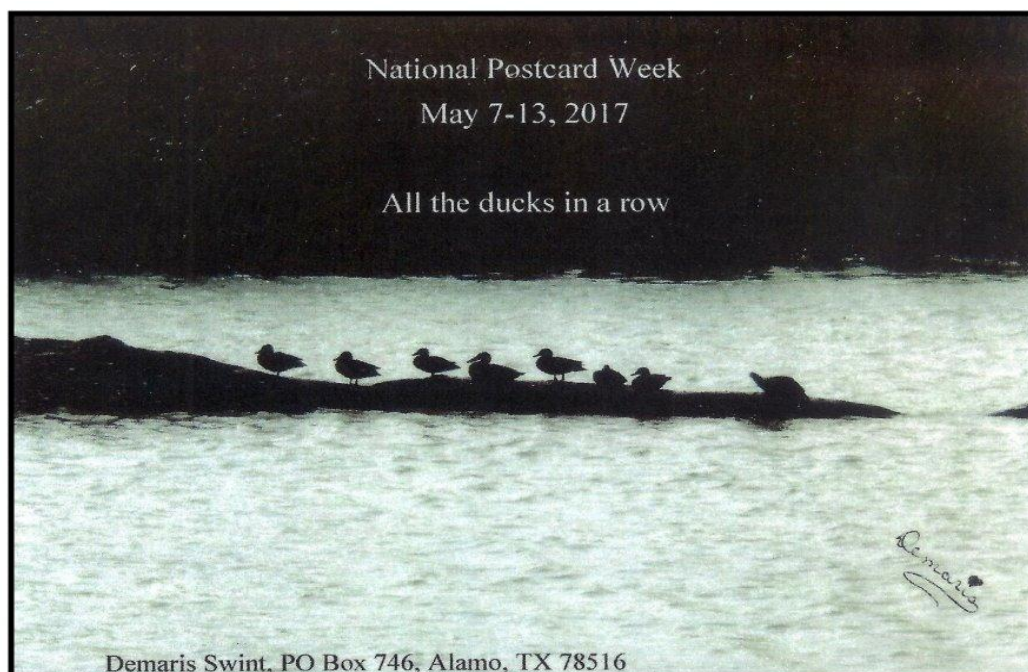


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begun in 1917 to save hybrid roses of Europe in danger due to the Great War



34th National Postcard Week 7-13 May 2017 Greetings from Portland
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