

ELMER STODDARD

TELLS OF TRIP

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tell them that we were constructing roads as rapidly as labor and materials could be assembled. This statement is borne out by the actual conditions. From the same, we struck the state line at Ashland we were constantly in sight of road construction outfits and it will be but a matter of a short time that the road will be completed through to Portland. The grade is almost completed at this time and the hard surface is being applied at a rapid rate.

"I traveled from San Francisco to Los Angeles over one route and returned by another. During the trip I traversed over fifteen hundred miles of pavement and all along the route, I found the people so well pleased that they are voting for more roads. They find them an actual investment.

"Near Watsonville, I saw fruit growers hauling apples to market with three ton trucks and trailers. One man had a load sufficient to fill a railway car and was traveling at the rate of fifteen or twenty miles per hour. I saw another man with ten thousand feet of lumber. I could not help but think how we were compelled to be satisfied with a paltry load of three thousand feet with practically the same equipment because of the improper road condition.

"Everywhere I went I found the all-absorbing topic of conversation and thought to be good road construction. The advantages of good roads has been demonstrated to the people of California and there is no longer any question as to this community building power.

In Oregon, I found that the same interest is being manifested and in a short time, almost before we can realize the change is taking place. Oregon will be transporting a large percentage of its traffic over scientifically constructed roadways.

"In connection with my work I am compelled to visit all sections of this and adjoining counties and I fully appreciate the necessity for better roads. In fact, with but a few exceptions we have few roads over which anything like a reasonable or economic load can be carried either by team or truck, or over which even reasonable time can be made by pleasure or passenger traffic. When I saw the load of ten thousand feet of lumber and the car load of apples going to market so smoothly I could not help but compare the sight with the eight and ten horse teams hauling grain through the dust and sand of our Eastern Oregon roads.

"We Can Have Good Roads. There is no reasonable excuse for this condition to continue here in Union county. We have the wealth with which to construct roads, and we have the products to transport. We should not linger behind in the procession of progression. A good road is not a toy, or a plaything, it is a part of the

Industrial working equipment of a wide-awake producing community and there is no excuse for the slow, impassable road in Union county as there is for the old-fashioned horse power threshing machine or the big mill stones. This is a modern age, and in order to meet the competition of the times we must have modern equipment.

"Personally, I shall not consider my additional tax in the light of an expense, but will charge it to investment and shall expect reasonable returns therefrom. I fully realize that the sum involved is a large one, and hereby offer to act in conjunction with other careful citizens of this county to see that our money is properly expended and that every dollar produces its rightful proportion of good road."

FRANK SLATER APPROVES BONDS

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"It would appear to me that it would be best for all concerned for us to forge ahead and keep the wheels of progress whirling. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and see that we get the good road program started now while the price of our various products are drawing the top prices, and then if prices fall we will have the road over which we can move at a less cost. Consider the cost of road construction in the light of an investment and not as an expense. Vote for the road bonds and thereby help keep Union county abreast of the times."—Union Republican.

MRS. WM. UPTON, 70 YEARS OLD, DRIVES FORD 22,000 MILES

On her return trip, Mrs. William Upton, the seventy-year-old woman, who, alone, drove a Ford runabout from San Francisco to New York City visited the Ford Motor Company's main office. She was introduced to the officials of the Company, was photographed, held in her hand a Ford check worth two figures of millions, recounted the experiences she had encountered on her trip, and before leaving, made arrangements for securing a new Ford car immediately upon her return to her home in Bakersfield, California.

Mrs. Upton has already driven her present Ford more than 22,000 miles, 7,000 of which were driven since she left San Francisco May 11th, the longest day's drive being 160 miles. At Springfield, Illinois, Mrs. Upton's birth place, she plans to dispose of the car and, after visiting her many friends there, will return home via rail.

When commenting on her trip, she said that in making the drive from the Atlantic to the Pacific, it had not been her purpose to follow a direct line of travel, but to visit the most cities and places of interest. She visited the Petrified Forest, spent sev-

eral days in the National Capitol, drove to Mount Vernon, visited the site of the Battle of Gettysburg and then, after touring to some of the Atlantic coast cities, made her way to New York.

She experienced practically no trouble with her car, although she pointed out the fact that she understands the Ford motor and made her own adjustments. Before leaving the Ford Company, Mrs. Upton expressed the hope that her next Ford, probably another runabout, will be equipped with a Ford starter.

Pro Rata.

In one of the regiments the rats had become such a pest that the officers took drastic measures to get rid of them. An offer was made that to any of the boys 12 hours' liberty would be given every time they brought in a dead rat.

One day a soldier came into headquarters with a demand for five days' liberty. "Five days' liberty? Where do you get that stuff?" they howled at him. He produced a paper sack which, on being opened, showed ten young rats which he had found in one nest. The joke was on the officers; and the soldier got liberty.

Sneaking Into Camp.

A private who had overstayed his leave one night sneaked into camp and was just on the point of entering the barracks when the sentry turned at the end of his beat. The private, who was closely watching the guard, realizing that he would be detected, also turned and acted as though he was trying to sneak out of camp. "Get back there; no man out tonight!" shouted the guard. Needless to add the private lost no time in obeying the order.

Observer ads are wisely read.

Rolfie Zelder, finally realizing his ambition to become a minor league manager, sure has picked out a tough assignment when he takes the job at Toledo.

The Newark club of the International league has corrupted Irving Porter, former speed merchant of the New England league, who has just been released from the army with the rank of sergeant.

Jimmy Hamilton, who will manage the People team in the Three-I league, worked his friend Del Howard out of three good ones when he got Howard to release to Peoria Croll, Dodson and LeBourveau.

Lester Simmons, for a number of years a well-known player in the Virginia league, and later in the International, New England and Eastern circuits, is mixed up in a murder case at his home in Petersburg, Va.

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The Observer furnishes and prints Butter Wrappers. INSURANCE TO SERVICE MEN

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ent forms. The government, in an effort to aid every man in keeping up his war risk insurance, has made unusually liberal provisions covering reinstatement of insurance, where the former service man has allowed it temporarily to lapse. In this way, every bit of insurance which has been allowed to lapse may be reinstated under the following provisions:

- A. The applicant must be in as good health as at the date of discharge, or at the date the insurance lapsed, if the lapse occurred after discharge and must so state in the signed application for reinstatement. B. The application must be accompanied by a remittance to pay the premium for the month of lapse dur-

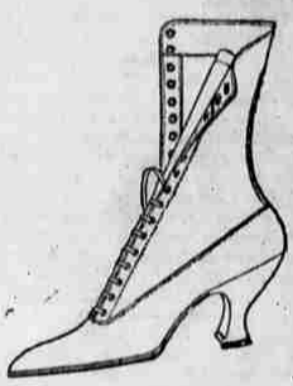
ing which protection was provided after discharge, and for the first month on the reinstated insurance. Ten features which prominently stand out in the government policy are as follows: 1. The total permanent disability clause is granted without cost to the insured and it is free from all restrictions. 2. Government insurance does not charge its policy holders any overhead expense. 3. It contains an extremely liberal definition of disability. 4. It gives very substantial payments. 5. It contains no age restrictions. 6. It is unrestricted as to travel,

residence or occupation. 7. Premiums paid in advance are refunded down to the month, in case of death. 8. The policy is non-taxable. 9. Unusually liberal cash loan, paid up insurance and extended term insurance values are included. 10. It participates in dividends. If the policy holder is unable to keep the full amount of the War Risk Insurance he carried while in the service he may reinstate part of it from \$1,000 up to \$10,000 in multiples of \$500. Reductions may be made in multiples of \$500 to any amount, but not less than \$1,000. Premiums are due on the first of the month, although payments may be made any time.

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