

# The STAYTON MAIL AN OPEN LETTER

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While we are talking about monuments and memorials, what's the matter with a monument to Eve?

By all accounts, Eve was a great woman. She was our universal ancestor. None of the genealogists ever get any farther back than Eve. And Eve was a suffragist. She was an equal partner with the "head of the house" (let us call him so by courtesy anyway) in the fruit orchard known as Eden. If Adam didn't feel like trying the qualities of the apple,—or lemon, as some believe it to have been (while the Californians declare it was an orange), Eve invented the initiative to meet the occasion, and so became the first Progressive. What though both Adam and Eve suffered the "recall" in consequence? Eve still deserves a monument at the hands of her descendants, for the habit of eating fruit has survived to this day, and who would be willing now to forego the benefits of the great discovery of Eve's that fruit,—whether apples, lemons, oranges, figs or what not,—are good for the system and beneficial to the complexion, besides adding to the family expense account unless grown in your own back yard?

Perhaps we have not shown Eve so much honor as she deserves because the earlier chroniclers did not dress up their facts with as much wealth of descriptive laudation as marks the effusions on the society page of the journals of today. It is not too late to honor Eve. Why not have Congress erect a monument to her fame?

A juggler who married a woman in Los Angeles has been arrested in San Francisco on a charge of bigamy. He was so accustomed to juggling things that he tried it with his marriage license, to his grief. On the stage he juggles with plows and cart wheels, but a little slip of paper with a state seal upon it was more than he could manipulate.

## Northwest Clips

Springfield is soon to have new ornamental street lights.

Two Eugene women walked sixty miles recently to reduce their weight.

A new sanatorium is proposed for Ashland, to cost not less than \$150,000.

Roseburg has already prepared some plans for the strawberry festival next year.

Medford will be the scene of the 1913 Odd Fellows grand lodge and Rebekahs' assembly.

According to Agnes C. Laut, a magazine writer, the Pacific coast is threatened with anarchy.

It is said that in the future the mining of coal may out-rival the lumber industry in the Marshall section of the state.

An Albany man has built an aeroplane which will be one of the attractions at the Fourth of July celebration in that city.

During the last ten months \$1,500,000 have been paid out in Eugene for timberlands and property needed by the railroads.

The Eugene city council has passed an ordinance requiring all street speakers to get written permission from the authorities.

At the meeting of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon, held in Pendleton, May 21st, degrees of the order were conferred on a class of 213.

The S. P. has completed surveys for a new line extending from eastern Washington through eastern Oregon, directly south to Mojave, Cal.

Even Bellingham, Wash., is to have an aviation meet at which Parmalee and Turpin, two of this country's leading aviators will perform.

The 50th convention of the National Education association will occur July 6-12 in Chicago. Last year the convention met in San Francisco.

It is said that the apple crop of Hood River this year will be from 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 boxes. Hood River has 7000 acres of planted orchards.

\$20,000 will be spent in La Grande during the next few weeks in the construction of a combination fair grounds, athletic park and race track.

During the first six months of its existence the Idaho-Washington Development league expended \$4,699.78 in advertising the resources of the two states.

A committee of Klamath Falls business men have decided that a general reorganization of the city affairs, including the chamber of commerce, is necessary.

The mayor of Portland is shortly to have framed an ordinance which will stop provision dealers from destroying surplus vegetables in order to keep up prices.

The Snake river, in Idaho, is now navigable for a distance of twenty miles above Pittsburg Landing. Heretofore, five miles above this point was the record.

The carpenters who removed the booths at the recent Roseburg festival discarded so many nails that the city had to put a crew of men at work to pick them up from the streets.

Headed by the "Hungry Seven Band," and displaying banners imploring the erection of a new central school building, the students of the Roseburg high school recently paraded the business streets.

At Lebanon, the other day a team ran away, fell head first into a turntable and then turned over on their backs. To extricate the horses it was necessary to tie their feet together and lift them out.

Cape-Blanco reef is soon to have a new buoy weighing eleven tons, of the combination flash light and whistling variety, and will contain 400 pounds of carbide, enough to furnish light for a year without charging.

Editor Mail,  
Dear Sir:

In last week's Mail appeared an article in regard to the proposed railroad that I take exception to.

In it, it says there are two or three parties that are reluctant to give a right of way for the line. As I am one of these, I wish to state that in this you are misinformed as there are ten parties that I know of that do not see where they are benefited as much as damaged, and I understand there are only sixty to eighty per cent signed up from Salem to West Stayton. We are not the only ones that are blind.

Now I will ask what does Stayton give in proportion to what it asks us to give? It asks me to give more land than the town of Stayton gives. In return what does Stayton give me when I come to town? Not even a hitching post. Nearby towns get thousands of dollars worth of trade for their hitching posts, because Stayton has none.

The town gave Mr. Mounce a franchise, but would he have gotten it if he had asked to come in at the southwest corner and out at the northeast? I am in doubt. Yet that is what he asks of us. He goes through four square fields of mine and leaves eight triangles, and it is through the bottom land, the best we have.

Now what railroad does Mr. Mounce represent? I take it he is asking us to give him the land so he can sell it to some road. If I got my land by riding around in an auto with a ten cent weed stuck in my face, I might do so, but I have to pay for all I get and that is all I ask of Mr. Mounce, for I expect nothing from the railroad for nothing.

Mr. Mounce says if we don't give him the right of way he will sue us. Well, by suing he will not get it for nothing—we are bound to get some damages.

I am in favor of Stayton having a railroad, but it is not right to expect us to give the land and let it be cut up like it will be for nothing, when everybody for miles on either side gets the same benefit we do and neither loses land nor is troubled with the cars and railroad all the time he lives on the place.

Yours respectfully,  
ANDREW FERY.

The above letter is self explanatory and expresses Mr. Fery's views on the subject very clearly. Of course we as publishers of the Mail will stand by what was said last week as being said in good faith and on the representations of Mr. Mounce. Whether the right of way from Salem to West Stayton is 80 per cent secured or 10 per cent secured we have no way of determining.

We have dug up from another authority however the names of those who have signed for the right of way from West Stayton to Stayton. They are: Condit, McInnis, Crumm, Schell, Perkins, Dively, Hornbuckle, Rucker, Forette and Spaniol. Those unsigned are: Van Nuys, F. Fery, A. Fery, Munkers, Jeter and Kusey. We understand however that some of these will settle rather than have condemnation proceedings instituted.

The fact remains however that if there were no Stayton here there would be no talk of a railroad, and if there were no Stayton here, land that is supposed to be now worth \$100 to \$150 per acre would be worth approximately \$25 per acre, therefore what helps Stayton will help those that live near.

Anent the hitching post matter we might inform our farmer friends that a committee was appointed by the city council to investigate this subject and as far as we know, nothing has been done although we are well aware of the necessity of the same.

THE EDITORS.

## Squabtown

Pete Blithers was caught out in the rain Sunday, while wearing the new striped yellow suit he brought home from Portland last week. The suit shrunk like a dried apple, and Pete was nearly strangled before they could cut him out of it. His mother will use the cloth for rosettes to decorate at his sister's wedding next month.

A Squabtown Rifle Squad was organized Monday, with twenty charter members. The following constitution was adopted: Article 1.—This organization shall be known as the Squabtown Rifle Squad. Article 2.—In case of war, the Squad shall be immediately disbanded.

Art. Raglin borrowed the confectionery store's electric piano to use at his wedding Tuesday, and sent to Salem for Lohengrin's wedding march. The music people got the order twisted, and as Art led his bride to the altar the piano broke out into "Please Don't Take Me Home." It took a pint flask to revive the groom.

J. Lucifer Ludlux, Squabtown's literary light, has just completed a stirring novel entitled "The Tap on the Wrist." At the psychological moment, the hero taps the villain on the wrist, and before the latter recovers, he carries the heroine to safety in his Brush runabout.

Bud Waffles, who to reduce his weight has been taking a diet of sawdust and charcoal, woke up Wednesday morning with a charred wooden leg. Bud says it's a regular carbon copy of the original.

In the Memorial Day parade this morning, Bill Hinks' mule "Dusty" ate a dozen wreaths of flowers from John Gallstone's buggy. John hinted that next year we might have a chance to put wreaths on Dusty's grave.

—Squabtown Squawker

## West Stayton

John Crum was a Stayton visitor Saturday.

C. F. Loose made a business trip to Stayton Monday.

H. B. Condit has improved the appearance of his place by adding a new fence and fixing his lawn.

Mrs. James Calavaan and daughter, formerly of this place but now of Woodburn, were visiting friends about the city Monday.

The Misses Winifred Forrette and Fay Henson of Dallas, are guests of Miss Leona Forrette this week.

The ladies aid society met last Thursday afternoon in the city hall and as usual had an enjoyable time.

A number of our young folks attended the all-night dance at Shelburn Saturday evening. They report a fine time.

—West Stayton Warbler

## Gates Gleanings

C. A. Bevier went to Quartzville Thursday.

A. A. Shier of Mehama was a Gates visitor Monday.

Mrs. John Quinn of Lyons was a Gates visitor Monday.

Jack Matheny and family moved to Wheatland Monday.

Mrs. Harry Basley of Macleay came up for a few days' visit with relatives Monday.

Mrs. W.H.B. Stewart went to Albany Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Claud Rebham.

Miss Rhea Bevier, who has been at Gates the past two months returned to Albany Monday.

Bob Munro went to Quartzville Sunday, meeting Clifford Wolfe and Lance Stewart on their way back to Gates.

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