

AUTHORS UNITED IN PRAISE OF OREGON

Writers of Note Tell of Hopes Some Day to See Portland.

STEWART EXPLAINS ERROR

Story on Columbia Waterway Is Killed by Editor's Pencil as Magazine Goes to Press and Space Is Limited.

An unusual mode of gaining desirable publicity for Oregon and the Pacific Northwest was recently adopted by the Portland Commercial Club when it inaugurated correspondence with a number of the leading writers of the day in the hope that these men and women, so forceful with their pens, might visit Oregon and that the attractiveness of this country might later be reflected in their literary productions.

Personal letters were addressed to them and, in many instances, it developed that a trip in this direction would be very logical in connection with plans for seeing the Panama-Pacific Exposition during 1915.

Some delightfully characteristic responses were received and mention of them might well be headed with that of the venerable W. D. Howells, who says:

"I am sorry to say I have no present hope of ever seeing our Pacific Coast, which I should like particularly to see. Portland, Oregon, is a city of the continent seems much wider than it does from west to east, and at my age the Great Lakes are beyond the bounds of my farthest hopes. Of course I know something of the grandeur and beauty of your region, and I am sure I do not indulge too wild fancy in thinking it one of the most favored in the world. I am sure I would rather own Columbia Valley than the German empire, for its people must be happier, if not better than those of that militarized realm.

"I thank you for your wish to see me."

Herbert Bruce Fuller, secretary to Senator Burton, but himself a lawyer and author on legal, historical and social subjects, says that Oregon literature has proven interesting reading to him and adds:

"I shall certainly visit your wonderful land on my next trip to the Coast."

John L. Mathews, of Philadelphia, at one time assistant editor of the Youth's Companion, but probably best known for his later articles on Mississippi waterway development, expresses a desire to see the Pacific Northwest.

Richard Burton, professor of English in the University of Minnesota and author of many poems and essays of note, has visited Oregon before but says his intentions are to take another trip to Portland when coming fall.

Maudie Warren answers:

"I have been reading your magazine for some time and I am very interested in the articles on the Pacific Northwest. I am sure I would like to visit your beautiful state some day."

Bishop F. L. Spalding, of Utah, writes from Salt Lake City a brief and expressive note appreciative of Oregon's beautiful booklets and adds:

"I almost persuade me that you have as good a state as Utah."

Dallas Lore Sharp, who soon brought before the people of this state with unusual prominence, for his book, "Where Rolls the Oregon," is now on the press and will be widely sold within the next few weeks. Needless to say he has visited Oregon and spent considerable time here. His letter particularly recalls the taken through Central Oregon in 1912.

"I am sorry that my new book is the result of only a Summer in your great and absorbing state," writes Mr. Sharp. "Sorry that I could take up only one phase of the state's appeal to me, the appeal of the wild life only; for there were many other sides of the great commonwealth that I was vastly interested in."

In the last chapter of the new book I try in a large way to catch the spirit of your country and hope that chapter "From Council Crest" will make a place in the minds of the people. My gratitude is due your wise and hardworking Game Warden, Mr. Finley, for my Summer there. There is hardly an Oregon man better known here in the East than he. I hope to come to Oregon again some of these days very soon."

Professor William Lyon Phelps, of Yale, magazine contributor and public lecturer, admits that Oregon literature interested him extremely.

Theodore N. Van Curnham, known for his introduction of American electric railways into Buenos Aires. He expects to see the Pacific Northwest at no distant date, according to his letter.

Edward M. Woolley, who has written popular juvenile books and done much newspaper work on metropolitan papers, already knows the Coast fairly well, having lived in Seattle for two or three years. He is more or less familiar with Portland at that time. I know you have a wonderful country and my recollections of it are very pleasant indeed."

E. S. Nadal, essayist on foreign and American travel, voices his desire to see the Pacific Northwest for its famed picturesqueness. He has written a great deal on scenery.

Author Explains Mistake. Charles D. Stewart, of Hartford, Wis., a devotee of waterways and water problems, sends one of the most interesting of all acknowledgments received by the Commercial Club and, in commenting on the Oregon literature, says in part:

"I am not particularly interested in apples so much as in people; and your way of reaching out and spreading your leaves to the sun is interesting. You are perhaps aware that one of my specialties is rivers. I take this opportunity to thank you for the Oregon. In the Century for August, 1907, I wrote about 'The Waterways of America'—this being about a year before Roosevelt made his famous progress down the Mississippi. It was the first article in a large magazine, I believe, upon the necessity of waterway improvement, and in that article I left out the Columbia. Or rather, as I wish to say, I did not leave it out, though it looked as if I did. The subject, beginning with the Mississippi, was so large that the article, which succeeded in covering the whole subject, proved a little too long, and to bring it into magazine scope the editor, Richard Watson Gilder, an excellent man, now dead, had to do something,

And so he cut the Columbia River out, that being the last, though not the least of my considerations.

"I was consequently much interested and pleased to have one of your citizens, a physician, write me an irate protest for leaving out the Columbia, which is certainly a waterway. He, of course, did not understand, nor did I explain. But I would not give a cent for a man who would not sit up and declare himself on seeing his Columbia River left out of the waterways of America."

"Just recently an Eastern publisher has asked permission to use my article on the network of rivers in a geographical reader, for educational purposes, and in giving my consent I told them to put the Columbia back on the map somewhere in the book, as it was the one thing lacking. So I hope I am now square with Oregon."

"I have thought that as rivers, in the larger panoramic phase, their peoples and general effects, are so much in my line, I ought some day to try my hand on the Columbia all by itself. I congratulate you on the effective co-operation of the Portland Commercial Club, the Oregon Development League, the Southwestern Washington Development League, the towns, the transportation companies, the Immigration Bureau and the people generally."

Miss Gale Is Interested. Miss Zona Gale, whose "Friendship Village" and "Friendship Village Love Stories" have delighted so many thousands of readers, compasses her message within a few lines:

"The development of the Northwest has been such a matter of eager interest to everyone that we are in danger of forgetting that it may have passed us all in development before we get out there to see it. Portland, of course, would always be a pleasant objective were I to visit that region, and I greatly appreciate your hospitable word and its personal message about my work."

GIRL WINS GOLD MEDAL IN DRAMATIC CONTEST.

Carol Judson.

In the recent dramatic recitation contest given under the auspices of Woodstock W. C. T. U., Carol Judson won the gold medal. She competed with several others, all of whom had previously won silver medals.

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Frederick M. Smith, editor of several well-known Mormon publications, was among those returning courteous acknowledgment.

Hiram Bingham, of Yale University, says:

"I have always been interested in the great Northwest and this interest has been increased since Dr. L. T. Nelson, surgeon of the Peruvian Expedition of 1912, went to live in Portland. He has a large knowledge of South America."

Mr. Bingham has made extensive explorations in Venezuela and Colombia; traced the ancient Spanish trade route from Buenos Aires to Lima; and conducted much research among the Inca ruins of Peru.

Professor Carl Holliday, for many years in Tennessee and best known for his articles on colonial times in the South, stories, poems and reviews, is now with the University of Montana, and writes:

"I am a great deal nearer than I was supposed to be by you. Of course, I intend to see the exposition and shall certainly make it a point to report to the Portland Commercial Club on my way over. The Pacific Northwest literature is welcome."

Mrs. Corra Harris writes in a very gracious note:

"No, I have never been in the West. I hope very much to come next year and shall be delighted to let you know in advance if I have an opportunity to visit Portland."

Mrs. Harris has contributed to many magazines and several years ago, her story, "A Circuit Rider's Wife," excited unusual comment and appreciation.

Garnett Bradford sent a letter from his home in Wellesley Hills, Mass., in part, he says:

"It is one of my warmly cherished hopes to visit the Pacific Coast and

EARLY SETTLER OF WASHINGTON DIES AT OREGON HOME.



Michael St. Germain.

WITROW, Wash., April 20.—(Special)—Michael St. Germain, an early settler of Washington and for many years a resident of Oregon, passed away at his farm near here April 15. He was born in the township of Dover, Ontario, Canada, Jan. 8, 1828. He married Miss Madella Nealey Grubb at Corvallis, Or. He is survived by a widow and Rev. H. A. Carnahan, D. D., three children; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Lovett, of Port Alberni, B. C.; Mrs. Inez Probst, of Portland, Or.; and a son, Arthur Louis. Three stepchildren, Frank C. Grubbs, of Mansfield, Wash.; Mrs. Elsie Swick, of Corvallis, Or.; Mrs. Eugenia Kirchner, of Withrow, Wash., and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Duquette, of Tilbury, Ontario.



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when I do so, I shall certainly not fail to avail myself of your invitation.

H. L. Graves, Chief Forester of the United States, has been a frequent visitor in Portland, and many friends here will receive with pleasure the news that he contemplates coming again sometime during the coming Summer.

Madison Cawlin, unusually versatile as poet, playwright, and translator was much impressed with Oregon literature. He says:

"I would like to take the next train to see that wonderful country. It is certainly marvelous the way it has developed. How beautiful, how prosperous it looks from the pictures published. I wish some genius would pick me up right now and set me down in the shadow of Mt. Hood or somewhere on the banks of the Oregon."

Agnes Reppner, whose essays have given pleasure to so many American readers, especially through their under current of humor, implies that the Pacific Northwest is the Land of Opportunity when she says: "I wish I were a young man instead of an old woman. Your Oregon literature is the most beautiful of its kind that I have ever seen."

Other letters came from Dr. Leonard Keene Hirschberg, of Baltimore, who has many publications on original research to his credit; and Dr. George Hodges, whose pen has been prolific on theological subjects.

Additional letters are coming daily and, of course, the Portland Commercial Club feels richly repaid for its literary campaign.

WAR MAY BOOST POTATOES

Texas Concerns Already Ask Quotations From Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 25.—(Special)—With war imminent along the Texas border of Mexico, potatoes from Clarke County will probably be shipped to Texas in considerable quantities, several offers for carload lots having already been received. Better prices, too, are expected. So far this year, 51 carloads of po-

tatoes have been shipped from this county. Of this number, 35 cars went to California and 12 to Denver, for shipment to Texas.

Potatoes are bringing 55 and 60 cents f. o. b. Vancouver, from Denver concerns. By shipping to San Francisco, by boat, seven cents a hundred is saved in freight, but, as they have to be handled six times in transit, they depreciate as much as 15 cents a hundred, so it is cheapest to ship by rail.

Lead Pipe Poured Here Exhibited.

The first piece of lead pipe poured in the new plant of the Northwest Lead & Machinery Company, at 311 Front street, Friday, has been placed on display in the Chamber of Commerce by members of the chamber, who were present when it was poured. Members of the board of governors of the Commercial Club, trustees of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Manufacturers' Association were guests.

St. Johns Man Dies Suddenly.

ST. JOHNS, Or., April 25.—(Special)—Neil E. D. Kaer, living at 914 South Hayes street, died suddenly Thursday of hemorrhage of the lungs. He is survived by a widow and four boys, William E. Bradley, Gilbert L. and

Frances R. Kaer, and was 45 years of age. For the past six years he had lived in St. Johns, and came here from Bridal Veil. He was a member of the Moose Lodge of St. Johns, Bridal Veil Oddfellows' lodge and the United Artisans of St. Johns. He was employed by the Peninsula & Acme Lumber Company. The funeral will be held Sunday under the auspices of the As-Cap-So promptly relieves head-

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