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A FRIEND WITH A VITROLIC TYPEWRITER

Editor Statesman:

I made a trip to Salem Sunday, and if every man who makes that trip curses as much as I did, there would not be enough preachers in the world to save them. When I think it over, that for years and years we have been talking good roads, we have got a State Highway Commission, and we are taxed and licensed to death and yet the most important road in the whole State, connecting the two largest cities, is still the worst road in the State. Somebody is to blame for it and somebody should be scored. I will give you a brief outline of it.

The first stretch of bad road is the hill south of Milwaukie, which is extremely dangerous. The road is not located where it should be. Somebody is going to get killed on this hill, and the only reason some one has not been killed before this is because the hill is so absolutely dangerous that everyone is scared into caution.

The next bad stretch is between Park Place and Oregon City. Here is a dangerous grade crossing and the surface is worn out. Then we come to a stretch south of Oregon City, which is almost impassable at times. It is planked and has a railroad track on one side and rocks on the other. Here, too, is a bad grade crossing. Then, there is a stretch through Canemah that is like bumping the bumps. The road is excellent from here on to Canby, then you come to a terror. For four miles life is a burden to the autoist. If some genius for meanness had tried to construct an exasperating road, he could not have improved on the road through Barlow, and the citizens stand on the sidewalk and laugh at the autoist going through. I would not stop in that place on a bet. The only thing they have that is attractive is a drinking fountain, and even it has so much dirt and filth around it and it smells so badly, that you have no desire to drink. Even where the water flows out of the bubble, it is all covered with moss and filth. Then from Aurora on until Lake Labish is reached the road is good. Some 45 or 50 years ago, I crossed this lake on a corduroy road made out of rails laid down on the marsh; it was a better road than it is now, and from there on into Salem the road is full of chuck holes, roots and rocks.

Marion county is to blame for this last stretch of road; it takes very little to keep a road there in good shape—there is plenty of rock and clay and if a road grader was run over it every week, it would keep the road in good shape, but the people of Marion county seem to be so indifferent to good roads. I can not get it through my head, nor can I understand how people living in that neighborhood would tolerate such roads. Someone in the management of the roads needs a good overhauling and strong publicity. I suppose the answer would be that the road is to be paved soon. I can see no immediate prospect of it being paved, and even so, why should it not be kept in good repair until the paving is done?

I do not expect to go to the Fair this year on a paved road; I have waited so long and been disappointed too often. You have no idea the people who would go to Salem and spend their money if there was a good road. Forest Grove and Newberg are simply crowded and jammed with autoists because the roads are good all the way. People go to Salem because they are obliged to and not for a pleasure trip.

As far as your interest in the matter is concerned, you will find the more you go after these things through your paper, instead of offending people, the more subscribers you will have for your paper because they know you have the courage of your convictions. Give Barlow a good roasting for a few issues and see how your subscriptions will pick up in that locality.

I think I wrote you something about good roads once before and I hope you will use your paper to get this road through to Salem.

—JOHN L. CUSSEER.

Portland, Or., April 13, 1920.

(The above, from an old friend of The Statesman, is printed in order to show how a progressive and public spirited and prominent Portland citizen feels about it. But the editor of The Statesman is more optimistic about the paved road outlook in this section than is the gentleman we have given the pen name of John L. Cusser. That is not the name he signed. The State Highway Commission is hurrying the uncompleted portions of the paved road between Portland and Salem with all possible speed. The contractors are now on the jobs, and we believe there will be a paved highway ALL the way between Portland and Salem by the time of the State Fair—and ALL the way to the California line by that time, too, or very soon thereafter. And there will be nearly 40 miles of new paved highways in Marion county this year, including some 25 miles of paved market roads. And there will be a paved highway from Salem to Dallas and Independence. The Statesman believes Oregon, slow in starting, has now the best provision for paved highways of any state in the Union—for building and keeping up paved roads. And Marion county will be literally made over in the paved highway program of five years upon which she has entered. John L. Cusser is invited to come to the State Fair in his auto over a paved highway ALL the way; and he is invited to come back to Salem often in the next five years, to witness our progress.—Ed.)

Brazil is deporting the Bolsheviks and I. W. W. In a word she is moving the nut crop.

Salem never before had such good advertisers. No wonder trade is coming to Salem from near and far points.

When Lucy Page Gaston becomes a candidate for president on the anti-cigarette platform will she hand out the campaign cigars?

This is the golden age of books. Never were books more profusely published, more liberally advertised and more generally read. In the midst of the struggle of the war

the book business leaped suddenly upward and has ever since continued on its ascending course. All predictions to the contrary have failed. It may not be the golden age of authors, but it is certainly the golden age for books.

Running the country is a most strenuous job and it does beat all the number of men in the United States who are anxious to assume the pressure. Human vanity is something that must be reckoned with.

Buy local building and loan shares and boost Salem solidly.

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GLASSES
THE INVISIBLE BIFOCALS

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A little wetter than it should be here. But we are so far ahead of the east in the weather being dealt out that we ought not to be found to complain. There will be plenty of sunshine soon.

There should be about 1000 spears of asparagus grown where only one grows now, in the Salem district. Read the Salem slogan pages of The Statesman of Thursday, and then plant asparagus.

The people of this country are getting tired of the bureaucracy in Washington and they are talking out loud about it, too. They are just waiting until November to hit it between the eyes.

The first funeral ship bearing the bodies of the American dead has reached New York and it will be supplemented by others until all are returned to the homes they left for the freedom of the world.

As a people we are hard to suit. We complain of conditions and prices in the United States. But to appreciate just how happy we are it might be well to read the cable news in the papers at the breakfast table every morning.

It is quite certain that both of the political parties will use moving pictures in the coming fall campaign. And the wise ones in the audience will be able to tell from the applause which of the candidates will be elected—possibly.

HEARST-JOHNSON TICKET.

(Los Angeles Times.)

Democratic leaders throughout the country are taking heart since they have learned that certain of the Johnson campaign managers have made the statement that the Hearst-Johnson delegates in California are pledged to follow wherever Johnson leads. They are said to be pledged to follow him into the Republican convention, provided they are lucky enough to beat the Hoover ticket in California, to stay as long as he stays, vote for whom he directs and leave when he leaves.

Hearst is already making use of his string of newspapers to work up a sentiment for a third party, to be composed largely of "bitter-enders" who will not accept the candidate or the platform of the Republican national convention. Johnson is expected to head this ticket; and the program nucleus of the organization is to be the list of delegates whom the Hearst-Johnson millionaire special will carry to Chicago.

Direct primaries are the greatest known alders and abettors of the domination of the political bosses. But the electors of California have a pernicious habit of overturning the best-made political machines. Before that Johnson-Hearst millionaire special can get the right-of-way Johnson must beat Hoover in the California primaries. Counting your chickens while the chorus is still before the footlights is a bit risky.

FUTURE DATES.

April 19, Monday—Lads and Dads meeting at Y. M. C. A.

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April 20, Tuesday—Registration for voters closes.

April 21, Wednesday—Willamette Glee club concert at Grand Opera house.

April 22, Thursday—Baby clinic at Commercial club.

April 23, Friday—Student body election at Willamette University.

April 23, Friday—Howard Everts Weed, landscape architect of Portland, to address Salem Art league at public library.

April 23, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Pacific university.

April 25, Sunday—Blossom day.

April 25, Wednesday—Boy Scout entertainment at armory under auspices of Salem Elks.

May 21, Friday—Special and primary elections in Oregon.

April 30, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and McMinnville college.

April 29 and May 1—"Awakening of Spring" pageant Opera House, hospital benefit.

May 1, Saturday—May day and junior week end at Willamette university.

May 2 to May 6—Second annual Oregon Jersey jubilee.

May 6, Thursday—Banquet of Jersey cattle breeders at Marion hotel.

May 14, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Oregon Agricultural college.

May 14 to 16—Older Boys conference in Salem.

May 11, Tuesday—Intercollegiate debate, Willamette vs. O. A. C.

May 14 and 15—Nineteenth annual convention of Oregon State Association of Master Plumbers, in Salem.

May 18, Tuesday—Pacific Coast Ad club automobile excursion passes through Salem.

May 29, Saturday—William Howard Taft speaks at armory.

June 14 to 17—Officers' schools for Oregon National Guard at Vancouver and Fort Stevens.

June 19 and 20—National gypsy-tour motorcycle events in Salem.

July 6 to 26—Annual encampment of Oregon National Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.

June 22, 23 and 24—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine in Portland.

June 23, Wednesday—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine to visit Salem.

June 24, 25 and 26—Portland Rose festival.

July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.

September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.

SOME FREE ADVICE

THOSE WHO JUST
COULDN'T STAND IT
ANY LONGER

Henry Lane Wilson;
Ambassador - Resigned

Henry P. Fletcher,
Ambassador - Resigned

George A. Chamberlain,
Counsel General - Resigned



Get a Ouija board, Mr. Morgenthau, and ask some one who knows.

JAZZ AND THE LAW.

One of America's foremost musical composers was compelled to go into court to seek relief from the flood of jazz stuff that came to him from a neighboring apartment and quite overwhelmed him. There were a lot of young folks who would turn it loose at all hours and they fox-trotted and rag-timed far into the night. It made it quite impossible for him to do any serious work and he begged the court to interfere before his reason quite tottered from its throne. It is hard to associate jazz music with civilization, but it seems to fairly reflect the spirit of the world today. Almost everybody wants to be in on the jazz. There are an exuberance and extravagance about it that take the place of delirium tremens. It's a mighty good thing that the old-timers are dead. If Mendelssohn had to listen to some of this jazz-baby stuff he'd be pushing the button for a double dose of bichloride of mercury tablets.

NEED VENTILATION.

Herbert Hoover says that the world not only should accept the principles of negotiation and arbitration, but it needs ventilation. The windows and doors should be thrown open to admit the pure air of freedom.

Each breeze of circumstance should be permitted to circulate and the cobwebs should be blown out of former darkened corners. Open diplomacy should be practiced and policies of rational selfishness and isolation discarded. Ventilation may not cure, but it encourages long life and health.

ALSO HAS A GRIP.

Georges Carpentier brought with him from France 35 trunks, to say nothing of those he fights in. He must be a strong man to be able to carry so much baggage. John L. Sullivan couldn't do it. A man with so many trunks wouldn't mind if he should lose his grip.

REED NOT RIGHT.

The Democrats of fifty Missouri counties have instructed their delegates to oppose any attempt to seat Senator James A. Reed as a delegate to the national convention. Reed may run, but warning of his defeat is so plain that he who runs may read.

BETTER THAN GOLD.

One of the motor car companies declared a stock dividend of 500 per cent. Since that supreme court decision the bagging of stock dividends has become one of the favorite sports of our best millionaires.

Headaches From Slight Colds
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets relieve the Headache by curing the Cold. A tonic laxative and germ destroyer. Look for signature E. W. GROVE on box. 20c.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

April showers make May flowers.

But our farmers are not nutty on flowers just now. They would like to get their crops in.

This is the last day to register.

If you do not register, you will have a harder time to help nominate your favorite candidate.

The main machinery building of Salem's paper mill will very soon be under roof. Then the finishing touches will follow swiftly.

How would you like to be a politician in Ireland?

If Hi Johnson loses California, how will that be for Hi? And it looks that way now, about three to one, with a few to carry.

If you know anything for the good of the order on asparagus growing, tell it to the world through The Statesman's Salem slogan pages of Thursday. It is important.

The denim boom has struck the state house forces. They are in favor of any color you like, just so it is blue.

Remember when we used to load up our flivver with 10 and 11-cent gasoline? Them was the happy days.

In the old days, killers shot first and apologized afterward. Now they hit you first and honk afterward.

It is proposed in England to inaugurate the coinage of a nickel. Yet the bold Britons would have the world believe that it is no five-cent country.

Ano'her Baby Clinic Is
Set for Next Thursday

Thursday, April 22, has been set aside by the Marion County Children's bureau, as the date for its regular monthly eugenic clinic, the hours to be from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Commercial club auditorium. Nearly 35 children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years, the regulation number have been registered, but as there are still a few vacancies, mothers all over Marion county are invited to enter their children. All that is necessary for them to do is to phone or write Mrs. F. Von Eschen, 1775 Court street, who will issue official acceptance cards. Should

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 - 3—OREGON LIFE in 1919 made the greatest premium income gain in Oregon of any life insurance company.
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more names be received than can be registered for the April clinic, the children will be listed for the next clinic.

GET RID OF "SPRING FEVER"
If you lack energy—if you lack "pep"—the chances are that your bowels are sluggish. A Foley Cathartic Tablet is a wholesome physic that will rid you of biliousness, gas, bloating, sick headache, sour stomach or other ills that attend indigestion and constipation. They invigorate the liver. J. C. Perry.

Scabard and Blade Is
Organized at Corvallis

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 19.—Scabard and Blade, a national military fraternity, was added to the list of honorary organizations at O. A. C. at the installation Saturday. Cecil B. Jamieson, cadet colonel and Glenn E. Wilson, cadet major, both from the University of Washington, will be present to officiate at the ceremony. Ten men were elected by their fellow cadet officers last January will form the nucleus of the new chapter. These men who were chosen as among the most active college military work are Allan W. McComb, Klamath Falls; Robert H. Watt, Bay City; Eugene J. Keller, Newberg; Robert A. McClanathan, Astoria; Otto Cantrall, Rich; Allen M. Manning, Vancouver, Wash.; George A. Powell, Portland; Arthur E. McClain, Salem; Lee L. Durham, Hemet, Cal.; and Richard M. Weber, The Dalles.

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