

# HOOVER DROVE TEAM IN SALEM WHEN A YOUTH

(By Fred Lockley in the Portland Journal.)

When I first moved to Salem, in the late '80s, we lived on Front street, near Marion Square. Later we bought a place out near Charley Moore's, in Highland addition to Salem. Our next door neighbor to the west was B. S. Cook, now of Portland, while our neighbor on the east was Dr. H. J. Minthorne, now of Newport, Or., whom we had known when he was in charge of the Chillicothe Indian school in the Cherokee strip in Indian Territory, now a part of Oklahoma. Bert Hoover, son of a sister of Dr. Minthorne, who had been a Quaker evangelist, stayed at Dr. Minthorne's house. He drove the team for Cook and Minthorne, whose firm name was the Oregon Land company, when they took prospective customers out to see land. We kept our cow in the stable where Bert kept his horses, so we saw each other daily. Bert cleaned the stable and carried the horses each morning while I was out in the corral milking the cow. I think Bert would have been an inquisitive as I would have been if some one had told us that in time to come several million people in Belgium would place his picture on the wall beside that of King Albert and that a whole nation would regard him as a benefactor. If we had been told that the day would come when the people of his own country would unite in a demand for him to become president of the United States we would have been still more inquisitive.

**Hoover Sends Check.**  
While I was in Salem a day or so ago I ran across Joe Albert, who told me he had just left Joe Smith, one of the officials of the Friends' church at Salem in which R. H. Hoover still retains his membership, and that he had just received a check from Bert for \$299 toward the support of the church for the coming year. That evening Governor Olcott and I sat in his office at the state house from 8 o'clock till nearly midnight discussing sundry and various subjects. The subject of Bert Hoover's becoming a presidential candidate came up and we began checking over the list of our boyhood friends and acquaintances of Salem. It is rather surprising to find how many have climbed high.

"When Os West and I were rooming together," said Governor Olcott, "I had no idea that the day would come when he would be governor of Oregon. Another roommate of mine has made good in fine shape, and that is John McCourt. When he roomed with me he was driving a milk wagon. In those days West was a bank clerk, and I was selling shoes for William Brown."

**Other Salem Boys Make Good.**  
Charley McNary, another of our boyhood friends, is United States senator from Oregon. Le Steiner, who at that time was a drug clerk, is now superintendent of the Oregon state hospital and has made a remarkable record for efficiency. Dell Dismeyer was running out a little grocery store in North Salem and delivering groceries. Now he is one of the big men with Olds, Wortman & King. Phil Metchan was getting Walter Shepard to help him translate Caesar's Commentaries so he could have more time to devote to the fair sex. Now Phil is at the head of the Imperial hotel at Portland, and Professor Walter Shepard, after graduating at Harvard and winning a traveling fellowship, has the chair of political economy at the state university of Missouri.

Jay Bowerman became acting governor. Frank Griffith has made a reputation that is more than state-wide as the head physician at the Oregon state hospital and was in charge of the institution while Dr. Lee Steiner was acting as head of the Oregon state penitentiary. His brother Carl is recognized as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of eastern Oregon. Bert Hanes has won high honors both in law and in politics, and Rafe Bonham, whose father, Judge B. F. Bonham, was postmaster at Salem, has become head of the United States immigration service for the Pacific northwest. Ralph Watson has made a name for himself as political writer and editorial writer on the Oregon Journal.

Ben Olcott has risen by sheer efficiency to a place of trust and honor as chief executive of the state. Officials from other states, and government experts, come to Salem to study the methods he has installed in the office of secretary of state. Bert Barker, another Salem boy has become wealthy as a corporation lawyer at Chicago. Frank Matthews is one of the leading physicians of New York, Edgar Piper, Claude Gatch, General Harold Flisk, Colonel Percy Willis, Geo. F. Rodgers, Paul Wallace S. G. Sargeant the Bishop boys Joe Albert, Otto Wilson, Clyde Keeler, Wyatt Shipp and several more old Salem boys have rung the bell of success. So next time you are inclined to joke fun at Salem as a slow and sleepy old burg, just remember that a lot of mighty useful citizens hail from Salem.

## Obituary

Memorial tribute to Silas J. Tracy, an old time printer by Judge P. H. D'Arcy.

During my absence from Salem, there died was buried here an old time printer by Judge P. H. D'Arcy.

Mr. Tracy came to Salem many years ago, was a friend of mine in my boyhood days. Being a practical printer like myself we set type together on the Daily Statesman. I saw much of him. The boyhood opinion formed of his sterling qualities was confirmed when I grew to manhood.

I love to think of the pioneer printers which I know in my childhood. They are with us no more. Wm. Haskitt, the Pfaff printer, has ceased to make his annual pilgrimage to our city. He has been dead for several years. He was a curiosity to me in the old days. Now Mr. Tracy has been called upon to give an account of his stewardship while on this earth.

For more than twenty five years Silas J. Tracy has been a farmer living south of Salem. He lived the simple life. Under a rough and uncut exterior there dwelt within his frail body a nobleness of soul which only his most intimate acquaintances had any knowledge of. He loved nature in all her marvellous beauty and grandeur. The picturesque character of

the scenery about Salem and vicinity appealed to him. In my boyhood days when I worked with him on the Statesman he was for some time the "father of the chapel." The words of wisdom and splendid suggestions that he offered to us were a revelation of his innermost thoughts. His love for art, poetry, literature and history was one of the noted characteristics of his mind. He read much and although he excluded himself from mingling with the people in recent years, he kept well informed on current events and took a deep interest in the well being and welfare of our state, county and nation. With his sensitive and high strung mentality he lived largely to himself. Beneath the brusque and apparently unsocial nature, he was of a chivalrous mould. He was honest with his fellow men, true to his friends. Ingratitude had no part in his mental makeup. Hence those who knew him well entertained a high regard for him. To those whom he knew he was genial, whole souled and generous. He was true as steel. He was one of the last of the many printers I worked with in my boyhood days. His noble qualities were little understood by the present day residents of Salem.

As I had unwavering confidence in Silas J. Tracy's sincerity, his honest and kindly feeling toward his fellow

men, I tender to him this tribute of respect and good will.

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