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SALEM RANKS AMONG BEST

F. A. Wiggins Is Glad to Get Back Home From Long Trip

SAW MANY INTERESTING SIGHTS AND LEARNED MUCH ABOUT THE COUNTRY THROUGH HIS EXTENSIVE TOUR—PROSPERITY LOOKS UP ON EVERY HAND.

F. A. Wiggins returned home on Saturday night last from a trip to the East extending over seven weeks. He looks the perfect picture of health and, although his tour was a business one purely, he stated that he had enjoyed it very much in all of its phases. He was interviewed by a Statesman reporter last evening and in answer to the question as to what points he visited, Mr. Wiggins stated that, since his trip East was purely on business, he confined his stops mostly to the cities in which the manufacturing of his various lines were located. Hence, after leaving St. Louis, where the Good Roads Convention was held the latter part of April, he went over to Chicago, where he spent about ten days. Thence to Jacksonville, Beloit and Kenosha, Wisconsin; South Bend, Michigami, and La Porte, Ind.; Cleveland, Ohio; Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Syracuse and Albany, New York; and then two days in New York City, including Decoration Day, on which he witnessed the unveiling ceremonies of the General Sherman monument at Central Park. Thence on to Philadelphia, Washington (Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Fort Scott, Kans., his old home at Eureka, Kansas; also Wichita, Wellington and South Haven, the latter in the great wheat belt of Southern Kansas, where he drove over the line into Oklahoma to find every acre of land fenced and tiled that, a few years since, was a wilderness of wild grass, and wilder still. His route home took him through Western Kansas, Colorado, Utah and over the "Short Line" through Oregon to Portland. This took him across four States.

"What is the general outlook, the country over?" was asked him.

"So far as I could judge," said he, "the crop will be somewhat curtailed in general by the late spring, and somewhat abundant conditions which seem to have prevailed in most sections. Ohio, Northern Indiana and New York state were very dry when I saw them, and the crops needed rain badly. The general conditions seemed to prevail across that portion of Virginia and Southern Ohio which I visited, although they had begun to get plenty of rain in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois as I was returning the early part of June.

"Floods?" "Yes, I spent Thursday, the 4th inst., in St. Louis and the river, then thirty-two feet, was high enough to cause a great deal of inconvenience, but the six additional feet which followed in a few days caused an immense amount of damage. I crossed Kansas City but I could not escape the result of her awful flood in the delayed trains and had connections which resulted therefrom. Missouri was soaking in water, which had hampered the spring seeding to a very serious degree. The eastern section of Kansas had also suffered from the same trouble, and there are thousands of acres in these sections in which not a furrow has

been turned, yet the crops which are in will turn out very well if the immediate weather conditions are favorable. Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado were also very much 'afloat' recently, and train service was seriously interfered with. 'Did you see any Salemites on your rounds?'

"Yes, I found Burt Husher nicely located in Chicago in the practice of law and with splendid prospects. Also met Dr. D. F. Lane, of Salem, in Chicago, and find that he arrived home some what in advance of myself. Met Mr. C. A. Park, also, in Chicago. He has since gone farther East.

"In Philadelphia I was fortunate in finding Dr. J. W. Thomas, of Salem, who has just graduated from Jefferson Medical College; also Clarence Bishop, who has just completed his third year in the Textile School. Spent a very profitable day with the two boys, and when I left them felt like 'breaking home ties' again. Salem may well be proud of such young men as these, for their associates in their respective colleges are proud of the 'Oregon delegation.'

"In Washington I had but a few hours, and saw Miss Metta Davis, who is in the War and Navy Department, and Mr. Alfred Schmidt, of Turner, who is in the Congressional Library. I had not time to get around to the entire Salem colony.

"What did I see of interest in the cities?"

"St. Louis, with its big fair preparations; Chicago, with its laundry strike; and other labor troubles, its factories, its smoke, and its noisy streets; the falls at Niagara, which I cannot describe; the Decoration Day exercises in New York, participated in by Governor Odell, Mayor Lowe, and other equally prominent men, while in Philadelphia and Washington the historic landmarks and public buildings were the chief attractions.

"Anything further about 'good roads'?"

"Nothing in particular, though the St. Louis convention has left a splendid impression of the genuine interest that is being aroused everywhere. I am convinced that the Willamette valley has as good natural conditions as can be found anywhere for the building of splendid roads for her soil drains well, and is not so gummy and mucky as in many other sections of the country.

"You ask how Salem compares with other cities of similar size? Possibly I should not make comparisons along this line, for I did not have opportunity of visiting many such places. One thing I noticed was that most cities of our size had a considerable amount of pavement, usually vitrified brick, which seems to wear splendidly. As to stores, must say that Salem's stores in all lines are most certainly a credit to her. Nowhere in similar cities did I see better equipped and better kept stores or better selected, more up-to-date stocks than in Salem; this in many cities of considerably larger size.

"Did you look up the hop situation?"

"No, I was watching constantly for yeast factories that might enable me to see great bales of raw hops turned into heaven, but failed to notice any. I did not know where else to get posted, so can't talk intelligently along that line.

"If you have added automobiles to your line, what do you think of the future?"

"Am convinced that the time is rapidly coming when they will be as common as carriages on our streets, from one side of the country to the other. The cities are filled with them today. Large firms are using them for truck and delivery service. Bus and stage lines, cab and transfer companies, physicians, professional men of all classes, besides the very wealthy class who are using the magnificent turnouts that are so largely pictured. The runabout types are seen in hundreds, and have put many a horse out of business, for their utility has been demonstrated, both as money savers, and as a convenience.

"Yes," he said, in closing, "I am glad to be back in Oregon and Salem. The fact is there are but few localities that are so favored as the Willamette valley this year. While the spring has been unusual, the crops are in the main coming on splendidly. There seems to be the usual volume of business under way in all lines, and the people are all busy. The Eastern people are looking to the West more largely than ever, and the entire coast certainly has a great future.

"I am glad I live in Oregon."

IS WILD CAT CORPORATION

Secretary of State Exposes "Union Fire Insurance Company"

HAS NO LICENSE TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE AND ALL INSURANCE AGENTS ARE NOTIFIED—HA NOT COMPLIED WITH THE LAW.

The following is the text of a circular letter which is being sent out to all of the fire insurance agents of the state by Hon. F. L. Dunbar, Secretary of State and ex-officio insurance commissioner for the state of Oregon:

"Information has reached this Department to the effect that the 'Union Fire Insurance Company of Chicago' has been and is now soliciting insurance, by means of circular letters and otherwise, from agents authorized to represent companies regularly admitted and licensed to do business in this state.

"This company is not authorized or licensed to transact business in Oregon, neither is it licensed by the Insurance Department of the state of Illinois or of any other state, so far as can be ascertained, and is what is known as a 'wild-cat' insurance company.

"In soliciting insurance in this state, it is violating the laws which have been enacted for the protection of the interests of the insuring public to secure to the people insurance in sound and reliable companies, to provide available and convenient methods for enforcing the payment of claims and the fulfillment of contracts and to require from the companies their just measure of the revenue required for state purposes.

"The insurance laws of this state positively prohibit any fire insurance company organized outside of the state from doing business therein until it makes deposit and complies with certain statutory requirements, and also provide that it shall be unlawful for any insurance company or association to write, place, or cause to be written or placed any policy or contract for indemnity for insurance on property situated or located in the state of Oregon, except through or by the duly authorized agents residing and doing business within the state.

"The requirements of the laws of this state are not so onerous or so expensive as to deter any solvent, honest company from complying. When a company undertakes to do business in this state surreptitiously, in violation of law and without submitting to its obligations, it is a justifiable conclusion that it is either too dishonest to willingly submit to its requirements, or is in an insolvent financial condition. In the event of loss or the refusal of such a company to pay the holder of a policy, he would be compelled to go to the state where it is located to bring suit and collect judgment. If also, for any reason, he should desire to cancel his policy in an unauthorized company, he would have no means of compelling the return of unearned premiums. In short, he is unprotected by any laws of this state. In the case of a licensed

company, a policy holder has the security of the deposit made by them and can secure service, in case of suit, upon the resident general agent of the company.

"The only possible excuse that can be offered for placing insurance in this class of companies is a possible lower

rate. This however, considering the chances of recovery in case of loss, is certainly 'penny wise and pound foolish.'

"The published reports of this Department are always available for information of all the agents in enforcing the laws, by placing insurance only in regularly licensed companies."

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