

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

"Owl" Suggests That the Dial on the Court House Be Illuminated So That It Will Be of Use at Night—Misrepresentations Corrected.

(The Statesman is pleased to print communications upon topics of general interest at any time. There is scarcely any limit to the topics of "general interest.")

Illuminated Dial.

Editor Statesman—While the county court is repainting the court house, putting in a new Goddess of Liberty, and taking such good care of the beautiful grounds surrounding it, why not install an illuminated dial for the old clock? The clock is useless at night, and it is quite as important, if not more so, to know the time of night as the time of day.

Is It War or Is It Peace.

Editor Statesman—While returning home on Friday evening last from Salem I met the large auto that is now making trips between Salem and Independence. I was driving a spirited young horse, and knowing the danger, I sprang out of my buggy and held her head, motioning to the driver to stop.

The automobile is a great achievement of science and inventive genius, and has come to stay. It may be placed in the class with the telephone and other utilitarian inventions.

Let this incident serve as a text for a friendly word to owners and drivers of automobiles.

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TO PROMOTE FOOTBALL GAME

Sir Ernest Cochrane Bart Offers \$5000 Cup for Teams From America and British Isles.

LONDON, June 16.—Captain Ernest Cochrane Bart has offered a cup valued at \$5000 for a competition between picked football teams representing Great Britain, Ireland, Canada and the United States.

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TO THE OLD HOME

If you are going home—to your childhood's home—this year, remember that the NORTHERN PACIFIC leads to everybody's home.

You can go by way of St. Paul to Chicago, or St. Louis, and thence reach the entire East and South. Or, you can go to Duluth, and from there use either the rail lines, or one of the superb Lake Steamers down the lakes to Detroit, Cleveland, Erie, and Buffalo—the Pan-American City.

Start right and you will probably arrive at your destination all right, and, to start right, use the Northern Pacific, and preferably the "NORTH COAST LIMITED" train, in service after MAY 5th.

Any local agent will name rates. A. D. CHARLTON, Assistant General Passenger Agent, PORTLAND, OREGON.

by for such legislation. Your present actions are creating that necessity. May I suggest to agencies selling auto—and the gentlemen in Salem engaged in this business are my personal friends, and I believe in no way reckless when on the road—that they encourage the habit among their customers of being careful and courteous for the sake of their own trade, which would certainly suffer through restrictive legislation.

SILVERTON STORIES.

SILVERTON, June 17.—The opera house is all enclosed and ready for the roof.

J. Ames is unloading the brick for the large building on Water street.

Mrs. J. H. Morris is putting up a new and commodious two-story house on Second street.

Twelve unfinished houses are being pushed to completion as fast as possible.

Taking in the fair is the order of the day. Those that have not taken it in will next Tuesday, when the G. A. E. will attend their encampment at Oregon City and the fair the following Friday.

A fine looking horse came dashing into town Friday evening, dragging a part of his harness.

We are glad to note that the prospects are good for a greenhouse soap. Improving the streets and walks is going on daily.

HAS BIG DEFICIT

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Board Makes Big Donations to Salaria and Benevolence Amounting to Over \$150,000—Treasury Has Been Engaged in Two Years' Struggle.

PITTSBURG, June 16.—The sixteenth biennial report of the board of home missions of the Evangelical Lutheran church, covering the period between May 1, 1903, and May 1, 1905, made at the general synod in this city yesterday, shows total receipts amounting to \$104,152, an increase of \$7854.

The aggregate amount credited on the appropriation is \$84,443, an increase of \$12,040, and shows an enormous and disastrous deficit amounting to about \$30,000. Amount of aid granted, \$14,933, an increase of \$2198.

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Following the report a resolution was adopted to the effect that sincere appreciation and commendation are given to the Luther day offering in the Sunday schools, from which about \$34,000 was realized; that it is greatly deplored that the receipts in the last two years have been insufficient and that the deficit of about \$10,000 is a heavy burden to be met.

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Albert Tozier Writes Interestingly of Events and Doings at National Editorial Association Convention at 101 Ranch, Oklahoma.

Shower With Roses.

Editor Statesman—Three hundred members of the National Editorial Association are on their way to Oregon. They will arrive at Ashland about June 25.

The Ashland Commercial Club wired here that they would care for them en route through Jackson county, and Medford will help.

I hope that Salem will shower them with roses.

It was through the support given the Lewis and Clark exposition by the National Editorial Association that the fair has received publicity, and every one who feels that the fair will be a benefit to Oregon should shower roses and fruits upon these people as they pass through Oregon.

Oklahoma has done herself proud in entertaining the National Editorial association delegates. Every city and town has prepared souvenirs, badges, bouquets, barbecues, etc.

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Senator Jay Bowerman, Former Salem Boy, Says New Railroad Line From Arlington to Condon Will Materially Assist in Developing That Section.

Senator Jay Bowerman, of Condon, who was in the city yesterday, accompanied by his wife, for a brief visit to his old home and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bowerman, who reside a few miles east of this city.