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308 Chamber of Commerce.

Telephone, Main 1401

Portland, Oregon,

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My dear Mr. Dosch:- Yesterday I wrote Mr. McIsaac some few facts in regard to the progress that my History is making, and suggested that he might help me along in the matter by aiding me in securing publicity. I took the liberty of assuming that you would be willing to push along a "good thing", and suggested to Mr. McI that he explain the situation to you, and ask you to write a communication to the Oregonian along lines which I indicated to him - needless to repeat here. Today it occurs to me (in a lucid interval) that both you and the Commissioner General are so busy that my request is an unreasonable encroachment upon your time and your good will, and also the idea came to me that possibly Mr. McI is absent from St. Louis, and consequently not in position to take the matter up with you. For this reason I am writing you today, and enclose herewith a communication to the "Editor" of the Oregonian, in which YOU are expressing your (?) sentiments in regard to "A Short History of Oregon". If you will send this communication in to the Oregonian, over your name, and ask them to publish it, I think it will be of very great benefit to me, and I will very much appreciate it.

I do not mean to bind you to the communication as written by me, or even to the ideas therein expressed. I send this communication merely to give you a general idea as to what I would like brought out, and to save your time. Do not use it if anything in it is incompatible with your own opinions and belief, but if you can send in some good little "spiel" of your own, please do so. "A Short History of Oregon" is now at that interesting point of its babyhood days where it needs the sort of nourishment furnished by newspaper publicity, and whatever my friends can do for me along this line I will deeply appreciate.

I was glad to receive a letter from you a few weeks since, and hope it will happen again.

With cordial greetings and best wishes for your happiness and prosperity, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Sidona Johnson*

Enclosure

P.S. Please do not mail the communication to the Oregonian just in time to be buried in their Monday issue - five days to Portland - Sie verstehen ja wohl!!!!

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Oregon State Building, World's Fair,  
St. Louis, Mo., October 31, 1904.

Miss Sidona V. Johnson,  
# 308 Chamber of Commerce,  
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Miss. Johnson:-

I have your favor of the 22nd inst, and agreeable therewith, have mailed to the "Oregonian" my? opinion about your little "History of Oregon", which I have had no time yet to read thoroughly, but from what I have read, it fills a long felt want, and I want to congratulate you upon your work, which deserves the support of every loyal Oregonian, but whether you will get that or not, is, as you know, quite difficult to say.

If you lived somewhere in the East, and had sent your History out to Oregon, I am confident that you would have received better recognition, for our people seem to be of the opinion "That nothing good can come from Gazemana."

The other part of the Clover Leaf is simply enjoying himself and growing fat. No doubt he has written to you what we are up against here.

Adding kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,