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GOLDENDALE, WASHINGTON

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William McGowan,  
Toppenish, Wash.  
Dear Sir:-

The world looks brighter to me this morning for we have had a close call on our Satus road bill. A friend of ours gave us a tip Sunday morning that our road bill would be vetoed.

In less than an hour Sunderland, Baker and the writer were off for Olympia, going much faster than the speed laws permit.

We went by Stevenson and picked up Christensen and as the Lights were coming on we were in Olympia.

By chance we met the Governor when we arrived near the Hotel steps. We learned that our bill had been vetoed and was already in the scrap heap.

The next morning the four of use asked for an interview and were admitted and put in an hour and a half trying to convince the Governor that it was a mistake and pleading for a reconsideration.

We staid with the Governor an hour and a half and during the first part of the time he combattted us hard. He said that a county, that sent two men over to fight him and his administration all winter was not entitled to any road money and he was very bitter against your Seagator Northland.

He furthermore said the Satus road was in a locality where no one was living and locally was uncalled for and would only serve the purpose of running people out the state over into Oregon.

After bringing all the argument we could think of he softened up some and finally agreed to reconsider it during the night.

He also seemed peeved to think that one Goldendale paper and one Toppenish paper have been batting him all winter.

Last night at ten O'clock we received word he had reconsidered it and let it pass.

When I see you I will be able to advise you farther, but it is sufficient to say: If we had not got a tip and rushed over there about a half million of road money for us would have been lost. We also have the promise of one hyndered thousand dollars of Federal Aid money. If we can get this money to working during the next two years it ought to bring the road up to the top of the mountain.

When the time comes if our message from Olympia is O.K. we will have a big picnic this year, but if wrong we will let it pass, but we are going to try and have our business houses close this year and all come to the picnic.

I think it would be to our best interest now for the papers in our town and yours to keep quiet on the Governor's program for awhile.

Yours truly,

*N. B. Brooks*