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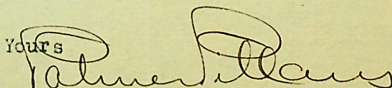
Dear Mr. Cooper:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of the 24th. inst. and note its contents. I examined with much interest the Missouri - Pacif. R.R. Co.'s publication with its beautiful photographs. It shows a magnificent highway. I wonder if you know what was the cost per mile average for the building of this splendid road, and how it was constructed--that is whether by the City of Portland or by the county of Multnomah, or by the city and county jointly and in what proportion?

Mr. Backes told me at the Rotary luncheon last Thursday, the 26th. inst., that he had written ^{you} _^ No doubt his letter had not reached you at the time that you wrote, which was last week, the 24th. inst.

Assuring you of reciprocation of your kind wishes, I am

Yours



P.S. I am handing your letter to Mr. Backes.