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More Furniture Arrives.

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By Carlton Ten Eyck.

(Written for the United Press.)

New York, Aug. 4.—The open season for the summer tourist is upon us, the time of the year when the railroads from the far, near and Middle West make enticingly low excursion rates to New York and return. On the streets may be seen a lot of hurrying visitors anxious to see all they can in their limited time, and the hotels report a brisk business, but the most careless observer can see that there are not so many strangers in our midst as formerly. The shop keepers also contribute mournfully to the evidence that things are not as they used to be.

The Man On Broadway was wondering in a helpless sort of way what has become of the August visitors. The Man Who Travels undertook to tell him.

"Automobiles," he said laconically and the M. O. B. looked around to see if any brand new make of car was in sight to provoke the remark. "I mean automobiles are the cause of the falling off of fall tourists," patiently explained the M. W. T. "The automobile is the menace of the west. I mean the commercial menace. Maybe it is the moral menace too; some folks say it is, but I'm willing to leave that to the sky pilots. However, I do know what I am talking about when I say that the gasoline wagon is the rock on which the west is liable to get a jolt if the people are not careful."

The M. W. T. then proceeded to illustrate what he meant. As just one illustration he told his friend of one small farming community out in western Missouri, and I can vouch for the truth of what he said. This town is within fifty miles of Kansas City, in the middle of a remarkably rich river-bottom farming district. It has 6,000 inhabitants and they are prosperous. So are the farmers living in the town's trading district. They have brick paved streets, electric lights, water and sewer systems, handsome and costly homes, rock roads and all the modern improvements that make the present day western farm and small town life so pleasant.

The farms there this year produced bumper wheat and corn crops, and the merchants of the town looked for great prosperity. But what has happened? The people of that one Missouri town this year spent \$200,000 for automobiles. Everybody who could raise the money bought a car. Those who did not have the ready cash mortgaged their homes and their land. Those who could not do that, gave notes for their machines.

That \$200,000 passed out of the county and the state for all time. Except for the agents' commissions, not a cent of it remained in the county that produced the wealth and not a penny of it will find its way back into the community. But the financial loss to the Missouri county and small town goes farther. Those people who have bought automobiles, most of them, pinched and saved to do it. They now are economizing in every possible and impossible manner. Women who have cars are not buying gowns. They do not need them. Riding in their machines over the roads they need nothing but old clothes and linen dusters for the rain and dust would ruin fine gowns if they had them.

The men who have automobiles to say for are not buying new refrigerators and cook stoves. They are making the old ones do. The broken coffee pots and kitchen utensils are being mended. The old family clock will have to serve another year. No farm machinery is being bought—they are making the old plows, cultivators and reapers last a while longer.

There is absolutely nothing doing in the piano and organ line and none of the car owners ever thinks of entering the town jewelry store. There is little or no trade in luxuries. People are not building new homes nor painting the old ones, as is usually done every summer in such a town.

In short, the automobile took out of the town and county all the surplus wealth that the tremendous crops produced, and the retrenchment felt necessary by the purchase and upkeep of the automobiles is felt in every line of business that is boasted by the little town.

But business is not all that feels the effect of the automobile wave that is sweeping the middle western country.

The amusement people are feeling it. Towns that formerly supported summer stock companies in airdomes, now have only five cent moving picture theatres and these are doing poor business, their proprietors say.

And it is not only the small towns that are feeling the effect of automobile buying but the larger cities as well. In the big department stores, theatres, restaurants and furniture houses it is felt the most. Where formerly the people patronized the \$1.50 and \$2 shows liberally, they now get their amusement by riding through the country, and when they want theatre amusement they go to the moving picture shows and to the popular priced vaudeville houses.

"And that's why you miss a few of the people that August used to bring to our Main street," said the Man Who Travels, to the wondering Man On Broadway. "This country is more prosperous than ever but a good deal of the money that once went for clothing and trips to town now goes for gasoline and spark plugs. That's the answer."

Fine Auto Smashed.

Pendleton, Aug. 5.—As a result of a collision which occurred on west Court street about midnight Saturday, the beautiful big Winton automobile belonging to John Mumm, is a total wreck and the Ford taxi cab owned by Robert O'Neil is badly crippled. The damage to the Winton is estimated at between \$500 and \$800 and that to the taxi at \$50 or \$75.

The accident was caused by the pile of gravel and sand lying in the street in front of the Smith property where a residence is being constructed, about fifty feet west of Garden street. Mr. Mumm was driving east on the street near the curbing and O'Neil was taking a passenger west. There being no warning light placed on the pile of sand and gravel and the headlights of the Mumm car blinding him, O'Neil did not see the obstruction until he was close upon it. To dodge it he swerved his car sharply and collided with the Winton with great force. Fortunately no one was hurt.

The frame of the Winton was broken on both sides, the radiator totally ruined, the fenders and running boards broken and one wheel smashed. The car will have to be taken completely apart and built up from the ground, according to B. F. Trombley of the Oregon garage. The Ford had one wheel smashed and suffered other minor damages.

Considerable censure is being directed against those responsible for the sand and gravel being in the street without a warning light. Several other automobilists report that they have almost had accidents from the same cause.

No Damage to Wheat.

Pendleton, Aug. 5.—No damage to grain is reported here from the storms of Saturday and Sunday evenings, the rain which accompanied the thunder and lightning not being heavy enough to beat the grain down. The wind reached a considerable velocity but was not of sufficient violence to do damage, according to reports. The weather of the past few weeks has been made to order for the farmers and harvesting is proceeding rapidly. By the end of this week, quite a number of farmers will have completed their own cutting. The market is still at 67 cents with but few small lots changing hands.

BIDS WANTED.

Bids will be received up to 5 o'clock p. m. of the 8th day of August, 1913, by Arthur C. Williams, school clerk, for the tearing out of an old and the installation of a new heating and ventilating system for the central school building at La Grande, Ore. Plans and specifications can be had upon inquiry of the Architect, J. L. Slater.

A certified check of five per cent of the amount bid must accompany each bid, and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS,
Clerk of the Board
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