

NEW "SIXES" POPULAR CARS

PORTLAND AGENCIES FORESEE
BIG SALE FOR THAT CLASS
UNDER \$2,500.

FARMERS TAKING TO AUTOS

Coming Year Predicted Will Be
Especially Brisk in Sales.

"Sixes" less than \$2,500 are very popular sellers for 1914, the actual trade for which will not open until about March or April. Portland agencies have informed local dealers to look for big and many sales in that class. Among the makes now being demonstrated in Portland which come within that classification are the Studebaker, the Mitchell, the Hudson, the Chalmers, the Chadwick and others.

Fully 50 per cent of the cars sold in La Grande the past year, went to farmers "who need them most," in the words of a local dealer. Seven Overlands were sold in 1913 and of them three went to farmers. The percentage is greater in some of the other agencies.

The coming year, agree all dealers, looks awful good and the auto business is growing. More sales than ever before is the prediction heard on every hand so far as Union county is concerned.

A new Maxwell car that is admittedly put out in competition with the popular Ford car, will soon be in demonstration shape at the local agency. The car is a 25, has an engine bore of 3 5-8 and 4 1-2 stroke, three-quarter floating axle, 30x3 1-2 tire all around, high tension magneto, weighs 1,650 and will cost \$850 f. o. b. Portland. The drive is left with center control.

The Ford agency has, in the past year, as usual, been unable to fill its orders for cars. The machine for next season is said to be of such caliber as to make it even more desirable for the man who wants to spend but a small amount of money for a car and still get as much return as is possible. L. C. Smith, local agent, predicts a prosperous year.

The Cycle car is the new invention in motor cardom. It is built primarily to compete with motorcycles, and costs about \$375 f. o. b. factories. One of these cycles known as the Imp is now in Portland. One splendid possibility of this queer machine is for light store deliveries. It carries a passenger besides the driver, one seated behind the other like a tandem bicycle. Most of the different makes are belt or chain drive and are conceded to be neat little affairs wherever tried out. The wheels are set 43 to 44 inches apart, hence the diminutive automobile would not prove very serviceable on country roads.

The Union County Automobile club is in the third year of its existence and continues to be a power in the county. In the past considerable money has been spent through this club on minor road repairs. The local club has voiced its objections to the big-district plan of road supervision in vogue in the county.

A special reduction in automobile premiums for automobiles equipped with approved hand fire extinguishers has been ordered by all insurance companies. A discount of 10 per cent for dealers' and manufacturers' cars and a discount of 15 per cent for all other automobiles will be allowed off fire premiums when the application for insurance is accompanied by a certificate duly filled out to show that the automobile to be insured is suitably equipped with a hand fire extinguisher of one quart capacity, pump type, approved by the national board of fire underwriters.

EARLY HISTORY

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the long pull over the steep hills running out of La Grande near Ladd Canyon made strong horses sell at a premium. A good draft horse readily sold for \$150 and that was considered a very good price in those days.

"Doc" Chippen had constructed for himself a small building of boards with a frow, and placed some crude shelves against the walls, on which he displayed as conspicuously as he could the few groceries that had laboriously been brought over the Blue Mountains on the backs of faithful mules. But flour and other pro-

WALLOWA LAKE TRIP PEER OF OREGON SCENIC RIDES

Heavy Cross-Country Travel Misses Rare Trip Because Maps Are Incomplete.

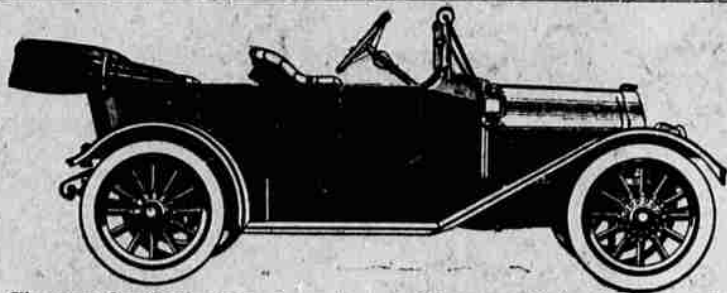
Eastern Oregon is poorly written up in route maps. True, the road from Huntington to The Dalles is well pictured and every turn and bend, the length of every stretch is clearly told, but the side trips are sadly neglected. In Union and Wallowa counties alone many excellent side trips are not mentioned. Local auto tourists who have taken their cars to Boise and to Portland and Walla Walla, all say that the trip to Wallowa Lake is far superior to any scenic offering elsewhere. That is not all. The trip to Paradise and Flora is easy and beautiful, to the Cheshninus is not hard but beautiful, to Buck Horn Springs on the rimrocks of the Imnaha, and Imnaha itself, are stellar trips that many autoists have not taken but should.

Tourist traffic has been better the past year than ever before. Cars have passed La Grande from Virginia, Missouri, Colorado, and even as far away as New York. Professor Westgardt being in that distinctive class. Mr. Westgardt was blazing the trail for the government road from coast to coast when he

passed here, but he was not alone in long distance traveling. Traffic was heavier and of longer distance this year than ever before, probably because it is becoming generally known that the northwest affords excellent tourist facilities coupled with plenty of scenic attractions.

"There is no reason why any auto owner cannot take his car to Portland with ease," affirms Jay Van Buren, who made the trip last summer. By easy stages traffic goes to Meacham, Pendleton, Echo, Lexington, Olax, Wasco, and The Dalles, then the most beautiful river trip in the world—down the Columbia to Portland. That the road from The Dalles to Portland will not be in really good shape for several years to come is the opinion of local men who have made the trip and know the topographical obstacles that must be overcome.

One can go to Portland now, as Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McCully of Joseph did, but it necessitates a swing down into central Oregon to run a car through to the metropolis. Not many have done the trick.



The new Overland, shown here, is one of the cars that will be offered to the Grande Ronde buyer the coming season.

visions were now cheaper, costing not more than \$10 a barrel for middlings. There was no way of making money in any great measure unless a man was freighting or running a stage between the points already mentioned. There is another strange feature to this story and that is that, in all the years of freighting the loss of life was very small. True, at times some man was waylaid by an Indian or a fellow miner, but usually these wagons formed a train and as many as a dozen men or more were thus banded together for mutual protection. It got to be a business and men became expert in the handling of their teams and in their knowledge of the road. This trail east led to North Powder valley, past the present site of the present town bearing that name. Here the trains crossed to the Burnt river road and on to Durkee and Huntington. From 1861 until the coming of the O.-W. R. & N. could be heard the merry singing of jolly freighters as they wended their way over the plains and through the valleys, or gradually snaked their way over the mountains.

One of the most exciting incidents of this early history of the colony was the scare which resulted from a rumor that the Indians intended to make a raid on the settlement. Stockades were built at Elgin, at Union and one in the Old Town settlement, in which all the ranchers congregated. But the Indians did not come farther than to the top of Umatilla hill. "Dead Man's Hill" was the scene of a cruel butchery by the combined tribes of the Nez Perce, the Umatillas and the Bannocks. Chief Joseph was then at the head of the Nez Perce tribe and was one of the most active among them.

Among the settlers who came in the Iowa train the following names are familiar: John Baker who was then 24 years of age, his wife and one-year-old child, now the wife of Frank Childers; Doctor Dan Payton and Dr. Boswell, two practicing physicians; Thomas White, Frank Beason, Mr. Haydon, who joined the train enroute to the valley, Jno. Scott who came with a large family, McCajah Baker, commonly called "Caj" Baker, father of Attorney Joseph Baker who passed away a year ago, Bailey Baker and Sam Baker, brothers of John Baker, already mentioned; James Baker, father of the last mentioned was also in the train. There was too a man by the name of Swan, another who called himself Childers but bearing no relation to Frank Childers the ex-sheriff, a Mr. Chenoworth and family, Archie Gooden and his brother Joshua, brothers-in-law of John Baker, the Bay family, of which Mrs. Robertson of this city was the oldest child, and some others.

The data for this brief history was furnished by John Baker of this city, who is now in his 71st year and who remembers distinctly many of the details of this early undertaking in settling the Grande Ronde. It was impossible in the short space of time to go into the details of this history but enough is here given to acquaint the younger generation with the hardships and trials of a stout people, and to make of record many things that would in a short time be lost.

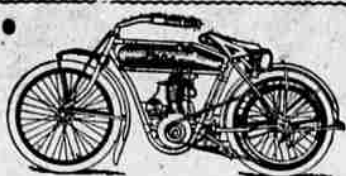
SELF-STARTER MOTOR NEXT

MOTORCYCLES TO HAVE MANY
NEW FEATURES FOR THE
COMING YEAR.

FOOTBOARD A NEW FEATURE

About Fifty Motorcycles Now Owned
By La Granders.

Motorcycles during the year have increased until the number now running in the city is well near the 50 mark. Excelsiors, Indians, Merckles, Wagners, Harley Davidsons, Popes, Marvels, and Dayton are among the leading makes represented here. Perhaps the most interesting thing in the motorcycle world during the year just ending was the La Grande-Baker return motorcycle race won by Tracey Hollister on a Merkle in the remarkable time of three hours



The Pope was one of the first motorcycles to get a foothold in La Grande. Today most of the leading makes are included in the 45 or 50 motors owned in La Grande.

and 40 minutes for a distance of 92 miles over some of the steepest grades in the west. It was an endurance race and the winner came into La Grande without a serious mishap. There was some disagreement concerning second place, but it went to an Ontario man.

Most of the new machines have footboards and are equipped with electric lights for both front and rear lighting.

The Indian has a starting machine run by batteries. One of the newest makes has both speeds which makes it more durable and insures better results it is said.

There was some talk of organizing a motorcycle club but no organization has materialized. The subject, however, will not down and it may be one of the possibilities of the early part of the coming year.

Some people like one thing and some another—hence the life of trade. Fastidious buyers sometimes want a motorcycle with plenty of fixings on it and all that is new; others want a plain simple machine from which to get good service and therefore nearly everybody that has a cycle is satisfied.

Next year the motor contingent will be greatly increased in numbers if inquiries prove correct. A banner year is in store.

Formal Announcement

W. H. Bohnenkamp Company take this opportunity to announce to the public that they are now prepared to take charge of and conduct funerals in a modern and dignified manner. Hal Bohnenkamp who recently graduated from the Chicago Branch of the Barnes' School of Anatomy and Sanitary Science and Embalming will have charge of this department and will answer all calls day or night. A beautiful residence chapel containing every modern appliance, the only one of its kind in Eastern Oregon, has been fitted up on the corner of Fifth and Spring streets and will be used for the convenience of patrons.

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