

Automobile Items of General Interest to All Gas Fans

In the recent attack by American troops in Mexico, which resulted in the killing of Col. Julio Cardenas, a Villa leader second in importance only to his chief, Dodge Brothers motor cars were the vehicles used in a thrilling charge. Without the fast going, sturdy cars, it would have been impossible to have gotten to Col. Cardenas.

The Cardenas Ranch is so situated that it was impossible for the troops to approach within three miles without being sighted. Spies had reported to the American troops several times that bandits were making their headquarters there, but when cavalry would proceed to the ranch the bandits would have escaped and only the women and children would be left.

Gen. Pershing finally ordered three of the Dodge Brothers cars attached to his division to be filled with men and started for the ranch.

They proceeded quietly until they topped a rise nearly three miles from the ranch. Then the drivers "stepped on it" and raced for the ranch at a speed of nearly 60 miles per hour, although the going was so rough that the men in the tonneau of each car had to cling desperately to keep from being thrown out.

Col. Cardenas, with two men, were at the ranch. They hurried out and attempted to escape, but the motor column was on them before they could get away and in a pistol duel with Lieut. Patton, Cardenas was wounded and afterwards killed by troopers when he tried to escape.

"With the price of gasoline stationary, and a number of indications pointing to a reduction in the retail market, we can already count a number of beneficial effects that the past winter's high fuel prices have had on motor car design and manufacture," is the statement of A. G. Seiberling, General Manager of the Haynes Automobile Company.

"Since gasoline soared early last winter, there had been an insistent demand for the economical car, and the makers of medium priced automobiles have been shaping their motor design, not solely toward the production of power, but toward power coupled with efficiency.

"The most marked effect of high fuel prices has been the acceptance into general use of the high speed, six cylinder motor, of comparatively small piston displacement, but with the ability to apply effectively every ounce of energy it develops. Smaller cylinders with a larger number of explosions have proved in every day use far more economical than motors with large cylinders with less frequent power impulse.

"A second practice that has found universal use is the removal of the intake manifold as a separate part. This is cast integral with the cylinders, so that the vaporized gasoline can pass immediately into the cylinder with little danger of condensation.

"Working with the motor car makers are the carburetor manufacturers, whose efforts to obtain easily regulated power from the lower grades of gasoline, have met with great success. The 2000 pound cars, which a few years ago, could average but eight or ten miles on a gallon of gasoline can now travel from fourteen to twenty miles on the same amount of inferior fuel.

"Furthermore the groundwork has been laid for the improvement of motor fuel. The precarious condition of the gasoline supply has induced chemists to give their attention to the development of a synthetic gasoline or substitute for this fuel. Already the amount of gasoline that can be extracted from a given amount of crude oil has increased several fold, and experts believe the end has not been reached.

"It is not overestimating facts to say that a third has been cut off automobile operating expenses during the past winter."

A new 'unconscious' record for speed and endurance in an automobile was hung up during the past week when a stock Maxwell touring car was driven from Portland to Seattle and then back to Portland in less than twenty-four hours. The 'unconscious' feature entered into the event because no special effort was made for a hurry-up trip, and Jack Griffin, who handled the car, did not even know the Maxwell had added another performance to its long list of notable events until told of it by Portland newspapermen.

The fastest time ever made by an automobile—in this instance a regular racing car—between the Oregon and Washington metropolises is approximately seven and a half hours. The Maxwell was sent over the ground in about an hour slower time. After dinner in Seattle it was decided to retrace the ground and return to Portland.

Shipment of Cavalry Horses.

It is expected that a big shipment of horses for cavalry purposes will go out from this locality tomorrow night. Under the present arrangements there will be five cars loaded at Hilliard and seven from La Grande. The Hilliard shipment comes largely from the Starkey section and those from here have been picked up at various points. They will be consigned to Kansas City. A local firm is supplying fifteen tons of hay for feed.

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land. The return trip was just a few minutes slower, but the fact that the Maxwell had made the round trip in the course of a full day was considered a most notable feat in the annals of Northwestern motoring.

"There was no effort made to hurry," said a member of the party on the return to Portland. "Of course, we breezed along where the highway would permit, and also hit the rough stuff at a little faster speed than most cars would stand up under, but no idea of a record was in our minds. We stopped often along the line, so the fact that the Maxwell was the first machine to make the round trip in less than twenty-four hours was rather a surprise to us all."

No longer is the lowly coyote, scourge of the desert, enemy of the thrifty farmer, held in contempt as the most despicable animal on four legs. Instead he is looked on, and particularly by touring motorists, as a friend in need and indeed, a wonderfully efficient auxiliary to the Road Department in various counties in the Pacific Coast states.

All this beautiful 'boost' for the hitherto 'mangy varmint' follows the visit to this section of Charles Gould, director of service for the Maxwell Motor company of Detroit, and John J. Plath, sales manager of the same big concern. Following a tour of the district with T. J. Toner, Director of Maxwell affairs on the coast, Mr. Gould discovered redeeming traits in the coyote which have always escaped the irascible eye of 'us natives'.

"The coyote is certainly the best little road cleaner in or out of captivity," said Mr. Gould on his return to Detroit the other day. "He takes care of all the dead animals along the trail, and is not half as bad as he is painted."

On one stretch of road in California we noticed, as we drove over it in the afternoon, that there were hundreds of dead squirrels, snakes and birds along the highway. The next morning, returning early over the same ground, not a body was to be seen. The answer was easy to find. During the night the coyotes had cleaned things up, leaving the roadway absolutely free of anything that

might spoil the naturally sweet and exhilarating air."

Mr. Gould's enthusiastic eulogy of the coyote will be noted with interest by farmers and stock raisers, who have in the past regarded that animal with anything but friendly feeling. Also, students of animal life everywhere will inquire into the snake eating proclivities of aforesaid coyote, as in the past reptile bodies have been exempt, even from the majestic buzzard.

Aside from having a real experience with snow, mud and rain when he accompanied the Bohnenkamp auto party to Florida last Sunday, J. C. Gilling, veteran conductor, met many pioneers and old cronies. While there he recognized what formerly were bank fixtures at Summerville, recently moved to Florida.

"Hank" N. Ford, of Portland and not the Detroit variety however, has been spending a few days in La Grande on trade matters. He formerly lived at Ontario, but is well known here especially among real estate circles.

Will Ruckman of Alice has received a new carload of Whites, John Wells, prominent Imbler citizen is driving one of them now.

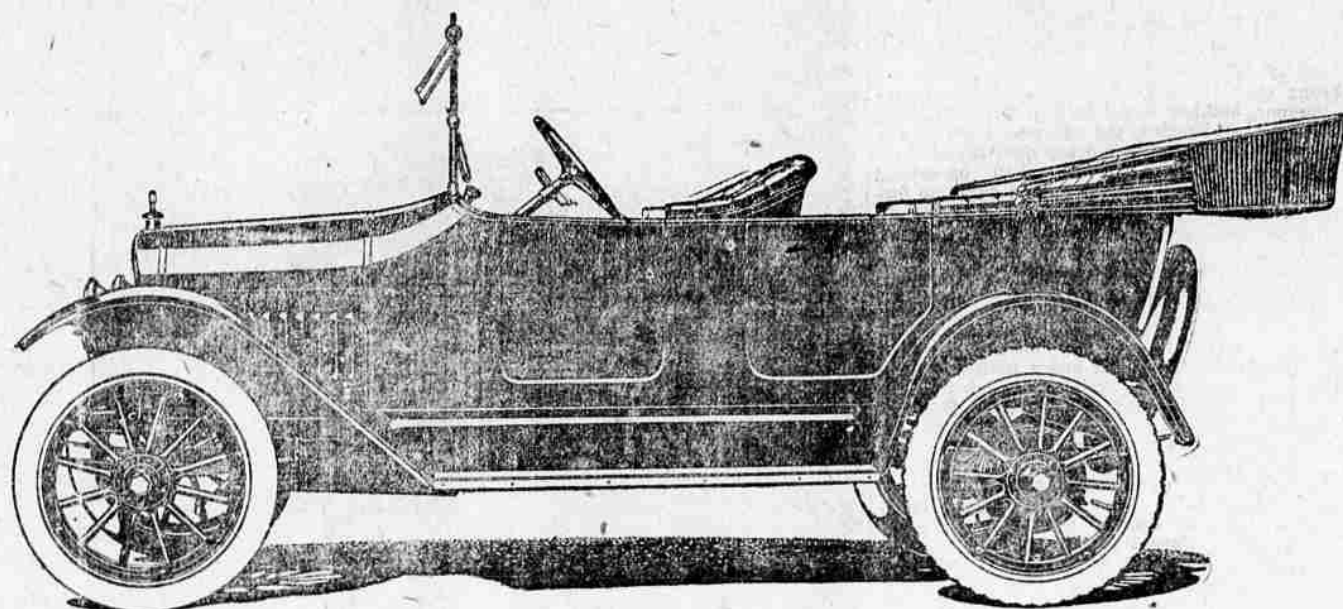
W. E. Leffel and family and Paul Wilson and wife, all of Joseph were guests in the city this week-end on their way home after an extended automobile tour.

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