

WHAT SERVICE IS TO TOURISTS

The injustice done to motorists throughout the United States is daily being manifested in the fact that for the majority of cars sold, no arrangements for service have been made throughout the country towns where motorists may happen to call for parts to replace broken or defective material.

Service does not mean actual work upon a car, but means the ability to secure parts at any town, city or village.

An instance came to attention yesterday morning when a tourist from Kansas City passing through La Grande, stopped at a local garage and endeavored to secure a front spring and a transmission gear for a 1916 model touring car manufactured in Toledo, Ohio, but was unable to secure same for the reason that the parts were not available. The tourist spent approximately \$30.00 telegraphing to various parts of the state for the parts with no success and necessitating a delay of at least two weeks until such time as the parts can be shipped from the factory.

"That light weight can be accompanied by sturdy construction was proven recently beyond the shadow of a doubt," says John W. Bate, of the Mitchell company.

"My attention was recently called to a peculiar, though not fatal, accident that proves to me the worth of the present use of lighter but tougher steels in automobile construction.

"Mr. D. E. Parker, president of the First National Bank of Juniata, collided with and knocked a large suburban trolley car completely off the track.

"The automobile was only slightly damaged, but the trolley car was derailed and ran almost into the entrance doors of Ex-Sheriff Hugh's store, doing about \$100 damage.

John W. Bate says if "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," then this must tell the story of Mitchell construction.

Unaltered in all of the essential details which have placed the Maxwell 25 in the front ranks of popular priced motor cars, this automobile appeared on the market during the past week with a number of new refinements which will undoubtedly prove a great stimulant to the sale and distribution of this machine in the West.

Among these refinements which first attract the eye and appeal to the buyer are the gasoline gauge and the dash light which have been added to the instrument, or dash board.

A new type of windshield is also featured. The upper half of the windshield overlaps the lower half, making it absolutely rain-tight. In addition to this the glass is fitted with shock absorbers, eliminating all vibration and possible chance of breakage.

Besides these, the seats of the new Maxwell are considerably wider, longer and deeper, and the rear springs have been lengthened fully six inches, giving the car added flexibility and comfort in its riding qualities.

One of the most important recent announcements in automobile circles is the announcement just issued by the Chandler Motor Car company of Cleveland to the effect that for the coming season the Chandler company will continue its present model, and that there will be no reduction in price of Chandler cars. This announcement adds that in all probability the Chandler price will be advanced.

The United America Tour Hippobile when it poked its radiator out of La Grande a few days ago for Seattle was booked to take a detour to include Yellowstone National Park. Views taken in the park by the tour camera man, along with others taken in the Grand Canyon, will be included in the "All Capital Film" which will be shown later in the interests of country-wide and inter-state good roads.

Arrangement of gear ratios in the Maxwell 25, plus a high speed motor, together with a minimum number of motor connections, is said by the Maxwell Motor Company to account in a large measure for the fact that the car of that name stands out so prominently in the automobile industry as a holder of records of all descriptions. These records not only include speed tests of all kinds and over all kinds of track and roads, but hill-climbing tests, low, intermediate and high gear tests and demonstrations of economical operation under all conditions.

Recently C. C. Miller, Jr., one of the Maxwell Motor Sales Corporation's district salesmen operating on the Pacific Coast made a series of demonstrations in San Francisco illustrating and proving the contentions of the Maxwell builders relative to the features which have played so important a part in making Maxwell history.

One of the first tests Miller demonstrated was the quick "pick-up" features of the Maxwell. Running the car at a speed of five miles an hour, Miller proved in the presence of unbiased observers, that within a period of ten seconds the Maxwell could attain a speed of thirty-five miles per hour. A stop watch was used and this test was repeated five different times, using different cars each instance.

Following this Miller drove the car

up the newly paved Twin Peaks boulevard, making gear changes from high to intermediate when the car had attained a speed of thirty miles per hour without a burr or clash of the gears. This feature of the Maxwell, Miller claims, is the secret of making speed up hills, because gear changes may be made without slowing up the momentum of the car, the gear ratios being 10.48 to 1 on low, 6.21 to 1 on intermediate and 3.58 to 1 on high. The fact that the Maxwell motor turns over at a rate of 2,000 revolutions per minute provides a maximum flexibility to the motor which makes possible the efficiency of the various speeds.

Another feature in Maxwell construction which conserves the power of the engine and at the same time produces a minimum wear on essential connecting parts is the fact that there are only three connections between the motor and the rear axle as against four, five and six in many cars.

The award of the "Light Twelve" automobile, offered by The Haynes Automobile Company, to the owner of the oldest car in America goes to Ed. J. Howard, Jeffersonville, Indiana. Mr. Howard has an old gear driven Haynes which he purchased at the factory in the summer of 1887. Since that time the car has been in his pos-

session. After a nineteen year period of service in the hills of the Ohio valley, the car is in running condition today.

The old car, which was the oldest in a field of 140 entries, is to be formally presented to Mr. Howard on October 12, at Indianapolis. The exchange is to be part of the Good Roads Day program of the Indiana Centennial Celebration. Hon. Samuel M. Ralston, Governor of Indiana, will act as donor on the occasion and present the car to Mr. Howard.

While the old car bears little resemblance to the one cylinder Pioneer Haynes, which is now on exhibition at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., it is distinctly a product of the first days of the automobile industry. One feature that particularly marks its period of manufacture is the use of the air-operated exhaust valves in the place of valves mechanically operated by the camshaft, that were of later appearance. The two cylinder double-opposed motor is mounted directly over the rear axle.

This old "horseless carriage" is in very good condition. It has never been repainted and there have been no mechanical changes or repairs of consequence. The original upholstery is still in use, although it shows considerable wear.

The second car in age belonged to

Walter E. Smith, Bound Brook, N. J., and two other old two cylinder Haynes built before 1900 were located at Newport, R. I., and Torrington, Conn., in the possession of H. P. Norton and E. G. Perkins. The fact that these cars had chain drives and mechanically operated valves marked them as later types than the Jeffersonville car.

Film Stars.

Maurice, senior partner of the firm of Maurice and Florence Walton, who are making their motion picture debut at the Famous Players' studio in "The Quest of Life," under the direction of Ashley Miller, speaks seven languages. We are assured, however, that the producers have not attempted to exploit this phase of the star's versatility in the subtitles for this Paramount picture.

Helen Dunbar, who plays the role of "Lady Capulet" in the big screen production of "Romeo and Juliet," in which Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne are starred, is a baseball fan and never misses an opportunity to see a game. In fact, she often makes her own opportunity.

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LEIGHTON'S GARAGE

J. L. Riffle, Agent

La Grande, Ore.

Concrete advantage to be gained by the election of Mr. Hughes is expected by C. P. Ragsdale, who is willing to pay an advance of more than 10 per cent for a band of sheep taken on contract here October 10.

The agreement was made between Mr. Ragsdale and Frank Kernan, the former agreeing to purchase 1465 head of ewes from the latter at a price of \$9 a head if Mr. Wilson is re-elected, but agreeing to pay \$10 a head in case Mr. Hughes is elected.

Delivery of the sheep is to be made on or about November 10. One paragraph of the agreement providing for

the special payment is verbatim as follows:

"It is further agreed and understood that the said Kernan shall deliver said ewes at Kernan's corrals in Wallowa County, Oregon, at any time prior to November 10, 1916, at the option of said Ragsdale, provided the said Ragsdale shall pay upon such delivery the balance of the consideration at \$9 per head and shall deposit \$1 per head in any bank Kernan shall designate to be paid to Kernan in case Mr. Hughes is elected, and in case Mr. Wilson is elected, the said \$1 extra per head shall be returned to said C. P. Ragsdale."



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