

L. C. SMITH AUTO VETERAN

The growth of the automobile industry is graphically illustrated by an interview L. C. Smith gave the Observer representative who called upon him for the copy of his ad appearing elsewhere in this issue.

Said Mr. Smith: "I came to La Grande fourteen years ago from the east where I had had technical training in a mechanical school and a varied experience with gasoline engines including working in the Webber engine factory in Kansas City. Shortly after my arrival I was employed by Jay Van Buren to take charge of his bicycle shop which he was then running in the rear of his present store.

"There was but one automobile in La Grande at that time, a one-lunged, seven horse-power affair owned by Dr. Molitor and so far as I know it was the only car between Portland and Boise. Naturally the owner of an automobile at that time would look to the bicycle repair man for help when his wonderful new machine stopped, wheezed and ran backwards of its own accord, especially when Mr. Van Buren and myself were among the very few who professed to be automobile doctors. However by more or less experimenting we managed to keep the thing going in a fairly satisfactory manner.

"The next two or three years saw a great improvement in the automobile as well as in the repairman. The two-cylinder variety began to appear with much more power and much better design. As I remember W. H. Bohnenkamp was the first to get one of this variety and its coming to town created almost as much excitement as Ringling Bros. circus.

"About this time I severed my connection with Mr. Van Buren and started a shop of my own in the building where George Currey now has his real estate office. This was the beginning of my present business. I had the word "garage" painted over my door and I well remember hunting through several eastern magazines to find how the word was spelled as it had not found its way to the dictionary and no one ventured a pronunciation of the word. However nearly every one seemed to know that it in some way had something to do with an automobile and that was sufficient for me as I had fully made up my mind to devote my life to the automobile and I was bending every effort to learn more about them and how to keep their wheels going around.

"One by one the machines came into the valley until in 1906, I think there was something over a dozen machines then in Union county and my garage was the sole hostelry and usually the only place gasoline and oil could be found.

Mr. Smith stopped and called the mascot of the garage, the big glossy black rooster, to his side and continued:

"It was perhaps a year or two earlier than this that a traveling man for a large wholesale bicycle sundry house of Portland called on men and went into the future of the horseless carriage at great length and with great pride informed me that his house was going to carry a line of horseless carriage sundries, in fact had placed orders throughout the east for nearly five hundred dollars worth already and insisted that I place an order for some of these horseless carriage fixtures as there was sure to be quite a demand in the near future. I waxed warm and placed an order for three dollars and sixty-eight cents worth, which I think was the first order ever placed in Union county for sundries to be carried in stock. The same house in Portland carries more than a hundred thousand dollars worth of automobile stock today.

"In 1908 I took the agency for the Ford and during the first year I sold 18 cars. It took more work to sell these 18 cars than it has to sell the 150 cars which I have sold this year. When I first began to sell Fords my best competitor in price for a four-cylinder car was a Model G Cadillac which then sold for about \$2400 F. O. B. Portland.

"In trying to keep pace with the growth of the automobile industry I enlarged my quarters seven different times. Beginning with about 200 square feet in the Huntington building, I kept enlarging until I occupied the whole Huntington building. From there I moved to the Slater building which is now occupied by the Child's Feed store. Four years ago I built the main building of my present location and last year I found it necessary to double my space by putting up the building on Fifth street.

"Whether the automobile business can keep up the pace next year it did this, remains to be seen, but it appears there is more prospective purchasers at the present time than ever before."

SINGER ACQUIRES NEW AUTO

Metropolitan Opera Star, Anna Fitziu, Buys Her Second Mitchell Six

The celebrated Metropolitan Grand Opera Star, Anna Fitziu after owning and driving one of the famous Mitchell models, "The Six of '16", for

over nine months, has just purchased a new Mitchell Landau-Brougham for her personal use.

After an experience of nine months with that famous, easy riding "Six of '16" through the strenuous grand opera season, with nerves on edge and forced to make every minute's leisure count in rest, in order to recuperate, Miss Fitziu has just bought another Mitchell, for on her early drives through the invigorating morning air and on her hurry trips from theater to home, she finds the same restful comfort in her Mitchell Six as at home tucked away in the luxuriousness of her own divan.

In things, nerves and continual jar, she found it either soothe or irritate. John V. Pullman that

"Multitudes who... Velle values for... we could improve them... simply added more values and yet... the price low," says Chas. McCarty, Velle agent in La Grande, and continues:

"Four more inches of body length, with a corresponding increase in room, gives even more style and riding luxury. You have to compare the greater "Biltwell" with cars costing from \$500 to \$1000 more to find bodies like our splendid 1917 body.

"The substantial, rigid, oak framework and extra heavy steel, with mirror finish twenty operations deep, insures a fine-looking body after years of hard use. And there is real comfort

in its deep-tufted genuine leather and curled hair upholstery."

Having participated in the most unique and unusual incident ever recorded in the annals of the automobile industry, the famous Maxwell non-stop champion, known to all motordom as the International Wanderer, and which for an alleged infraction of the Customs Laws of the Canadian government was seized and held "in durance vile" for nearly two months, has been released by the Collector of Customs at Vancouver and returned to the Maxwell Motor Sales Corporation of the Pacific Coast.

Pending the final release of the renowned non-stop car, which less than one year ago, broke the world's record for a non-stop run, travelling more than 22,000 miles without a motor stop and lowering the last previous record of more than 10,000 miles, the entire organization of Maxwell Motor Sales Corporation were directed to possess an of

Every Willys-Overland Dealer in the United States, over five thousand in all, has been invited to visit the factory in Toledo during the month of December.

Only a small part of the expense incident to the trip will be borne by the dealers. The balance will be taken care of by the Willys-Overland Company.

The dealers will travel in special

trains from all over the United States.

While in Toledo they will be shown through the Overland factory, which is the largest automobile factory in the world. It covers 103 acres, or an area equal to twenty-eight city blocks.

The dealers will also be shown all of the 1917 Overland and Willys-Knight Models, and will see the new models put through the various tests, which are required of undergo before leaving the factory.

Banquets will be given in honor of the visiting dealers, and the plans and policies of the company will be explained in detail by President Pohn N. Willys.

All branch managers and general officers of the Willys-Overland of California and Overland Pacific Inc. of the northwest have accepted the invitation and are arranging to secure the acceptance of every dealer on the Pacific Coast.

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