

HIGHWAYS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

One Short Stretch Incomplete on Oregon Trail; Unfinished at Two Points Between La Grande and Joseph.

The principle highways and roads of Baker, Union and Wallawa counties are in excellent condition at present and tourists from distant points are of one accord in acclaiming the thoroughfares of northeastern Oregon.

Beginning with the Old Oregon Trail at the eastern line of Baker county and continuing through to Pendleton there is, with but one exception, a continuous stretch of paved and macadamized roads, sweeping over rolling hills through green valleys and over the pine and fir clad Blue Mountains.

There is one stretch of about five miles in the Blue Mountains between La Grande and Pendleton that remains unfinished. That portion has been graded, however, and will soon be covered with macadam. At present the five-mile stretch is in as good condition as a dirt road can be placed and it offers no impediment to tourists whatever.

The principle roads of Baker county are in good condition and are constantly being improved.

La Grande-Joseph Highway. With but two exceptions the highway from La Grande to Joseph and Wallawa Lake has been completed and the entire road will be completed before late summer. At present the road is in good condition for travel with the exception of a five-mile stretch south of Elgin. There the motorist must follow the old road around the foot-hill, which at present has been greatly smoothed and offers but little delay in making the trip to or from Wallawa county. The other unfinished portion of the highway is a stretch between the Wade farm, near Lostine and Enterprise. Travel is still following the old road over Trout Creek hill, but that piece of road is in good condition.

The Imbler-Elgin section of the highway has all been graded and the overhead bridge, crossing the O.W. tracks and Grande Ronde river, has been completed. The obstacle preventing travel over the highway being an extensive fill that is being made at the north end of the over-head. Macadam is being spread between Rinchart and Imbler, and the stretch between Imbler and a point a short distance north of Alled will soon be covered with crushed rock.

Grading on the Lostine-Enterprise section of the highway is progressing rapidly.

Flora-Enterprise Road. The trip from Enterprise to Flora is made over a modern highway with the exception of a few miles stretch directly north of Enterprise, but the entire road is in good condition and the trip can be made in good time and with pleasure.

The road that goes north to Lewiston is open for travel but is rough in spots.

Imbaha Road. The road leading from Joseph and Enterprise to Imbaha is in fair condition the entire distance. The route

still follows down the nine-mile hill to Imbaha but will soon be changed to another location, affording a gradual grade down to the river.

Union County Roads. Roads throughout Union county and connecting the various towns are in good condition. Roads in Grande Ronde valley are usually as good as dirt roads can be during the summer and fall and this year is no exception to the rule.

SAFETY FOUND IN NEW CARS

Improvements Constantly Added to Modern Car Makes It Easy to Operate Under Most Trying Conditions.

Motor car manufacturers today are endeavoring in every possible way to make automobiles so safe that practically every element of danger is eliminated if the driver uses the proper caution and handles his car in much the same way that he would a player piano or a phonograph. In other words, if the motorist will merely follow the instructions that are given in connection with the correct method of operating an automobile, he will find that the expert engineers who have spent years of perfecting the mechanical end of a car of the Buick type have designed and built an automobile which has every element of safety.

In the early days of motorism gear shifting was a hardship and women were afraid to drive. Nowadays, it is a different story. With the "velvet" Buick disc clutch gear shifting is a pleasure to both men and women drivers. With the multiple disc clutch there is no grabbing and the power of the car is so smoothly released that even an egg can be held intact between the front tire and a block of wood.

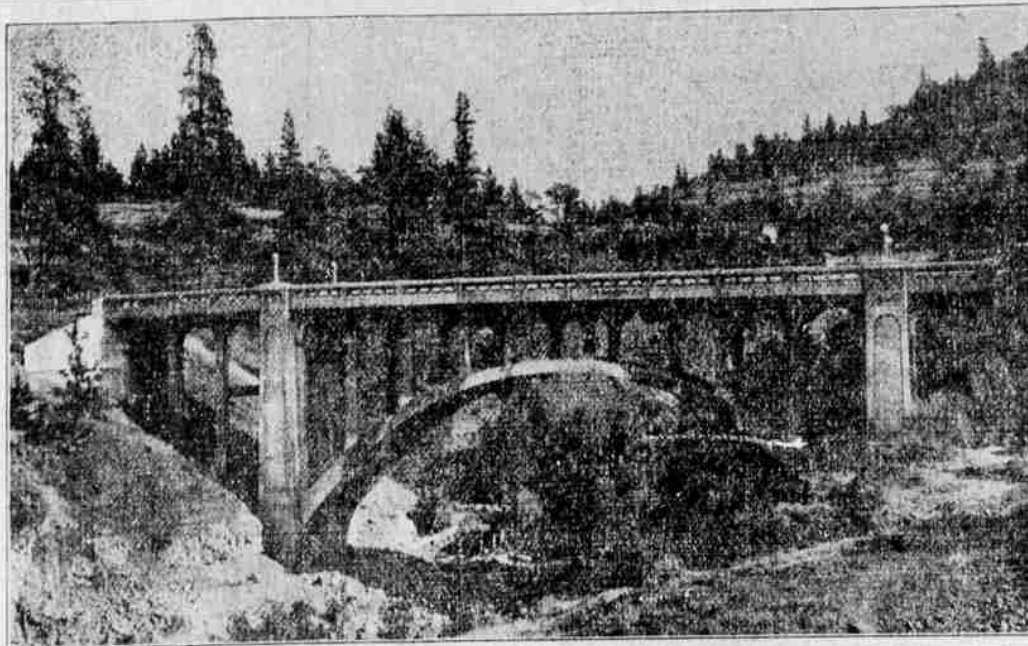
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If the car can be handled with such dexterity that an egg can be approached without being smashed, entering intersecting street traffic, downtown congestion and driving in other difficult places surely is something which the most timid driver should no longer fear when seated behind the wheel of a Buick and having the left foot on the clutch pedal.

REPAIRING THE TOP. To mend a tear in the top, it is best to use woolen yarn to draw the edges together, after which a top of material similar to that of the torn top is applied with rubber cement, set by the vulcanizer.

Mosier Arch on Columbia River



HEAD OF NASH CO. WILL VISIT HERE

Union, Baker and Wallawa counties will be host to C. N. Nash, head of the Nash Motor Co., during September. This information is given the Observer by Bert Hamilton, who was advised by Nash on his recent visit to Portland that he expected to return to Oregon during September and spend at least ten days here enjoying the scenery and fishing afforded in this district.

The visitor, who is one of the distinguished men of the motor world, has long heard of the excellent fishing afforded in the streams of northeastern Oregon, and although he has planned to come here for the past several years business has always prevented the trip. This year Mrs. Nash decided early to be the guest of this section and has been laying his plans accordingly. He informed Mr. Hamilton, Nash dealer for Baker and La Grande, that during his stay here he would forget the cares of the business world and spend the ten days or two weeks strictly along recreational lines.

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