

Highway and Auto Dope

Traffic and Tourist News

AUTOMOBILE NEWS

PLANTS BUSY OVER NATION

DETROIT, Mich. (Special)—Never was the automobile industry healthier than at the present time. As yet no shortage of cars for the spring trade has been made. The output is being immediately absorbed after leaving the plants.

A number of the manufacturers announce that there will be no closing for inventories and preparations have been made to continue the present rate of production indefinitely.

It is certain that tire prices again are to be advanced to automobile

manufacturers, who no doubt will pass the added cost along to the ultimate consumer. The increase, which is to take immediate effect, will range around \$10 on small cars, \$25 to \$40 on medium priced cars and \$110 to \$125 on trucks.

This is likely to result in price increases on cars before the first of 1926. The buying public, however, should remember that present prices are 164 per cent below the 1914 average and that the cars last three times as long.

Production of car No. 250,000 was announced last week by Hudson-Essex officials. This is twice the number of cars built last year. The company turned out 100,000 cars in 1922.

It is evident that open cars are rapidly being replaced by closed models. A Rickenbacker official said that beginning with the new year the manufacture of one of their open models will be discontinued and that before the end of another year the company would be on a 100 per cent open-car production.

The foreign trade is coming into the closed car market with unexpected demands. Shipments of open cars to Europe and countries outside of Europe, while the demand for closed cars is gaining rapidly, according to manufacturers.

GARAGE GOSSIP

Sale Representative Here—
J. P. Ehrhart, who is sale representative for the Jewett and Paico automobiles, is in La Grande today. While here he visited Harris French, local dealer. Mr. Ehrhart is taking orders for new cars and, incidentally, looking over the Eastern Oregon territory. His headquarters are in Portland.

New Truck Displayed—
The Blue Mountain garage has on display this week a light delivery Chevrolet truck with complete body. The car was received early this week.

An Inner Tube's Life—
The average life of an inner tube is from 12 to 18 months. Once it begins to harden, it is advisable to replace it with a new tube. It is false economy to use an old tube in a new tire.

Sells Royal Coupe—
Leo French, who has the Chrysler agency here, has sold a new Royal Coupe Chrysler to William Ruckman, of Ambler. The coupe is one of the most beautiful and desirable cars on the market today, according to Mr. French—and Mr. Ruckman agrees with him.

Rearranging Office—
The office at the J. C. Smith garage, dealers and distributors of Dodge Brothers cars and Graham Trucks, is being thoroughly cleaned and rearranged this week. Several new cars are being displayed and probably be completed within a few days.

Buys New Chrysler—
The La Grande Grocery company has purchased a new four-cylinder Chrysler coupe for its traveling agent, Mr. Barnes.

Here from Seattle—
E. H. Morhin, Dodge Brothers representative with headquarters in Seattle, was in La Grande yesterday conferring with the local Dodge distributor, L. C. Smith.

Ventilate the Closed Car—
Ventilate a closed car to keep windows from steaming or becoming fogged. The driver's window is usually open and if the rear or other window on the same side is lowered a few inches, it will allow air to circulate without occupants of the car being in a draught.

New Dodges Arrive—
A carload of Dodge Brothers cars was received by the J. C. Smith garage this week. Five enclosed models made up the shipment.

Price Cut Big Surprise—
"The Nash price reduction announcement came as a complete surprise," said H. C. Hamilton,

Telegraph Pole Saves Auto



Automobile and telegraph poles aren't good friends, ordinarily. But this time they got very chummy. This auto went through a bridge railing in San Francisco and would have plunged to destruction if it had not hit the telegraph pole, which prevented its fall.

Nash and Ajax distributor in La Grande, "but it is evidence that Mr. Nash is keeping faith with the public. In the past the factory has repeatedly announced that its prices, because of increasing quality, would never be cut in order to be able to advertise a price reduction, and at the time when other cars were slashing prices right and left in an effort to keep their heads above water, Nash maintained his prices, though increasing quality, the new Nash models running up greater manufacturing costs at the outset. But despite the fact that Nash maintained his prices, which were low and just, and despite the fact that competitors predicted Nash could not get its share of the business without slashing prices, the Nash sales increase has been remarkable, showing how well appreciated real quality is."

Sheriffs Like Studebakers—
"There are fourteen counties in Arizona. Twelve of them supply their sheriffs' office with automobiles. And in every county of the twelve a Studebaker car is used," states M. J. Goss, local automobile distributor. "When this information came to South Bend, the company commissioned Major Grover P. Sexton to go to Arizona and learn first hand the service which

Studebaker cars were rendering in the maintenance of law and order. The stories he gathered, portraying the adventures of the hard-driving men with nimble guns and shiny stars, are published in a book just off the press called "The Arizona Sheriff." He added that the books can be obtained without cost by writing the corporation at South Bend, Ind., or from the Studebaker garage here.

Look at the Curtains—
During the summer months when side curtains are not used, broken celluloid or glass in back curtains may go unnoticed. However, when winter weather makes curtains necessary, the rear curtain should be put in good condition to keep exhaust gases from coming in. Many cases of monoxide poisoning have been traced to defective curtains.

Should Oil Wipers—
Automatic windshield wipers should be oiled after a season's use. The leathers and working parts become dry, impairing the efficiency of the unit. See also that the rubber hose is not cracked, as a small leak in the suction line will stop the wiper and affect the operation of the engine. It will also

disturb the functioning of the vacuum tank.

Doubling Number of Schools—
The service promotion department of the Chevrolet Motor company, in its work of establishing throughout the nation a uniform standard of service for car owners, is doubling the number of service instruction schools, according to word received here. Before January 1 it is expected that 20 of these schools will be in operation.

ROAD BOND ISSUE VOTED—
BURNS, Ore. — Returns from a special election to be held in Harney county indicate that the \$200,000 road bonds carried by a substantial majority.

The bonds were opposed by two of the large landholding corporations.

If Engine Is Too Hot Here's List of Causes

Too rich a gasoline mixture. Fan belt too loose or off pulley. Not enough water in the radiator. Driving too long with retarded spark. Running too long on intermediate or low speeds. Shortage of oil or oil that has been used too long in crankcase. Deposits of lime, dirt or other foreign matter on walls of water jacket or radiator. Constructed holes in gaskets where pipe connections join the cylinders or pumps. Mud or other substances that prevent the proper passage of air through the radiator.

STAGES TO HIDE ON SLED

BEND, Ore. (Special) — Stage service between Eugene and Bend has been suspended while a sled is being built for the passenger automobiles.

The automobiles are to be hauled across the mile-high summit on sleds by the snow motor recently purchased by the Eugene-Stations Stage company. Stage service is to be resumed shortly.

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