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GARAGE GOSSIP

Cars Unloaded—
One carload of Chevrolets were unloaded this week for the Blue Mountain garage. The consignment included both enclosed models and trucks.

Accessories in Demand—
Every year Santa Claus has just a little bit harder time trying to find suitable gifts for everyone. But at last he has solved the problem and as a result automobile owners may expect to find anything from a motometer to windshield wiper in their stockings Christmas morning. Garages in the city report the disposal of many automobile accessories for Christmas gifts.

Brings in New Coupe—
Vernon Jennings, of the firm of Jennings and Shumate, arrived here last night from Portland, save the rear of your car. enger Buick coupe.

Look Behind—
If your car is equipped with four-wheel brakes, always consider the car behind you. It may have brakes on the rear wheels only. Put a notice "four-wheel brakes" on your spare tires to warn approaching motorists and the first of the week for Los An-

Hug Buys Building —
L. J. Bibler has sold his store building at Elgin to Harry Hug, who will install his Ford agency inside, utilizing the greater part for a show room. The Elgin Ford agency will probably incorporate in the near future with W. W. Binford, Harry Hug, and Myron Hug as the stockholders. In addition to the Bibler building, the agency will occupy their present quarters and the building now occupied by the city opposite the city hall.

In California —
Tex Knight, salesman for the Perkins Motor company, left here yesterday. While here he called geles, Cal., where he will visit his parents and other relatives. He expects to be gone until the first of the year.

Buys New Cadillac —
Ed. Ford, who recently disposed of his interests in the Arcade and Star theatres here, has purchased a new Cadillac standard six sedan from the local Cadillac distributor. Mr. Ford states that he will give the automobile to Mrs. Ford as a Christmas gift. The car will be used to drive from La Grande to Sana Ana after January 1, where they will make their future home.

Lincoln Man Here—
A. B. Boscow, head of the Lincoln division of the Portland branch of the Ford Motor company, was a La Grande visitor. The machines, one standard six at the Perkins Motor company on business.

Fords Received —
The Perkins Motor company received a carload of Fords yesterday.

Sells Five Cars —
M. J. Goss, Studebaker distributor, finds business very good for this time of the year. He reports that he has sold five new cars for January delivery.

Drives Jewett Here—
Al Barth, salesman for the Harris F. French Motor company, returned from Portland Thursday driving a New-Day Jewett, the first model to be seen in La Grande.

Returns to Work—
Alfred Bushnell has returned to work at the Perkins Motor company after an absence of two months. He was ill at the Grande Ronde hospital for one one and spent the other month recuperating. Before returning to work he visited in Portland and other coast points for some time.

Studebakers Unloaded—
A carload of Studebakers were unloaded by M. J. Goss this week. The local branch of the B. C. coupe, one coach, and one sedan, were all enclosed models. "There is little demand for open cars at this time of the year," Mr. Goss states.

Ajax Cars Arrive—
up the shipment. Hamilton Motor company received a carload of Ajax cars this week. Four enclosed automobiles made up the shipment.

Hamilton in Portland—
B. C. Hamilton, Nash and Ajax distributor here and at Baker, is in Portland for a few days. While there he is attending a conference of the Packard Motor company. He will return to La Grande the first of next week.

"Caterpillar" Sold—
The Bunting Tractor company, local "Caterpillar" tractor dealers, announce the sale of a "caterpillar" 20 to Gem county, Idaho. Shipment of the tractor was made from the local stock for delivery at Payette, Ida., last week. C. C. Henderson, municipality salesman for the local firm, with headquarters at Boise, handled the transaction. The sale to Gem county makes a total of six tractors of the caterpillar type sold and delivered by the Bunting company since its organization the first of October, according to local officials.

$50 Her Price

This tot, Laura Agnes, was sold to Mrs. Lily Thygesen of Union City, N. J., by an unwed mother, according to reports which police are investigating.

Cover the Reflector—
If one is in the habit of driving at night with dash lights burning, or if one operates a car with the dash line in service with the tail light, cover the reflector with a piece of green or red celluloid. This will enable you to see the instrument board and at the same time it will protect your eyes from the bright light. One can see the road better if no light at all is used in the car.

In the Irish Free State, single men and women receive equal pay for the same work. In case a man marries he receives an increase automatically; if a woman marries she receives a bonus, but automatically loses her job.

During the last three years there has been sixty-three electric railway abandonments in the United States.

Dodge Prices Will Be Reduced on January 7

A big price reduction in Dodge Brothers automobiles is not far distant. In fact, it is practically in effect at present.

According to word received here by L. C. Smith, local dealer, on January 7 next Dodge Brothers, Inc., will announce a tremendous reduction in the prices of their complete line of motor cars. When the new prices the made known the full amount of the reductions will be immediately refunded to all purchasers since midnight, December 18.

"These revolutionary reductions are made possible by a recently completed $10,000,000 expansion program, new buildings and equipment that will double the company's capacity," Mr. Smith, declares.

Decorated Japanese Fan Passes With Beer Garden

SEATTLE (AP)—Liquor was not the only thing that was hit by prohibition, said Carl J. Deutsch, representative of a Japanese fan company, who has just returned from the Far East.

Since the advent of the Volstead era the decorated fan has almost ceased to be, he said. Before prohibition millions of the fans were sold, especially to breweries which used them for advertising purposes.

"In those days," said Deutsch, "it was quite the fad for ladies, especially when sitting in beer gardens, to cool themselves with our fans, but since the country went dry this business has dropped to almost nothing."

GOOSE'S LOVE STORY TRAGIC

PARSONS, Kan. (AP)—When a mammoth white Canadian snow goose was shot at the Island, in a bend of the Neosho, it terminated what is believed to have been a love story in birddom.

Hunters of the community believe that the death of the goose was the final chapter in a tragic story of bravery, noble leadership, lasting love and fidelity—the sequel to a tragedy enacted two years ago that was marked by news stories and editorials throughout the land.

That was the woeful death of "Snow King," so dubbed by his slayer, who had stalked the bird for three years as he made his southward flight dauntlessly leading a flock of brown geese. Majestically the great bird soared over the river and field where his hunter lay, cleverly keeping his distance. But finally man's carefully laid plans were fruitful. Disguised as a cow, with bell hung around his neck and gun holding the tail in proper position, he deceived the goose when it stopped to feed in a cow pasture. And Snow King fell.

At intervals since Snow King's death, a great white goose had been noticed about the scene of the tragedy. Farmers talked of its beauty; hunters coveted it—but it always eluded them. It always returned, however, to the scene of Snow King's last stand. It is believed the bird would join different flocks for it was seen to arrive with one bunch and then another, but always remaining after the others moved on southward.

Sentiment of the community mixed with bits of out-door lore, have woven a pretty story about this second bird, which has been called "Canadian Beauty."

One hunter recalled having wounded a goose and of keeping it in camp. Its wild called and called for it and finally ventured into camp rather than be separated from its mate. Another added that when a goose mates it mates for life; that if it loses its mate it will not stay long with any flock and will fly and swim and feed alone.

And so they wonder if "Canadian Beauty" was the mate of Snow King. They wonder if she went a little while with the flock of brown geese two years ago, and, missing Snow King, returned to the scene of his disappearance in vain search for him. They wonder if discouragement prompted her to join other flocks, only to leave them and return to the place where her lost mate was last seen.

The youngsters, hearing of the double tragedy, stood in front of the window where "Canadian Beauty" hung for public marveling at the six feet nine inches of her wing spread, their attitudes as expressive as if in the presence of honored dead.

Falling Tree Hurts Woman.

MARSHFIELD, Ore. — Mrs. James Foster of Coos River was injured in an unusual manner while helping her husband fell a tree with a crosscut saw. Mrs. Foster and her husband expected the tree to fall away from them. The tree fell as was intended, but the butt slipped backward, fracturing Mrs. Foster's leg. She was taken to one of the bay hospitals.

Obscure Grave of Man Who Fired First Yorktown Shot

YANCEYVILLE, N. C. (AP)—In a small, heavily overgrown rural cemetery in Caswell county, not far from Yanceyville, is a mound covered with vines—no effort to mark the spot is apparent, other than the tombstone—under which lies the body of the man who fired the first shot at the Battle of Yorktown.

The man's name was Starling Gunn. The cemetery is little visited, and few people, even in the vicinity, know that the little cemetery contains an historic grave.

On the headstone, barely legible, appear these words:

"Here lies the body of Starling Gunn, who fired the first cannon at the Battle of Yorktown, and who was an eye witness of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis."

The grave is overgrown with periwinkle and other vines, and is more prominent than other graves in the lonely little cemetery only by virtue of the fact that the headstone is somewhat larger than the others.

The existence of the historic grave has been recognized only once, other than in a casual way by individuals. A few years ago the Daughters of the American Revolution asked for earth from historic spots to be used in planting a tree, to be taken from Yorktown and planted at Arlington. At that time, a bit of dirt from Gunn's grave was supplied.

Leading Economists Gather For Discussion of Problems

NEW YORK (AP)—Economics, political science and sociology, as well as pending legislative problems involving economic policy, are to be discussed by leading economists of the United States at conventions of four organizations which meet here Dec. 28-31.

Foreign debts, railway consolidation, agricultural policy, tariff, federal taxes and the functioning of the federal reserve system, are among topics already slated for consideration in round-table discussions at the convention of the American Economic association. This association is composed exclusively of professors and assistants in economics in American universities.

During the same week the American sociological society, the American Farm Economic association and the American Political Science association will hold their annual conventions.

Several joint meetings have been arranged with a view to affording a broad exchange of opinion in matters extending through two or more fields. Between 1000 and 1,200 educators are expected to attend.

Dancing competitions are weekly occurrences among the gold miners of the Transvaal, in South Africa.

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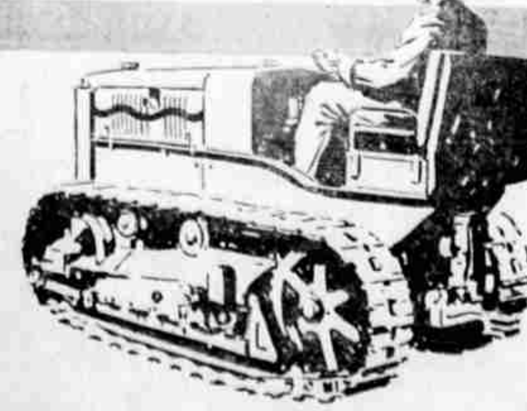

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