

Highway and Auto Dope

AUTOMOBILE NEWS

Traffic and Tourist News

ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM HUGE

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—A proposition that \$1,250,000,000 would be spent this year on hard road construction was made by William H. Connel, president of the American Road Builders' association, in convention here.

He said there are now 127,000 miles of hard surfaced roads in the United States, an additional 153,600 miles of improved roads, and nearly two million miles of roads upon which little or no work has been done.

Oregon Highways Rank Among The Best In The United States

Surfaced Mileage Approximately 8,500 Miles; State Is Outranked Only by Indiana in Improved Mileage Per Capita; Leads All in One Respect.

(By Frank Reusswig) Engineer Oregon State Motor Association

Oregon, ranking ninth in area and thirty third in population stands in a unique and foremost position relative to its highway system. With a surfaced mileage of approximately 8,500 miles out of its total certified mileage of 45,900 miles of all types of road, Oregon is outranked by but one state, Indiana, in improved mileage per capita and leads all states in mileage per capita for hard-surfaced highways.

600,000 must be used to retire bonds and interest and approximately \$2,500,000 for maintenance and betterments. Surplus for new construction has been estimated at about \$80,000 for the year 1925 and dropping to about \$115,000 for the year 1926, on the basis of a 200,000 car registration. Since the 1925 registration has passed that number by a considerable margin, and assuming that each succeeding year will undoubtedly continue to show a healthy increase in registration over the preceding year, it is safe to assume that the surplus available for new construction will be sufficient to meet the federal aid apportionments.

U. S. Aid Program

Oregon's road program has received much help from federal aid begun in 1916, primarily to help finance post roads but since then has broadened to include interstate and intrastate roads in cooperation with state governments. Originally federal aid requirements were that states match dollar for dollar with the government but as this proved a decided disadvantage to states containing large areas in public lands, apportionments were changed and prorated to these states in proportion to their public land area. Oregon is required to cooperate 25 per cent under the present arrangement, with an allowable federal aid allotment of \$18,341,000 per mile. The federal aid system in Oregon comprises a total of 2,784 miles, every mile of which is confined to the state highway system. This money is spent under supervision of the state highway commission, after meeting the approval of the department of public roads. In addition to the allotted federal aid, special apportionments have been made by the government for the construction of roads within, partly within or adjacent to National forests in the amount of \$4,000,000, bringing a grand total from the federal government of \$12,500,000. This special apportionment has been largely instrumental in completing two of Oregon's most scenic highways, the Hood Loop and the McKenzie highway.

Bonds Sold By State

To meet the state's portion of this extensive system, bonds to the amount of \$38,700,000.00 were sold of which \$37,263,750.00 is still outstanding at the end of 1925. During 1925, \$1,257,000.00 principal and \$1,726,073.00 interest, a total of \$3,023,073.00, will be paid toward the retirement of this issue. The year 1926 will see the peak of the amount the state must meet in retiring this obligation, when the sum of \$3,476,833.00 is paid from then on \$1,375,000.00 of the principal will be retired each year until the full amount will have been paid.

Not Yet Anyhow

One nice thing about running an airplane is that one needn't be afraid every minute that some arbitrary person will whiz up from the rear and say: "Pull over, and stop!" —N. Y. American.

The earliest insects of the British coal measures were extinct before the first rose was ever grown.



THE DEBUTANTE. That's the cat's name. The lady is little Miss Patricia McCabe. The cat won the championship at a New York show.

Hudson and Essex Car Owners Are Fortunate In Winter, Dealer Says

Use of the heat generated by the engine, especially in starting, is essential for the proper economical operation of an automobile during the cold days of winter, according to E. L. Ledbetter, local distributor of Hudson and Essex cars.

Ajax and Nash Buck Snow on Loop Highway

An Ajax six and a Nash six, for which A. R. Tranchesi is dealer here, recently broke their way along the Mt. Hood Loop road from Government camp to White river, a point farther along the road than any reached since December's snow falls by an other machine. Ten days and a half were consumed in the struggle against fallen trees, boulders and snow from the knee to hip deep.

Poor Henry

"Henry Ford's got Muscle Shoals," shouted a newsguy as he wriggled the way through the aisle of a crowded Canal Belt car Monday afternoon.

"What's Muscle Shoals?" asked one girl of another.

"I ain't sure," replied the other, "but I believe it's something like evolutionism. It's no wonder that fellow Ford works too hard." —New Orleans Item.

School teacher (to little boy)—"If a farmer raised 1700 bushels of wheat and sold it for \$1.17 a bushel, what will he get?" Little boy—"Automobile." —Caroline Motorist.

Franklin at N. Y. Show Has Largest Display Staged by One Maker

NEW YORK (Special)—The New York National show, opening on January 9, finds the Franklin automobile company to be not only the largest of any maker for all time. Twenty-five custom-made and special colored standard cars, significant of the 25 years Franklin has been in the automobile business, are being displayed in five exhibits.

How Thrilling

"Poor Jerry smashed his car and got pinched yesterday."

"Recall? What was the charge?"

"Driving under the influence of woman." —Bowdoin Bearskin.

The Iron Man Ouch!

To speeding motorist who just splashed mud on him: "Hey, who the Sam Hill do you think you are?" "Oliver Twist; why?" "Well, I'm Oliver Mud."

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During 1925 there were 4,200,000 new cars and trucks produced. Deducting from this figure the increase in registrations in 1925 of 2,331,416, we find that the remaining 1,868,584 gives the approximate number of cars that were discarded during the last 12 months. These statistics show that the average life of a car is between seven and eight years.

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