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BEND TO GET HIGHWAY UNIT

THE DALLES, Ore. (Special)—Removal of the headquarters of the Eastern Oregon division of state highway improvement from The Dalles to Bend was announced by C. W. Wanser, division state highway engineer, who stated that he and Henry Hackett, assistant engineer, would take charge of the Bend office February 1.

Wanser said the change was found necessary because of the fact that most of the new construction work in the next few years will be south and east of Bend with but little maintenance work to be completed in the Mid-Columbia district.

As soon as the weather permits, grading and surfacing will be started on the Crooked river gap, Bond-Lava Butte and from Lapine

to the south end of the Coral Springs section.

STRETCH OF ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY TO BE OILED

ASTORIA, Ore.—As an experiment in the use of oil macadam in the coast counties, the state highway department in the spring will oil 2.5 miles of the Roosevelt highway from Seaside south to the Cannon Beach junction. It was announced by Roy Klein, state highway engineer, here on his inspection trip with William Daby, chairman of the highway commission. The stretch of road to be oiled was completed in 1924. If the oiling process proves effective in preventing the washing of the macadam surface, it probably will be employed on the 10 miles of the Roosevelt highway south from the Cannon Beach junction to the Hamlet junction. This section is to be surfaced in the spring.

To Clean the Glass.
Try dipping a clean cloth in gasoline and rubbing lightly over the windshield and windows, then polishing with a dry cloth.

'SEVENTY' ONE OF SHOW HITS

"Scoring a popularity second to none, the new Willys-Knight Six 'Seventy' was proclaimed the most popular six-cylinder automobile introduced at the recent New York Automobile show, when 102,000 enthusiastic visitors to the Willys-Knight factory branch store showed their preference for the new car with countless compliments," according to Gettings and Hanks, local dealers.

"Not only did more interested persons view the comprehensive display of new Willys-Knight models at the branch store than ever before, but more Overland and Willys-Knight cars were purchased from New York dealers during show week than ever before in company history. A total of 524 Overland and Willys-Knight cars were sold to New Yorkers during show week.

"Proving that the new 'seventy' was the most popular car displayed at the show was the fact that New York city dealers sold 252 cars during show week, and these sales were exclusive of the 242 sold at retail by the New York branch."

Oldest Franklin Agent Is Also the Largest

SYRACUSE, (Special)—Ralph Hamlin, Inc., Los Angeles, holds the distinction of being the largest Franklin dealer in the United States for the year 1925. In 1924 the record was held by the Chicago dealer, W. E. Butler.

Ralph Hamlin, the winner of the recent honors, is the oldest Franklin dealer in the country. It is the opinion of trade authorities that few if any automobile business men have held one franchise for an equal length of time, twenty-one years.

Mr. Hamlin was a bicycle racer and was engaged in the bicycle business in 1905 when he was offered the Franklin franchise. His 1925 sales accomplishment exceeds that of 1925, which was the best in his history.

What Is Gravity?
Teacher—Bobby, can you explain to me the law of gravity?
Bobby—Yes'm. Gravity is twenty-five miles an hour. Above that there ain't none.

FORD COMPANY'S 1925 PRODUCTION SETS NEW RECORD

"The Ford Motor company, in all its divisions, produced a total of 2,102,588 cars, trucks, tractors and airplanes during 1925, according to figures just given out at the general offices. Exclusive of airplanes, which is a new industry with the company, this is an increase of 20,000 automotive units over 1924," states W. C. Perkins, local distributor.

"In the production of Ford cars and trucks during the year, domestic plants in the United States assembled 1,775,245. Foreign plants of the company produced 126,401 cars and trucks and the output of the Ford Motor company of Canada, Ltd., totaled 79,287.

Fordson tractor production was 104,168 and the Lincoln division of the company produced during the year a total of 8,415 Lincoln cars. In the newest division of the company, the airplane factory, the output was ten all-metal planes since the factory was acquired by the company on August 1, 1925.

"The remarkable output of Ford cars and trucks was reached in spite of the fact that for a period of more than 30 days during August and September domestic production was almost negligible due to the introduction of the improved types. The same condition prevailed later on in the foreign assembly plants as the change to the improved cars were made in these places, some of which are just now getting into appreciable production with the improved types."

RACING ENGINES WILL HAVE SMALL PISTONS

The smallest engines ever assembled in racing automobiles will propel the one-seated cars entering the fourteenth annual 500-mile automobile race at the Indianapolis motor speedway next year. The piston displacement will be a maximum of 2 1/4 cubic inches—less than half that of the smallest automobile engine in the United States. The cars used in all outstanding races in America in the last three years have had a piston displacement of 122 cubic inches.

OBSELETE MOTOR LAW IN IOWA REPEALED

Automobile drivers of Iowa have been so consistently violating one particular traffic law for 25 years that the state legislature has been compelled to repeal it. The law read as follows: "The traveling motorist must telephone ahead to the next town of his coming, so that owners of nervous horses may be warned in advance."

NEW RECORD IS MADE BY BUICK

In spite of the substantially lower prices of current models as compared with the 1924 list prices, the Buick Motor company increased its volume of business during the past year by \$25,000,000, according to Jennings and Shumate, local dealers.

This increase was brought about by the larger number of cars sold in 1925 over the year before. A gain in sales of nearly 20 per cent was made.

The total value of the nearly 200,000 Buick cars marketed in 1925 was in excess of \$275,000,000. The greatest gain was made in the last half of 1925, in the face of greatly reduced prices announced when the new models were put into production. The value of the cars built from July 1, 1925, to the end of the year was more than \$155,000,000. This was a gain over the same period of 1924 of about \$20,000,000.

Because of the strong market for the current models, the Buick factory has been running at capacity throughout the winter months, and has announced a production schedule for the first three months of 1926 of nearly 75,000 cars. In order to meet and maintain this schedule, expenditures for additional buildings and equipment amounting to \$2,000,000 are being made, which will increase plant capacity to 1200 cars a day.

The work of expansion is progressing rapidly, with every indication that the greater schedule can be met in a few months.

Children Will Play.
The greatest number of victims of accidents in which motor vehicles figure occur to children between the ages of 5 and 9. Of these fatalities, 25 per cent take place between the hours of 2 p. m. and 6 p. m. and 20 per cent between 6 p. m. and 9 p. m. The heaviest toll is after school hours, when more children are playing on the streets. The smallest percentage of fatal accidents is recorded between the hours of 3 a. m. and 6 a. m.

Gas Gargles

To repair a leaking carburetor or vacuum-tank float, dip the float into a pan of hot water. Bubbles will appear at the point where the float leaks. Mark this spot and then punch two holes, one in the top and the other in the bottom of the float. This will make it possible to empty the float of gasoline and you can solder up the holes and the leak.

Motor transportation employs one-tenth of the male population

of the United States, recently estimated as 3,105,000 workers.

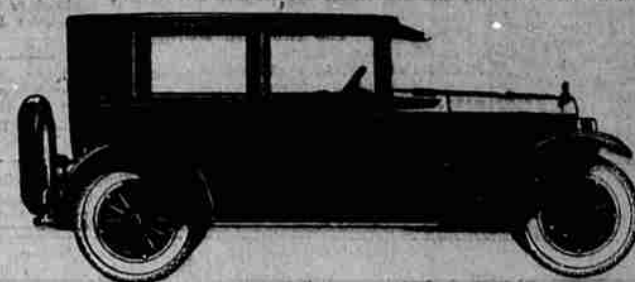
When installing a spot light on the windshield of your car, either place it at a high or low point, so that it will not obstruct your vision of approaching cars. You should adjust or focus the light so that the rays converge into a small and distinct point where it strikes the road. This adjustment will make the light more efficient and protect approaching drivers from glare.

A loose battery connection is frequently caused by burned out headlight globes, especially when

this occurs consistently. Very often the jar of the car will shake loose the battery connection allowing the current to flow from the generator direct to the lamps which produce a higher voltage than they will carry.

Sixty-seven per cent of automobile passenger cars are in communities of less than 25,000 population.

A strainer or trap installed in the gasoline line of your car will keep the water and sediment out of your carburetor and vacuum tank as they are heavier than gasoline and settle at the lowest point.



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