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Traffic And Tourist News

# AUTOMOBILE NEWS

## Do You Watch the Ammeter?

It will pay any motorist to do so. When the indicator shows no charge going through don't delay but drive in to our place as soon as possible—perhaps a minor adjustment will save you both trouble and money. You will receive prompt service and courteous treatment.

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## EXPORTS SHOW BIG INCREASE

DETROIT (Special).—The tremendous increase in the export business of American automobile manufacturers is strikingly emphasized in figures announced today by the Paigo-Detroit Motor Car company, which reported a gain of 100 per cent in 1925 over the previous year, while the total gain in the export business of all American car manufacturers was 60 per cent. These figures do not include business with Canada.

The greatest increase in 1925 was in Europe and South Africa, both of which took three times as many cars as in 1924. The best individual European customer was Germany, where importation of cars from foreign countries had been restricted previously by government regulations that were virtually prohibitive. The demand in Germany now is for the highest priced models in each of the various classes.

In quantity, Australia was the best market, says the Paigo report.

The present year will see continued gains, according to H. M. Jewett, president, who says that the company's production plans are based on an export business for 1926 that will be more than twice that of last year.

The American closed car has now been accepted generally in foreign countries, which are several years behind the United States in the swing from open to enclosed models. Foreign buyers also have given up their preference for magneto ignition, which for years required special equipment on American cars for export. Battery ignition is now as generally accepted as it is in this country.

### BRAKE SCREECHING CAUSES EXPLAINED

Screeching brakes are evidence of dirty brakes, provided the brake lining still is in good condition. If the brake lining is worn it often happens that an exposed rivet will scrape against the brake drum.

It is well to remember that it is not always possible to determine the condition of brake linings by looking at their edges. Wear takes place more to the center, and if the hands are not concentric with the drums wear may be very irregular.

Camel—"What's the difference between that girl and a traffic crossing sign?"  
Chesterfield—"Well, I'll bite."  
Camel—"The crossing sign says 'Stop'."

## Seeks Walker



Sailor Liston, Los Angeles welterweight, who expects to show his fisticuffing ability in the east shortly. He's bent on getting a match with Mickey Walker, champion. On the far west coast Liston is well thought of and many experts predict a great ring future for him.

## FARMER KILLED BY BULL

McMINNVILLE, Ore.—An attack by a bull resulted in the death of James Reid, 51, as his farm here. Reid, who was a pioneer of Yamhill county, was found dead in the animal's stall. No one witnessed the accident, but Coroner Macy believed that Reid had attempted to take some hay from the stall. The animal was not known to be vicious, but Reid had never ventured near him before.

Reid had lived on the farm near here for the past 31 years. Funeral services will be held here tonight. The widow and Clifford Reid, Los Angeles, and Clure Reid, McMinnville, are survivors.

## SUGGESTIONS GIVEN FOR EMERGENCY STOP

On wet highways and streets it is more difficult to make an emergency stop when passing another car going in the same direction. When pavements are slippery allow more clearance when passing, as the front wheels may not respond readily to the steering gear and a skid of a few inches may cause a collision. If it is necessary to make an emergency stop apply the brakes with the clutch engaged until the car has almost stopped and then release the clutch to prevent stalling the engine. This practice will help eliminate skidding or side sway on wet pavements.

## 22 STATES HAVE 35 MILE SPEED LIMITS

Twenty-two states in the union have maximum speed limits of less than 35 miles per hour. Kansas has a 49-mile maximum, and Florida and Nevada have 45.

When driving at night with dash lights burning, or if operating a car with the dash light in series with the tail light, cover the reflector with a piece of green or red celluloid. The instrument board may be seen at a better advantage and at the same time it will protect the eyes from the bright light. The road is seen better if no light at all is used in the car.

## Pushes Dance



Miss Dina West of Port Huron Mich. supreme commander of the Women's Benefit Association, has instructed each of the 2500 local bodies in the organization to form classes for the teaching of the old-fashioned dances such as Henry Ford Blues. It is estimated this will bring 250,000 dollars to the old dances.

## GARAGE GOSSIP

### To Paint Airplane Signs

Since the Ford Motor company is becoming popular in the manufacture of airplanes letters have been issued to all Ford dealers all over the United States from the company's headquarters instructing them to paint the name of their town along with an arrow pointing due north on the tops of their buildings. The letters will be made in white paint and will not be less than 12 feet in height. The signs are for the benefit of planes passing over the city. The name "La Grande" will be painted on the top of Perkins Motor company's building within the next few days. The letters will be at least 24 feet high. "I wouldn't be surprised if planes made by the Ford company are in La Grande in less than two years," Mr. Perkins said yesterday.

Dragging brakes can frequently be equalized by making adjustments at the bands. If satisfactory adjustment cannot be made, check at the pull back springs to

see that the tension of both springs is equal. Also disconnect the rods from the levers to see that they are not binding, as a rusty or dry brake lever will not release, causing the brakes to heat.

### Joins Sales Force

Frederick Lyford, of Astoria, Oregon, has joined the sales force of the Perkins Motor company, as exclusive tractor salesman. Mr. Lyford comes with a large field of experience and is thoroughly posted on Fordson tractors whether to be used for agricultural or industrial purposes.

One of the best ways to clean the carburetor is to shut off the supply of gasoline from the vacuum tank. Run the engine at a fair rate of speed until the carburetor goes dry. Any dirt that is lodged in the carburetor is carried out by the tremendous suction of air.

### Attending Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Harrison left Thursday, by auto, for Portland, where they are attending a convention of all Chevrolet dealers in this zone today. The zone includes Idaho, Oregon and Washington. They plan to return to La Grande Sunday night or Monday morning.

To stop a leak in the top, paste a round patch over the hole, inside and out, and apply drying paint with top dressing to protect the patch from the weather.

### Chrysler Delivered

The Chrysler Motor company delivered a Chrysler sedan to P. L. Dyal this week. Another carload of Chryslers is expected the first of next week. The car will include one four-cylinder coach, one four-cylinder sedan, two six-cylinder coaches and one crowd sedan.

### Two Cars Sold

The Nash Motor company reports two recent sales. A special two-door sedan was delivered to Dan H. Tanner last week and this week Dr. Fred H. Whitaker, of Enterprise, purchased an advanced two-door Nash sedan.

### Salem Audience Hears Stallard

SALEM, Ore.—Approximately 100 persons gathered at the state armory here to hear the plea of H. H. Stallard for modification of the Volstead act. Judge Gates of Portland was scheduled to give the principal address, but was unable to keep the appointment. A collection was taken during the meeting.

## CRATER TRIP PLANNED

ASHLAND, Ore.—Another winter record for Oregon will be shattered a week from next Sunday when H. W. Price, managing director of the Crater Lake Hotel company, will lead a party of Portland and Jackson county men to the rim of Crater lake.

Frank Boston, cameraman for The Oregonian, screen review, and Charles E. Gralke, automobile editor for The Oregonian, will be included in the party and in addition to an illustrated article in The Oregonian, motion pictures of Crater lake in her winter finery will be shown in motion picture houses throughout the country.

## PICKLE FACTORY LOOMS

SILVERTON, Ore.—Assurance that a pickle factory will be established here next year, providing growers sign up sufficient acreage, was voiced at a meeting sponsored by the chamber of commerce, by J. L. Stafford, state manager for the Oregon Pickle & Canning company. Farmers were advised to experiment with the growing of cucumbers on red hill soil this year to determine the probable yield an acre. Market for this crop will be provided by the plant at Monitor, Mr. Stafford promised.

# Vast Expansion and Advanced Equipment make New Prices Possible

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A better and better product followed by greater and greater demand.

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Installation of advanced labor-saving and quality-increasing equipment. For instance, one giant steel-body press costing \$10,000 replaces ten former presses costing \$7,500 each, and does the work more efficiently.

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Roadster	- - -	965
Coupe	- - -	1023
Sedan	- - -	1085

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