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ORD TRUCKS SELL RAPIDLY

The year 1925 witnessed the biggest sale of Ford ton trucks in the history of the Ford Motor company, according to a sales statement just issued by the company. The total for the year was 217,112 tons, an increase of 16,826 over to sales of 1924. This mounting demand for Ford trucks was accounted as due largely to an increase in truck buying by the agricultural districts of this country. The American farmer, one of the most logical users of the ton trucks, now coming into the market stronger than ever before and indications are that 1926 will see a marked rise in the number of trucks of less than two tons capacity on American farms. Other figures indicate that more

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than 60 per cent of all trucks in use during the past year were Fords. In the less-than-two-ton class, 71 per cent of all makes sold were Fords.

Four standard types of truck bodies on the Ford ton truck chassis comprise the line for the new year. A stake body, especially adapted for farm and other use requiring accommodations for heavy, bulky loads and three express types are versatile enough to cover every field of ton truck haulage.

One of the express bodies features low sides while another is of the canopy top and curtained sides type. The third is screened with canopy top and protecting curtains. Open and closed cabs also are provided.

One new commercial body style was developed during 1925 — the pick-up body — designed to take the place of the rear deck of the Ford runabout for light weight haulage in which speed, light weight and easy maneuvering ability are dominant factors. The runabout seat affords comfortable riding for the driver and there is ample room for another passenger. Full protection against inclement weather is provided by the top and side curtains which open with both doors.

Another party of scientists has sailed for Africa to hunt the wild ass—when our highways are crowded with them.

FRANKLIN HAS ITS BEST YEAR

H. H. Franklin company's surplus net profit for the year 1925, after all adjustments, is \$2,019,170.66. Earnings on 229,421 shares of common stock, outstanding, equal \$5.24 per share.

This announcement was made by company officials on Wednesday, January 27, following the annual stockholders' meeting and annual meeting of the board of directors, held on this date. Giles H. Stillwell, vice president of the H. H. Franklin Manufacturing company, was elected chairman of the board of directors. There is no change in the directorate, or in the officers of the company.

In the report received at the Wednesday meeting, 1925 was pronounced the best year in the history of the company. Not only have earnings been largest, and the financial structure improved with working capital increased by \$1,543,000, but the success of the firm's notable style car and the attention commanded by the company's policy of quality maintenance, has attained for Franklin a singularly strong position in the market.

Inventory turnover is one noteworthy aspect of Franklin's 1925 financial improvement. Inventory turnover, now particularly well controlled, was the best in 1925 that the company has ever had, and was three times greater than that of 1924.

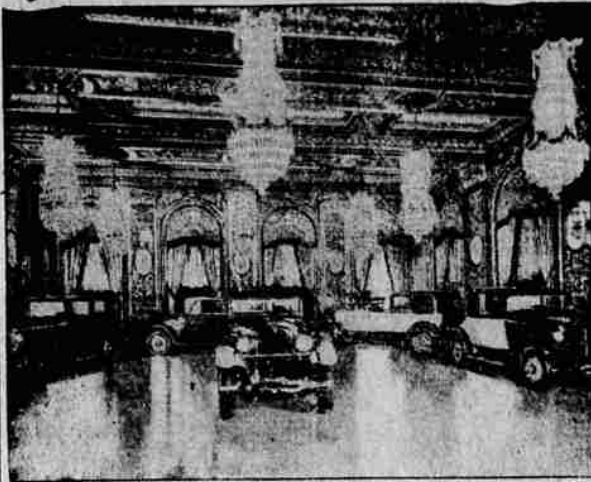
The current position of the company with respect to assets and liabilities is excellent. Ratio of current asset to liabilities is 73 to 1.

The condensed balance sheet as of December 31, 1925, follows:

Assets	
Current	\$ 6,307,325.25
Miscellaneous	1,411,123.76
Fixed	9,450,617.93
Total Assets	\$17,699,066.73
Liabilities	
Current	\$ 931,717.05
Miscellaneous	77,550.09
Reserves	2,845,228.79
Preferred Stock	6,216,350.93
Common Stock, surplus	6,628,228.83
Total Liabilities	\$17,699,066.73

A Dirty Dig.
An opulent appearing man drove up to the curb in a car that was not so opulent and was accosted by a small boy.
"Watch your car for a nickel, mister."
"Heat it, kid, this machine won't run away."
"Now, but I ought tell you when it starts to fall apart."—Hoosier Motorist.

Studebakers On Display



In the Rose room of the Plaza hotel in New York, Studebaker will establish the most pretentious permanent automobile display in the world. Presidents have been feted in this beautiful chamber; debutantes of the social elite have sought its gorgeous Louis XVI surroundings to make their bows; famed celebrities from abroad have here received their first greetings from American society and now the Rose room will form a splendid setting for the creations of the world's foremost custom body builders mounted on the Studebaker chassis. During December an exhibit of bodies by LeBaron on Studebaker chassis was made in the Rose room with such success that a lease has been signed which will permit a permanent Studebaker salon, beginning March 1st.

RECALL PETITIONS FILED

BEND, Ore.—Nominating petitions for recall candidates, naming J. D. Davidson for mayor and listing six councilmen, were filed with the city recorder of Bend this afternoon. Davidson was supported by a petition bearing 329 names. The recall councilmen are Curtis Beady, S. W. Hubble, Hans Slagstad, Tow Ward, R. E. Grimes and W. R. Riley. Each has signed a written acceptance of the nomination tendered. The recall election against Mayor R. H. Fox and the city council is to be held February 20.

SPAN WRECKING STARTS

ALBANY, Ore.—Work of tearing down the old Albany bridge will be started immediately by the Finn county bridge crew which will salvage the planking, the Finn county court announced. This work had been held up pending disposition by the state supreme court of the injunction involving the new bridge as had the announcement concerning the sale of the steel on the old bridge.

The steel has been sold to the Zydell Steinberg company of Portland, which will remove it and the old piers, the court announced. A federal order had been issued requiring that the old bridge is removed within a year after the new one should open.

LEGION PLANS MEETING

BAKER, Ore.—Plans for the district conference of the American legion to be held in Baker the afternoon and night of February 15, are taking shape under the supervision of the executive committee of the legion post here. Delegations from most of the posts in Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties are expected.

A business session will be held in the afternoon, followed by a banquet at night.

Many a motorist has had the right of way who didn't live to tell about it.

CAPITALIZE HOOD, URGED

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Development of winter sports on Mount Hood on a large scale was urged here by Irving E. Vinling, president of the Oregon state chamber of commerce, at the annual meeting of the Hood River chamber. He advocated building a village of huts on the side of the mountain and improvement of ski and toboggan slides to draw visitors from all parts of America and abroad.

The Hood River Guides, leader organization formed last year at Mr. Vinling's suggestion, agreed to launch the development.

A. P. S. Steele was re-elected president of the Hood River chamber. Others elected were: Secretary, R. E. Scott; directors, P. A. Olmsted, C. H. Vaughan, Leroy Childs and Mr. Steele.

Auction of Britwell Court

Books Set for March
LONDON (AP)—Another section of the famous Britwell Court Library will be offered at auction in March and further competition between American, Continental and British book buyers is expected when the 1000 volumes now being catalogued are put up in the sale room.

Sales of books from this library have been going on during the past 14 years, and the total so far realized is between 500,000 and 600,000 pounds.

Among the books to be offered during three days beginning March 15, are said to be volumes not to be found in any other private collection in the world.

Marshfield Safe Robbed

MARSHFIELD, Ore.—Robbers last night jimmied the safe of the Liberty Theater in North Bend and went away with \$400 in silver. The robbers left notes to the theater owner, the Coos Bay Amusement company, signed "The Phantom." "I've had my caps were wet, just like robbing the Denver mint, no time looking for finger prints," said the note. Dynamite caps were found on the floor.

Why Look Further?



Nifty? The garter is one of a pair valued at \$26,000 to be presented by the national hosiery and underwear association to the owner of the shapeliest female legs in America. A contest now is under way. The garter is being exhibited in its proper setting by Miss Frances Marchant.

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EUGENE, Ore.—Gay Bond of Portland, arrested here with 10 cases of what was labeled as bonded whisky and gin and 20 gallons of pure alcohol, pleaded guilty in the justice court yesterday afternoon to the charge of transportation of liquor and was fined \$500 and sent to the county jail to serve three months.

If a tire slips or skids when making an ordinary stop, it is an indication that one brake is dragging or that the brakes are improperly adjusted. Tires can be saved and skidding minimized by having the brakes properly adjusted.

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