



AUTOMOBILE NEWS



GOVERNOR SINGS HIS 'SWAN SONG'

No Man Enjoyed Office More Than He Did, Pierce Declares

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—"No man has ever been governor of Oregon and has enjoyed himself more than I have," Governor Walter M. Pierce declared in delivering his "swan song" before a chamber of commerce luncheon here. The speaker qualified his remarks in that he has had heart-breaking sessions with relatives of condemned men. "With a few exceptions my term of office has been a round of pleasure and I have traveled about so much because I liked it," he said.

Criticism as to paroles and pardons have been unjust, Governor Pierce declared, as he has not been a pardoning governor, but granted what he called "reprieves" upon recommendation only of judges and district attorneys. Most of these were for honor law violations after the guilty man had

served his jail sentence as was then facing the "laying out of the line," when he was needed by his family. Governor Pierce stated he personally believed in capital punishment and could not have listened to last minute appeals and then slept soundly. Only two commutations were issued during the four years.

"The Oregon penitentiary will be entirely self-supporting at the end of my successor's term if the industry started by me four years ago is not interfered with," Governor Pierce said, in telling of his conversion to flax. Present equipment will inventory around \$500,000 and the capacity of the plant can be doubled with little additional financial outlay. Flax handling at the prison is the only industry that does not compete with free labor, he said, and the belief was expressed that future generations will give him credit for this and for the development of the highway system. Only two irrigation districts were given a relative extension of credit and no new ones sanctioned during the four years.

Renewal of the pledge to American institutions that enable a young man teaching a rotary chair, as in his case, was urged during the guilty man had by Governor Pierce. During the

ONLY REINS OF LEATHER



It's the reins of government he holds which make Premier Mussolini the cynosure of all Europe. Particularly since the outbreak into open charges of the long-current rumors that Italy is arming with its eye on France.

next three months he will address gatherings in Los Angeles, Iowa and Colorado and as he expressed it, he "hopes to continue to carry the banner of Oregon to foreign lands."

Novel Features of Packard Models

A novel feature of both the Packard six and eight engines is the arrangement of the oil pump, which, with the filter, is located at the lowest part of the crank case. The bottom portion of the pump forms an inverted chamber over the well. For lubricating oil to enter the pump it must first enter the well round the bottom of the skirt and then pass upward through the screen before it reaches the inlet. That is designed to remove water which might collect in the well after the engine has stood overnight. The small quantity of water apparently moves upward, reaches some of the heated surface and is vaporized.

Built into the paneled back of the front seat on Packard cars are two glove compartments, a parcel space and a compartment for all tools, the latter making it unnecessary to lift the front seat cushion to get at the tool kit. Each compartment is fitted with a lock.

Western Supply Company Gives Employees Bonus

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 8.—Every employe of the Western Auto Supply company who has been with the company for one year ending Dec. 31, 1926, received a bonus equal to one-twelfth of his annual earnings, during the first week in January.

The distribution of the bonus at the close of each year has been in effect at the Western Auto Supply company for many years. More than 600 employes enjoy the bonus this year, which, according to George J. Pepperdine, president of the concern, amounted to about \$100,000.

The auto company advocates the theory that the interest of the employer and employee is mutual and that in order to expect the best cooperation from its employes, any concern must have their interest at heart. For this reason, the company finds that it is not only profitable to pay its workers salaries as high, if not higher than the average wage, but also to give them a share of the net earnings in the form of a liberal bonus.

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WHISKER CHAMPS



Up in the northern Ontario mining fields men surely are men. To prove it they hold a whisker-growing contest in which Patrick O'Garrahan (top) won by a hair over William C. Cossington (below) O'Garrahan, who grew 29 whiskers to the square inch, won on the basis of quantity and quality, and his prize included a \$1000 accident policy, a ton of coal, a suit of clothes, a rocking chair, a watch and a turkey.

Says 1927 Will Be Prosperous Year For Firm

"Sales of Willys-Knight and Whippet cars for the past six days have exceeded shipments from the factory by approximately 1000 cars a week," says John N. Willys, president of Willys-Overland, Inc., who adds, "Contrary to general reports from the industry at large, Willys-Overland dealer stocks have been steadily dwindling since Sept. 1. Field stocks have been reduced in that period by more than 10,000 cars on Dec. 1. Retail deliveries have been in excess of shipments for three months. This situation brings the Willys-Overland dealer organization into the approaching new year in a very healthy condition. Our present manufacturing plans, based on conditions in the field, call for a greatly enlarged production starting right away."

The factory organization has been increased approximately 1500 men during the past three weeks. We are operating five and one-half days a week. The efficiency of our plants has been materially enhanced by a complete reworking of equipment and manufacturing layouts.

"The steady improvement in Whippet sales forecasts an excellent year for this model in 1927 and we have every reason to believe that the next 12 months will be a highly prosperous period for the entire Willys-Overland organization."

PROMISING GIRL GOLFER

LONDON (AP)—Not since the meteoric appearance of Miss Joyce Wethered has an English girl golfer shown the promise of Miss Violet Clayton, 18 years old, who is expected to aid England in the defense of this country's woman's golfing championship, which has yet never been captured by an American. Miss Clayton is a pupil of George Duncan.

City May Lease Its Auto Camp

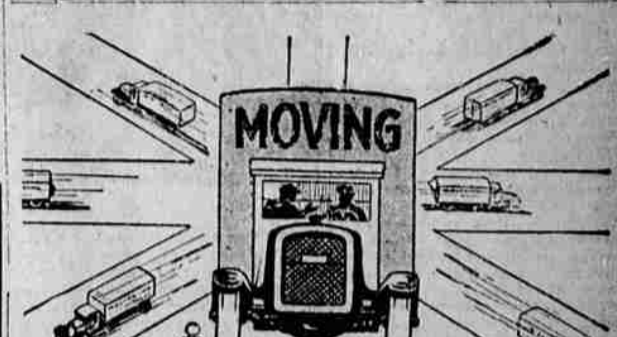
WALLA WALLA, Jan. 8.—Finding that the municipal auto camp is proving to be a financial burden to the city, the state examiner, Frank L. Mitten, of the division of municipal corporations, suggests to the city in his report, just received here, that the city escape the annual loss in operating the camp by finding some responsible person and leasing the camp to him, to be operated and conducted under city supervision and regulation.

The report says that the cost of operating the camp for 1926

amounted to \$2,439.66 and that the total receipts from campers was \$2,525.33 with \$192.55 rental from a house on the park tract. Continuing it says:

"Establishment of the park undoubtedly attracts tourists to the city. The loss now sustained by the city might be wiped out through the outlay of considerable sums for cabins, establishment of a store and a gas station, however, it would not be wise for the city to go extensively into competition with local merchants and furthermore the city cannot find money for such improvements."

The city commission has already come to somewhat similar conclusions so that it is entirely likely the auto camp will be leased out next season.



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