

AUTO OWNERSHIP IN OREGON HIGH

State Has Motor Car for
Each 3.8 Persons,
Statistics Reveal

Oregon, with one automobile for each 3.8 inhabitants stands seventh from the top in the list of states so far as density of automobile ownership is concerned. This fact is brought out in a set of statistics just issued by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

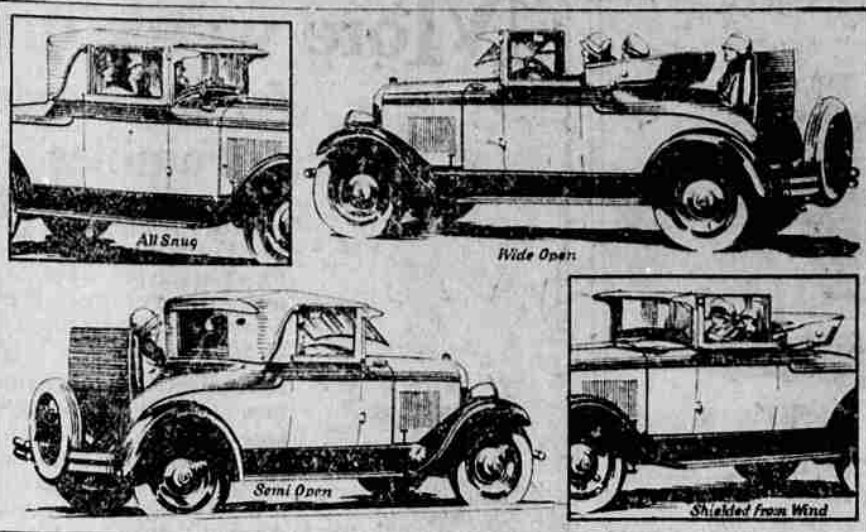
The most striking fact to be drawn from the Koser figures is that motor vehicle owners and operators throughout the nation contributed in 1926 the enormous sum of \$449,821,000 to the various state treasuries in registration fees and motor fuels taxes, or more than \$78,000,000 above 1925. The second interesting fact developed by the same statistics is that there are now 17 states, with a total of 36,370,000 persons or 30.6 per cent of the total population of the nation, in which there is more than one automobile per average family of 4.5 persons.

It is noted that Oregon stands seventh from the top in this list with an average of one automobile for every 3.8 persons. Kansas leads all the rest with a record mark of 2.7. California with 2.5, Nevada with 2.2, Florida with 2.3, Iowa with 2.5 and Nebraska with 3.8 come next in order.

It is noted that Nebraska and Oregon are tied with 3.8. The average in other states follows: Michigan 4.1, Indiana 4.1, South Dakota 4.1, North Dakota 4.1, Washington D. C. 4.2, Minnesota 4.3, Washington 4.3, Colorado 4.3, Ohio 4.4, Wisconsin 4.4, Oklahoma 4.7, Vermont 4.8, Wyoming 4.9, New Hampshire 5.1, Texas 5.2, Illinois 4.3, Maryland 5.3, Missouri 5.4, Idaho 4.4, Delaware 5.5, New Jersey 5.5, Massachusetts 6.2, Arizona 6.2, New York 6.3, Connecticut 6.3, Maryland 6.4, Utah 6.4, Rhode Island 6.5, Pennsylvania 6.6, Montana 6.9, New Mexico 7.2, North Carolina 7.5, West Virginia 7.7, Virginia 7.9, Louisiana 8.1, Mississippi 8.5, Tennessee 8.9, Arkansas 9.2, South Carolina 10.3, Alabama 11.3, Georgia 11.6.

For the entire United States the average is one automobile for every 5.4 persons. Singularly enough gains in registrations throughout the United States are most marked in the south, with Florida far in the lead with a percentage of 59.9. The District of Columbia comes next with 36.8, Mississippi 18.3, Idaho 17.4, Oklahoma

CABRIOLET TYPE COMBINES ALL CARS



Although the closed car has virtually supplanted the touring model in popular esteem, the new type cabriolet roadster, combining the advantages of both types, has rapidly gained an important place. The drawings show the adaptability of the cabriolet to all conditions of weather. It can be completely closed, as a coupe, or opened wide, as a roadster, with many other possible arrangements between these extremes. Modern design permits the owner to effect these changes with little effort and in a very short time. The model illustrated has a special compartment back of the seat into which the rear curtain and its plate glass window may be slipped when removed, and is cleverly arranged to permit the driver to unlock and raise the rumble seat by turning a handle at his side. The Paige 6-45 model was posed for the illustrations.

Tourist Travel For First Part of 1927 More Than in Same Period, 1926

Despite the fact that the first two months of 1927 have been marked by unusual and unseasonable weather, particularly along the north-and-south highways, the influx of automobile tourists and home seekers to Oregon has shown an increase over the corresponding months of 1926.

Records of the secretary of state show that during February of this year 2,461 motor vehicles of non-residents were registered at the 34 stations designated for that purpose. This is a gain of 45 over February of last year. Registrations of visiting automobiles in Oregon since January 1, numbered 4,193 or 336 more than in 1926.

Not only have there come to Oregon's percentage of gain in 1926 was 8.2. South Dakota showed a gain of only .01 of 1 per cent for the year.

Oregon motorists from nearly every state in the union during the two months of 1927 but in the last there also appear visitors from Hawaii and Alaska. As in the past, the chief flow of travel into Oregon by automobile is from the south. The records show that during February there were 1,115 California licensed motor vehicles which received visitors' permits and that since the first of the year 1,961 California cars have been registered.

Registrations by state and counties during February were as follows: Arizona 4, California 1,115, Colorado 18, Florida 5, Idaho 223, Illinois 13, Indiana 4, Iowa 1, Kansas 11, Louisiana 1, Maryland 1, Massachusetts 2, Michigan 9, Minnesota 6, Missouri 6, Montana 9, Nebraska 18, Nevada 5, New Mexico 3, New York 4, North Carolina 2, North Dakota 4, Ohio 10, Oklahoma 4, Pennsylvania 4, South Dakota 5, Tennessee 2, Texas 17, Utah 18, Virginia 1, Wash-

ington 833, Wisconsin 6, Wyoming 5, Alaska 2, Hawaii 2, Canada 48. Total 2,461.

The number of automobiles of non-residents registered during February at the various designated Albany 7, Ashland 344, Astoria 14, Baker 20, Bend 11, Brookings 1, Corvallis 31, Coquille none, Dallas 3, Enterprise 1, Eugene 108, Gold Beach none, Grants Pass 256, Hillsboro 5, Hood River 20, Huntington 89, Klamath Falls 109, La Grande 30, Lakeview none, Marshfield 11, Medford 341, Milton-Freewater 30, North Bend 3, Nyssa 27, Oregon City 58, Pendleton 23, Portland 505, Roseburg 79, Salem 174, St. Helens none, Seaside none, The Dalles 54, Tillamook 12. Total 2,461.

The following table shows the tourist travel by months into Oregon since January, 1925:

Month	1925	1926	1927*
Jan.	841	1442	1732
Feb.	1245	2415	2461
March	2645	4093	
April	4035	5515	
May	6107	6987	
June	12659	13818	
July	19553	15853	
August	15383	17602	
Sept.	9178	9725	
Oct.	4949	5965	
Nov.	2394	3709	
Dec.	2394	1973	
Totals	52713	92050	4193

*1927 total is for first two months only.

Locks Safeguard Forgetful Auto Owners of U. S.

CHICAGO, Apr. 9. (AP)—Locks to safeguard automobile drivers against their own carelessness are being tested in the Underwriters' Laboratories here.

The forgetfulness of drivers of insured cars, who park their cars unhooked and walk away with the feeling that the insurance company "can do the worrying," has induced the National Automobile Underwriters' Conference to authorize recognition of locking devices in the writing of insurance. To meet the situation a new lock is being developed.

The new lock is so designed that when the driver switches off the ignition to stop his engine he automatically locks the car. For drivers, insurance companies find, are in the habit of forgetting that an engine needs gasoline to keep running. The breaking of the ignition circuit is almost a subconscious operation with the average driver.

The laboratories have recognized a number of locks, so made that the mechanism, which breaks the circuit also locks the car, but this lock is the first that performs both operations at the same time.

License Law Fails Police Complain

City and state enforcement officers in Louisiana are objecting to the single license law in effect in that state.

The officers say that they are handicapped in their work by the lack of the front license plate as thefts are more difficult to detect.

Bus Used to Give Safety Messages

A New York coach company operates a "safety" bus along its route. This bus is painted a brilliant green and is decorated with safety mottoes.

On the front, near the top, are the illuminated words, "Bound for Safety."

"SLOW CLUBS" IN CHICAGO
CHICAGO—"Slow Clubs" solve the problem of young people who balk at the pace of flaming youth, but a Chicago matron in her early thirties asks, "what about young married folk who want to have a good time but don't care for the cocktail drinking set?" She is trying to organize a Slow Club for newlyweds.

TRAIL HIGHWAY IS RECOMMENDED

Oregon Motor Association
Surveys Conditions of
Cross-Country Roads

Transcontinental roads from the Northwest to the Eastern states are beginning to open for travel, according to word received by the Oregon State Motor association from the clubs located in the Rocky Mountain districts where transcontinental roads have been blocked all winter by snow.

The best route at this time is the Old Oregon Trail to Ogden, Utah, crossing at that point to Echo City, which is located on the Lincoln Highway, and following where the motorist may drop south to Denver if he desires, or continue on the Lincoln highway to Omaha, Nebraska.

The road in western Wyoming and Eastern Utah in Echo Canyon is still very muddy, and according to the last reports traffic was having difficulty in getting through, but the secretary of the Utah State Automobile association states in a report to the Oregon association he is certain the road will be dry and in good passable condition by April tenth. The road into Cheyenne is fair; good from there to Denver, and east by way of the Victory highway, or U. S. No. 40. The Lincoln highway from Cheyenne to

Omaha is also reported good. The best route from Omaha to Chicago is by way of Sioux City, Port Dodge, Dubuque, and Rockford. This routing from Omaha to Chicago is gravelled or paved with the exception of 20 miles between Omaha and Sioux City which is bad when wet.

Open Trail Later

The Inland Automobile club of Spokane reports that the Yellowstone Trail from their city east will not be in good condition until the latter part of April or the first of May. However, travel will be able to get through by the middle of April by detouring by way of Sandpoint and Thompson Falls to Missoula. Roads in Montana are bad when wet so it depends on weather conditions entirely whether or not they will be in first class condition until late spring.

Motorists should not make the mistake of going south to Sacramento hoping to get east from there as the road passes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains are closed with eight foot of snow, and will not be open for several months yet. If a southern route is desired, motorists should go south to Southern California and take the Old National Trails at Los Angeles. This is a good gravelled road leading direct to Kansas City, and paved from there on to New York City. All transcontinental roads are open by the middle of June.

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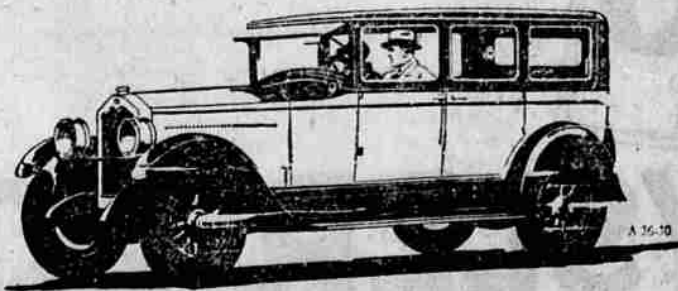
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