

TRUCK, TRAILER OPERATORS SUE

Group Threatening Action to Restrain State From Enforcing Act.

SALEM, Ore., July 6 (AP)—Operators of motor trucks, trailers and semi-trailers are threatening a suit to restrain the state from enforcing an act of the 1929 legislature which reduces the maximum weight of combined vehicle and load on Oregon highways.

Prior to the establishment of the new regulation the maximum weight allowed for a four-wheel truck and trailer was 40,000 pounds or 29,000 pounds for each vehicle, and 44,000 pounds for a six-wheel truck and six-wheel trailer, or 22,000 pounds for each.

The new law, which became effective June 4, reduces the maximum weight for any combination of vehicles to 34,000 pounds. A number of operators contend that since at the first of the year and before the legislature met, they took out their licenses on the basis of the expectation of hauling the loads heretofore allowed they are now being deprived of a privilege for which they paid. Several have violated the new law and have been taken into court by the state traffic department.

Secretary of State Hess asked an opinion from Attorney General Van Winkle who has replied that the state has a right to enforce the new law under the police power, since it is a measure for the protection of highways.

Not satisfied the operators talk of a test case in court. They take the stand that because they have equipped themselves with vehicles capable of carrying the heavier loads the law is confiscatory.

FRENCH AUTO DESIGN HAS NO FRONT AXLE

PARIS, July 6 (AP)—Elimination of the front axle independent springing of each front wheel and a dual steering control are suggested as the solution of many automobile difficulties by Dr. Sensaud de Lavaud, an engineer famed for originality in design. Several of his inventions have been exhibited at the Paris Auto Salon.

Independent springing of front wheels is found on a number of French cars and it is claimed for the system that it avoids the twisting motion of the chassis on rough roads. But the old steering system is in general use.

Dr. Lavaud's idea is that dual steering control of the front wheels, properly sprung, would eliminate "zygoscopic motion" and make unnecessary the irreversibility of a steering gear. The car, he thinks, would be handled better by connecting each wheel with the steering mechanism instead of steering one wheel which controls the other through a tie-rod.

GARAGE GOSSIP

Display International Truck.—Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Harrison, of the Blue Mountain garage, spent Thursday afternoon in the Hudson-Essex. They displayed an International truck at the parade there the fourth.

From the Chrysler Garage.—L. P. Gray, of La Grande, bought a new Plymouth sedan from the Chrysler garage this week. Cal Wright, of Meacham, has a new Plymouth coupe and F. A. Johnston, of La Grande, bought a Plymouth sedan. A shipment of Chryslers were unloaded this week, consisting of two 65s and two 75s.

Carload of Studebakers.—A carload of Dictator eight were unloaded at the Studebaker garage this afternoon. The carload consisted of two sport models and one regular.

New Convertible.—M. J. Goss sold Kendrick Siegrist a Commander Studebaker convertible coupe this week.

Here On Business.—L. M. Clark, of Walla Walla, is in La Grande on business with M. A. Harrison at the Blue Mountain garage. Mr. Clark travels for the Tidewater Oil Sales corporation.

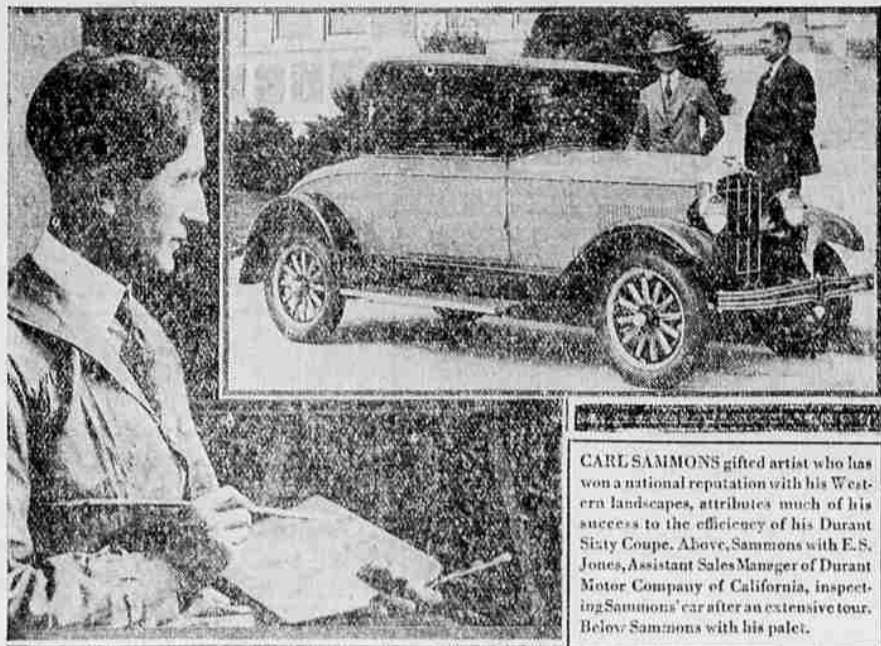
Unload Trucks.—The Blue Mountain garage unloaded a shipment of International trucks last week.

Two Carloads of Fords.—The Perkins Motor company unloaded two shipments of Ford trucks and cars this morning.

Traveling Mechanic.—W. E. Wolf, traveling mechanic, spent last night in La Grande. He was here on business at the Blue Mountain garage. Mr. and Mrs. William Beers, associated with Hudson-Essex, returned to Bend after visiting with Mr. Harrison.

Buchanan and Munhall, local De Soto dealers, report the following sales of new cars: sedan to Arnold Gralupp, La Grande High school teacher; coupe to Joseph Munhall, of La Grande; sedan to Petrus Von DeWalle, of La Grande; and sedan to George E. Holland, of La Grande.

MOTORING FOR ART'S SAKE



CARL SAMMONS, gifted artist who has won a national reputation with his Western landscapes, attributes much of his success to the efficiency of his Durant Six Coupe. Above, Sammons with E. S. Jones, Assistant Sales Manager of Durant Motor Company of California, inspecting Sammons' car after an extensive tour. Below, Sammons with his pal.

Story of Self-Starter Revealed In New Book Just Published

Publication of the book, "Men, Money and Motors," reveals for the first time the story behind the development of the self-starter. The authors, Theodore F. MacManus, Detroit advertising man who has been intimately identified with the automobile industry for nearly 25 years, and Norman Bensley, say this invention, more than any other single development in the industry since the inception of the first car, has been the motivating force behind the vast popularity the motor car has achieved.

It is a morning early in 1914. The scene is in the office of Henry M. Leland, then president of the Cadillac Motor Car company. Charles F. Kettering, an electrical engineer, and even then a man who had assumed a dominant role in the inventive phase of the automobile business, was telling Mr. Leland of his idea for a self-starter. Mr. Leland, after listening, began discussing the death of a dear friend.

The story from the book follows: "He was driving across the Belle Isle bridge, here in Detroit," Mr. Leland was saying, "and he saw a woman trying to crank a stalled car. Stopping his car, he got out, went over and asked if he could help."

"The woman thanked him and explained she did not have sufficient strength to spin the motor. He grasped the crank handle. Tried to open it. The engine kicked back and the handle struck him in the jaw. Unthinkingly, the strange woman had not retarded the spark. My friend died—from the injuries."

Mr. Leland got up from his chair, walked over and stood looking out of a window. His lips were trembling. His eyes were moist. Kettering, staring at the floor, was silent. "Finally the manufacturer turned back. 'You know, I loved that man. I am glad you are going to work on something that will do away with hand cranking.'"

All Resorts Open For The Season

Oregon motorists who are planning their vacations for early in July are advised by the Oregon State Motor association that all mountain resorts of the Northwest are open and all facilities and conveniences are available. Paradise Valley of Mount Rainier is open and the hotels and camps are running full blast. Although there are 6 feet of snow on the ground, flowers will be at their best at Paradise Park between the middle of July and the first of August.

Crater Lake opened to travel the last week in June and all facilities are available to visitors. Numerous early California tourists were disappointed in not being able to visit either of these resorts on account of the roads being blocked by snow.

Larger Race Cars May Revive Interest

WASHINGTON (AP)—The interest of American automobile manufacturers in motor racing is expected by the American Automobile association to be revived next year with the return to the track of cars with larger engines.

The European precedent was followed when the 2 1/2 cubic inch piston displacement limitation was placed on American racing cars several years ago. In Europe, where fuel, tax and other costs are high, the small engine car was a practical thing. The performance of the small-engine race car, however, did not parallel those of the average American road car and the American manufacturers began to lose interest.

Beginning with the Indianapolis 500-mile race next year, the cars will be of 325 cubic inch displacement.

Living on the Texas-Arkansas line, Mrs. F. E. Pharr of Texarkana played in the state golf tournaments in both states and now has two titles.

LOW-SALARIED MEN BUY AUTOS

Study Made by A. A. A. Committee Finds Many Wage-Earners Buying.

Wage-earners and low-salaried groups comprise an unusually large proportion of automobile buyers, according to results of a nationwide survey reported by the Oregon State Motor association. This conclusion is based on information gathered by the research department of the American Automobile association, with which the motor association is affiliated. Considerable data on this subject was disclosed by the committee on recent changes of the president's unemployment conference.

It was shown that at the end of the 20-year period beginning with 1907, the annual production of low-priced cars had increased well over two hundred-fold while the annual production in the same period increased only nine times.

Although economists had confidently expected the saturation point in automobile sales as long

as five years ago, there is no indication as to when it will be reached.

The A. A. A. points out that the conclusions of the committee in regard to the proportion of wage-earners is also borne out by membership records of the A. A. A.

"In every section of the United States, including this territory," says the motor association, "the man of average means, as much as those with large incomes, are realizing that only through a united front can motorists secure fair taxation, adequate highway mileage and other things essential to motoring progress."

"When it is considered that in 1910 there was one automobile to every 265 persons in the country, while today there is one to every 5.5 persons, it can be seen that car owners are a class of citizens that have every right to have a say in matters affecting their welfare. This can only be brought about through their organized action."

Lamb shipments from California this year are expected to reach 200,000, exceeding the 1928 shipments by 70,000.

Among the newer fashions for men are red shoes. Probably this is meant to match the vogue in nose.

1929 MOTOR CAR PRODUCTION HIGH

Total Number of Autos, Including Trucks, Taxicabs, May be Six Million

DETROIT, July 6 (AP)—More taxicabs were manufactured in American automobile plants the last five months than in the entire year of 1928.

More than 3,000 of them were turned out in January, February, March, April and May, compared with 6,713 in 1928.

Automobile production, including trucks and taxicabs, continues to run approximately 45 per cent ahead of last year, indicating a 1929 output of 6,000,000 vehicles.

SPEED LIMIT SET AT 45

The speed limit in New Mexico has been increased to forty-five miles an hour. The new law making effective this higher speed, explains the Oregon State Motor association, makes this rate permissible "with due regard to traffic and other existing conditions."

Health Essential To Vacationist

Good health is absolutely essential to the motor vacationist and he should take every precaution to surround the trip with wholesome safeguards, according to the Oregon State Motor association.

Nothing so enhances the zest of the motor tour as vigorous good health. Physical well-being, primarily, is the product of that well-known trilogy—pure air, pure water and pure food. The traveler must ever keep this fact in mind. Fortunately, the average man can equip himself to identify every one of this trilogy in its perfect state.

Purity of air, water and food have their definite, absolute earmarks. The motorist's duty to his health requires that he learn what these are. It demands further, constant vigilance to determine their presence—or their absence—in the environment of his travels.

Art treads strange paths these days. Glorification of the kitchen sink was the object of a contest at the Chicago Art Institute.

If the Democrats want a candidate who will run a strong race, why not try George Simpson?

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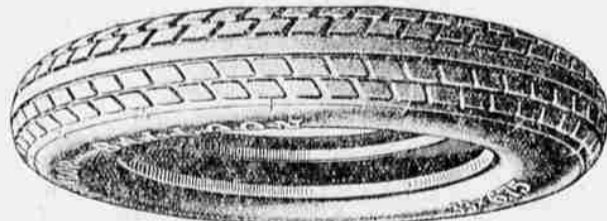
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