

AUTO TRUNK LINE TO UNITE STATE

East and West to Be Linked by Road Through Cascade Mountains.

COUNTY COURT BACKS PLAN

Seventeen and One-Half Miles of Highway Along Columbia Must Be Blasted Through Rocky Cliffs—Cost to Be High.

Eastern and Western Oregon, which have been cut off from each other for all time by the Cascade Range from ordinary highway transportation, are to be united by the construction of what will be ultimately a trunk line road running along the northern boundary of the state and following the banks of the Columbia River from Umatilla Landing to Troutdale, thence on to Portland.

Seventeen and one-half miles of road remains to be built from Latourelle Falls to Hood River. This will be the connecting link in the highway. Much of this stretch of road will have to be virtually hewed through the rocky cliffs that have so long been a barrier to the project that is now about to be undertaken. To complete this connecting link will mean the expenditure of many thousands of dollars but the enterprise seems one of such merit that the investment is generally stamped with approval.

The undertaking owes its inception to the present Multnomah County Court, which has been conducting preliminary work for the past months. Surveyor Holbrook has had a force of men at work making preliminary surveys and establishing grades. It will be at least three weeks longer before this work is completed. Until that time, it will be impossible to secure accurate estimates of the cost of the road. Roughly estimated at present, it will require \$48,000 to build the road in the crudest fashion and at least \$60,000 in addition to give the thoroughfare hard surface improvement.

In the opinion of County Judge Cleaton, the opening of the Hood River road will be one of the most noteworthy achievements the county could accomplish and he regards the enterprise of such importance to the whole state, that he believes the next Legislature should enact a measure providing for the creation of a state highway fund to at least a part of the expense of the road.

"I do not know of a better investment than the building of the Hood River road," said Judge Cleaton. "It is a proposition that will interest the people living on either side of the Cascade Mountains and it is the greatest benefit that the majority of the citizens of the state. This road has long been needed. People living in the eastern part of Oregon, desiring to reach the coast, are forced to take their effects to this side of the mountains, have been unable to come further than the Dalles. Hood River, where they are compelled to ship either by rail or by boat for the remainder of the journey. This has worked a hardship, no doubt, to many persons desiring to make overland trips from Portland or other points in the Willamette Valley to Eastern Oregon and the inland Empire, have found that the only way possible is to go by train or boat to The Dalles, thence to continue their course either east or south, as the case may be.

"From a scenic standpoint, it is almost impossible to contemplate a more picturesque driveway than that from the town of Hood River, along the Latourelle Falls up the Hood River. As this road will undoubtedly be most attractive to motorists I am under the impression that the automobile owners not only of Portland but of other points will give material aid to the project."

It is planned to employ county prisoners on the road, particularly in blasting rock. This work will be started within a short time and can be continued all Fall and Winter. Of course, the grading will be let to contractors and it is possible that some of this work will be done this Fall.

One of the features of construction will be the use of the old O. R. & N. roadbed, which has been abandoned in several places by the railroad company in its right-of-way. The abandoned grades are in good condition and can be used to advantage for the county road. It is estimated that between four and five miles of practically completed roadway can be thus utilized with little additional work. Negotiations are now pending with the railroad company for the acquisition of the abandoned stretches of road and it is understood that the rights of way will be turned over for a nominal consideration.

The people of Hood River County seem to be as anxious as Multnomah County citizens to have the road built as soon as possible and assurances have been given by Judge Cleaton that the County Court of Hood River County will make a generous appropriation for the enterprise.

AUTO TRIP CALLED GREAT FEAT

New York-San Francisco Record Is 16 Days and 15 Hours.

"I consider the record made by L. L. Whitman in driving the Reo from New York to San Francisco in 16 days, 15 hours and 15 minutes, one of the most remarkable feats ever performed in the automobile world," said Frank A. Moore, secretary of the Automobile Club of America, who arrived in the city yesterday from Walla Walla. "I have personally known Whitman for several years and have seen a number of his long-distance runs. He is one of the most capable and careful drivers I have ever met. The best previous record in the transcontinental run between New York and San Francisco was 15 days and one hour."

Tillamook Road Good.

C. H. Wheeler, a wealthy timber operator at Wheeler, Or., arrived in Portland Friday in his seven-passenger Spalding car. In the party was C. M. Sharpstein, a capitalist of Walla Walla, who joined with Mr. Wheeler in declaring that the route between Tillamook Bay and Portland is unequalled in picturesque scenery. The road for the most part is in good condition and the party was able to cover the distance in fast time.

The old mahogany bureau desk, used by Robert Burns at Lilliesland and Dumfries, and at which the poet wrote "To a Shrew" and "Auld Lang Syne" and many of his other famous poems, was sold in London recently for \$200. Of unsurpassable pedigree, the table aroused great interest. The desks of other famous writers, said much of the desks used by Dickens at Tavistock House west for \$50.

ONE OF SCENIC VIEWS ALONG PROPOSED HOOD RIVER ROAD



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REGISTER, GENERAL CRY

PORTLAND MOTORISTS FAVOR PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

Exchange Between Countries of Courtesies in Respect to Numbering of Cars is Desirable.

Portland motorists are joining others throughout the country in the movement for an international agreement regarding registration and it is hoped that pressure will be brought to bear with the proper persons to have the United States Government recognize the importance of the exchange between nations of the courtesies in respect to the numbering of cars.

In discussing this subject the Motor Age says:

"When you come to think of it, this is not a very great concession to ask of the Government. Nearly every state in the Union which has a motor registration law is broad-minded enough to recognize the benefits of reciprocity, and there are only two or three states which make it compulsory for a visitor to pay his good money simply for the privilege of passing through the commonwealth. Therefore, why wouldn't it be a simple matter for the Government to whip the few obstructionists into line and then put into force the federal registration law? This done, then go to those 15 countries in Europe and tell them that the United States of America is ready to extend the courtesies of its highways to the foreigner in exchange for similar privileges for its citizens abroad, and not make Americans desirous of seeing the beauties of Europe be forced to seek protection by carrying tags of countries other than their own in order to get privileges which should be theirs without the asking."

"It has been argued by some of the few who are against the Federal registration bill that such a measure would force an issue which heretofore has been safely on the table; that if there were a Federal law those states now embraced in the reciprocity zone would insist upon their rights and compel visiting motorists to carry the Federal tag whereas now state tags do the same work. This, however, is not enough of an objection to cause the bill to be sidetracked. It is a detail that could be worked out to a successful conclusion by the lawmakers of this country."

"Hand in hand with the tag question

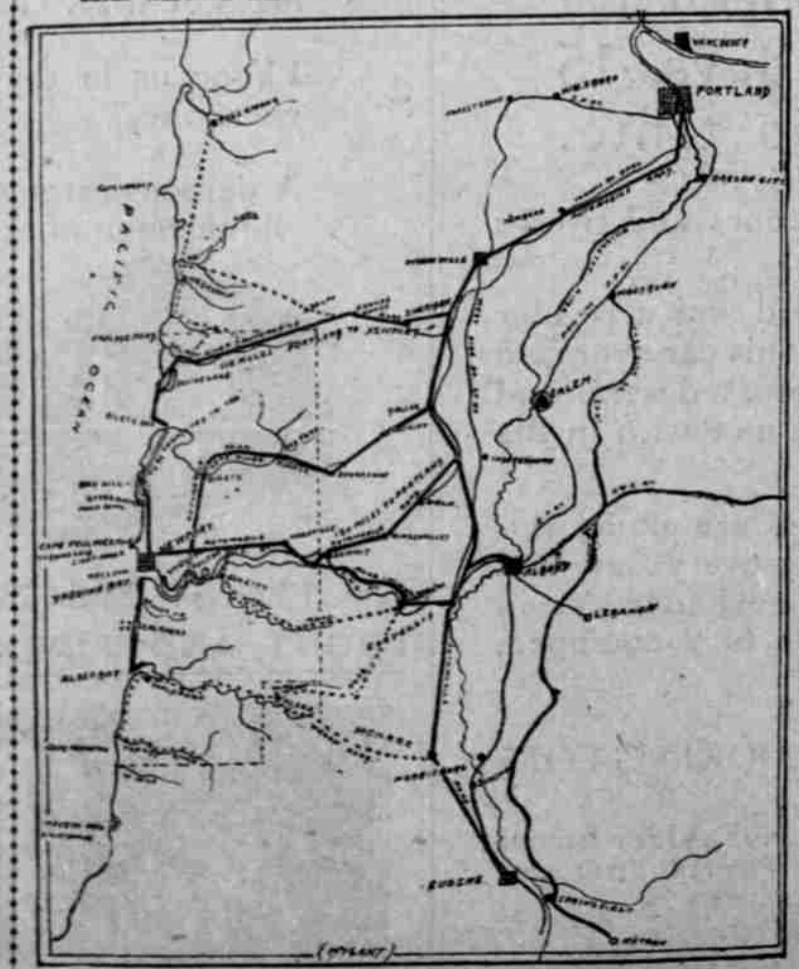
goes the signboard, the motorist's compass, which makes it easy for tourists to run around the country without losing time and bothering the inhabitants by stopping to ask road directions. It must be admitted, though, that in the department the reformers are far in advance of the taggers. Gradually this broad country of ours is being signboarded in a systematic manner. Clubs have been the early missionaries and it is the force of their example that has whipped others into line. One of the latest recruits is a large tire manufacturing concern which already has done considerable work and whose plans include the whole country. The Automobile Association of America also has been prominent in this campaign, and it will not be long before the Government will be forced to surrender and to take this department under its protecting wing and see that the signboards become a National institution. Of course it is more than possible that Uncle Sam would bump into that states rights stone wall to a certain extent, but even if he could not bring this about himself he would have enough influence with the various states to induce them to pass laws that would compel the various towns to put up signs for the guidance of tourists and to see that they stay up after they are once erected.

"Registration tags and signboards naturally lead up to that one great need—good roads—and when this industry has been brought about then, indeed, the motorists' lot will be a happy one. By that time the legislators all will become motorists and through the goggles of the motorist they will see things in a different light than they do now. They will recognize that the driver of a motor car is not a criminal; that he has some regard for the rights of others; that there is no need to enact rigid laws as to the speed to be maintained; that speed traps are a disgrace to the community; that other users of the highway should be under the same careful supervision as are the motorists, and that, after all, the motorist is an American and a citizen of the Republic. Just as are the pedestrians and the people who make use of horse-driven vehicles."

Mrs. C. W. King Recovers Diamond.

CANYONVILLE, Or., Aug. 20.—Mrs. King, wife of C. W. King, of Olds, Wortman & King, of Portland, while visiting here lost a valuable diamond ring on the street this morning. She offered a reward of \$5 to the finder and many people searched for the gem for two hours, finally giving up in despair, when Mr. Goldsworth, the local butcher, found it and returned it to the owner. He received his reward.

MAP SHOWS BEST AUTOMOBILE ROAD TO NEWPORT.



ROUTE GOES THROUGH DALLAS AND AIRLIE.

BEACH ROAD GOOD

Automobiles Can Make Trip to Newport Easily.

ROUTE IS THROUGH DALLAS

Albany Road Excellent, Too, but is Considerably Longer—Trip Has Been Made by Fifty Parties Thus Far This Season.

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Newport is just 120 miles from Portland by a good automobile road. Although several other roads reach the popular seashore resort, only one should be attempted by motor parties. This is the road that goes through Dallas, Airle and Kings Valley. The road from Albany and Clatsop is just as good but is longer.

Fifty machines have visited Newport thus far this summer and nearly all the parties have commented on the beautiful scenery found on the way. Many persons have declared that they would be glad to repeat their trip, as the road is much better than many others throughout the state. Several valuable suggestions have been received from motorists and these have been used by the County Court in making improvements. Eugenic enthusiasts are expected to come in a body in their automobiles early in September. A clam bake will be prepared for them by the local Commercial Club.

FLAG-TO-FLAG IDEA BIG

DRIVE-TO-MEXICO AUTOMOBILE PROJECT POPULAR.

Plan is to Hold Endurance Contest in Connection With Mexico's Centennial Celebration.

DENVER, Aug. 20.—Growing in importance and proportions every day the International Flag to Flag contests between the United States and Mexico are attracting widespread attention from manufacturers, dealers, private owners and clubs throughout the country. Widened in scope, variety and attractiveness, this series of events will prove a potent factor in the West and in the rich republic of Mexico. The combined contests will be held in connection with the centennial celebration of Mexico in 1910.

The Flag to Flag contest was originally conceived at the Waldgreen, of Denver, who planned an endurance and reliability run from Denver to the city of Mexico, for a handsome trophy of his own offering. The contest was the plan of Chalmers-Detroit car driven by Billy Knipper, with F. Ed Spooner and guides, last Spring made a pathfinding trip from Denver to the El Paso and the capital city of the Diaz republic. Enduring great hardships in the desert wastes, this party finally succeeded in reaching their destination. The contest was a most enthusiastic reception. President Porfirio Diaz in person received Mr. Waldgreen and the pathfinders who bore letters of greeting and good feeling to the city of Mexico from Governor Shafer of Colorado and Governor Curry of New Mexico.

Then the thousands of motoring enthusiasts who met at the Waldgreen urged upon the management of the contest to change the route through Amarillo, San Antonio and to cross the border at El Paso. The Amarillo and San Antonio clubs undertook the work of making a pathfinding trip from the border through these towns into Mexico, where the original route was then considered. The International Club of San Antonio, of which the most prominent citizens of both republics are members, was especially active.

Closely following the resurveying of the route came the announcement of the centennial celebration in Mexico in 1910. It was then considered advantageous to postpone the Flag to Flag competition in order to make it a part of the Mexican festivities and so to promote further the idea of good feeling between the two countries.

With this plan for holding over the contest the American manufacturers, who had contemplated entering, were most heartily in accord. They felt that they would scarcely be able to supply the home demand for cars just now, while in another season they might be able to consider the Mexican market, which in the opinion of experts is favorably disposed to American-made cars since the performance of the Chalmers.

According to the present programme instead of having merely the main prize or Waldgreen trophy for the winner in an endurance run from Denver to the city of Mexico there will be about a score of trophies; in place of one event, there will be practically a dozen. The Waldgreen trophy as originally intended will be awarded the car making the best record from Denver to the City of Mexico in an endurance and reliability tour along the route of the Golden contest, with such modifications as the character of the country traversed make necessary. There will be a trophy for the car making the best endurance and reliability showing from Denver to San Antonio and another for the car making the best showing in endurance and reliability from San Antonio to the city of Mexico.

Wife Deprived of Liquor Bill.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 20.—A pathetic story was revealed by Mrs. Beta Kolling in her suit for a writ of replevin before Judge Meyers here yesterday. Her husband, who had not been supporting her, compelled her to go to work in a factory and sold the entire household furniture of their little flat, including the baby's cot and clothing to a bartender for \$2 to pay a bar bill. The bartender refused to allow Mrs. Kolling to enter the flat when she returned from work and the woman was practically homeless. Judge Meyers issued the writ of replevin free of charge and saw to it personally that it was served.

Rag Sorter Clears \$1800 in Week.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 20.—Herbert Stroble finds the job of rag-sorter at a super mill at Whippany, N. J., a most

Locomobile

NEW GARAGE

Neate & McCarthy, Locomobile Dealers, are now located in their new quarters, 694 Washington St., corner King. Phones Main 6374, A 7577



Oregon Yacht Club Notes

A number of the most enthusiastic yachtsmen are leaving for the regatta at Astoria, August 29, 30 and 31. At least a dozen club boats will compete.

Most of the officers will go down as the guests of Will Knight in his fast motorboat, the Sarah Jane. They will probably leave the day before the regatta and make the run in a couple of days. Knight expects to enter his boat in some of the motor races.

Fred and Sherman Taylor left yesterday for the Columbia on a two-weeks' cruise. They will finish up at the regatta and if the Wauna still continues in good shape she will probably be entered. Nelson Dodge will accompany the Sherman boys.

The meeting of the board of directors set for last Monday has been postponed until tomorrow night when a number of questions of the utmost importance regarding the club's future will come before the board.

There has been for some time a

steady increase in membership of the club. The advantages claimed by the directors for yachting members are the admirable mooring privileges. For canoeing, the clubhouse and floats set at the beginning of the prettiest part of the river.

Probably more members were out canoeing during the past week than at any time during the season. The warm weather, particularly the warm evenings, is a great inducement toward the advancement of canoeing.

Members of the club have the privilege of the Rock Island Club.

A dinghy is up for the member obtaining the greatest number of members this season. But a few days are left. Applications should be turned in to Secretary Young, Corbett building.

POWDER IN LINER'S COAL

Explosive Narrowly Misses Going Into Furnace of Lithuania.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The discovery a few hours before the time for the sailing today of the Russian line steamship Lithuania of a can of giant powder in the coal that was being loaded into the ship's bunkers is believed to have forestalled a scheme for the destruction of the vessel at sea.

The Lithuania carries more than 100 passengers and a large cargo. Had the powder escaped notice, it probably would have found its way with the coal into the furnaces and disaster would have followed.

The can, containing one and a half pounds of gunpowder, was almost scooped up by the great shovel when a workman saw it. It was taken to the captain, who had it soaked in water and the lid pried off.

Italy Checks Cholera Spread.

BARI, Italy, Aug. 20.—Five new cases of cholera and three deaths are reported and the epidemic continues to cause serious apprehension. The disease manifests itself in its deadliest form, many of the victims being attacked without the usual premonitory symptoms and dying after a few hours.

In parts of Apulia, the situation is more hopeful, the population now being more willing to assist the authorities to enforce hygienic rules. Under the strict measures adopted, the march of the cholera to new localities has been checked.

Garage Location

Watch the automobile men move up Washington street. See this 21-foot frontage on King, 100 feet from Washington, and lease it for garage purposes. Woodlawn 303.

THE PEERLESS

SILENCE COMFORT

A HIGHLY REFINED MOTOR CAR THAT IS MADE WITHOUT STINT FOR THOSE WILLING TO PAY FOR THE BEST THAT CAN BE PRODUCED.

1911 Demonstrator Has Arrived
H. L. KEATS AUTO CO.
Burnside and Seventh Sts.