

AUTOMOBILE NEAR PERFECT POINT

Manufacturers Have About Reached Limit in Luxury and Utility.

PROSPERITY RULES TRADE

F. W. Vogler Returns From East Optimistic Over Outlook—Demand for Cars at Present Far Exceeds Supply.

Science of automobile building has reached that stage where improvements made each year are few. This fact is noted in the announcement made this far of 1913 models and is confirmed by automobile dealers returning from Eastern visits.

In the moderate-priced field—cars selling below the \$1500 mark—but slight changes have been made in the latest models. Manufacturers in this division have entered into an agreement, according to a Portland dealer, not to equip their product with either the electric lighting system or self-starter.

In support of the contention that the present-day automobile has reached a stage of perfection is the announcement that the Reo, Stoddard-Dayton and other cars will not differ except in minor details from the 1913 line. Word of the Reo stand was brought here by F. W. Vogler, of the Northwest Auto Company, who returned to Portland recently after an extensive Eastern trip.

That prosperity is the rule in the motor-car industry today is the optimistic word given out by the Reo man. He visited several of the larger factories while in the East and on every side, he says, he noted an air of prosperity and optimism.

Faith is Well Founded. "There is good reason, too, for their faith in the future," said Mr. Vogler. "Riding across the country one is greatly impressed with the abundant evidence of the prosperity of the country in general."

The Northwest wholesale distributor declares that the factories are having considerable trouble with their district distributors. He cites his own case as typical of existing conditions.

"I firmly expected to come away from the Reo factory with a guarantee of 1909 cars for the 1913 season," he explained. "When I told them what I expected they politely laughed at me. They explained that it would be out of the question to do this, that their output would be too limited, even with the anticipated increase over the 1912 production."

"From what I gathered in interviews with leading automobile men in the manufacturing end and with dealers I met in Detroit, Indianapolis, Flint, Lansing and other sections of the country, virtually all are in the same fix. The market is being flooded with hard time pacifying their agents, the majority of whom, it seems, want more cars than they have been allotted."

Asked if 1909 cars would not be too many for the Northwest territory, Mr. Vogler explained that Portland, Tacoma and Spokane dealers together want 200 cars. "And I have 68 agents besides them," said the Reo man. "With a good season I would be able to dispose of 1000 Reos."

There is considerable talk in the East about the possibility of doubling their output. This, according to Mr. Vogler, presents the case a little too strongly. He says that, while each manufacturer is figuring an increased schedule, but few will increase their output 100 per cent.

"The country would not stand it in the first place, and next, as an producing haven of the equipment to turn out that number of cars," he said. "One can appreciate this by recalling the total number of automobiles estimated for the 1912 trade. Conservative figures placed the total at 225,000. The market could not possibly dispose of 450,000 cars."

Regarding the report that a new company has been organized to make and market the Little and Chevrolet cars, Mr. Vogler confirmed the story that a \$5,000,000 corporation is now in the field to do this work, under the name of the Republic Motor Car Company.

Present plans, he said, call for the erection of assembling plants in Portland and San Francisco, to take care of the increasing Western trade.

"No, I cannot say when operations will be started in Portland or San Francisco," said Mr. Vogler, who has been in the Northwest territory for both cars. "The men back of the company really intend building factories out here, but it will be several months yet before anything definite on the question can be learned. Only the Little cars will be assembled in the West."

Announced Plan Followed. "This simply is following out the announced plan of the Ford Trust to erect assembling plants in various districts. The question has been given serious thought by many manufacturers. It has been found that it would be good policy with the cheaper cars but would not work out very well with the medium or higher-priced machines."

years ago and predicted failure, now willingly doff their hats to him. It is said that Mr. Ford has made so much money in the past few years that he does not know how much he is worth. It is further said that he has so much money in the banks of Detroit not drawing interest that bankers don't know that he manufactures the Premier.

"Seems to me I did have a check around somewhere," said Mr. Ford, as he began searching his pockets for the missing document.

To the astonishment of his friend, Smith, Mr. Ford tossed checks on his desk from almost every pocket. Their total, according to the Indianapolis banker, amounted to over \$300,000.

"That is typical of Ford," ended Vogler. "He has made money so fast that he can't keep track of it."

Incidentally, Mr. Vogler dispensed the information that Mr. Ford is figuring on making 125,000 Fords during the coming season.

MOTOR TRUCK BUSINESS BOOMS Thirty New Manufacturing Companies Organized in June.

Concrete evidence of the tremendous boom in the motor truck business is afforded by the fact that 30 new manufacturing companies came into existence during the month of June, or an average of exactly one every two days.

These companies, says the Portland dealer, are for the most part backed by reputable and reliable business men, and affiliated interests will absorb the product of the new factories for many months to come.

This great and growing movement is as pervasive as road transportation. It is California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Utah and Wisconsin at each represent by one or more new companies.

The new capital thus brought into the power wagon business is upwards of \$10,000,000, and the factories, when completed, will augment the producing facilities of the industry by 3000 or more machines a year, representing \$20,000,000 in output.

Considering this expansion of just one month, it will not be difficult to believe Walter Wardrop's prediction, made a few months ago, that well within the year the annual production of power wagons in this country will reach the 200,000 mark.

ORGANIZATION NOT EFFECTED Auto Dealers Plan Action on Traffic Speed Laws, However.

Twelve members of the Portland Automobile Dealers' Association met at the Commercial Club Tuesday night for the purpose of effecting the reorganization of the club.

The wishes of the auto dealers regarding the proposed traffic ordinance will be expressed to City Attorney Grant, who will call a meeting of the committee and those of the Portland Automobile Club and the owners and operators.

Since the pathfinding trip of the Studebaker Flinders "30" from Newport to Siletz Bay, the Portland Studebaker automobile branch has been flooded with so many requests for photographs and full account of the expedition that the event has assumed even more significance than its original local interest.

Incidental to this, the Studebaker Corporation has numerous requests from other parts of Oregon and Washington at this time to assist in the construction of a good road conditions to perform the same feat in their sections with a view to arousing interest in other localities in the good roads movement.

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The Studebaker pathfinding crew will also render reports for the benefit of all motorists as to road conditions in such outlying parts of the country as are not frequently traveled, thereby rendering an additional benefit to the motoring public.

Church at Burns Costly. BEND, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Erection of what will be one of the most elaborate and costly churches ever in Central Oregon is well under way here. The structure, which will be of brick or stone, is being erected by the local Presbyterians, at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

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WAKKILACUS, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—William S. Euler, a retired merchant of Tama County, Ia., recently, with two associates, purchased the well-known Chris Franzen farm near Lyell. Mr. Euler, who is in very comfortable circumstances, intrusts all details to his manager and passes much of his time in other places.

Mr. Euler is a student of economic and philanthropic subjects. About 40 years ago, an orphaned German boy, he began his career as a hotel "bellhop." Later he conducted a mercantile store in one place for 25 years and prospered. The German town in which Mr. Euler lived had no Socialists. He was unfamiliar with Socialism. Shortly after coming to Klilkitt he became acquainted with a German Socialist who handed him some literature.

HUNTERS USE AUTO

Dense Woods of Southern Oregon Invaded by Nimrods.

"DEER PARADISE" IS FOUND

W. E. Dyer and C. H. Eaton Probably First to Drive Machine Into Isolated Parts of Little Wolf Creek District.

W. E. Dyer and C. H. Eaton, pathfinders and hunters, returned to Portland from Southern Oregon last week boasting of the limit bag of deer and into the wooded recesses of that section of Little Wolf Creek, Umpqua River district, which they style the "deer's paradise."

The motorists left Portland three weeks ago, making the 235-mile trip to Little Wolf Creek in two days. They spent 10 days hunting, averaging a deer a day, and returned to Portland last Sunday with their trophies.

"Powell's ranch, about 20 miles west of Oakland, was our automobile destination, where we discovered that we were the first motorists ever to reach that far from the traveled roads," says Mr. Dyer.

"We had no reason to doubt the statements of the astounded natives that the American Traveler was the first for numerous occasions we were compelled to chop stumps from the roadbed, while at one spot we had to cut a narrow trail through a dense growth of brush and vines, which was 150 feet wide and 10 feet high.

"One mile stretch of road along the Umpqua River was the most dangerous I ever tackled and I have run across some pretty tough roads in the more isolated portions of the state. They were cutting new grades at this place and so narrow that a deviation of a foot from the center of the road would have precipitated us down a 200-foot embankment.

"The hunters-motors were delighted with the Little Wolf Creek deer resorts, in addition to being the first motorists to invade the section, they were the first to enter the 1913 season in this place. They secured pack outfits at Powell's ranch and went back eight or ten miles into wilds which had not been reached by the latest trail to mark the advent of man."

Gain 936 in July. The F. A. M.—the National motorcycle organization—is gaining members at the rate of more than 900 a month. In July there were 936 motorcyclists who affiliated with the federation, and they are riders in 25 states, Panama, Canada and the Philippines.

From that state 215 riders joined the National body. Pennsylvania ranked second with 102, Indiana third with 88, Kansas fourth with 76, and Illinois fifth with 69 new members. At the present rate of increase Dr. B. J. Patterson, president of the National gathering of the federation his goal of 30,000 members will be reached.

Southern Oregon Roads Liked. Percy Keatinge, a California contractor, recently made an auto tour through Northern California and Southern Oregon, making an especially commendatory report on the condition of the roads in Southern Oregon.

MULKEY TELLS DOCTRINE Umatilla Progressives Hear Policies Expounded.

PENLETON, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—F. W. Mulkey, in his address before the gathering of the Roosevelt Progressive party in Umatilla County, at the City Hall tonight, made some radical statements concerning constitutional limitation of judicial power.

"I am dissatisfied with the Republican platform as announced by the National convention at Chicago," said he. "I could not take the oath of allegiance to it and I could not accept the tenets of the Democratic platform, especially because of its attitude on the tariff."

"I don't believe in the confiscation of private property or of wealth in any form, but I do believe that the welfare of man should not be subordinated to wealth. What the people of the United States are in need of today is a Constitution which will enable Congress to solve the twentieth century problems. This can only be done by making the Constitution itself more easy of amendment. In the great question of commerce alone Congress has but small power."

"While I have no objection to the recall of judicial decisions or the recall of judges, and I believe that no honest judge need fear either, and while I think both should be resorted to, I regard each as only a temporary remedy. I think the ultimate remedy for judicial abuses is a complete limitation of judicial power. By that I mean that it should be constitutionally provided that the courts cannot declare an act of the Legislature or Congress unconstitutional."

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Bank President Sells. BEND, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—L. B. Baird, president and chief owner of the Deschutes Banking & Trust Company, has sold to S. Morris Latta and E. M. Latta, the latter of whom has been and remains cashier. Baird, after a brief visit to Portland will go to Medicine Hat, in Alberta.

SOCIALIST HEARS ADVICE

German Farmer Gives Some Pointers to Klilkitt Countrymen.

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