

12-CYLINDER CARS  
LATEST PACKARDS  
Willys-Overland Company Announces Use of Famous Silent Knight Motor.

ADVANCE IN ENGINE NOTED  
Portland Representatives Unaware of Change Until Message From Factory Is Received—Higher Goal Expected.

BY CHESTER A. MOORE.  
Two significant, almost revolutionary, announcements last week stirred up a continual buzz of gossip and excitement in Portland automobile circles, the official statement by the Packard Company that it is about to market a 12-cylinder car and the announcement by Eastern dealers that the Willys-Overland Company will soon bring out a car equipped with the famous Silent Knight motor.

Yesterday still another interesting development came in the bare announcement that the National Motor Club of Indianapolis would soon market a 12-cylinder National, both to be called the "Highway" model.

The Packard engine is declared by its makers to mark the greatest advance in motor car design since the passing of the "one-lunger."

The Packard Company is the first American organization to announce the construction of an automobile engine having more than eight cylinders. Since the Cadillac Company presented its eight-cylinder car about a year ago, only to be followed by the Buick, the Oregon distributor, kept mum all the while, and as a matter of fact, he was kept somewhat in the dark until the factory telegraphed the announcement across the country for initial appearance in the advertising columns of The Oregonian last Sunday.

Several members of the Packard organization knew nothing of the great fact until they read it in The Oregonian advertisement. Even yet the picture of the Twin Six Packard is pretty much of a mystery. Current rumor has it that the new car will sell for about \$2,000, perhaps more or less.

Don't get into the notion that the Packard is the first 12-cylinder car ever built. During the past few years, between 1909 and 1913, considerable experimentation with 12-cylinder motors was going on and the first outgrowth of this was the 12-cylinder Sunbeam, announced in the Summer of 1912. This English-made car at once distinguished itself by traveling over 107 miles in one hour of continuous driving.

applicable for small cars, but I do maintain that it is the ultimate proposition for large cars. There is and will always be a field for four-cylinder cars, there will always be a field for sixes or eights, and there will always, from this time forward, be a distinct field for 12-cylinder cars. If there is to be a scrap at all, it will be between the sixes and eights. The fact that the Packard factory has just added eight acres to its gigantic plant, shows that they mean business and that they will bear watching on this new campaign.

Willis-Knight Cars to Cost \$1200.  
According to announcements made in the East the new Willis-Knight will cost \$1200, being the first Knight-motored car to sell for less than \$1400. Many Portlanders will be interested to know that Joseph H. McDuffee, who made this city his headquarters frequently while acting as Western representative of the F. B. Stearns Company, will be the big chief behind the Willis-Knight sales. When McDuffee was last in Portland The Oregonian announced that he had become a personal representative of John Willis, the Overland manufacturer. The time was not then ripe for the Willis-Knight announcement for Mr. McDuffee was making a tour of all of the large Overland agencies in the country testing the spirit of the dealers on Knight motor construction.

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BRANDT ENTERED ON THOR

Northwest champion who pilots a Thor, has challenged both Walker and Creviston for the Northwest championship today and those who know the spunk tucked away in the backbones of all three boys predict that the fur will fly when they send their machines over the track.

Auto Is to Race Motorcycle.  
In addition to the eight main events a special attraction will be added in the form of a dual contest between one of the motorcycles and an Overland special automobile built and operated by G. Tranchell, the foreman of the shop maintained in connection with R. G. Hunter & Co. Tranchell, who rode Billy Smith's Harmon in the recent auto races on the Portland track, says he has turned his Overland up to between 85 and 70 miles an hour in practice. Either Otto Walker or Roy Thompson, the Wallis Wallis champion, will oppose the Overland.

Huerta Becomes Motorist.  
Victoriano Huerta, ex-Provisional President of Mexico, who has come to America to live, leasing a great coun-

CYCLISTS VIE TODAY

International Champion Here to Take Part in Races.

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AM eyes will, of course, be centered on Otto Walker, the Oakland lad who became international champion at Venice, Cal., last April by winning the Grand Prize 300-mile road race in record time. He averaged 68 1-2 miles an hour with his Harley-Davidson, break-

ing all former records by nearly eight miles an hour. Mr. Walker arrived in Portland Thursday and has been resting up for the competition in the hope of maintaining his laurels.

One entrant in the races who will be right at his heels during all the going is Ray Creviston, who shipped his Indian all the way from Los Angeles to get another crack at the champion, whom he succeeded in defeating at Phoenix recently. He will represent Balmou & Wright in the competition.

23 of 26 Races Are Won.  
In the 26 races Creviston has entered

SPECIAL TOURING EDITION TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT SUNDAY.  
For the benefit of readers of The Oregonian and those in the East or elsewhere who may contemplate touring in automobiles up and down the Pacific Coast this Summer, The Oregonian will publish next Sunday a special touring edition containing information on road conditions in this section of the country and data that will be of inestimable help to all who may "motor West."

PIERCE TO BUILD ONLY SIXES  
Company Announces Policy and Denies Intention to Change.  
A great many rumors have been afloat regarding what the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company is making or going to make. These rumors have brought from the company a reiteration of their previously announced policy for the calendar year of 1915, and an additional statement, which should have the effect of stilling the rumors predicted radical changes in Pierce-Arrow cars.

INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE CHAMPION IS IN PORTLAND FOR TODAY'S RACES.  
Otto Walker, at Left, Shaking Hands With Leslie Parkhurst, After Each of Them Had Smashed the World's Record in the 300-Mile Road Race at Venice, Cal., Last April.

try house at Forest Hills, L. I., where he has located his family and menage, has purchased two Chalmers cars, both of them equipped with the new tires. He has a large family and many dependents to tote around and the cars and tires will both be tested to their limits no doubt.

OVERLAND FOLK TO SEE GAME  
Company President Brings "Giants" and "Tigers" to Entertain.  
Overland day, June 21, when the New York Giants and the Detroit Tigers journey to Toledo to give 11,000 employees of the Willys-Overland Company their annual baseball festival, will have considerably more than a little interest for the sporting world.

SUIT TO TEST LICENSE FEE  
Issuance of Tags at Old \$2 Rate Is Refused in Washington.  
OLYMPIA, Wash., May 29.—(Special).—Formal demand has been made upon Secretary of State I. M. Howell by a firm of Tacoma attorneys for the issuance of automobile licenses at the old rate of \$2 a year.

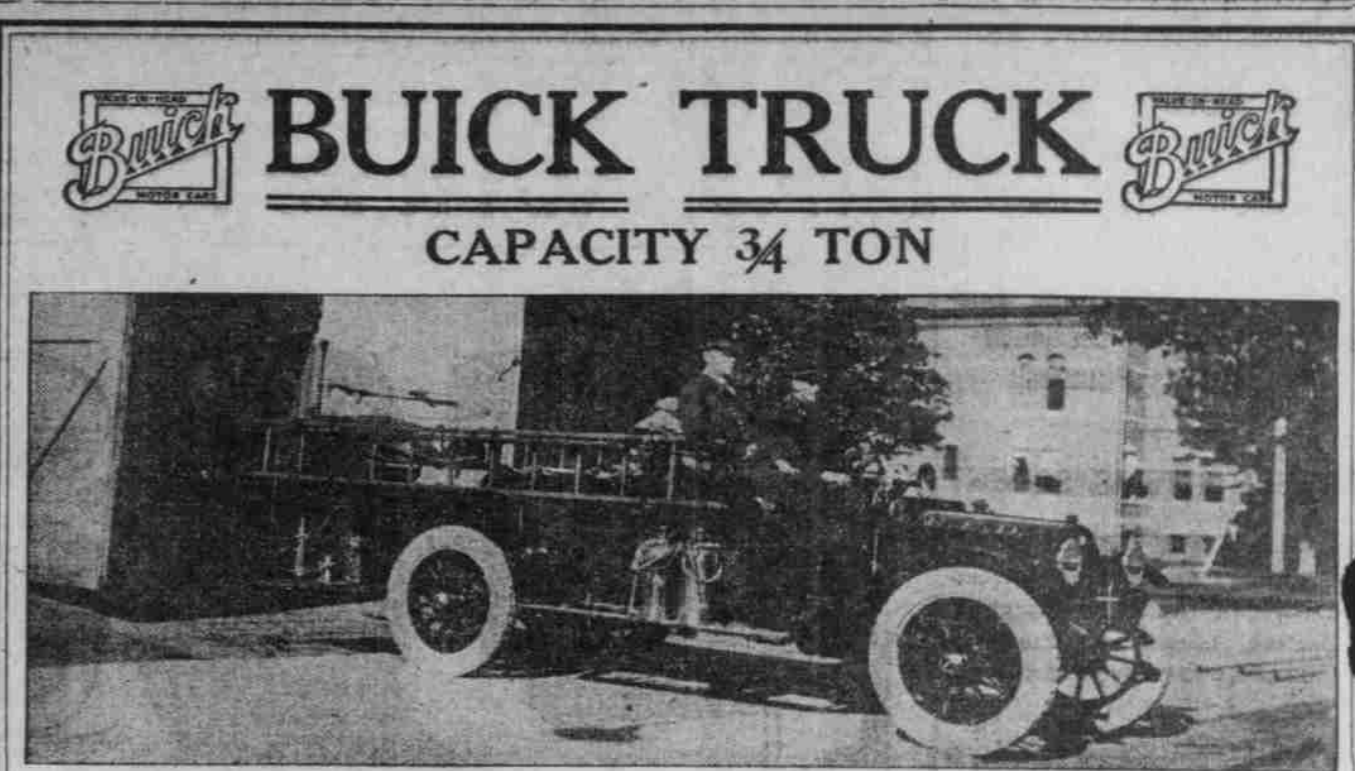
CAR RUNS TIRES 6200 MILES  
Manufacturers Cite Case of Longer Wear When Jerk Is Lacking.  
Tire manufacturers' theory that, among other things, continuous pulling power from the motor, and ability to start a car without a jerk, contribute to longer wear, seems to have been proved by a Cadillac eight demonstrator in Los Angeles, Cal.

AUTO CLUB NOTES  
RECENTLY cards were sent out to the members of the Automobile Club inviting them to be present at the annual banquet on Saturday, June 5. This year's banquet will be held at the clubhouse, and for this reason it was requested that members should send their reservations at once as the seating capacity is limited.

On account of recent rains most of the highways outside of Multnomah County are in bad condition for pleasure driving. Especially is this particularly true in regard to the road to Seaside.

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The fact that this Cadillac is a seven-passenger model, and has been used almost exclusively for demonstrating. Almost without exception, it has carried seven passengers on the demonstrating trips.

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TRIP IN YOSEMITE IS MADE  
Studebaker, First Car Entering This Spring, Meets Heavy Snows.  
There is always a certain distinction attached to the first machine which gets through to the Yosemite National Park in the early Spring. This year the first trip was accomplished by a Studebaker. In the car were Chester N. Weaver, president of the San Francisco company of the same name, the distributor of Studebaker automobiles in that territory, and B. O. Whitebrands, a traveling representative of the Studebaker Corporation, who was in Portland recently.

Being the first car of the season into the park, naturally a great deal of snow was encountered. Ordinarily, it is impossible to reach the park until about the middle of May, whereas this year the car reached the floor of the valley April 10. Anticipating a large tourist travel, however, the Wawona Hotel Company has spent about \$200 in shoveling the snow from the road.

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