

ROADS ARE FOUND IN FINE CONDITION

The Oregonian Pathfinding Party Meets No Trouble in Willamette Valley.

ROUTES LIKE BOULEVARD

Path From Portland to Salem Is Even Dusty and Expected Seas of Mud Are Not Encountered on Trip.

BY CHESTER A. MOORES.

Anticipating at least a considerable number of road agonies and oceans of mud at intervals, an Oregonian pathfinding party, organized through the courtesy of Ray Albee, advertising manager of the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company, honked away from Portland in a seven-passenger Mitchell six of sixteen a week ago, bound for points up the Willamette Valley.

Insofar as expected chuckholes and puddles were concerned, the trip turned out to be a complete failure, for the Pacific Highway route to Salem through Multnomah, Clackamas and Marion counties was found to be in splendid condition, while the return trip over the Capitol Highway down the west bank of the Willamette River through Polk, Yamhill and Washington counties was found to average up even better over the whole than the regular East Side Route, though considerably longer the way it is now advisable to travel it.

Roads Found in Condition.

To be rather blunt despite the danger of being accused of trying to rush the season, it is just about time to shout the first call for road touring. True, all Oregon roads are bound to be treated to bucketfuls of rain per foot before the weather is on permanent good behavior, but the truth of the matter is that many of the trunk roads now leading out of Portland are in such good condition that it will take little short of a deluge to render them impassable.

Salem Route in Condition.

Until heavy rain comes along, the best time of the season to take that drive to Salem is right now, strange and startling as that remark might seem at this early stage of the calendar. Until a few days ago there was a popular impression in the minds of motorists that it would be folly to attempt the Portland-Salem run for pleasure, and many on both ends of the trip have been using the trains who would have motored had they known the true condition of the roads.

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PATHFINDER PARTY DISCOVERS EAST SIDE AND WEST SIDE ROADS BETWEEN PORTLAND AND SALEM NEARLY PERFECT.



Mitchell Six of Sixteen On Typical Polk County Road Last Sunday

side route from that point in is popular. Though the bridge across the Willamette at Salem is tentatively condemned, travel is permitted and rendered reasonably safe by limiting the number of vehicles that can pass at one time. Immediately after crossing this bridge the Mitchell was steered to the right and driven on past the Wallace ranch to a crossroad where signs reported that we had gone a distance of 2 1/2 miles from Salem, that Hopewell was three miles ahead and that the road along the river to the right led to Dayton, 12 miles away.

Route is Like Boulevard.

From the point where a right-angle turn is taken at Hopewell for Portland the Capitol Highway is approximately a boulevard all the way, with a good, but not wide, road, and with pretty landscape and prosperous looking farms the general rule. There are more hills on the west-side route, than on the east side of the river, but we scarcely noticed this feature the other day, for the Mitchell scampered along much after the manner of a had running away from the scene of a threatened thrashing.

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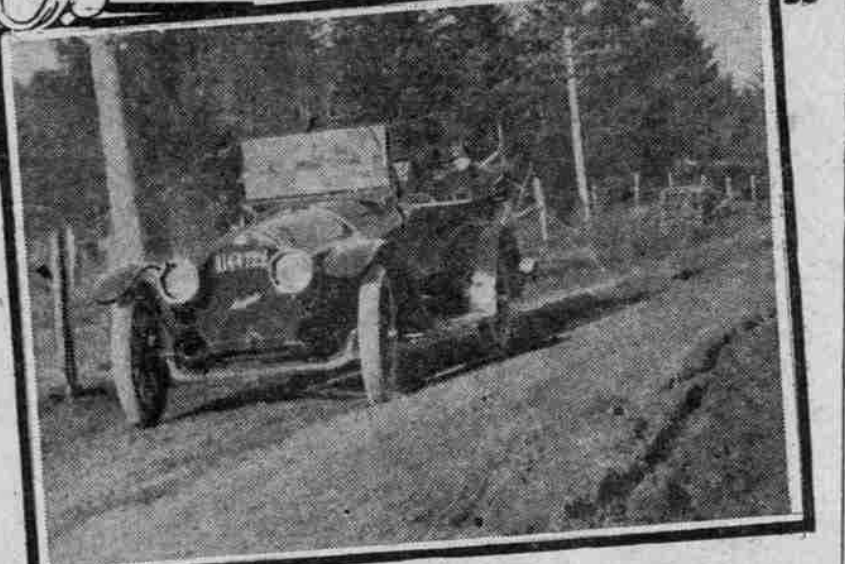
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three-point suspension, the same control arrangements, the same design of radiator, the same hand buffed French glaze leather, the same Fantasia material in the top, the same silk-timing gear in the motor, the same improved oiling system, the same distributor drive.

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At a meeting of the directors of the Portland Automobile Club last Thursday President Overmire appointed the following committee to confer with a similar committee of automobile dealers and work out a plan of organization for the proposed automobile reserve corps: C. C. Overmire, Walter M. Cook and James D. Abbott.

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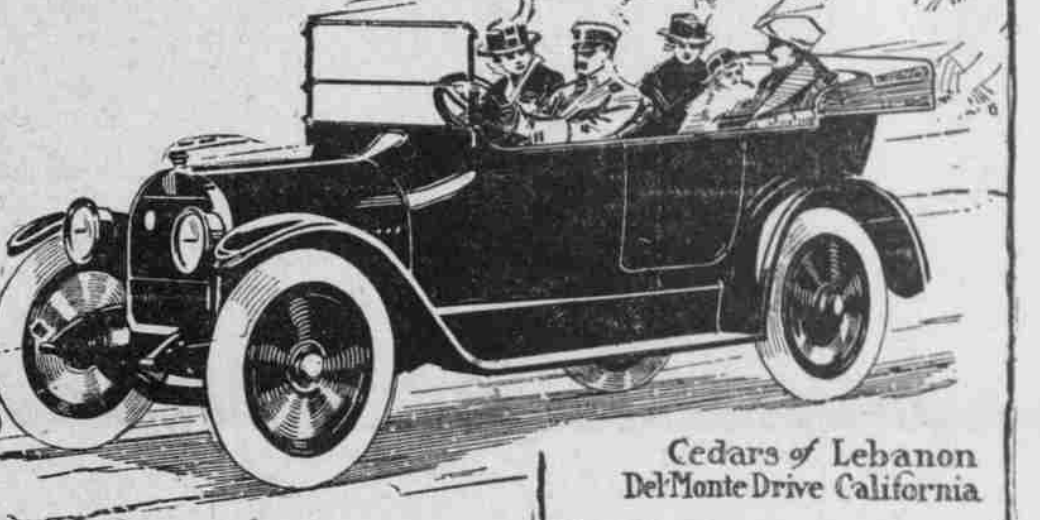
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agency. The picture of Mr. Wilson, augmented by a red necktie, Van Dyke beard and sideburns, was pasted on a postcard with this label: "A late front view of the noted young Duke of Nathupalem." The last word being meant to include the names of the three cars handled by the Manley concern.

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