

ROAD INFORMATION BY FOREST SERVICE

Late Reports on 23 in Oregon, 10 in Washington.

BLEWETT PASS NOW OPEN

Road to Tillamook Now Hard and Dry, but Very Rough; Snow Bars McKenzie Pass.

More roads are opening to travel throughout the Pacific northwest, the continued warm weather having dried up mud even in the lower mountain regions.

Road bulletin No. 3, issued by the United States forest service, gives data complete up to Thursday on 33 northern roads, 13 of them being in Western Oregon, 10 in Eastern Oregon and 10 in Washington.

Among the roads mentioned in which all motorists will be interested are the Sunset highway from Seattle east in Washington and the Blewett pass highway, its continuation east.

Western Oregon.

Mount Hood—Open, sandy to Cold Springs; had conditions of road Spring-Government camp, closed by snow. Columbia River highway—Open and in good condition, no detours. Should be open before 7 A. M. May 12, but may be delayed by snow. Road should be paved to Hood River by June 10.

Eastern Oregon.

La Grande-Joseph—Open, fair condition. Follows Willows river. Enterprise-Imnaha—Open, fair condition. Used by auto trucks. Lakeview-Burns—Open, fair condition for wagons. Closed for autos, Lakeview to Plush; detour by Hogback, Lake Albert, etc. should be open by May 20.

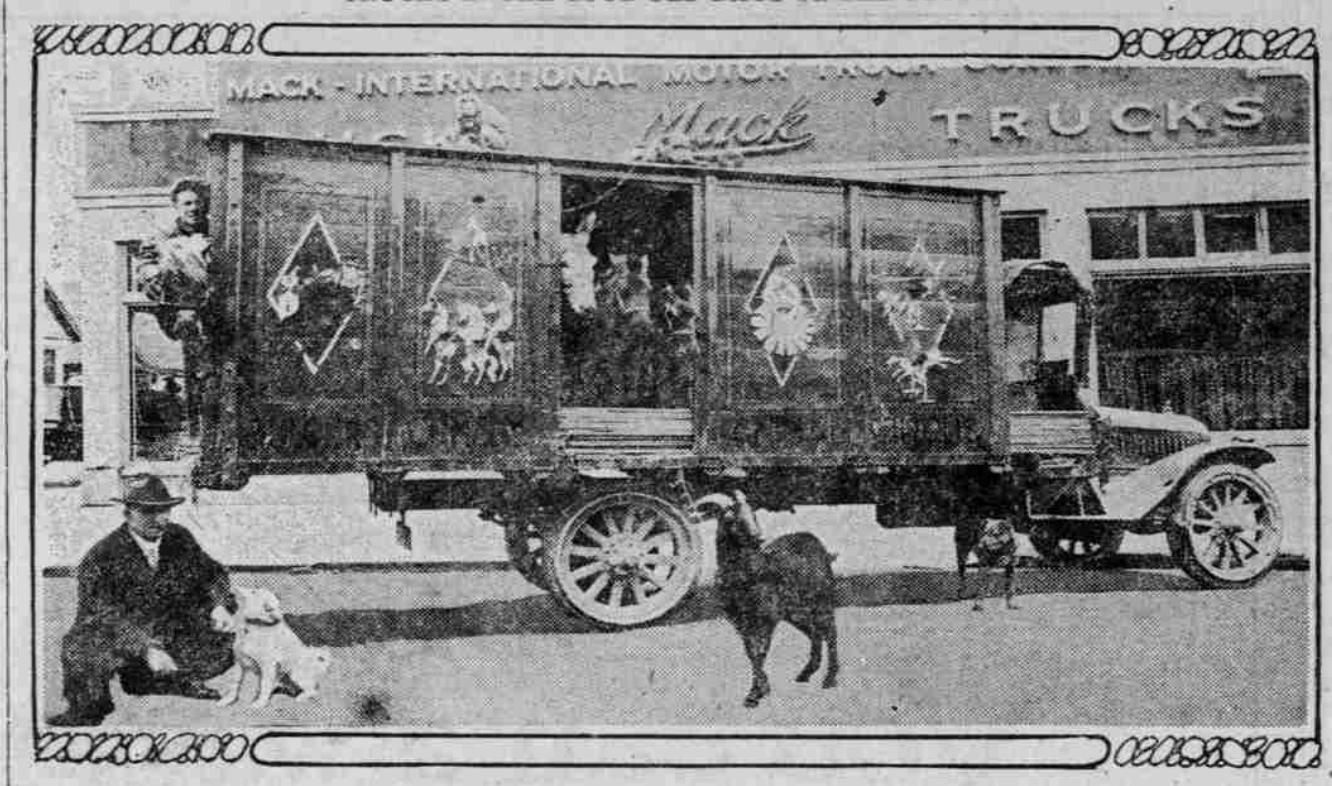
Western Washington.

Olympic highway No. 1—Open, good condition Olympia to Quinault lake. Detour necessary between Rainier and Alma, leaving Cle Elum river crossed on toll bridge, necessitating delay. Road to Mt. Rainier, short stretch Olympia to Meador, Road much traveled. Campgrounds open.

Eastern Washington.

Blewett pass—Open, fair condition between Sunset highway and summit. Autos have crossed from Rainier to Wenatchee, but road had conditions on north slope between summit and Ingalls creek.

THINK OF ALL THE WORK NOAH COULD HAVE SAVED HIMSELF IF THEY'D MADE MACK TRUCKS IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF THE FLOOD.



To revert to modern times, how'd you like to be a Toby Tyler and go to sleep every night alongside four-count 'em—four panes, one burro, three dogs, one ape, one educated monkey and a goat!

\$200 IN ESSAY PRIZES

HERE'S A FINE CHANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Roberts Motor Car Company to Pay for Best Ship by Truck-Good Roads Essays.

Here is a grand little chance for high school students to make some money. Five chances to make money, in short and back of that another chance to win a \$1000 university scholarship.

The Roberts Motor Car company, distributor of Republic trucks in Oregon, has offered \$200 in prizes for the best five essays by high school students on the ship by truck-good roads movement.

It has now been thoroughly proved that on the short haul over good roads, motor-trucks not only can haul freight much faster than it can be hauled by rail, and with less handling, but at an actual saving in transportation costs.

The purpose of the contest, which will be accompanied in many states by ship-by-truck tours into the country and parades in the larger cities, is to emphasize the importance of using motor trucks on the short haul for transport of freight and express, and also to stimulate the good roads movement.

Rules of the contest as announced by Mr. Crawford are simple. The theme must be the ship by truck-good roads movement. The student may handle the subject from any viewpoint desired. Essays should be written on one side of the paper only, with name and address of the author plainly written at the end of the sheet, and at the end of the article.

When the drive wheels of a car are locked through breakage in the differential or in the universal joint, the car can be placed in position to be towed home by removing the keys that hold the rear wheels to the axles, allowing the wheels to turn freely.

NEW TRUCK IS ANNOUNCED

FIRE ENGINE COMPANY TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES.

American La France Now Completing First of Series of Commercial Power Vehicles.

The American-La France Fire Engine Co., builders of fire department apparatus, has entered the field of the manufacture of commercial motor trucks.

The company is now completing its first series of trucks in its plant at Elmira, New York. These trucks comprise the following sizes: 5 3/4, 2 1/2, and 1 1/2 tons, but for the permanent production of its commercial trucks the company has acquired a tract of more than twenty-three acres in Bloomfield, New Jersey, near Newark, on which a modern plant is now being erected, and which it is expected will be in active operation this summer.

Since 1842, the American-La France Fire Engine company has been actively engaged in designing and building fire department apparatus, including steam fire engines, hook and ladder trucks, water towers, chemical engines, hose wagons and other smaller types.

DIRT ROADS WERE GOOD

ACTUALLY SOME DUST ON WAY TO VERNONIA.

Some Mudholes Yet, but Ronnie Via Forest Grove and Gales Creek Is in Excellent Shape.

The dirt roads of the Gales creek, Buxton, Vernonia and Rock creek districts are in excellent condition at present, E. C. Habel, manager of the Manley Auto company, and Frank H. Ireland, who drove there in a Hupmobile last Sunday on a fishing trip, brought back excellent reports of the roads. They had expected to run into mudholes and rough going, but found the road dry and good.

"In some places there was actually a surfacing of dust," said Mr. Habel. After enjoying pavement from Portland to Forest Grove, we found a very good dirt road to Gales creek. Thence to Buxton the roadway was rather rough and wet in places, but a few more days of sunshine will dry out the damp patches.

"There was more roughness and mudholes between Buxton and Vernonia and the same applies in somewhat stronger measure for the Vernonia-Rock creek run, however, no part of the entire trip of 75 miles from Portland was at all impassable and at no point was it necessary to equip the Hup with chains. It may be some time before all the mud disappears from the wooded stretches of the highway, but several days of bright weather will work wonders.

"For the motorist who likes occasionally to get away from the congested highways I can heartily recommend the 75-mile drive to Rock creek. The scenery is delightful and the road is at least smooth enough on the average to permit of fairly comfortable driving."

"Our fishing activities were confined to the territory bordering on the line between Columbia and Clatsop counties. We found that the waters of Rock creek and the Nehalem as well were still a trifle too cold for successful fishing."

Highway Contract Let.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—Bids have just been let for the paving of Lincoln and Perry streets and the John Richardson road. This extends to the Olympic highway. The price was \$125,190. It went to a local firm of contractors. No other bids were submitted. The cost will be borne jointly by the city of Hoquiam and the Grays Harbor county commissioners. The contract for the construction of the relocation of the Wynoches road, a distance of two and a half miles, was let to an Aberdeen contractor for \$19,800.

NATIONAL PARK POLICY NEW

Efforts to Be Made to Induce Auto Tourists to Extend Visits.

LIVINGSTON, Mont.—In the hope of inducing tourists to extend their visits to Yellowstone National park, a change in policy for next season has been announced by the park administration. The establishment of a park mail service has been announced, additional trails will be constructed, camps and hotels will be forbidden to serve park trout on dining tables, that fishing for the tourist may not suffer, and a boys' summer camp and school will be established.

Battery Readings.

In taking battery readings with the hydrometer the operation should be performed before the distilled water is added to the solution, which will otherwise be diluted and a wrong reading given. Also after the water has been put in it take some time to mix with the acid. The water being lighter stays on top, and if the hydrometer is used, say an hour after the water has been added, it will take up only a weak solution which is not the real one.

Another the Fire.

Ammonia generates a heavy vapor that tends to seek the floor. In case of a gasoline fire this vapor settles on the flames, keeping off the air and smothering the fire. A good-sized bottle of ammonia hung from the roof of the private garage by a light but strong string makes no mean fire extinguisher. The principle is that the flames burn the string, or at least check the fire, letting the bottle fall and break on the cement floor, when the ammonia vapor spreads and tends to smother the fire.

Locked Car.

When the drive wheels of a car are locked through breakage in the differential or in the universal joint, the car can be placed in position to be towed home by removing the keys that hold the rear wheels to the axles, allowing the wheels to turn freely.

Smother the Fire.

Ammonia generates a heavy vapor that tends to seek the floor. In case of a gasoline fire this vapor settles on the flames, keeping off the air and smothering the fire. A good-sized bottle of ammonia hung from the roof of the private garage by a light but strong string makes no mean fire extinguisher. The principle is that the flames burn the string, or at least check the fire, letting the bottle fall and break on the cement floor, when the ammonia vapor spreads and tends to smother the fire.

Tip on Mounting of Tires

Rim Expander Invaluable Accessory to Any Motorist.

The proper method of mounting straight side tires is to lay the rim on the floor, inserting the valve stem of the tire in its proper place. The bead for ten inches in both sides of the valve should then be forced in place. After starting the tire in this way it should be forced in place farther by stamping on it, first on one side and then on the other. Stamping in this way will let the operator seat the tire easily as a general thing, though it is sometimes necessary to resort to a tire tool. The ends of the rim may be brought into place by means of a screwdriver to use in prying, and care must be used not to make a mistake and get the wrong end of the rim on top. This method is for use when a rim expanding and contracting tool is not available, as this latter saves much time and trouble and should be in every tool box.

JORDAN MOTOR CAR CO., INC., CLEVELAND, OHIO MITCHELL, LEWIS & STAVEL CO., PORTLAND, OREGON. Spirit The mysterious power of money and the marvels of machinery in their influence upon the progress of the world will always pale into insignificance in the brilliant light of the magic spirit of willing men. You might possess all the wealth of the world and all the machinery in Christendom, and yet be poor indeed if you lacked association with men who know the joy of honest united effort. Happy is that organization which is dominated by the spirit of serving others, and this spirit, expressed by men who have joy in working and sharing with one another, commands rewards in personal satisfaction and happiness which exceed in value the money for which it will ever serve as a powerful magnet.

Hewitt Tires for Oregon. States Auto & Truck Co. 430 Burnside. Portland, Oregon. The Hewitt Rubber company of Buffalo, N. Y., announces the appointment of the States Auto & Truck company to serve the trade of Oregon as distributors of Hewitt Tires. Hewitt Cord Tires, Fabric Tires, Truck Tires, Inner Tubes.