## COLUMBIA HIGHWAY PRAISED BY VISITOR

California Writer Declares Scenic Drive Unequaled.

PROVES INSPIRING

Splendid Tribute Paid to Talent That Evolved and Constructed Wonderful River Road.

A splendid tribute to the Columbia river highway is contained in a recent issue of the Daily Press of Riverside, Cal. A member of the staff of that paper recently visited Portland and made a tour of the highway, and on his return penned the following description: "The Columbia river highway is the

greatest scenic drive in the United States. That is the verdict of au-thorities generally who see its won-ders and I certainly concur in that

"We had the pleasure of driving from Portland up the Columbia to Hood River, a distance of \$5 miles, and the panorama is certainly wonderful in its variety and inspiration. The Columbia is one of the mighty rivers of the country and its lower course is through towering basaltic cliffs, black and forbidding in places, but in other sections relieved by forest cover and broken by ravines beautiful with wild flowers and ferns and sweet with woodsy odors.

Water Falls in Tunnel.

"On the drive from Portland to Hood River and return we saw cars from 12 western states and the Callfornia cars ranked next to those of Oregon in number. When we stopped at Multnomah falls half a dozen California cars were there at one time.
"Oregon is behind California in the
matter of road signs," the writer concludes. "The state highway commis-

sion provides signs of uniform style for the more important crossings, but autoists miss the complete and convenient information supplied in Cali-fornia by the signs of the Southern California Automobile club and the California Automobile association."

WIRELESS IS USED ON AUTOS

Fire Department at Hartford, Conn., Has Unusual Equipment.

It has remained for Hartford, Conn. to come through with what is believed to be the first practical application of the portable wireless telephone as an aid to fire-fighting. Chief John C. Moran of the Hartford fire department, in order to bring this about, has placed a full-fledged wireless tele-phone outfit in the rear of his Mar-

phone outfit in the rear of his Marmon touring car.

In recent tests Chief Moran, sitting in his Marmon 34, was able to talk from different parts of the city to the central station, located at the home of C. D. Tuska. Through the use of a portable wireless telephone outfit rigged up by Mr. Tuska, it is possible to reach the chief by wireless in any part of the city, notifying him at once of a fire or any other urgent call. While the details have not been perfected, arrangements are being made for sending an outfit to be attached to the automobile, enabling the chief to

Ohio has a registry of 677,000 motor handled by the Northwest Auto com

UNDERWOOD BLUFFS ON WASHINGTON SIDE OF COLUMBIA AFFORD MAGNIFICENT VISTA.



suggest that the people of Oregon have not hesitated to go down into their pockets to make this scenic drive complete in every detail.

\*\*Righway Skirts River.\*\*

"What is officially designated by the Scientific of the policy of the state highway rouns from Astoria's, at the mouth of the Columbia, to Pendleton, in eastern Oregon, a distance of 340 miles, For nearly 200 miles the road skirts the river. The paying is all completed from Astoria to Hood River and contractors are working on the section from Hood River to The Dalies, From The Dalies to Pendleton, about 135 miles, the road is rock surfaced but said to be very good. The 100 miles from Portland to Astoria is not quite as famous as the section from Portland to Hood River and contracted of any other touriest resort in southern of any other touriest resort in southern of the said to be a wonderful eight of the seat of the court of the seat of the and officials built and the big plant

HERE'S NEW HEAD OF THE WHOLESALE DEPARTMENT FOR NORTHWEST AUTO COMPANY.



While the details have not been perfected, arrangements are being made for sending an outfit to be attached to the automobile, enabling the chief to communicate with the Tuska station by wireless, they to transmit the message to fire headquartera.

Numerous tests have been made to determine the fensibility of the scheme. Driving 25 miles an hour, it was possible for persons in the car to hear a Victrola record at Mr. Tuska's home. The portable instrument worked perfectly despite the fact that the car was in motion.

The newest executive to join the ranks of the Northwest Auto company is freely from Raymond, Wash., where he has held a responsible position with a large lumber concern. He will handle the details of the wholesale department of F. W. Vogler's concern. Teganskis is a native of eastern Oregon and is an old schoolmate and former business partner of Percy M. Johnson, Mr. Vogler's assistant. He took up his new duties last Monday and is now busy getting in touch with dealers throughout the big territory handled by the Northwest Auto company is all the control of the school of the company is all the control of the process of the Northwest Auto company is and the Northwest auto company is all the company is an extent of the Northwest auto company is an extent of the Northwest auto company is an extent of the Northwest auto company is always and the Northwest auto company is an extent of the Northwest auto company is

(Special.)—Signs have been ordered by the Klamath County Automobile association to mark the highway be-tween Klamath Falls and Crater lake. One hundred signs, metal markers or wooden posts, will be placed.

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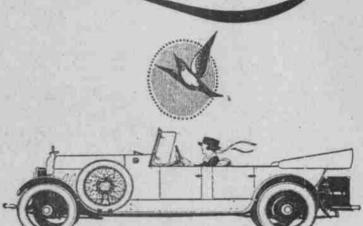
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