

F. A. FISHER'S TRIP OF INSPECTION

HE MADE THE TRIP WITH PRESIDENT LEWIS RUSSELL OF THE PORTLAND AUTO-MOBILE CLUB.

One of the matters of extraordinary interest, (especially to automobilists and good road enthusiasts generally, which was considered at Monday night's very largely attended meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, was the special report of Chairman F. A. Fisher of the Roads and Highways Committee of the Chamber on the trip of inspection he made from St. Helens to Mist over the proposed Portland and Astoria automobile route.

He made this trip with President Lewis Russell of the Portland Automobile Club and his report throws more light upon the subject than has yet been possible. Mr. Russell will be in Astoria in a few days and it now seems more than likely some automobile enthusiast will be able to secure more or less reputation for himself during the month of July or August by driving his machine all the way from Seaside to Portland.

Mr. Fisher's report, however, speaks for itself. It is as follows: "I have to report that in company with President Lewis Russell of the Portland Automobile Club I made a trip of inspection over that portion of the proposed Portland and Astoria automobile road lying in Columbia County from St. Helens to Mist, a distance of 30 miles.

"On Wednesday night, April 8th, I met Mr. Russell in St. Helens by appointment and on Thursday morning at 8:45 we left Houlton for Yankton in a small rig, finding three and one-half miles of the road for this distance fairly good. It took us an hour to drive from Houlton to Yankton, and at the latter place we learned that had we taken the road at Warren for Yankton we could have cut off about five miles of the distance.

"From Yankton we went to Pittsburg, which is 16 1-2 miles distant, arriving there at 5 o'clock P. M. For this entire distance the grade is very good not exceeding 20 per cent, and some parts of this stretch is graveled while others are dirt and puncheon. On the whole excepting a few places the road between these two towns is not bad by any means. Of course, the puncheon road is the worst that can be put in for automobiles.

"Leaving Pittsburg we took the road to the left leading to Veronia, five miles distance and we continued to find a good grade with the road in about the same condition as it had been between Yankton and Pittsburg. We arrived at Veronia shortly after 6 o'clock in the evening, where we stayed all night and made arrangements to have our rig taken back to Houlton by the mail carrier.

"We learned at Veronia that there was a road already opened to Keasey, which was 10 miles farther but from Keasey to Jewell, about 12 miles distant, the road has not yet been laid out. A good grade can be had via Keasey to Jewell and the distance reduced about 15 miles by taking that route. This would mean that Columbia County would have to build about ten miles of the road and Clatsop County about five miles, but after this had been done there will be almost a straight road from Portland to Astoria.

"We left Veronia Friday morning at 7:30 o'clock with a two-horse team and a driver and returned by way of Pittsburg to Mist, Mist being 11 miles distant from Pittsburg. This 11 miles was the worst road we had yet found on the whole route. It leads down the east bank of the Nehalem River through some green timber and bottom land where every little road work has been done. We did find a good stretch of gravel road in splendid conditions in this 11 miles however, and there is plenty of material right at hand to make this entire 11 miles from Pittsburg to Mist first class. We arrived at Mist at 12 o'clock where we left the team and driver. From Mist we walked to Clatskanie, nine miles, having come 30 miles from Houlton.

"I would not venture to make an estimate of the probable cost of putting this road into good condition for automobiles but will leave this to Mr. Russell. I am satisfied an automobile could make this trip over the entire route during July and August without much trouble. It would take careful driving but it could easily be done during the drier season.

"Mr. Russell expects to be in Astoria at an early date probably this week or next and go over both the Nehalem and Seaside roads with me and I would suggest that some work be done on our own road within the city limits, especially around Smith's Point from the end of the Bond street roadway particularly to fill up the ruts. A ditch should be dug and the sink hole repaired at the Christian Slaughter House where I recently struck on my way to Seaside. There is no possible way to avoid this place. This is a good road but in bad repair. If the matter is called to the attention of the road master I am sure that is all that will be necessary. The planking across the tide land from Young's Bay dyke to the Lewis and Clark River is out of place but one man in a couple of days could repair this. And I feel that if the road master's attention is called to it, it would speakily be done and will assist in a most excellent cause, that of hurrying forward the entire good road from Portland to Astoria. Once this road is put in shape so that automobiles can come from Portland to Astoria the hotels especially in Astoria will reap a greater reward perhaps than from the railroad travel. Automobiles will make it a point to leave Portland on Friday or Saturday evening and come through to Astoria and Seaside."

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Rheumatic Pains Relieved.

Mrs. Thos. Stenton, postmaster of Pontypool, Ont., writes: "For the past eight years I suffered from rheumatic pains, and during that time I used many different liniments and remedies for the cure of rheumatism. Last summer I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and got more relief from it than anything I have ever used, and cheerfully recommend this liniment to all sufferers from rheumatic pains." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

PAINTINGS TO BE RETURNED.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Rather than have the collection of paintings sent here by Russian artists for exhibition at the St. Louis Exposition sold at public auction, the Russian government has arranged to have the paintings returned to Russia. This is the reason why the collection has been suddenly withdrawn from the sale at the stores. There are 472 paintings in the lot and they include some by the best artists of Russia. After the St. Louis exposition several of the original collection were sold and the appraised duty paid. Those not disposed of were placed in bond and there they remained. When the time came for their removal or the payment of the duty the government could not find an owner for them so they were advertised to be sold. Everything was ready for their sale when suddenly an order was received from Washington ordering their removal from the sale list and their immediate exportation. This process does not require the payment of duty in order to leave the country. The paintings are estimated by the customs officials to be worth at least \$250,000.

MISS ADAMS IN SHAKESPERE.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Chas. Frohman has accepted in the name of Maude Adams an invitation from the English department of Yale University for Miss Adams' appearance before the undergraduates and faculty in a Shakespearean role, similar to the invitation received and accepted from Harvard, the special performances will be Miss Adams' first performances in Shakespearean drama since she played Juliet.

Chamberlain's Has the Preference—Mr. Fred C. Hanrahan, a prominent druggist of Portsmouth, Va., says: "For the past six years I have sold and recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is a great remedy and one of the best patent medicines on the market. I handle some others for the same purposes that pay me a larger profit, but this remedy is so sure to effect a cure, and my customer so certain to appreciate my recommending it to him, that I give it the preference." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

BIDS REQUESTED FOR STONE WORK AND GRADING.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 5 P. M., April 30, 1908, at the office of the Water Commission, Astoria, Oregon, for raising the walls of Reservoir No. 1, two feet, grading the grounds, and building stone walls on west side, and north end, of same, as per plans and specifications on file in said office, at the City Hall. Right to reject any and all bids is reserved. By order of the Water Commission, G. W. Lounsbury, Clerk.

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CUSTOM HOUSE, ASTORIA.

Oregon, Collector's Office, April 9, 1908. Supplies for Revenue Vessels.—Sealed proposals for supplying rations, and coal to vessels of the Revenue Cutter Service, regularly stationed, or temporarily, at Astoria, Oregon, and delivered on board said vessels at that place at such times and in such quantities as may be required during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, April 28, 1908, at which time and place they will be publicly opened. Blank forms of proposals for coal, and rations, showing conditions as to coal, and component parts of rations with specifications, may be had upon application to this office; proposals must be submitted on these forms. Separate bids will also be received at the same time and place for lubricating and illuminating oils. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive defects if it is deemed for the interests of the government to do so, and no contract will be put in force until Congress shall have made an appropriation for the purpose.

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