

CLEANINGS OF THE AUTO WORLD

GOSSIP OF THE MOTORING WORLD

Atlanta Subscribes Hundred Thousand for Two Mile Race Track.

Atlanta business men and automobile enthusiasts subscribed \$100,000 in 10 minutes toward the \$225,000 necessary to build Atlanta's two mile auto track. Already land has been purchased near Atlanta and work will be started at once. It is proposed to have the track, grandstand and whole plant finished by November and to have the first race meeting of any importance take place at that time.

The German government has tested and approved the process of soldering aluminum discovered by Otto Nicolai after many years of experiments. Sheets of a joint soldered by Nicolai's method can be hammered out quite thin without injuring the joint and the discovery means much to the construction of motor cars.

A simple home test of acid in lubricating oil may be carried out as follows: Procure from the druggist a solution of sodium carbonate in an equal weight of water. Take a small quantity of the oil and an equal amount of the sodium solution. Place them in a bottle, shake, then allow to stand. If there is any acid present it will settle to the bottom as a precipitate, the amount of precipitation indicating the amount of acid present.

Tests made by the government show that a motor cycle and a horseman require nearly the same distance in stopping. A skilled cavalryman going 25 miles an hour required 152 feet to stop, while a motor cycle, at 40 miles an hour, required 147 feet.

A Parisian caterer is delivering dinners "all hot a l'auto." The machine is constructed with ovens heated by exhaust gases, into which are placed the viands intended to be sent out from the kitchen to homes ordering them.

What is called the "sucking action" of pneumatic tires on road surfaces has yet never been proved to exist, according to Colonel R. E. Crompton, a British road expert. Colonel Crompton, however, is recently opposed to the use of steel studded tires.

There are now more than 40,000 motor vehicles in use in Germany, of which about one half are motor cycles.

A good deal of fun was created in Germany during the recent commercial motor car trials held by the government. The trials were heralded as a "race," and in one town a police official was sent out with a bell to warn the populace to look out for their children. When the heavy vehicles came lumbering into view the townspeople broke into hearty laughter.

There are more than 2,000,000 miles of roads in the United States and there is annually expended on the town or lateral roads of the country \$55,000,000 in cash and \$20,000,000 in labor.

Close on the heels of statements that the new Pennsylvania motor law would not be effective until January 1 next, Attorney General E. M. Shaffer has announced that the statute is already in force. Tourists from other states which grant reciprocal courtesy to Pennsylvania, may use Pennsylvania highways for 10 days without taking out a license.

General Leonard Wood proposes to utilize a motor corps at the big summer army maneuvers to be held from August 14 to 21, having the owners of the cars go into camp the same as do the regular troops, although it would not be necessary for them to enlist.

Cincinnati now has motor gospel wagons, equipped with pews, a platform for the speaker and a bell. The wagon will be utilized in soul saving on a trip through the south by "Gipsy" Smith, a well known evangelist.

In connection with the general plan for automobile runs to Atlanta next fall, previous to the opening there of the national automobile show, the Savannah Automobile club has decided to arrange an endurance contest to go via Augusta. A cash prize of \$1000 will be given to the winner.

Accumulator terminals should be encased with vaseline to prevent corrosion and "setting." To do this most effectively remove the nuts and having left the terminals in position, thoroughly lubricate the terminals and replace the nuts. On screwing these down enough vaseline will be squeezed out to lubricate them externally.

A habit followed by professional drivers is to grind valves as soon as a certain distance has been covered, this being predetermined by experience with a single or many cars. This habit might well be followed by amateurs, as soon as they have driven enough to determine the critical mileage.

There are two general principles to be remembered in overtaking or passing vehicles on the road. These are: Be sure that there is a clear way ahead before the overtaking or passing is attempted, and never cut things so fine that a swerve on the part of the other men will cause a mishap.

Kerosene has been and can now be used in carburetors designed for gasoline, but not with any marked degree of success. The main difference between the two lies in the difficulty of vaporizing the heavier fuel with the available heat. In many kerosene vaporizers this difficulty is overcome by heating the fuel before as well as during vaporization.



Howard M. Covey Jr. making his sensational finish in the class B 43.8 miles event in a Cadillac "30." Mr. Covey rode alone in his car and made a very dazing race.

Mountain of Copper in Harney County

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

McLean's Road House, June 2.—You will look in vain on the map for the above named place, but I know "where I am at," and I am just done dinner at a place kept by Mr. and Mrs. McLean, about 14 miles below Wild Horse, and nearly opposite the borax works. The McLean place is just at the mouth of Cricket creek, which winds up a canyon to the west. By following the road up this creek and through this canyon I expect tomorrow to reach the Home creek ranch in Catlow valley, and by the way, the place occupied by the McLeans is somewhat historic, for it was just outside the door where I am now writing (with a soap box for a desk) that Deputy Sheriff Saxton of Baker City, and Jack West, one of a posse formed by Saxton, were shot to death by one Egbert about three years ago. Egbert was afterward hanged for the crime, being the first prisoner to be executed in the penitentiary. "While the story is not of interest to many of your readers, it is of interest to those of Harney, Grant and Baker counties. So I will give the outlines. Egbert was wanted on some petty charge, larceny I think, and was located by Saxton in Anderson valley, and was arrested and taken to "Jim" Mahon's place. There he and his wife were being held and he tried to speak in private with his wife. Permission was granted, he crawled through a window and fled, coming down here. About a month after his escape he was located and Saxton came after him, formed a posse at Wild Horse and arrived here on a Sunday afternoon.

Of course further details are conflicting, but West was shot on a little knoll about 100 feet north of the house, the shot being fired by Egbert from an upstairs window. West in his dying struggles called for water, and Saxton went to him with a bucket, when Egbert bored him through the body with a bullet from a .44 rifle.

But not in detail is that recital correct, for the battle raged for several hours and the bodies of the two men were waterboarding on the north end are bullet marks, and inside there are probably 50 such holes. So it is hard to hang the stories upon one harmonious thread. But two things are sure—Egbert killed Saxton and West, then mounted a horse and escaped, and was gone for over a month before he was arrested.

I left Denio about 7 o'clock this a. m. and got here to dinner. On my way I met a chap whom I thought of mentioning before, a barber from Boise. I came across him first on the lake—"Pretty good," I think, would be a good name for it. I overtook him with his little satchel, which he afterwards confided he had "a complete barber shop," hauled him to White Horse, where he hiked in \$5 by the middle of the afternoon, then hiked out for Cedarville, Cal., about 250 miles away! In other words, he was on a tramp of nearly 400 miles! He stopped that night at a sheep camp, and yesterday I overtook him again, and hauled him and I peddled across to Borax, and today I met him, as happy as a lark, six miles north of Denio, packing a wad of some \$75, which will run into the coffers of the hangers-on of the shearing camp.

In my last letter mentioned stopping at the home of Mrs. Catlow, and I stopped there again today, for she is a mine of information, and there today I met Robert D. Brown, who has been for 10 years prospecting in the Pueblo mountains.

Finds Modern Home in Desert. I wish I could take the reader to the Catlow residence and there sit together for an hour or two under the spell of

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past the coal fields and on to the copper fields. Think of Harney county with such transportation facilities! I mentioned recently about certain Harney county could do for Massachusetts—and perhaps in addition she might stake Tom Lawson to the best copper property he ever juggled with.

BOOZE QUESTION UP AGAIN AT STANFORD

Stanford University, Cal., June 12.—The liquor question, cause of the student demonstrations and threatened strike a year ago that resulted in the suspension of a number of Stanford undergraduates, threatens to break out again when the university opens its doors for the fall term in August.

FORGETS ABOUT GUN; SHOOT HIS HAND

New York, June 12.—Interpreting literally the injunction, "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth," or words to that effect, brought Alexander Greadin, 23 years old, to grief, now employed as a night watchman in the Broad Street theatre. Conscientious to a degree, he began an exploration of the dark recesses of the stage along toward midnight, when he thought he heard burglars moving about.

\$19,000 SPEED BOAT FOR PORTLAND

The new boat shown in the picture was built in the east for R. F. Fox and W. C. Slattery of Portland and it will be sent into the races at the Seattle fair the first week in July. The boat is the first ever built in the United States. It was landed in Seattle last week and will be brought to Portland and placed on the river to remain.

gives her tremendous speed. The picture was taken when the boat was hitting it up at a lively clip and the bow clear of the water.

In the free-for-all and 22-foot classes in Seattle she is expected to make a great record. Local lovers of power boating will have a chance to see her in the Labor day races, when she will probably start against The Wolf II, the speedy craft built in Portland by Johnny Wolff, which is expected to make the waters of Lake Washington fairly boil when she goes into action.

PAT GROVE SET UP IN BUSINESS

Wheat King Stakes Him and Ministers Aid — Will Run Anti-Jaggery.

Chicago, June 12.—After taking in charge a sanitarium where drug and drink victims will be brought into normal shape, after a year, Pat Grove, the notorious kidnaper of the Cudahy boy, is supervising the remodeling of the institution with money furnished, it is said, by James A. Patton and other wealthy Chicago men.

CATHOLIC FORESTERS ELECT OFFICERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Gervais, Or., June 12.—The fifth biennial meeting of the State Court of Catholic Foresters was held in Sublimity, this county, June 8.—Nine courts were represented—Portland, Sublimity, Mount Angel, Woodburn, Saint Paul, Gervais and Verboort, or 16 delegates in all. About 50 members were present. The meeting was attended by about 150 members of the order as well as the delegates. Portland was chosen as the next place of meeting.

OKLAHOMA'S NEW LAWS IN EFFECT

Guthrie, Okla., June 12.—Nearly 100 laws enacted by the last session of the Oklahoma legislature became effective today, a large number of them are measures of purely local interest and many others are measures carrying appropriations for the fiscal year beginning June 30.

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