

GLEANINGS OF THE AUTO WORLD

OCEAN TO OCEAN IS MOTOR TRIP OF TWO STUDENTS

At Clip of 120 Miles a Day, Autoists Skim From Boston, Mass., to Portland, Oregon, in Oldsmobile.

Two young tourists, one a graduate in mechanical engineering and the other a senior of the Boston School of Technology, have successfully completed an auto trip from coast to coast, coming from Boston, Mass., to Portland, Or., at an average clip of 120 miles a day. They arrived here Thursday, after having their machine shipped from The Dallas, Or., the first shipment made on the trip.

The two motorists are A. Hague, of New York, who was graduated from the Boston "Tech" last year, and J. C. Fuller of Boston, who will be graduated in 1911. They made the transcontinental tour in 56 days in a Model "D" 1908 40-horsepower Oldsmobile, covering 4872 miles in 23 days of running time.

With their car roting along under 1000 pounds of baggage, tents, cooking utensils, tools, extra parts, trunks of clothing and all that, the two started from Boston on the morning of June 25. They slid along at a merry pace through New England and made Albany, N. Y., in the night, recording a 250-mile run for the first day.



Oldsmobile that made 4000 mile ocean to ocean trip from Poston to Portland and students who ran it.

Course Followed.
From Albany, Hague and Fuller toured to Buffalo, N. Y., thence to Niagara Falls, and tracked back again to Buffalo. They went to Erie, and down to Cleveland, Ohio, and Toledo, in the same state, struck South Bend, Ind., en route and killed into Chicago without a mishap. From Chicago they sped down to Clinton, Cedar Rapids and Sioux City, Iowa, leaving the regular transcontinental route at Carroll, Iowa. From Sioux City they cut across country through Aberdeen, S. D., along the state line to Lemmon, and then to Miles City, Mont., and Billings. Then they cut down to Cody, and stayed a week on the ranch of Hague's brother, H. Hague, at Meeteetse, Wyo.

Leaving the ranch the two motorists skinned over the plains to Boseman and into Butte, turned down to Boise, went to Huntington, thence to Pendleton and on to The Dalles. They found the roads so dusty out of The Dalles that they shipped their Oldsmobile by steamer to Portland.

Montana Roads Bad.
"We found the worst part of the journey to be in the eastern part of Montana," said Mr. Hague, "along the road to Miles City. The highways were almost impassable. The roads east of the Missouri river were in fine shape generally but through Montana and Idaho we found roads filled with rocks and chuckholes. In Idaho the dust was so thick that whenever we passed a wagon we were compelled to stop until the dust settled.

"Oregon roads, what we have seen of them, do not compare favorably with those of the eastern states. We found the roads here sandy and hilly, and not at all comfortable for fast traveling."

Interesting statistics were compiled on the trip by the two. They figured that they covered 4872 miles in a total running time of 23 days, although the trip consumed 66 days altogether, including stops. They made an average speed of 120 miles a day. They averaged a distance of 12 miles on a gallon

of gasoline, counting loss and waste. The average cost per gallon for gasoline was 25.4 cents, the price running as low as 11.5 cents at Chicago, and as high as 45 cents in Wyoming.

Tire trouble caused two-thirds of the entire expense of the trip. On an average the front shoes lasted for 1700 miles, and the rear shoes 2400 miles. They are supposed and guaranteed to do 5500 miles. Tire expense ran up to \$90 per 1000 miles. The total expense for extra parts was amazingly low—\$23 for the trip. Eleven gallons of gasoline was carried up to the time the two got to Billings; after that they carried an extra five gallons in a can.

Many Are Experiences.
"We had many peculiar experiences," said Mr. Fuller. "At one point we had to stop the car to get out and act as doctors. A girl had chopped off her toe with an ax, and we were called to aid. There was no surgeon within 30 miles, so we did our best. I suppose the girl is toeless yet. That was in South Dakota."

"We had one run of hard luck, and were without food, water and gasoline for 28 hours. We found we were 13 miles from the nearest town, were on the wrong road and were really lost. Then we broke our front axle and twisted our steering gear almost out of shape. We did ourselves proud, for a little later we discovered a small forage on a nearby ranch, put in a new axle, fixed our steering gear, and came the rest of the way without it bothering us. In Iowa, out on the plains, our tent was cut down and a knife thrust through our rear tires. In Indiana we few extra tires, our robes, a hat and some inner tubes were stolen."

"We had many amusing experiences. We were, at different times, mistaken for sheriffs, mail carriers, advertising agents, auto racers, stage line owners, prospectors, homesteaders and burglars. We have answered 10,000 questions and were asked 500,000. Everywhere we stopped a crowd collected about our ma-

chine and began plying us with questions.

Struck Prairie Fires.
"We ran into prairie fires on the plains of Wyoming and Montana, and into electric storms on the plains of Iowa. We went through all kinds of weather, and through all kinds of country—good, bad and indifferent. At times we did not stick to the roads but traveled by compass across the plains. We cut down steep hills and up over mountain sides. And, by the way, we did all our own repairing on the trip, this in spite of the fact that we broke both axles."

The two easterners will stay in Portland a week. They will then have 21 days in which to make the return trip. They will ship their auto to Omaha, Neb., and tour through the middle west and east from that point on.

"We wouldn't have missed this trip for thousands of dollars," they said. They will go to Tillamook, so they can say they toured from ocean to ocean.

HAWAII DESTINATION OF OREGON AUTOIST
An Oregon autoist expects to go into the automobile business in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is F. Sheffield of Shaniko, Or. He drove his Winton Six into Portland last week, and is making preparations to ship it to Honolulu, where he intends to live.

Mr. Sheffield has been operating a stage line out of Shaniko, but not meeting with the success expected, he has determined to try his fortune with an automobile on the islands. He has not yet decided when he will leave Portland.

Don J. Zan has bought a Cadillac "Thirty" from the Covey Motor Car company, local agents for the Cadillac company. He is on the list of new purchasers, or those who have not before owned cars.

BATTERY OF TWO ON CRATER TRIP
C. E. Runyon and Wife, Former Senator Fulton and W. L. Boise on 1000 Mile Trip.

C. E. Runyon has returned in his White Steamer from a 1000 mile tour, covering a period of three weeks, to Crater Lake, Klamath Falls and Pelican Lodge, the late E. H. Harriman's woodland home. He was accompanied by his wife. In another machine that accompanied the steamer on the entire trip were former United States Senator Charles W. Fulton and Whitney L. Bolne. The down trip was made first to Medford, thence across the Cascade mountains to Crater Lake, and then to

Klamath Falls and Pelican Lodge. Returning the two machines were taken across the Cascades by way of Crescent bend and over Sand mountain on the Santiam.

"I found the eastern Oregon roads generally good," said Mr. Runyon. "But the roads across the mountains are worn out and dusty, as they are in the Willamette valley. We met hundreds of other auto tourists. Many were from San Francisco and Los Angeles, and we met others from Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane. The route up through Klamath Falls from California is much traveled and is said to be in excellent shape."

"The roads in Washington county are abominable. Yet they are necessarily much traveled by autoists. On every side we heard drivers complain of the Washington county roads."

"I was surprised at the number of tourists we met who had camp outfits with them, and were jogging along the roads, camping out at night and cooking over open fires. Many of the California autoists were living that way, and told me they were having the times of their lives."

Lane R. Smith, driving a Packard Thirty, has returned from a week's tour through the McKenna river district. He was accompanied by his family.

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