

### EMPLOYEES GUESTS AT FINE BANQUET

#### Robinson-Smith Co. Take Occasion to Announce Bonus of 2 1-2 Per Cent on Salaries.

One of the most successful banquets held during the past month was given by the Robinson-Smith company, local Ford dealers, to their entire staff, in the Tyrolean room of the Benson hotel, Monday evening, December 15. Forty-five employees were present.

As one of the features of the banquet, besides the excellent turkey that adorned the board, was the presentation by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Smith to their employees of a bonus of 2 1/2 per cent of salaries earned during the past year. The checks were presented by the partners as Christmas presents.

S. A. Stellwagen, manager of the local Ford Motor company's factory branch, was present and made a brief talk.

"Every man here as an employee of the company is a member of the Ford family," said he. "It is in the hands of each employe to show the public what the aims of that family are, and what relation they bear to the public at large."

The policy of the Ford company for the coming year was outlined by Mr. Stellwagen, and in connection with his remarks a series of motion pictures were shown depicting scenes in the Ford company's Detroit plant.

Those of the Robinson-Smith staff who were present are: A. S. Robinson, A. E. Smith, S. A. Stellwagen, B. D. Stewart, Walter Jenkins, Miss H. Munson, Miss Edna Elsas, Miss V. Brown, H. V. Robinson, G. T. Piant, C. R. Marcy, William Krentle, W. Hunt, W. C. Nagel, Charles McCart, Frank Straus, A. F. Empe, L. A. Elmer, Jack Haas, George Small, Carl Hink, H. Schmidt, F. Kovitt, J. L. Stupp, J. L. Dickson, H. J. Miller, A. J. McNamara, F. J. Delphin, R. C. Barnard, Roy Du-Yall, L. Landingham, A. Diller, E. J. Purdy, R. Doyle, E. E. Juster, Frank Thomlinson, S. A. Mitchell, Ray Veratig, Charles Haugsten, J. H. Crocker, T. J. French, Paul Wickes, L. H. Kelly, F. LaMarine, A. L. Zeising.

### GASOLINE LAW IS BLAMED FOR INCREASE IN PRICE

(Continued From Page One, This Section) would add in reducing the rate of deterioration of gas engines.

Government tests conducted by commissions appointed especially for the purpose, and other tests conducted as a part of its routine by the bureau of mines, have decided that the specific gravity test is not the true test of gasoline, but that the boiling point is the real criterion. Specific gravity of gasoline merely compares the density of the fuel with the density of water at sea level, while the boiling point is the temperature at which a liquid will begin to boil or vaporize.

Mechanicians are divided on the question. Some claim that gasoline having a low specific gravity will not give the ease of starting that gasoline of a higher specific gravity will give, that all the gas is not exploded in the cylinder, and that the residue after explosion cuts the lubricant in the cylinder and works down into the crank case. Others say that the fault is in the carburetion system and not in the gasoline, declaring that gasoline of a low specific gravity will give practically the same ease of starting if it is ignited properly, and will give more power and mileage once the car is started. They add that even gasoline of higher volatility leaves a residue that gets into the crank case to a certain extent.

### CHARMING MOTORISTE AND TRIM CAR



Miss Alta Case, enthusiastic Portland motorist, entering her Ford coupe



with the Portland Taxicab company as service manager of that organization. His work in the Northwest in service circles has earned for him the reputation of being one of the most able service men in this part of the country. Mr. Stanton is a trustee of the Portland Garage and Repairmen's association.

The Sunset Electric company has let the contract for the erection of a new building that will be one of the largest and best equipped of its kind in these parts. The new building will cover the entire 200 foot frontage on Glisan street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, and will have a depth of 100 feet. An area of 20,000 square feet. The cost of the building will be approximately \$25,000.

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### DEMAND FOR CARS EXCEEDS SUPPLY

#### Northwest Managers of Overland Convene in Portland to Take Up Business of Moment.

Important questions to every dealer throughout the Northwest were discussed at the convention of the Northwest managers of the Overland company held recently in this city by Frank S. Riggs, Pacific coast manager for the Overland company.

The prospects for the coming year, shipments of cars, and probable shipments of accessories were treated in detail. Allotments to dealers in the Northwest, owing to scarcity of cars, came in for some sympathetic discussion. Every dealer seemed to be confident that there would be a very prosperous year during the months of 1920.

Frank S. Riggs, in discussing existing conditions, said: "There is now an enormous demand for cars of all classes, and there will be a decided shortage next year on account of that demand. The Overland factory is now almost at the peak of production, and to carry the figures representing finished cars any higher will mean added floor space and equipment for the central plant."

"The factory is now turning out over 500 cars daily, and factory officials soon expect to reach the 600 mark," continued Mr. Riggs. "The coal shortage has not as yet affected the Overland factory to any appreciable degree, having as they did a good supply on hand. When the point of production gets back to where it was before the strike, a

time which should not be far distant, all factories should be on a full production basis.

"It is a peculiar fact that the factory uses less fuel when running than it does when it is not running. The amount of refuse gathering throughout the plant and thrown away, makes good fuel. It is not wasted, by any means, but every hen's unit is extracted before it gets out of the hands of the engineers."

Those present at the meeting were: Harry Olive, manager of the Spokane branch, together with Fred Lawton and C. E. Moore, territory men; A. R. Tyson, manager of the Seattle branch, and Robert Arnett, with his side-partner, Dan Gardner, territory men for Tyson, H. E. Eling, manager of the Portland branch, was on the scene with Harry Hayes and Pat Blanks—Irishmen both.

### Pendleton to Have Motor Exposition

Pendleton, Dec. 20.—The Pendleton Automobile association's third annual automobile exposition will be held March 11-12 in Happy Canyon pavilion; it was decided at the association's monthly meeting and banquet. Appointment of committees to take charge was deferred until January. Every make of car, as well as lines of tires and accessories, will be displayed.

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