

3 NEW ROADS FOR COAST DEFENSE IS PROPOSED IN BILL

New Highways Along the Coast and Through Mountains Proposed in Rep. Raker's Bill.

Washington, March 6.—(WASH-INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Congressman Raker of California, carrying out the idea of three lines of main highway through the Pacific coast states, to be built for heavy traffic and to constitute the first, second and third lines of defense as military highways, has introduced a bill directing a survey to be made by the secretary of war to determine cost and feasibility.

The bill also contains a direction for survey of laterals, particularly as connections eastward from each important harbor on the coast and through the principal passes of the coast. Cascade and Sierra Nevada mountains.

THREE DIRECT ROUTES

The road nearest the coast is named the Balboa or Coast highway, beginning at Port Angeles, Wash., and extending through Hoquiam, Aberdeen, South Bend, Cathlamet, and Kelso, thence by the Pacific highway to Portland, then to St. Helena, Rainier, Clatskanie, Astoria, Seaside, Nehalem, Bay City, Tillamook, Toledo, Florence, Gardiner, Reedsport, North Bend, Marshfield, Coquille, Bandon, Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings to Crescent City, Cal.

The Pacific or Valley highway is routed from Blaine, Wash., through Bellingham, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Centralia, Chehalis, Toledo, Castle Rock, Kalama, Woodland, Vancouver, Portland, Oregon City, Canby, Aurora, Woodburn, Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Monroe, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Drain, Yoncalla, Oakland, Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, Glendale, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland to Yreka, Cal.

ROADS IN MOUNTAINS

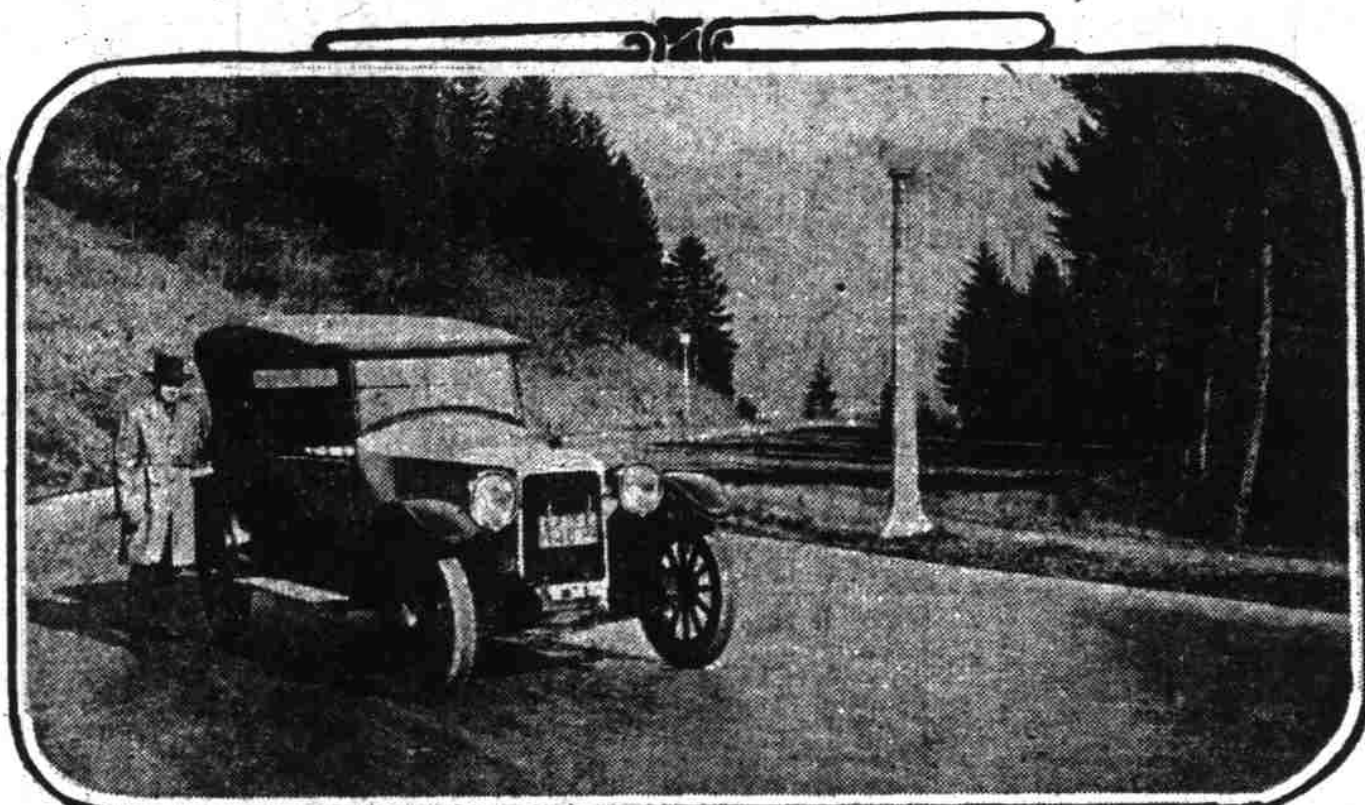
The El Camino Sierra or mountain highway survey is directed to be made from Oroville, Wash., as a starting point, through Chelan, Wenatchee, Ellensburg, North Yakima, Sunnyside, Mabton, Cleveland, Maryhill, Millerburg, The Dalles, Dufur, Fish Valley, Antelope, Prineville, Redmond, Bend, La Pine, Crescent, Kirk, Chiloquin, Klaskan Falls, Bonanza, Lakeview and Alturas, Cal.

At the same time Raker introduced a bill to establish a national highway department, headed by a secretary as a cabinet officer, and dividing the United States into ten regional highway areas, the states of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Oregon constituting the northwestern division.

New Paige Factory Is Building Rapidly

In spite of the severities of an old fashioned winter, rapid progress is being made in the construction of the new Paige factory buildings. All the steel work of the first unit is up and the cement work well under way. This unit, which is four stories high and 600 by 300 feet, will house the machine shop, assembly and paint and trim departments. Other units will be constructed as rapidly as possible until the 47 acres acquired for this new factory are utilized. Each unit will be placed in operation, of course, as soon as it is completed and machinery installed. The day when Paige will be able to double its present production is therefore close at hand.

CAR CREATED COMMENT AT AUTO SHOW



The Liberty speedster on Terwilliger boulevard with W. C. Montgomery, sales manager of the W. H. Wallingford company, Liberty distributors. This is the car that was on display at the automobile show last week, and which caused considerable favorable comment. Some of the special features of the Liberty are attracting wide attention.

How is the Road?

Southeastern Washington

Dirt roads in the Walla Walla valley are good now, as they will be at any time of the year, according to an announcement made at the headquarters of the Tri-State Automobile club here.

There is no mud in the valley to speak of, and the roads in this section are being traveled by all vehicles. Activities for tourist traffic are being started by Tri-State Automobile club members, and the Walla Walla auto camping park is now in shape to accommodate tourists. The detailed road report for this section follows:

Walla Walla to Seattle via Yakima—Road open and in fair condition as far as Yakima.

Pasco-Kennewick and Burbank ferries—Operating.

Walla Walla to Spokane via Lyons ferry and Ritzville—Lyons ferry out of commission.

Walla Walla to Spokane via Central ferry—Central ferry running and road in fair condition from Walla Walla to that point. Road construction work now under way beyond Central ferry, making this route not advisable beyond the Snake river.

Walla Walla to Spokane via Lewiston—Road in good condition. This is the best route from here to Spokane.

Walla Walla to Pendleton via Pocatello and Milton—Road in good condition—paved one-half of the way.

Walla Walla to La Grande and Baker—Road passable over the Blue mountains through Meacham, but not through the Toll Gate.

Walla Walla to Portland via North Bank road—Road open and in fair condition as far as Mabton. Not passable over the hill between Mabton and White Salmon.

Washington-Idaho-Montana—All highways east out of Spokane are marked closed, but some daring autoists have succeeded in reaching Thompson Falls, Mont., and thence on to Kallispell, Mont. There is very little snow, but the alternate thawing and freezing has made sections absolutely impassable.

The route to Wallace, Idaho, is so cut up with construction workers making road improvements that it is considered closed and construction men are discouraging autoists from travel for at least two weeks yet.

The route to Seattle via the Snoqualmie pass is still closed, there being

some 18 inches of snow through the pass.

The Spokane, Walla Walla, Pendleton, Hood River-Portland route is open, and in many sections it is dusty, particularly in the vicinity of Walla Walla and Pendleton. There are, however, many bad stretches of soft road bed. But the general condition at this period of the year is considered good for emergency travel. (The above was written before the recent rains.)

Lane County

Although there has been .35 of an inch of rainfall the past few days, due to general dry conditions, roads are still in fine condition throughout Lane county. Some construction work is being done between Eugene and Junction City, but not enough to interfere with travel. Part of the McKenzie road beyond Blue River will be closed a few days this week as contractors are blasting away several rock corners. The road between Blue River and within three miles of Belknap Springs has been cleared and grading will go forward this spring.

Central Washington

Several tourists have passed through Pasco during the past few days, reporting that there is no snow in the pass, and that automobiles can now make the trip from Pasco to Seattle. The roads are in excellent shape for this season of the year. Pasco is preparing for the tourist travel by making improvements in their camp grounds, among these being the installation of shower baths and a large range.

Wasco County

Roads throughout Wasco county are being worked and placed in good condition for motor and other vehicular travel. These roads are now being ironed out by construction and repair gangs, and in even the most remote parts of the county travel at this time of year is fair. The main highway from The Dalles south through Shaniko is in prime condition.

Southern Oregon

Owing to the rains of the last few days the roads through the canyon near Canyonville have become once more almost impassable for about three miles at the summit, where the mud is deep and the road rough, causing tourists much trouble.

Plenty of Autos in East Though No Spare Freight Cars

R. E. Murphy of the Twin States Motor Car company is in the city again after an arduous trip back to where they manufacture Chandler and Cleveland cars, and returns with woe-filled countenance and tales of thwarted hopes.

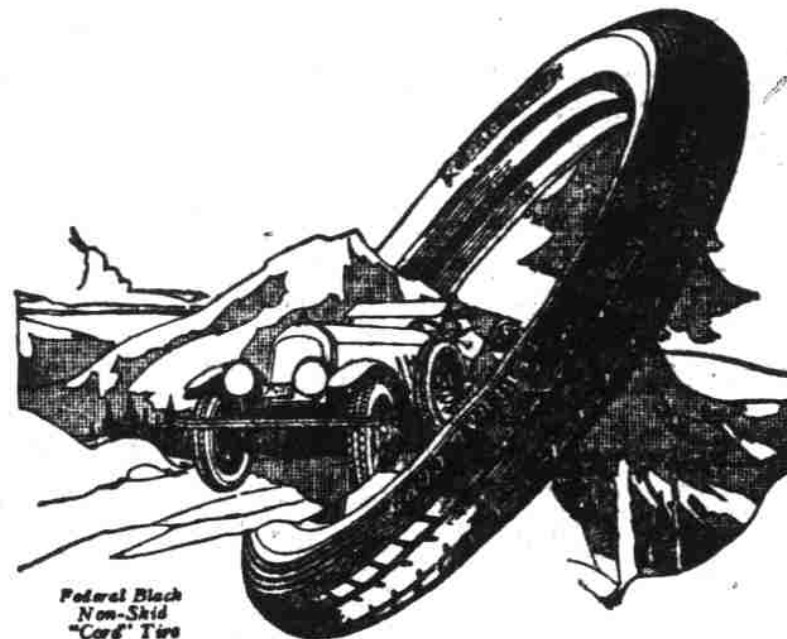
"I don't like it at all, at all," grieved Murphy. "It wouldn't be so bad, from a mental standpoint, if the factory had suffered paralysis, or something, and they were not making the cars for a few days. But there are lots of them there—stacks of them—and not a blooming freight car to haul them to the wild and woolly West. It's fierce."

"They've increased production, built additions to the factories—and then had to build warehouses to store the cars until freight equipment could come through. I'm going to invent a car that can be folded up like an accordion and then I'll establish an airship line and get 'em here."

Eugene Mayor Boosts New Road Bond Issue

After spending three weeks in Southern California, Mayor C. O. Peterson has returned to Eugene convinced that Oregon is lacking only in good roads. Hence the mayor has suddenly become a booster for the proposed issue of \$2,000,000 county bonds for the construction of 400 miles of county highway.

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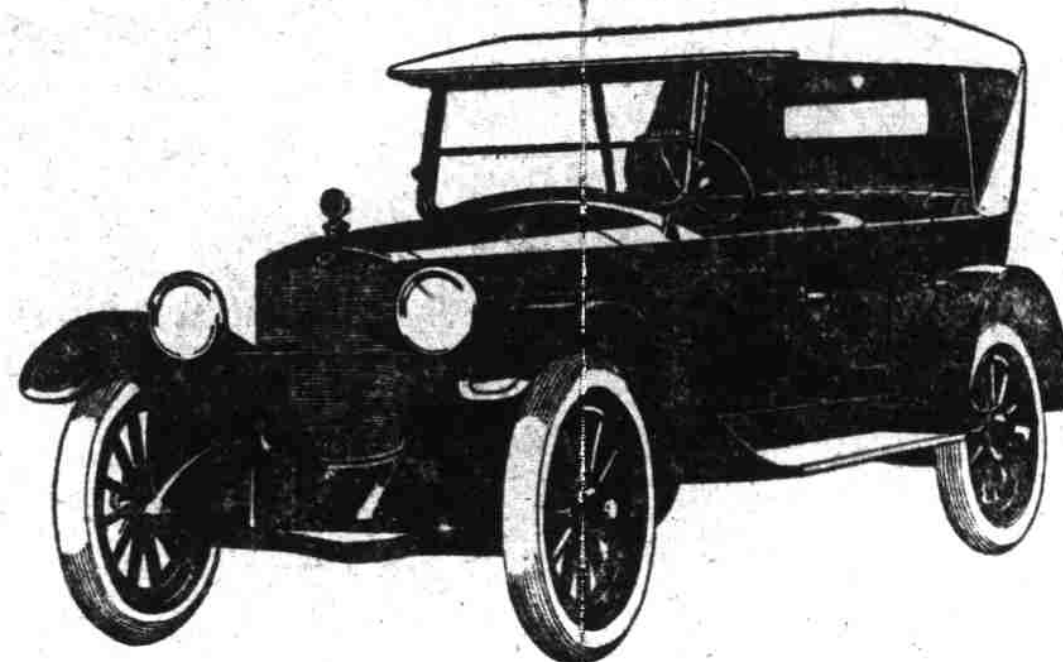
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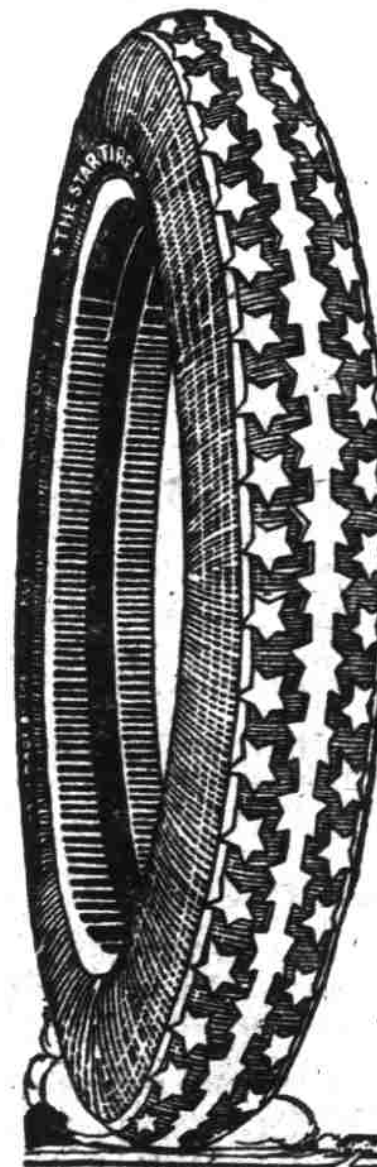
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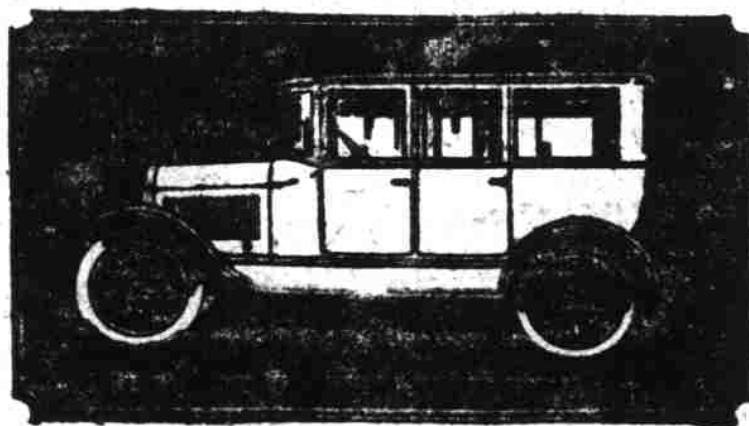
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