

PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 29, 1920.

North Bank Highway Scenery Full of Grandeur

WASHINGTON
SHORE ROUTE
IS INVITING

Condition of Road Along the North Bank of the Columbia to White Salmon Is Fair and the Scenery Alluring.

By Frank A. Clarvoe

Road work on the Camas section of the North Bank highway is to be watched with interest by Oregon and Washington people alike; the former because of the admitted charm of the country through which the road from Vancouver to White Salmon runs, and the latter because the construction marks another step forward in the work of building a network of good roads in sections of the state where they are needed greatly.

A party of Journal scouts in a Westcott Six, driven by E. J. Weller, president of the Weller Motor company, made journey over the road recently, and, although no log was taken of the trip, the Oregon folk were much impressed with the progress made east of Vancouver. The extension of Fifth street, Vancouver, along the cut-up plant area, is being hard-surfaced and travel is being directed in the meantime through the post. From the first barrier on almost to Camas the road is closed to through travel because of paving operations. Few workmen were on the scene Sunday and little information was to be obtained as to the probable date of completion. Those who have made the journey before the red lantern and flag were placed near the cut-up plant will recall long sections of paving and the necessary return along the same when blasting operations and other annoying features of road construction were encountered.

INTO CAMAS

That was last spring, and much has been done since that time. The present road, the one open for travel, still is a

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MEASURE IS HELD
INIMICAL TO ROADS

Washington Building Program to Halt If Sale of Bonds Fails, Says Durham.

Spokane, Aug. 28.—"Adoption of the Carlyn bill by the voters would set back the work of road building in Washington," declares N. W. Durham of Spokane, speaking for the Eastern Washington Highway association, the Spokane County Good Roads association and the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. "The whole Carlyn program will be dependent upon the sale of the bonds. If they can not be marketed, the plan is blocked and the revenues of the motor vehicle license fund will be tied up by the referendum vote and can not be used for road building, as they are now being used. Millions of dollars will lie idle in the banks, not a dollar of that vast fund available for road building."

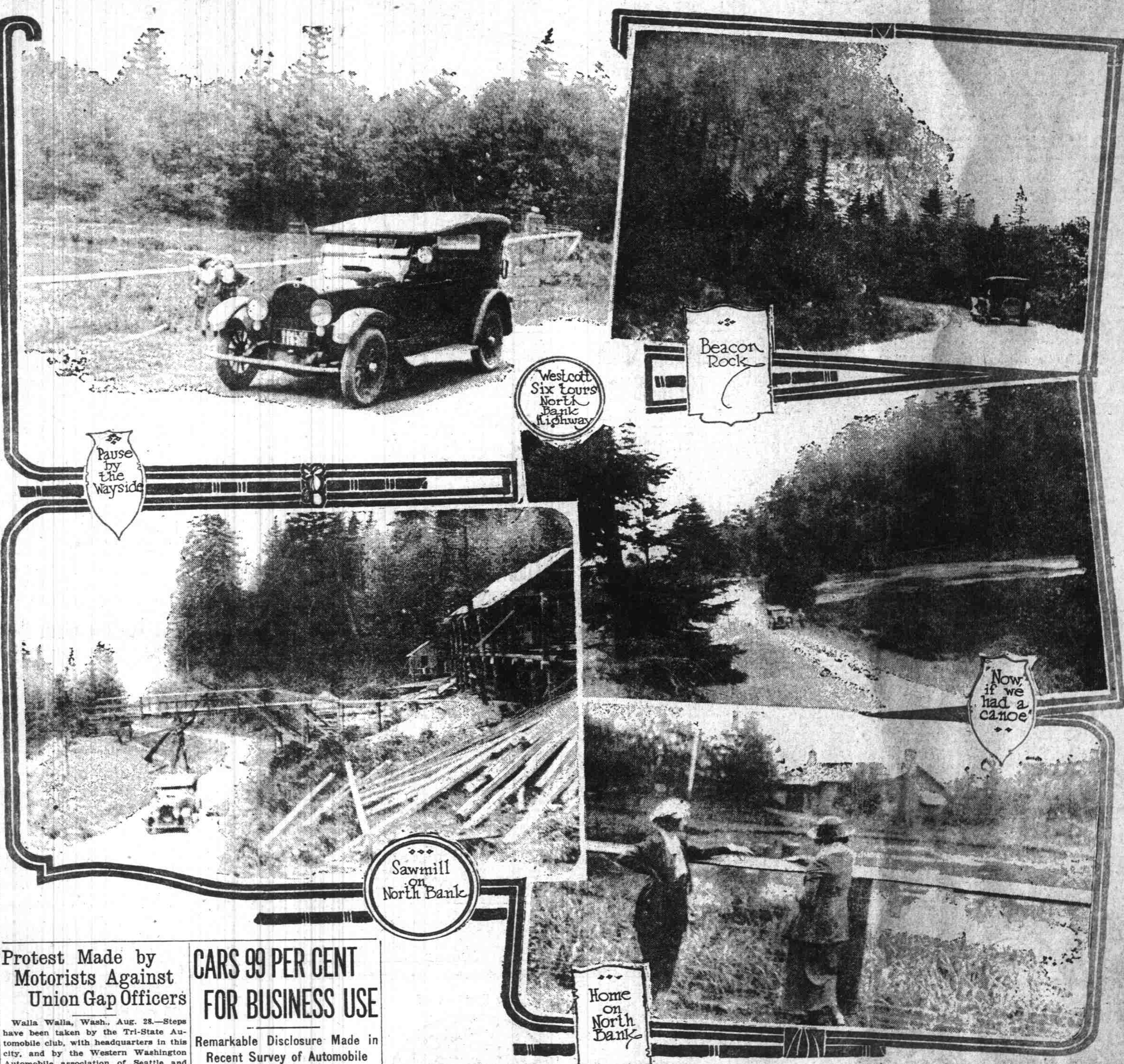
"An impression seems to lie in some minds that \$20,000,000 would pave a large part of the public roads of Washington. The truth is that we have 40,000 miles of public roads, of which about 3000 miles are in the state highway system. Senator Carlyn, says his measure will pave 1516 miles. Even if the paving could be done for the \$20,000,000, it would leave the \$20,000,000 would pave but 1000 miles."

"Adoption of the Carlyn bill would be a set of incomprehensible folly. It had one aspect when the legislature proposed it to the voters nearly two years ago. It presents now an altogether different aspect. The whole situation is changed. Instead of a need of forced public work to give employment to returning soldiers, we are confronted with a labor shortage. The bond market has fallen off and investors are demanding and receiving unthought of interest rates."

"Transportation shortage and other influences have put up the price of road materials far beyond legislative expectations. If the people understand the facts, they will overwhelmingly vote down the Carlyn bill next November, and the Washington State Good Roads association could not render higher and better service to the public than by frankly admitting the truth, that conditions are altogether changed, and exerting its influence to put the facts before the voters."

R. R. Crossing Auto
Wrecks Kill Many

A thousand people killed and 3000 injured. That is the annual toll of automobile accidents at railroad grade crossings, as shown by the report of the national safety council. Millions have been spent by railroads to safeguard lives, but nevertheless this is the average each year for such fatalities.

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Motorists Against
Union Gap Officers

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 28.—Steps have been taken by the Tri-State Automobile club, with headquarters in this city, and by the Western Washington Automobile association of Seattle and Tacoma, to have the state authorities intercede on behalf of motorists at Union Gap, near Yakima. This action has come as the result of the arrest and fining of Loudon Darley of Tacoma for alleged speeding through Union Gap. Motorists, Secretary W. S. Parks of the Tri-State Automobile club among them, say the place is a speed trap to get the tourists' money. The speed limit at Union Gap is 20 miles an hour and the fine \$15.

Eugene Folk Back
After Long Tour

Eugene, Aug. 28.—Showing a speedometer record of 6100 miles and soil samples from 23 different states and provinces, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Adams returned Monday night from an automobile tour of the East and Canada, which has covered several months. Although a large part of the trip was made over mountain and desert roads, they never experienced an accident or breakdown. In course of the tour they visited a large number of noted scenic points, including Yellowstone park, and stopped in all the large centers of the Middle West and Canada. They experienced 17 brands of climate, from the frost line to 114 degrees in the shade in crossing the deserts of the Southwest. He reported crops generally in fine condition in the Middle West and in Canada.

CARS 99 PER CENT
FOR BUSINESS USE

Remarkable Disclosure Made in Recent Survey of Automobile Status in Idaho.

At the headquarters of the Idaho Automotive Trades association in Boise the statement was given out that there are now 48,507 automobiles and trucks registered in Idaho. A survey discloses that less than 1 per cent of these cars were used for purely pleasure purposes and even in those cases it was doubtful if they could be so catalogued strictly speaking, for in every such case there was some other than social use for the cars.

Multnomah Has
31,405 Licenses
For Automobiles

Registration for the first seven months of this year shows a total of 94,770 motor vehicles for the state of Oregon, from which source the secretary of state shows a total income figure of \$1,822,629 in license fees. The strongest showing is being made by Multnomah county, with a representation on the books of 31,405 licenses issued.

Portlander for Road Signs
California Sets Example

F. E. Grigsby, Portland attorney, recently returned from California in general and Los Angeles in particular, where he and his family were treated to some of the city's hospitable earth tremors, is more than ever a firm believer in the usefulness of road signs. His found the southern state well signed and decidedly ahead of Oregon in that respect.

"If California can have the signs, we can have them, and though they are ahead of us in the matter of highway development it seems that we have had sufficient opportunity to make our highways safe for the stranger. Night driving is a pleasure there, for no matter which way the road may curve, the motorist's headlight will always pick up the board with the wiggly black mark on it in plenty of time for him to be on the lookout for a turn one way or the other."

"If there are roads in the southern state not having the signs, our party failed to traverse them," said Grigsby, "and while here in Oregon one has to strain his eye ahead for the threatened turn or trust to the presence of the white fence to mark a wiggle in the road, down south they watch for the signs. And they never fail."

FAST TRIP MADE

Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby and their two children made an extensive tour of California, visiting the principal centers of interest, and in the course of their travels received numerous good impressions of the hospitality of the state, both in a private and public way. The Studebaker Six used on the tour took the party to Los Angeles from Portland in five and one-half days, where they spent three weeks.

Earthquake tremors, according to Grigsby, are largely a state of mind. Unless one is in a stationary building little effect is felt of the earth's shimming proclivities. On several occasions when the quakes were playing havoc with the peace of mind of native and visitor he happened to be out in the car and hardly knew they had occurred. Although reports from the city to the outside world were numerous and varied, people in the city had little idea of the extent of the damage done, which was in reality very slight, said the local man. The phenomenon was noticeable several times at night, and the chinaware and

DOUGLAS GROWING
IN BUILDING ROADS

County Without Funds for Improvements But Districts Carry on Work.

The road construction of Douglas county this year will far exceed the work of any previous year. This is aside from the work being done on the Pacific highway. In more than a dozen different districts in the county from 1 to 10 miles of practically new road is being built.

These are termed market roads, as they do not make any other connection, they are being built, with the main highway or town adjacent to the community. The Yoncalla section is making about seven miles of roads to the farming section east of there. Elletts is building several miles of roads. Garden Valley has a new grade for the big fruit section in the valley, over which all the fruit will be hauled to this city. The Looking Glass district, the Camas Valley road and the road to Ten Mile have been receiving much improvement. In every direction from Roseburg new

7,500,000 Autos or
One for Every 14
Persons Are in Use

Approximately 7,500,000 passenger automobiles are in use in the United States today. This is about one for every 14 persons, as against one for every 218 persons in the rest of the world. In England there is one automobile for every 26 persons, one for every 402 persons in France and one for every 680 persons in Germany.

There are only about 437,000 automobiles among 449,000,000 people in Europe, or one for every 1025 persons. If the European market can be developed to the point where one person out of 50 will buy an automobile nearly 10,000,000 cars will be required. Of course, foreign manufacturers of motor cars would secure some of this business, but American producers with their quantity production methods would be in a position to fill the major portion of such a demand, say manufacturers.

grades and gravel roads are being built this year. Most of the work is being done on money raised by the districts. Owing to the county being unable to sell bonds voted for road improvement, no funds are available from that source.

Penrose's Number Is 500,000

Senator Penrose obtained number 500,000 Pennsylvania auto license for his machine. It is the first time the mark has been reached in that state.

TO CONDEMN
APPROACH TO
NEW BRIDGE

State Highway Department to Exercise Prerogative in Securing Right-of-Way for Public Use in Wasco County.

The new concrete bridge across the Deschutes river on the Columbia river highway, built by the state at a cost of approximately \$100,000, is now about ready to be used. But it can not be made use of for the reason that the grading of the road approaching it from the west is unfinished and will not be completed for several months, possibly next spring.

In the meantime travel into and out of Sherman county is forced to cross the old wooden and dilapidated structure known as Miller's bridge and to pay one dollar per each automobile for the privilege.

OWNER ENJOYS MONOPOLY

The toll bridge and the land surrounding it are owned by Malcolm A. Moody of The Dalles, who is enjoying a daily revenue from the bridge estimated at from \$50 to \$100. The physical condition of the old structure is such that but one automobile is allowed on it at one time.

Under the law the rights of way for state highways shall be acquired by the counties in which the highways are situated. In case of neglect or refusal on the part of a county to acquire the requested right of way the state highway commission may proceed. For a long time the county court of Wasco county has been looked to to take steps to provide access to the new bridge but it has done nothing, being apparently under the restraint of some local influence.

The state highway department has at last determined to exercise the authority

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YAKIMA FAIR TO
HAVE AUTO RACES

Fair Time Is Automobile Time Nowadays; Famous Drivers to Be Entered.

Automobile racing has come to be one of the standard features of state fairs, along with pink lemonade and the struggle among the prize pumpkins for the coveted honor of the blue ribbon. The Washington State fair at Yakima, September 29 to 25, is no exception to the usual rule made during the past fairs in other states.

Although the fair is a month in the future, the committee handling the amusements for the big week in Yakima's irrigation garden have already made arrangements for some of the best of the country's auto polo for the season. In charge of the festivities and parties, if they can, in the prize, Louis Disbrow will be there, as will Bill Hatfield, "Wild Bill" Radford, who has been performing in New Hampshire of late, has consented to come, but whether or not he will sit at the wheel of a Buick remains to be seen. Fred Horsey, a journey across country to be at the killing, and "Texas George" Clarke, the automobile man with a broncho name, will grace the list of entries.

Not content with automobile races, the men of the committee in the Yakima basin are thinking seriously, it is said, of staging a game of auto polo for the season. Automobile polo has been tried in the past with varied degrees of success, but as the drivers are concerned, but the game has never, say followers of the sport, failed to vastly amuse the grandstand and the bleachers.

Eugene Reports Air
Patrol Successful

Eugene, Aug. 28.—Commenting upon the work of the Defoliants in the air patrol of the forests, C. W. Boyer, chairman of the Eugene board, stated that during the season the corps had located not less than 370 forest fires, many of them not previously sighted by lookouts. Their highest record was 21 in a single day. Flying at a height of from 4000 to 10,000 feet, they have been able to pierce the smoke curtain and detect even incipient fires. With few exceptions the planes have made their circuits every day throughout the season, far as the drivers are concerned, but the game has never, say followers of the sport, failed to vastly amuse the grandstand and the bleachers.

Autos Recovered

Of the 31,749 automobiles stolen in 1919, 24,321 were recovered.