

CENTRALIANS MAKE 5218-MILE JOURNEY

Party Travels Over Six States to Nebraska; Only Two Punctures Interrupt Four-Month Trip.

Centralia, Oct. 16.—Traveling 5218 miles with only two punctures and these occurring the last day of the trip, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Williams and daughter Verna, accompanied by Miss Cora Garbo of Weyauwega, Wis., have returned to their home in Centralia.

"We could not have asked for a nicer vacation," said Williams. "Leaving here June 3 we made the trip in practically four months. Roads were in excellent condition, the worst we experienced on either trip being between Kansas and Yader. Although we left during the gasoline shortage we were able to get all the gas we wanted after leaving Washington, paying from 37 1/2 cents a gallon. It seemed that the nearer we came to the oil fields the higher became the price of gas."

The Williams party was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Williams from California, who met them on the trip. They traveled east by the Yellowstone trail and the Lincoln highway, passing through Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska. They visited for some time in Burchard, Neb., the childhood home of Williams. He stated that crops in that state were unusually heavy, the main crops being wheat and corn, although a large number of hogs and cattle are raised. Mrs. Williams went by train to Weyauwega, Wis., her childhood home, and visited for a short time.

"We camped out every night but two during the entire trip," said Mr. Williams. "Splendid camping sites were found all along the way, although we were more impressed with the camping grounds in Denver than any other site. Thirty thousand tourists had registered there during the season at the time we stopped for the night. Hot and cold water, shower baths, laundry, electric stoves, kindling and wood and other commodities were furnished free of charge and a pavilion and music furnished for dancing.

"The only accident we experienced was in Brigham, Utah, where we broke three springs and had to send to Salt Lake for a new one. Luckily we happened to be camped beside a peach orchard with a large hole in the fence. There were also cantaloupes and tomatoes in the field.

The Williams party, although delighted with the trip, were glad to reach home and expressed their satisfaction with Centralia, declaring it the ideal place to live.

If Batteries Get Proper Care They Won't Shirk Duties

The man who is not used to handling batteries might say that the way to get the most out of a battery is to use it just as little as possible. As a matter of fact that would be just the wrong way to go at it. Batteries are made to be used and they can be used regularly and put through some pretty stiff paces and yet last a long time, if the man who uses them only follows a few simple rules of battery care.

- Here are a few of the rules:
1. Be sure your ignition switch is closed.
 2. Pull out your choke.
 3. Push out your clutch pedal, so that your starting motor will have to turn only the engine.
 4. Then step on your starting button, and your motor ought to take hold. If it does not then the thing to do is to find where the trouble is and remedy it before you make another trial.

Apperson

Anniversary Model seven-passenger motor car in excellent condition for sale by owner who wishes to purchase a new Cadillac. The price is \$3000, but we would be greatly interested in having you submit us your best offer.

Franklin

Late model Franklin Touring car, now being refinished in our paint shop. This car is in very fine condition which leaves little more to be said except that our price has been reduced to the rather low figure of \$2100.

Paige Sedan

Now being shown on our sales-room floor. This is a very attractive car and will undoubtedly appeal to someone wanting a large sedan.

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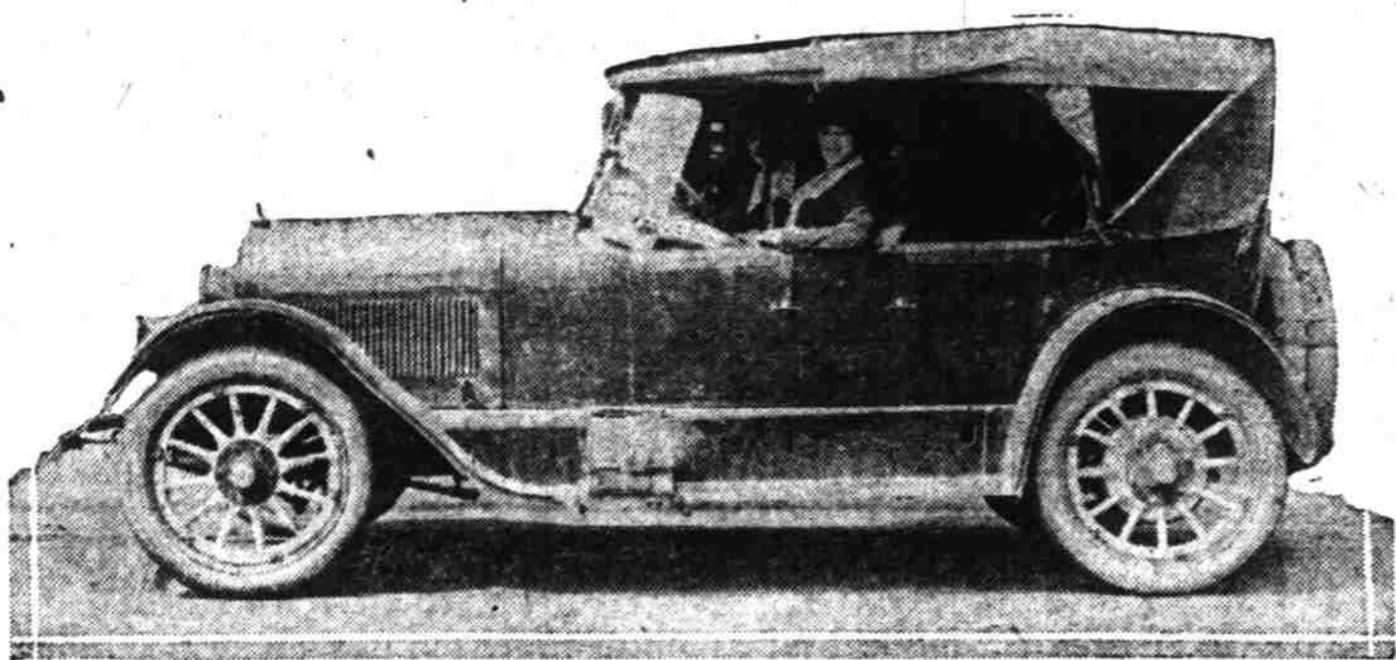
Owner who wishes to purchase a new Cadillac will sell this car for cash or trade for property. It is a late model car and in excellent shape. Wire wheels, cord tires and the finish is like new.

Chandler

1920 Deapatch; wire wheels, cord tires, motor, bumper, etc. Car has been driven about 8000 miles and is in fine condition. Terms may be arranged on our low price of \$1900.

COVEY MOTOR CAR CO. 51st and Washington Sts. Main Bldg.

GIRLS MAKE ROUND TRIP ACROSS CONTINENT



Elgin Six, which made the round trip across the continent under the guidance of two San Francisco girls, is here shown at the Elgin headquarters in Cleveland, just before starting again for the West. The car passed through Portland last week.

In these piping times of peace and good will it seems to be customary for the traffic cops to turn the semaphores for women drivers who have made frisky treks across the country. This Elgin Six went from San Francisco last summer bearing Mrs. Viola Burner and Miss

WEST LOOKS GOOD AFTER SEEING EAST

H. W. Soderling of Centralia Glad to Get Back Home From Eastern Trip.

Centralia, Wash., Oct. 16.—While eastern cities with their glamor and bustle and their bright lights have a certain attraction for a little while, there is no place like the West for a home and for progress for the working man and the man who is conducting a small business and hopes to have that business grow, according to H. W. Soderling, local dealer in Dodge Brothers motor cars, who has just returned from a visit to Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit. In the last named city Soderling spent much time in the huge factory of Dodge Brothers.

WESTERN AIR REVIVES

"When we crossed 'the hump' and began to breathe western air and feel the western rains we certainly felt that we were home again," Soderling declared yesterday. "In six weeks we had had all we wanted of the east and since my trip I feel more strongly than ever before that I am now in permanent business and permanently located in Centralia."

Industrial conditions in the East are adjusting themselves to a permanent basis, Soderling said. The supply of necessities of life is far behind the demand and except in a few instances where prices are over inflated, he does not look for radical reductions. From two to five years of building up will be necessary to equalize supply and demand, he believes.

WORK PLENTIFUL

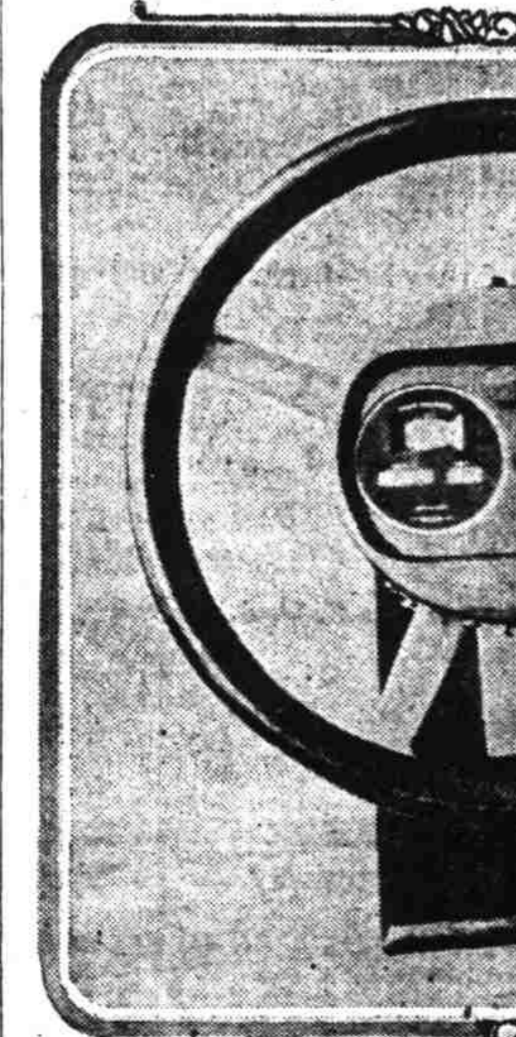
There is plenty for labor and every skilled man who wants employment has no trouble finding it, he says. In fact, the jobs are looking for the men and those who are idle are thus through choice and not from necessity, he added. One of the most noticeable things was the universal housing shortage, Soderling said. In Minneapolis rents range from \$65 to \$125 a month and at those prices there are no vacant houses. There is absolutely nothing for sale, he said, and offers of high prices for houses seemed to be no inducement. This means, he added, that building operations will continue at a high point for years to come.

Scale Is Low

The day scale of government wages in the District of Columbia lists automobile drivers at \$3 to \$3.40 and motor mechanics from \$3.84 to \$4.98.

The automobile antedates the airplane by only about 20 years, while the bicycle preceded the automobile by less than half the time.

WILL THIS STEER FUTURE CARS?



New Steering wheel with housing containing usual dash equipment. May be practicable.

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A. D. Callaghan has recently been appointed manager for the Diamond T. Oregon Truck company, with offices at Fourteenth and Couch streets.

High Record in Exports

A new high record was established in the past 12 months when 103,146 passenger automobiles and 21,656 motor trucks were shipped from the United States to foreign countries.

New York Show Soon

The 1920 Automobile Salon in New York will be open November 14. American and foreign cars of exclusive design will be exhibited.

Cars Are Thick

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FINDS DELIGHTFUL DRIVE ON HIGHWAY

Lowman and Machine, Bespattered With Mud, Arrive After 2500 Mile Ride.

The far-famed Yellowstone National park has "nothing on" Columbia river highway, according to C. A. McCoun, Hupmobile dealer in Kingsley, Iowa, who arrived here last week after driving 2500 miles from his home town, en route to Los Angeles. Mrs. McCoun accompanied him.

The Columbia river highway, to be sure, has no spouting geysers, but the lowman nevertheless found it a more enjoyable drive than the trip through Yellowstone and left Portland with loud praises on their lips for the famous Oregon roadway. The 1920 Hupmobile driven by McCoun was bespattered high and low, fore and aft, with mud and clay of many states.

"There were no good roads to speak of from Casper, Wyo., to Pendleton, Or.," said McCoun good naturedly. "Here and there we found, of course, short stretches that were in good shape but they did not remain good for any considerable distance, except for the drive through Yellowstone park."

"As a usual thing the so-called highways were a mixture of mud and water, stones and ruts, the worst rough being the best general classification. I'm not in the habit of allowing anyone to pass me on a hill or anywhere else and managed to maintain my record on this 2500 mile drive, but I must admit that I was obliged to content myself with some pretty slow travel through some of the mud."

Cheyenne, Casper, Yellowstone, Boise, Pendleton and the Columbia river highway were the high lights on the trip.

State Road Office For East Counties Goes to La Grande

Baker, Oct. 16.—The state highway office, which has been maintained at Baker for a number of months under the supervision of Engineer R. H. Baldock, has received orders to move immediately to La Grande, where it will establish an office.

The reason for this change in the location of the state highway office of this section is the resignation of M. O. Bennett, engineer in charge of the Pendleton district, who has left the state highway department to accept a position in Montana. The entire Eastern Oregon area is now combined into one district and the office will be established at La Grande, because the Union county city is more centrally located in the district than Baker.

Members of the office here are not anxious to make the change and an attempt was made by local men to have the order annulled. It was later found feasible, however, to let the matter drop.

Engineer Baldock will be placed in charge of the entire combined district. The office will be moved from this city about October 1.

Hydrometer Tells Whether Battery Solution Is O. K.

Most car owners carry a tire gauge to test the air pressure in their tires. Many cars today are equipped with a device which indicates overheating in the motor. These are for safety first purposes, and in this same class comes the hydrometer which every motorist should carry in his car. A hydrometer is a glass tube with a rubber bulb on one end and inside the glass tube is a weighted float. This instrument is used to test the specific gravity of the acid solution in a battery and it should be used at least every two weeks. To take a reading, the rubber bulb is pressed and the point in the hydrometer is placed in the cell; the bulb is then released and the acid solution is drawn up in the hydrometer. If the specific gravity is below 1.275 the battery must be charged from an outside source.

Large Tax Paid

Motor manufacturers in and around Detroit, Mich., paid to the United States government \$21,500,000 for the first four months of 1920. This is said to be the largest automobile excise tax ever paid in the United States.

Many Travel by Auto

In Philadelphia, approximately 60,000 men are carried from their homes to offices in automobiles between the hours of 8:30 and 10 every week day morning.

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Many good miles are scraped from tires by carelessness. This may seem a strange statement, but tire men throughout the country are busy proving it every day.

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IRVIN S. COBB expressed his "Studebaker Conviction" and likewise voiced the conviction of all owners of the new series Studebakers when he coined the phrase, "The Studebaker is a WONDER CAR."

Cobb came West to rough it. He instructed his guide to show him the wildest and most out-of-the-way spots in Eastern Oregon in order that his thirst for wild game adventure could be gratified to the greatest possible degree. The Big Six Studebaker was loaded to capacity—the occupants and luggage weighing over a ton.

Considering that this load was to be carried over the lava beds of Eastern Oregon—up the highest and steepest mountains—across miles of country covered only with sagebrush and badger holes—and not the slightest semblance of a road being present in many instances—would you think that with this sort of work ahead, a load of ton would be sufficient, but in addition to this a trailer burdened with a further one-half ton was attached to the Big Six and that "WONDER CAR," with its marvelous motor carried the compound load throughout the gruelling hardships of the whole Cobb expedition without a hitch.

Most ordinary owners would not subject a car to the hardships of the Cobb trip in a lifetime of driving. There are many of our owners, however, who have this summer covered much territory and have encountered all kinds of road conditions. They are unanimous in their praise for the Studebaker.

Following are some statements from a few Studebaker owners:

"I have owned and driven nine STUDEBAKERS and have had the privilege of riding in a great many cars of other makes, but never have I come in contact with such a satisfactory car as my present Big 6. Its performance cannot be surpassed."
"C. G. SABIN, M. D., Selling Bldg."

"I have owned and operated a number of automobiles of different makes and am a crank on performance, and I can truly say that my present Studebaker is the most pleasing car I have ever owned."
"R. L. BALZER, Mgr. Clyde Equipment Co."

"My present STUDEBAKER Sedan is a source of satisfaction that words are inadequate to express."
"W. A. KNIGHT,
"Pres. and Mgr. Knight Shoe Co."

"During all of my driving this summer from Tia Juana, Mexico, to Vancouver, British Columbia, I never had to put a wrench to my STUDEBAKER."
"J. L. HARTMAN,
"President Hartman-Thompson Bank"

"I enjoy driving my STUDEBAKER exceedingly. The ease of control, resulting from its great powerful motor, coupled with the comfort of its road ability, makes it a car of great satisfaction."
"B. C. BALL,
"President Willamette Iron & Steel Works"

"I have been driving cars ever since 1910, having owned seven, and they have all been STUDEBAKERS. The Light Six that I now drive is the most satisfying car I have ever ridden in."
"A. W. CLARK,
"President Clark Lumber & Mfg. Co."

"When it comes to roughing it over the roughest possible road conditions, the wonderful riding qualities of our STUDEBAKER have been very marked and the ease of control with a great excess of power makes the car a real joy to drive."
"EDWARD C. SAMMONS,
"U. S. National Bank"

"Believe me, I know machinery from soup to nuts—it's my business—and when I bought my STUDEBAKER I examined her from differential to radiator, and her performance has since borne out all that her excellent construction indicated before my purchase."
"STEVE WESTOVER,
"Plant Supt. Willamette Iron & Steel Works"


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"IRVIN S. COBB."
Most generally read of all American writers.

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| Clackamas Co. Auto & Tractor Co. | Berkeley, J. W. | Woodburn | Woodburn, Ore. |
| Oregon City | Oregon City, Ore. | Cameron Motor Co. | Hood River, Ore. |
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