



Travel & Transport Topics

Conducted by Goodrich

Mexico is to have a national automobile show April 20 to May 5. General Obregon, president of the Mexican republic, has accepted the presidency of the show. He is a strong booster for the Mexican good roads movement. Mexico is one of the few foreign countries which has not suffered seriously by business depression.

"Just park your car in the parlor." This may become a common phrase. C. H. Martin, of Boston, is developing a 150-pound, three-wheeled automobile that can be pushed through an ordinary doorway and stored in the front hall or office. The midget machine has a maximum speed of 30 mile per hour and it is claimed it will be able to travel 75 miles on a gallon of gasoline.



Bad roads, the giant muck, will be dealt a terrific blow by the combined good roads forces of America this year. In addition to maintaining and repairing a greater mileage than ever before in history, it is expected that the several states will construct between 35,000 and 40,000 miles of new hard-surfaced roads. For this purpose there is now available for expenditure in federal and state moneys over \$1,000,000,000. Labor is plentiful and materials are lower in cost. Everything points to a banner year.

Dallas, Texas, auto dealers have gone Billy Sunday one better. Billy constructs a temporary structure for six weeks' revival while the Dallas dealers have built a \$40,000 building to be used for six days to house their auto show and then demolished. It will be beautifully decorated and illuminated. Vaudeville and dancing will be side attractions. "Hit the Trail in a New Auto," will be the slogan. The dates are April 11 to 16.

Do trucks economically replace horses in fire departments? "Yes," says LaCrosse, Wis. Three triple combination trucks now in service there traveled 761 miles to report to 298 alarms during 1920 at a total expense of \$602.89. During the same period 14 horses used by the department consumed feeding stuffs costing \$2,453.13 and the horseshoeing bill amounted to \$693.90 additional.

Every automobile carries an excellent steam vulcanizer. This may be surprising news to many motorists who thought they were on very intimate terms with their machines, but it is so, nevertheless. The radiator when full of hot steaming water is a very satisfactory vulcanizer for tubes. A little vulcanizing cement is smeared on the rubber patch and around the hole in the tube and then

the two are put together, placed patch downward on the radiator and held firmly until the rubber is cooked.

The average life of an automobile is 5.3 years. This was the actual average life of all cars that went out of service in the United States from 1913 to 1919 inclusive. High-priced cars last longest largely because they represent a greater investment and this alone creates aversion to scrapping as long as the car is at all serviceable.



Spotlights and glaring headlights have caused thousands of automobile accidents. Failure to use the dimmers when approaching another car on the road at night blinds the oncoming driver and he risks either scraping your wheels or toppling over in a ditch. In motoring circles the driver who refuses to dim his lights is ranked with the road hog and other undesirables.

Our weekly DON'T—Don't use ordinary cylinder oil as a lubricant for door hinges and latches. It has a tendency to run which is not desirable at this location because the clothes of passengers are likely to come in contact with it. Linseed oil mixed with a small amount of graphite is much better for this purpose. This furnishes a good lubricant and will not run.

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BETSY ROSS FLAG STORY
DECLARED BOLD FAKE

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—Do you doubt the story in our school history books which taught us that Betsy Ross designed the American flag in 1776? Louis Barecroft Runk, an attorney and major of ordnance in the reserve corps, declares that the story is a fake. Runk, in a book he has just published, entitled, "The Birth of Our Flag and Flag Etiquette," says Betsy Ross' story "rests solely on her own testimony, which is absolutely uncorroborated, and the best historians today consider it without historical basis."
"It is earnestly claimed by the descendants of Betsy Ross that on or about June 1, 1776, she was waited upon at her house, 239 Arch street, Philadelphia, by General Washington and an alleged committee of the Continental congress; that they asked her to make a flag and that she promised to try; that they showed her a drawing whose proportions she criticized and that General Washington himself altered the drawing according to her suggestion," says the book.
"Betsy was a lady of lively imagination and short memory as is shown

by her ability to wed three times in 10 years.

"Her story rests solely on her own testimony which is entirely uncorroborated and the best historians today consider it without any historical basis."

"The book declares that Washington visited Philadelphia in 1776 for only two weeks and he nor the alleged congressional committee or its records ever mentioned such a visit to Betsy Ross. Runk, in his book, cites several other incidents in history which he says substantiate his claim.

"It is regrettable if I overthrow any childhood traditions or local pride that any may have about Betsy Ross, but

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the Southern Surety Company

of Des Moines, in the State of Iowa, on the 31st day of December, 1920, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.
Amount of capital stock paid up \$1,000,000.00

Income.
Net premiums received during the year \$5,031,402.66
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 141,565.22
Income from other sources received during the year 158,556.69
Total income \$5,329,524.57

Disbursements.
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses \$1,869,034.91
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 120,938.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 1,630,800.84
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 143,767.55
Amount of all other expenditures 544,305.79
Total expenditures \$4,308,842.09

Assets.
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$452,039.21
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 995,933.03
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 824,519.06
Cash in banks and on hand 1,003,045.06
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1920 1,049,797.94
Interest and rents due and accrued 71,939.90
Other miscellaneous assets 270,025.16
Total admitted assets \$4,667,299.35

Liabilities.
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$841,521.99
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 1,757,990.09
Due for commission and brokerage 262,449.48
All other liabilities 297,777.53
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$1,000,000.00 \$3,089,739.09

Business in Oregon for the Year.
Net premiums received during the year \$16,402.15
Losses paid during the year 9,359.25
SOUTHERN SURETY COMPANY
C. S. Cobb, President.
E. G. Davis, Secretary.
Statutory resident attorney for service—George D. Schalk, Portland.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the Farmers Mutual Fire Relief Association

of Portland, in the State of Oregon, on the 31st day of December, 1920, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Income.
December 31, 1919 \$9,272.99
From membership fees 1,469.00
From expense assessments 13,180.88
Fire loss assessments 13,972.01
Interest on U. S. Treasury notes 254.91
Total \$38,149.79

Disbursements.
Actual amounts paid to policyholders for losses during 1920 \$14,974.35
Loss Adjustment expenses 132.34
Agents' compensation 11,017.31
Traveling expenses 41.50
Salaries and fees, officers, directors and clerks 4,232.00
Rent 190.00
Insurance department licenses 42.00
Fire Marine tax 49.67
Postage, telegraph and telephone 512.44
Advertising, printing and stationery 532.84
Office supplies 298.12
Red Cross, etc. contributions 25.20
Miscellaneous 32.98
Application fees returned 44.38
Total \$32,124.25

Total Ledger Assets on Hand December 31, 1920.
Cash in bank and U. S. Treasury notes \$8,031.49
Risks in force December 31, 1919 \$6,503,975.00
Risks renewed during the year 4,269,715.00
Risks cancelled or expired during the year 1,253,540.00
Net amount in force 9,529,150.00
Largest single risk of insurance 4,000.00
FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION
H. W. Snashall, President.
Herman Loeding, Secretary.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January, 1921.
C. J. Hayes, Notary Public for Oregon.
My commission expires Dec. 9, 1921.

my duty is to give the impartial verdict of American historians," the author says.

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Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the American Eagle Fire Insurance Company

of New York, in the State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1920, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.
Amount of capital stock paid up \$1,000,000.00

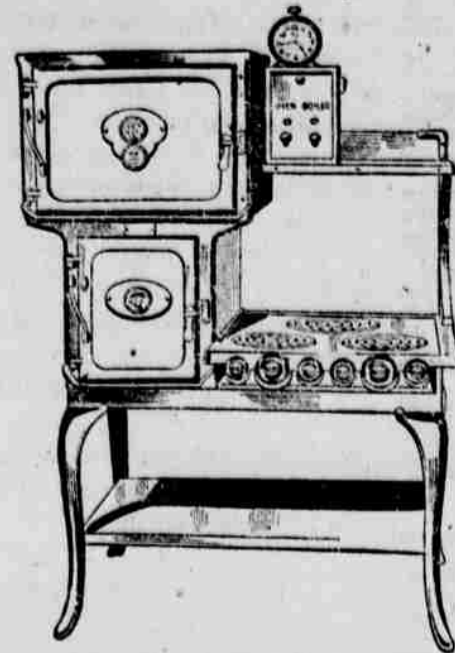
Income.
Net premiums received during the year \$2,693,228.96
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 220,243.25
Income from other sources received during the year 60.77
Total income \$2,913,532.98

Disbursements.
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses \$1,159,761.20
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 140,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 687,563.80
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 68,294.72
Amount of all other expenditures 461,438.19
Total expenditures \$2,517,057.81

Assets.
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) \$3,012,034.50
Cash in banks and on hand 423,137.92
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1920 880,585.70
Interest and rents due and accrued 13,417.69
Total admitted assets \$4,279,175.81

Liabilities.
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$409,399.55
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 1,865,717.16
Due for commission and brokerage 18,245.51
All other liabilities 67,386.77
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$1,000,000.00 \$2,360,848.99

Business in Oregon for the Year.
Net premiums received during the year 11,792.23
Losses paid during the year 3,101.20
Losses incurred during the year 3,313.43
AMERICAN EAGLE FIRE INS. CO. OF N. Y.
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