

AUTO PARK RECORD GOOD FOR SEASON

Total of 5896 Machines Registered Showing Gain Over Prior Year

Receipts from the Salem Auto Park for the 1924 season were \$5255, while tourists who stopped are estimated to have spent at least \$100,000 while in the city. There were 5896 machines registered this year against 4535 for 1923. The auto park is now closed and will remain so until next March.

The 1924 season by months, had the following registrations: March 124 cars; April, 291 cars; May, 671 cars; June, 842 cars; July, 1459 cars; August, 1434 cars; September, 866 cars; October, 224 cars and November, 84 cars. A few stragglers were permitted to

stop at the camp grounds early in December, but the number was almost negligible.

Homesteaders Take Up 5,530,781 Acres of Land

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Legislation providing for the setting aside of public lands suitable chiefly for grazing, to be leased by the government in such areas as will insure their preservation for pasturage and forage purposes, was recommended today in the annual report of the general land office commissioner.

Another recommendation called for consolidation of the public land service organization of Alaska so as to place the duties of the surveyor general and registers and receivers of the district land offices under charge of one officer to be known as superintendent of public lands.

The total area of public and Indian lands entered and allowed during the year was 4,564,412 acres, of which 2,812,624 were allowed under the stock-raising act of 1916. Of 8,326,939 acres patented, 5,530,781 were patented under the homesteader laws. Cash receipts from sales, leases and other disposition of public lands during the year totalled \$16,013,915. Plans of surveys and resurvey covering 6,593,440 acres were approved.

New Hudson River Bridge Opened BEAR MT. LINK A SHORT CUT FOR MOTORISTS



The New Hudson River Bridge at Bear Mountain now open. Last work was laying of a 38-foot wide asphalt roadway.

DRIVERS of automobiles, tourists and truck drivers in every part of the country and especially those of New York State and New England had special cause for giving thanks on Thanksgiving Day this year—the opening of traffic of the great, new highway suspension bridge across the Hudson River above New York City, where Bear Mountain and that other hump of the Peckskills, Anthony's Nose, face each other from opposite banks.

The running time by motor from Albany to New York is now considerably shortened via the new Storm King Highway and the new bridge, since the bridge will relieve motorists of tiresome waits for down-river ferries. The new bridge, the only highway span south of Albany, was built by a private corporation. It is the longest single span highway bridge of the suspension type in the world. It is fireproof throughout, and the last thing to be completed before the structure was thrown open to traffic at 7 a. m. on Thanksgiving Day was the

38-foot wide asphalt roadway over which motor vehicles will cross the bridge. Work on the roadway was rushed to the last minute in order that the opening ceremonies might not be delayed.

Of steel and asphalt the new structure is not only fireproof but storm resistant. The huge span, 155 feet above the river, stretches for a distance of 1632 feet and, with the approaches, gives the bridge a total length of 2260 feet.

The main towers are 350 feet high and carry cables a foot and a half in diameter, each cable being made up of 7,462 parallel wires each 192 one-thousandths of an inch thick. The roadway contains 10,000 square yards of asphalt, two inches thick on the main span and 2 1/4 inches thick on the approaches.

From the bridge, wonderful panoramic views of the Hudson and the Highlands are seen. The ride across the bridge and thence via West Point over the Storm King highway provides one of the most magnificent scenic routes in the eastern part of the United States.

ies, service and parts serves as an offset of depreciation.

The plan is simple, safe and profitable, as the six per cent interest on the payments is a very profitable rate of interest.

The certificate is always transferable and the money can be applied toward any Chevrolet model desired.

THE ELECTION LAWS

The Salem Statesman has proposed that some form of party council be devised by the coming legislature. There is no party responsibility now, observes the Salem paper, because there is no party platform. That is quite right. The Salem paper might have gone a step farther and observed that there is no party responsibility because each candidate for office runs on his own platform and is nominated by a hybrid vote at the primaries. That is, comparing the party registration in May with the party vote in November it is perfectly plain that 15 or 20 per cent of the party registration is false and it often happens that this 15 or 20 per cent, or even less, nominates the candidate for office. In fact, the great affliction visited upon the state of Oregon in the election of its present set of tear glands in the state house came upon us as a result of men and women of another political faith than Republican voting in the primaries and nominating the Republican candidate two years ago. Had the Republicans been allowed to nominate their own candidate Mr. Patterson or Mr. Hall would have been nominated and Pierce would have no more show than a cootie has in making a living off a tricycle.

If the primary law cannot be amended to provide for nominating conventions, then it should be amended to make registration more strictly adhere to proper

DODGE BROTHERS REDUCE PRICES

Substantial Cut Made in All Passenger Car Types

Announcement of a reduction in the prices of all Dodge Brothers passenger cars was received today by Russell Bonesteel, of the Bonesteel Motor Co., local Dodge Brothers dealer.

The new prices are now in effect. The announcement from Dodge Brothers also carried the information that balloon tires are standard equipment on all passenger cars.

The special types carry such extra equipment as nicked radiator shell, motometer, front and rear bumpers, body stripe, steel disc wheels, scuff plates, cow light, and five balloon tires.

Announcement of these reductions provoked endless discussion throughout the entire industry. The year 1924 has been the most successful in Dodge Brothers history and it is now evident that the factory is determined to establish an even more enviable record in 1925. Obviously, the market for Dodge Brothers motor cars will be broadened immeasurably by the lower prices, particularly the closed car types.

Substantial improvements in the appearance, riding comfort and other important details of construction and design, plus the car's long-standing reputation for dependable performance, were responsible for the greatly accelerated demand during 1924. For a number of months production was maintained consistently at a rate close to 1000 cars per day.

Prices of Dodge Brothers commercial cars and chassis are not affected by the reductions.

party lines. No other way is fair. No other way is honest, no other way can properly perpetuate the ideals of a republican form of government.

There is one other election reform that the legislature could very profitably bring about and that is a law making it possible for a man to vote a straight party ticket if he wants to. The present system of scattering the parties all into the same column is confusing and takes a lot of valuable time. If the different parties are represented in columns by themselves, it is just as easy to scratch the ticket, if one wants to, and it can be done more intelligently and with less chance of error. The present ballot tends to promote error and to cause the old, the slow and those not fully alert to names, to vote contrary to the way they want to on many occasions. This should not be. There is no excuse for it and the only reason it is permitted is because the minority party, which it favors, always makes a strenuous and misleading fight for the thing as it is and the legislators have not had the nerve to take the gaff and do the right thing. It favors the minority party because, if 20 Republicans and 10 Democrats go to the polls, the Democrats have only half as many chances of making mistakes as the Republicans have. The minority counts on this law of chance and so favors the present scheme, not because it is any more democratic, scientific or conducive to better government, but because it favors the minority party—C E Ingalls, in Corvallis Gazette-Times

MASTER BRANGER URGES

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past three years farm values had shrunk twenty billion dollars and that during 1922 over 1,100,000 tillers of the soil had left the farm and there probably were more during last year.

The cooperative system of marketing and production, was also touched upon, Mr. Taber declaring that both required careful study.

In the old colonial days sugar cost 75 cents a pound, but please don't let your grocer see this.

DODGE BROTHERS TOURING CAR FOR ALL-WEATHER DRIVING

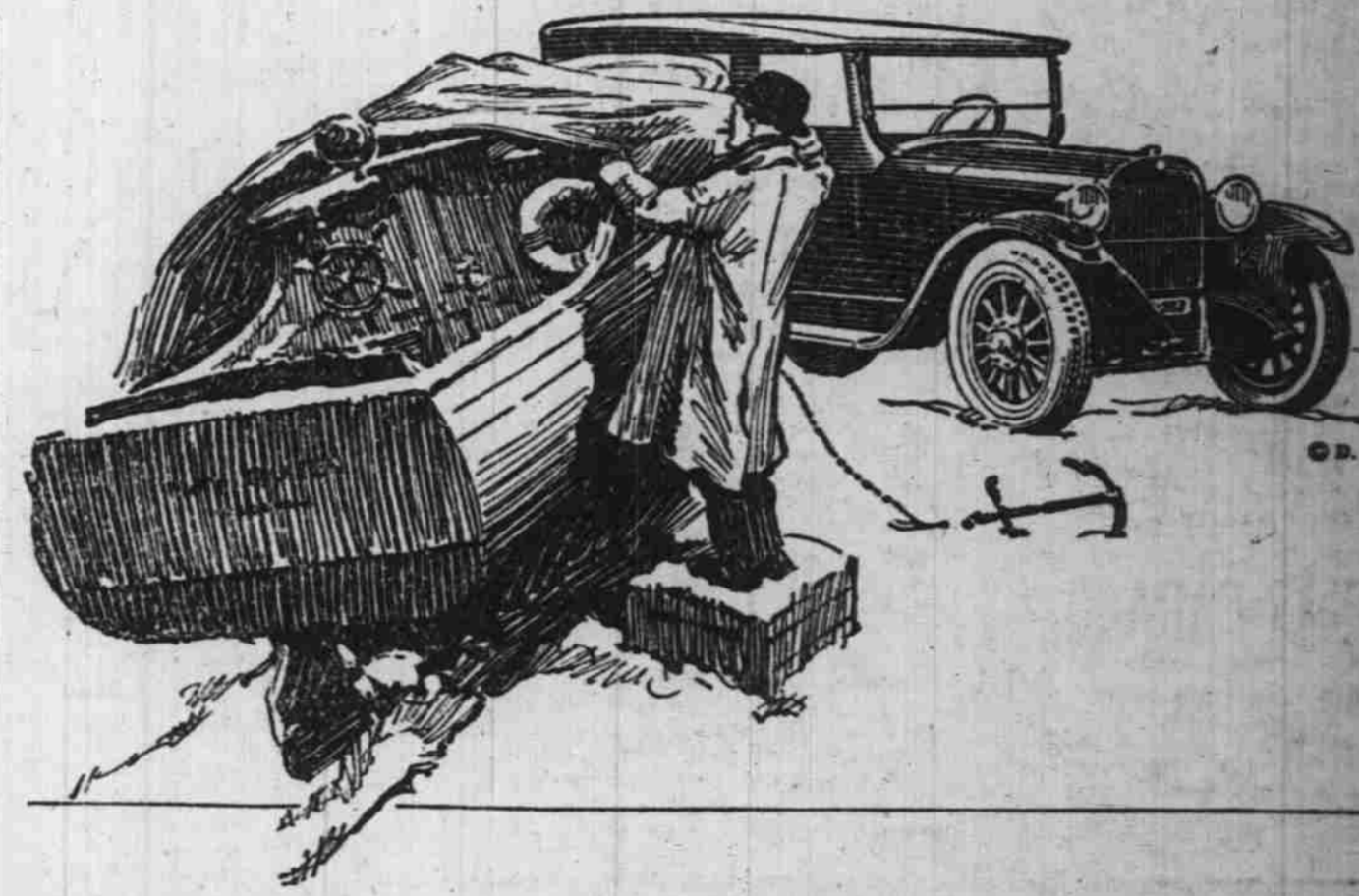
The Touring Car is now bought for winter use as commonly as the closed types are bought for summer use.

This is largely due to notable improvements that have been achieved in the cut and design of the curtains. They fit closely, open and close with the doors, and make it possible to keep the interiors snug and warm in cold weather.

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OAKLAND RECORD IS BROKEN BY MARGIN

Previous Record of High Gasoline Mileage Broken Again

In 1923, Oakland won both the sweepstakes and class cup in the Yosemite Economy Run, held under the supervision of the AAA and incidentally smashed all existing economy records with a gasoline mileage of 36.92.

During the last of November, a stock Oakland touring car made the run from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, a distance of 297.3 miles on 7 1/2 gallons of gasoline or an average of 38.95 miles to the gallon.

Thus the previous record for high gasoline mileage was again broken by Oakland—this time by a margin of two miles more per gallon.

The run was made by the Englebert-McKean Automobile, Oakland dealer of Pittsburgh, with Earl Ritts, assistant service manager doing all the driving. He left the Pittsburgh dealer with 10 gallons of gasoline. When he drove up to the front doors of the Philadelphia branch of Oakland, he still had two gallons and three pints of gasoline left in his tank.

The fact that the car was an ordinary stock model, without any special appliances, Mr. Ritts made the entire return trip to Pittsburgh in high gear.

There was no attempt to prove anything but economy of operation on this run.

CERTIFICATE PLAN VERY SUCCESSFUL

Purchase of Chevrolet May Be Started at \$5.00

Hundreds of dealers of the Chevrolet Motor Co., have already placed in effect the Six Per Cent Purchase Certificate Plan and during early next year it is believed that all the dealers will have this plan in operation.

Thousands of families have already taken advantage of this new method to acquire a Chevrolet.

By means of this certificate the purchase of a Chevrolet can be started with a first payment as low as \$5 and weekly or monthly payments to suit the convenience of the purchaser. Six per cent interest is credited on the certificate on all monies paid to the dealer until it reaches about one-third the price of the car, when delivery is made.

In addition, six per cent is allowed present car owners who purchase a certificate on all accessories, service and repairs on their present cars, and this amount is credited toward the purchase of the new car.

The purchase of such a certificate is fully guaranteed against loss, as all monies paid in are deposited by the dealers in a separate trustee's account in the bank. This money is not held as an asset of the dealer but is insured by a policy in a strong and well known insurance company, which protects the purchaser against any possible failure of either the dealer or the bank.

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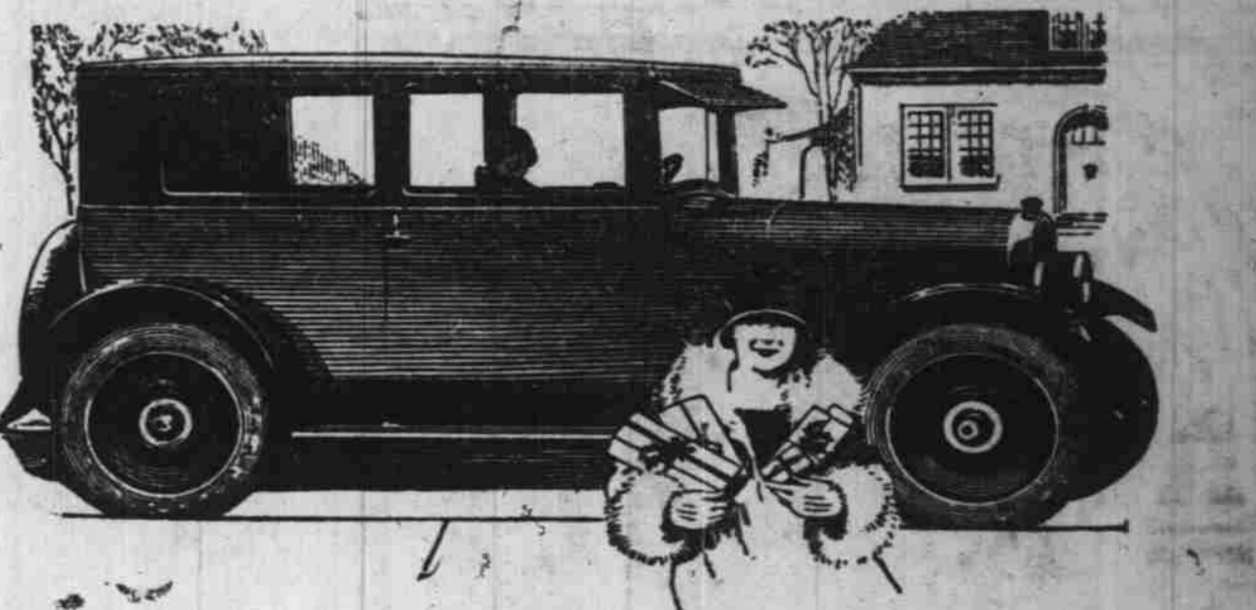
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