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Present European Automobiles Use Small Power Plants to Advantage

The discussion which has been aroused recently through the appearance of several European small cars in this country and further by the well known fact that a few of our larger manufacturers are taking the European inrasion seriously makes it interesting to note what certain European uilders are doing in the way of securing greater power from small

A recent announcement appearcalls attention to the fact that a new Fiat product from Italy achieves 300 h. p. from a motor of 1500 c. c. displacement. This means a piston displacement of below 100 inches which is in line with the requirements of the Indianapolis speedway in the cars which wil travel the 500 miles classic this year.

This diminutive motor turns over at a rate of 9000 rpm's, and reports have been recieved that it has shown a maximum motor speed of 12,000 revolutions a minute.

The majority of these European high speed motors of small piston displacement are equipped with sper-chargers and would not be practical as power plants for cars to be used by private owners. The power achievements do. however, furnish interesting basis for speculation as to what American engineers can and may do in the way of getting greater power from smaller and therefore more economical engines.

Already our engineers are agreed that it is entirely possible to build a four cylinder motor with rated horse power which will develop 30 brake horsepower at reasonable motor speed and which can be expected to deliver up to 30 miles to the gallon of gasoline. Such an achievement would be something noteworthy for our builders of small cars to accomp-

GOOD BUSINESS IS

(Continued from page 1) dition than at the present time. Everywhere up and down the state, there is a fine feeling of optimism. Ample rains and other

territory, including Montana, the frankly, I have always particular-Dakotas and Minnesota, all of ly admired the policy of the Cool-which states I visited. Everywhere idge administration as applied to I encountered optimism, based on sound economy in the handling or splendid prospects of a fine crop public affairs. I am not alone in yield. Business was good with the opinion that wise economy is rospects of even greater improve- the very keystone of success ment as the late spring and sum- whether it be applied to public

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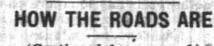
these values

have made a careful analysis of reports from our dealers and distributors in all sections of the country with the result that I feel there will be a continuance of sound business, except perhaps in

a few spoty places, throughout the balance of 1926. While the east dition, and central west have encountered a backward spring, this apparently has not proved a se" us obstacle. Trade in most lines is active. The south and southwest have been very active and with settled weather in sight the general prospects are extremely encouraging.

"It has occurred to me many times, that the consistent period ing in the English motor sapers of 'good times' which this country has enjoyed during the past several years, is due in no small measure to public confidence that exists in our present government at Washington. This confidence, I McMinnyille - Tillamook Highway McMinnville, Sheridan: Paved. Sheridan, Willamina, Grand

Hood River: Paved to Gresham; balance good macadam.



(Continued from page 1) Coquille, Bandon, Port Orford, Euchre Creek: Macadam. Euchre Creek; Gold Beach;

Narrow mountain road. Fair con-Gold Beach, Myers Creek: Ma-

cadam. Myers Greek, Brookings: Narrow mountain road. Passable. Brookings, California state line: Macadam.

Willamette Valley - Florence Highway

Junction City, Cheshire, Goldsby, Blachly, Rain Rock, Mapleton: Macadam.

Mapleton, Florence: Dirt road. Impassable after heavy rains. **Corvallis-Newport Highway**

Corvallis, Philomath, Wren, teel is well placed. Business men Eddyville, Toledo, Newport: Magenerally seem agreed that the cadam. Roosevelt Coast Highway country is in 'safe hands' and, open north to Otter Rock.

Ronde, Hebo, Tillamook: Part paved; balance good macadam. MT. Hood Loop Highway Portland, Government Camp,

Oregon-Washington Highway Pendleton, Washington state ine: Paved.

Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Vinson, Heppner, Heppner Junction: Macadamized except between Vinson and Lena which is under construction

Central Oregon Highway Bend, Burns: First 12 miles macadam. Balance fair dirt road open to travel.

Burns, Crane: Macadamized. Crane, Vale: Rough but passable.

Crater Lake Highway Medford, Trail, Prospect: Macadam.

Prospect, Fort Klamath: Closed on account of snow.

Redwood Highway, Connecting With Road to Oregon Caves Grants Pass, Kerby, Walso: Graveled road in good condition.

Waldo, Crescent City: New road open for travel. Kerby, Oregon Caves: Road in

good condition. Oregon Caves now open to public.

McKenzie Highway

Eugene, Belknap Springs, Sisers, Redmond, Bend: Macadam.

Mile. Joan LaCosta. French girl speedstress, escaped a horrible death when she drove her flaming car into the ocean at Daytona Beach, Fla., recently. While traveling at 130 miles per hour in an attempt to hang up a feminine speedway mark, the gasoline line suddenly broke and the car, fanned by the terrific pace, became a flying comet. Nothing daunted a few days later, she secured another machine and shattered three world records, traveling 138 miles an hour. Above. Mile. Joan LaCosta is leaping from the racer.

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