# OUT-OF-DOORS SECTIC I

Agriculture and Industrial Slogan Campaign; News of The Farm and Field

**Automotive Information** 

Salem, Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, January 6, 1929

### **New Auto Fees and Laws May Draw Consideration** Of State Legislative Body

Mechanical Condition Found Big Element in Accidents; **Provisions Needed to Protect Motorists From** "Rambling Wreck" Drivers

By J. P. PRESCOTT

OREGON motorists are giving a lot of consideration to prospective legislation to lower the fees they must pay the state and to ways of getting more highways. Some are trying to figure out ways to make driving safer. Not many persons have a way figured out to lower the cost to the automobile owner without reducing the funds on hand for building and maintaining highways. Few have concrete ideas of what law changes they want.

chines could be kept in this con-

A traffic code for Oregon plac-

would get nearer to the trouble

officers to arrest drivers on the

The Michigan law provides that

PARIS (AP) -So many foreign

At present a visiting driver

necessary or because it is neces-

sary to go through red tape to

The proposed- remedy is to

ent annoyances,

A graduated fee to depend dition with little additional cost on the age of the car has been to the owner and much greater proposed as a relief to the saving in nervous strain and posmotorist who keeps his ma-sibly, life. chine several years as a family car. A few dollars each year would be saved by each owner of an old machine. The state, however, would lose a few hundred biles must not be operated in ex-

Inspection Required

The "rambling wreck," a men-the nature of the action but perare to all highway traffic would mitting the careful driver to go be encouraged by such a reduc- on regardless of the speed a tion of leepse fees for the "aged which he is traveling would great and infirm." True, these old vet- ly lessen the problem of making erans bring many dollars to the highway travel safe. garage and parts man but they also have their effect on new car sules. Several eastern states have passed measures to rid the high- speed in excess of which it can be

A state law requiring the in-driver is reckless in the way he spection of all machines for me-is driving is left entirely to the chanical soundness would ban the discretion of the traffic force. living dead from the roads regard- Other provisions concern the conless of the tax put upon them. dition of the machine and general Such action would favor new car courtesy of the road. sales but it would also protect new car owners from the class of drivers who need not worry whe. France Seeks to ther they "lock fenders" with another machine because one more Aid Tourists Who wrinkle would mean nothing to the appearance of their 'buggy."

as a menace to safety by numerous states having thickly populated districts where the rapid that the Chamber of Commerce is movement of traffic is essential. trying to remove some of the pres-Oregon faces a similar problem of traffic movement due to the distances between business centers. Few salesmen in those states must day, with a limit of two months. make a run as from Salem to Al- As few people know exactly how bany or Oregon City or McMinn- long they intend being in France ville without a call. In few cases there is much complaint, either do motor stages make such runs because they have paid more than without terminal stops.

Care of Car Factor Accident records show that the have the license extended. majority of wrecks are not to be driver who must cover the maxi- er per day, payable to the customs chief engineer of the Goodyearmum amount of ground in a short office at the border when the Zeppelin corporation, extensive exgasp at the taxi drivers darting ed odnly for the days he drives number of new factories in hangaround. Few, however, have seen in France and with much less in- ar construction, were prepared. them in accidents for which they convenience. might be blamed. Stages in many parts of the country operate on a schedule calling for an average time between terminals equal to Tacoma, Wash., for Swift and Co., of 6,500,000 cubic feet of helium

The taxis and stages operated Chrysler automobiles in the Unitat these speeds are kept in first ed States. He has driven them class mechanical condition. They exclusively since they were first are inspected each time they go manufactured, and averages 35,to the garage. Brakes must be 000 miles a year. Low cost of working as near perfectly as pos- operation is of first importance to sible and all stearing parts must him, he says. His latest purchase be tight and strong. Private ma- is a new "75" crown sedan.

Special Values

Second Hand

**RADIOS** 

5-tube AC Dayton, Complete ..... \$55.00

power, complete ...... \$65.00

Eliminator, complete ...... \$60.00

All sets in good working condition.

5-tube Gilfillan with Philco socket

7-tube Hamilton, one-dial, with B

#### Winter Sports Attract Drivers To High Roads

Snow in the mountain passes of the Cascades will attract many motorists of Salem today. Mount Hood loop is open as far as Swim and the McKenzie highway to Belknap or Foley Springs. All roads to the coast are in good shape.

Chains are advised on the loop and McKenzie roads as the paving may be icy. Winter sports abound along both these routes. Weather changes would greatly affect driving conditions as well as recreational facilities either toward the coast or mountains.

ing the blame on the reckless "The largest building in the driver and not on the speeder vorld is now being constructed at Akron, Ohio, by the Goodyearthousand dollars much needed for cess of any certain speed. A code of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Zeppelin corporation, a subsidiary making it possible for the traffic ('o.," said Frank Doolittle, Goodyear tire dealer at 294 N. Commercial street.

"This building will be a giant angar," he explained," to house he two largest airships ever assembled and also to be built by the Goodyear company for the nited States navy.

"Ground already has been no car shall be operated at a broken and work is being pushed preparatory to actual erection of stopped within the distance of clear vision ahead. Whether the be the largest hangar ever conthe building which will not only structed but will cover the largest single floor area under one roof in existence, the total size being more than twice that of the Union passenger station concourse in Washington, D. C.

"Actual size of the building will be 200 feet high, 1,175 feet long, and 325 feet wide, large enough to completely cover two buildings the size of the public Bring Own Cars auditorium in Cleveland, one of

tourists bring their cars to France square feet entirely unobstructed, and more than 6,000 tons of steel. 1,300 concrete piles and 7,000 yards of concrete will go into the must pay a Meense of 40 cents a

"As the hangar will be primarwill contain, along each side, extensive shops, storage space, offices, design and drafting rooms, 1928," he said, "disclosed unmiscomprising the production facil-takable and tangible signs of particularly gratifying results in and others, are now using motor sector of the Pan American highities of the plant, the first of its progress, but we must be ever- the field of education. Particu- busses to service communities ly- way, from Laredo, Texas, or Nu- zinc, and sufficient raw linseed to kind in the western hemisphere.

"Under the direction of Dr. blamed on the taxi driver or stage charge a flat rate per horsepow- Karl Arnstein, vice president and time. Few persons standing on a foreign car is driven out. In that perimental work was conducted corner in a large city can help but way the tourist would be charg, before the plans, which include a

wo naval airships which are to be 785 feet in length, 134 feet Robert Poole, representative in in diameter, and with a capacity the maximum speed at which they lays claim t obeing one of the gas. The hangar is to be comchampion distance drivers of pleted sometime in 1929."

#### The Road To The Southland Beckons The Traveler



Tentative route of the proposed Pan American highway, dream of statesmen for half a century. The map above has been prepared from the most authoritative government sources, but the actual determination of the route awaits a field reconnois sance by competent engineers.

#### **Progress Reported in Move** To Reduce Accident Ratio **Problem Still Faces Nation**

headquarters of the American Au- national uniform motor vehicle tomobile association today.

under the signature of Thos. P.

sense of civic responsibility, to bile association, under the chair-

rey of safety activities, Mr. Henry schools. been particularly manifested in that A. A. A. motor clubs had for the attention devoted to the edu- years been carrying on in the cation of all classes in safety prin- schools.

the movement for national traffic stricter penalties meted out by the placed on railroad maps in the expressed in a New Year state- icated driver; and in the wide- motor bus, in the belief of government broadcast from the national spread sentiment in favor of the ment transportation men. code and the municipal traffic or- mission is now considering appli- with the United States, since am-The A. A. A. statement, issued dinance. He continued:

motoring body, coupled a strong trenched at all our cross-roads. lines. note of warning with its recital of The determination to vanquish it Sixty-seven of the important ily a manuafcturing building, it favorable trends and tendencies in should constitute a solemn New railroads of the country, including gram. Dr. Octavio Dubois, chair-Year's resolution for the people of Baltimore and Ohio, the Great man of the National Highway in the United States."

lastingly conscious of the fact larly is this true of the develop-ing off their main line. that the roll call of injuries and ment of safety education in the accidents continues to be an im-schools. The traffic and safety perative ihallenge to our vaunted division of the American Automoour inventive and engineering manship of William E. Metzger of skill and to the educational in- Detroit, completed early in the stitutions which are doing so year a study of the child accident much to make the new generation problem and recommended a course of study in safety in all Summarizing a nation-wide sur- public, private and parochial declared that the cooperative ef- had the effect of consolidating fore so noticeable in 1928 had and extending the safety work

cations of various railroads for ple highways already exist to But the grim challenge still permission to supplement their many points on the Mexican bor Henry, president of the national rides our traffic lanes and is en-rail passenger service with bus

"The twelve months brought Northern Pacific, Pennsylvania ised that much of the Mexican

### **Inter-American Highway Connecting 2 Continents** To Widen Touring Horizon

Lands of Incas and Aztecs Will be Penetrated by Route Progressing Through Central Nations: Segments Now Complete in South

The touring horizon of the American motorist bids fair to be immeasurably widened in the reasonably near future, according to reports of highway progress in Latin America and recent action looking toward the realization of an inter-American highway linking the peoples of the western hemisphere. Already, according to authoritative reports, the county

tries of Central and South planning and speculation the years. first practical steps toward the construction of the age-old dream of a Pan-American highway, stretching from the cold reaches of the north to the tropical lands of South America and beyond again to the temperate zone, are about to be undertaken by responsible governments and organizations.

Difficulties Lessened The physical difficulties, long

held insurmountable, are now by competent engineers, said to be! in certain stretches of highway construction in the United States. nor more forbidding than those overcome by engineers in building the recently completed highway from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, south with tropical vegetation, teem with o Sao Paulo and north to Petroponsiderations are other matters. but they, too, are expected to yield more thickly populated regions of to the influences at work and to he growing sentiment of mutucountries embraced in the Pan American Union. The field reconnaisance, it is

will confine itself for the present WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.— ciples; in the stricter enforcement Optimism regarding the future of of reasonable regulations; in the trunk line rail connections will be Costa Rica, and Panama, because Northern, Southern Pacific, commission of Mexico, has prom-

The Hew BUICK

America are alert to the ad- Mexico, through Mexico City to vantages of highway improved the Guatemalan border, will be ment, and after decades of completed within the next two

Recent investigations by the Confederation discloses the inter-" esting information that many links' in the highway already are in passable condition, which reference to the map will confirm. Many of. the roads listed as "projected" are:.. in fact traversable in dry seasons. of the year, while other stretches actually are under construction at the moment.

Conquistadores Followed With the ultimate completion of the highway, or even with the no greater than those encountered building of certain sections, the lure of the road to the American car owner will be more compelling . than ever before. Many of the regions to be penetrated are rich in multi-colored birds, and offer the olis. The economic and political tourist a diversity of picturesque scenes and experiences which the the north no longer afford.

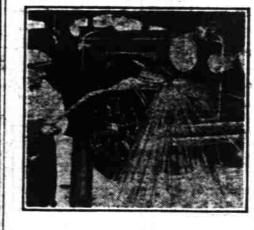
These are the lands of the conality and friendship among the quistadores, the Spanish conquerors, who explored for gold and silver and stayed to found kingdoms for ancient Spain. Columbus. said by confederation officials. first saw them, and Cabot exploried the inland shores of the native rivers.

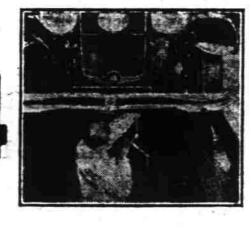
Here, centuries ago, flourished forgotten civilizations, Mayan, an Aztec idol, his votaries long than obstacles to the enterprise of

lead, 30 per cent French white evo Laredo, state of Nuevo Leon, make it flow properly.

## CAR WASHING

## POWER LUBRICATION





Cars Called for and Delivered Open 8,760 Hours Each Year

(That means we never close)

Smith & Watkins



With all makes of cars on display—with the improvements for 1929 a matter of record-it must be plain to everyone that the new Bulck with Masterpiece Bodies by Fisher merits final recognition as the most advanced automobile of the day!

Its arresting new body lines and contours stamp it immediately as the newest and most distinctive motor car style. Its new Valve-in-Head six-cylinder engine is not only the most powerful automobile engine of its size in the world but the leader in getaway, swiftness and stamina as well. Moreover, a host of new luxury factors makes the new Buick the most comfortable automobile to ride in and to drive,

Scores of thousands of buyers have recognized these facts and entered orders for the new Buick during the past five months. And scores of thousands of others are acclai Buick's advanced quality at automobile displays throughout the country.

Every comparison proves the new Buick an outstanding value—as new and unrivaled today as the day it appeared!

Otto J. Wilson

388 N. Commercial

Coupes , \$1195 to \$1875

Sedana , #1220 to #2145

Sport Cars \$1225 to \$1550

These prices f. a. b. Buick Pao-jory. Convenient terms can be arranged on the liberal G. M. A. C. Time Payment Plan.

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT . . . BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

5-tube hand built set, complete .... \$40.00 Square Deal Hardware 44.Jim?? "Bill" 220 N. Com'l. St. Phone 1650

The Station With A Clock

Center and Liberty Sts.