

This Week's Slogan:

Automotive Payrolls in the Salem Metropolitan District More Than \$10,000 Daily

There Are More Than 2000 People Employed in the Various Automotive Industries Here, Supporting About a Fourth of the Population

Only a little over 20 years ago, the automotive industry in its various branches began to make a feeble showing in the industrial life of Salem. There were no automobiles worth mentioning west of New York in 1900, and only a few of the first lumbering taxi type. It has not been more than 20 years ago when all the gasoline and oil delivered in Salem was taken around by one man with a team of old horses.

The slogan pages of The Statesman five years ago made a resume of the automotive industry in Salem. It found 94 individuals and firms in business employing 499 people. In 1925, it found 110 employers and 532 employees. In 1927, 234 employers working 659 people. Its estimate for 1928 was 265 individuals and concerns with 902 workers.

Much Growth Past Year These 905 retail customers of the big gas and oil companies operating branches in Greater Salem territory, including all the automotive agency, sales and parts and repairs concerns, many of which retail oil and gas, it is estimated employ, all told, at least 1500 people. Nearly every service station has at least two men. Some of them have five to 20 or more men. The Smith & Watkins service station, for instance, employs 22 to 25 people, seven days in the week. The Valley Motor company has 60 to 65 people on its payrolls with a wage roll of over \$10,000 a month.

Add to the estimated 1500, the 67 direct employees of the wholesale gas and oil companies; the 185 in the state highway department in its offices and shops, and estimated average of 200 in the license department, 90 from the state wide forces, on an average, doing business in Salem; 15 county highway employees; 50 state employees living here, and 21 drivers of the auto stations serving Salem instead of street cars, and we have a total of 2128—without counting the 45 men working in and around the Salem airport.

If the reader thinks that is high, let's make it 2000 even. Perhaps the average size of the forces in the license department is less than 200 the year through. Perhaps we are not counting as many as 100 from the state wide forces of the highway department, on the average, in Salem. (The whole number runs into the thousands, in busy seasons.)

But, there has not been included in the estimate to make up the 2128 the many men employed by or operate to and from Salem; nor the drivers of trucks for the Valley Packing company, the Willamette Grocery company, the paper mill, and literally scores and hundreds of other concerns employing autos and trucks for commercial purposes and hiring men to drive them.

How do we get the \$10,000 a day in the above headings? Take the 2000 employes (and the real number is much larger) and multiply the number by \$5 a day, and you get \$10,000 a day in wages for people employed in the metropolitan district of Salem. Multiply \$10,000 by 312 working days in the year, and you get a payroll of \$3,120,000. It is that much. It is likely many thousands of dollars more; for many high class mechanics draw more than \$5 a day, and many of the men who operate service stations make more than \$5 a day—and most of

STIMSON ACTS TO PUSH ARMS MEET

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—Secretary Stimson today invited conferences with the diplomatic representatives in Washington of the United States and Great Britain in a seapower limitation conference next January.

His first talk was with Paul Claudel, the French ambassador, and it was indicated there would be conversations later with the Japanese and Italian ambassadors. Neither the secretary of state nor the French diplomat would discuss the meeting. Since the invitations to the conference are to be issued by the British government, there was speculation as to what the subject matter had been.

Salem is the Valley Center of a Large and Fast Growing Automotive Industry

150 STAGES ARE SALEM SCHEDULED

You Can Buy a Ticket by Stage to New York at The Salem Office

The past year has witnessed a big growth of the stage business in and out of Salem. The number has gone from about 100 to about 150; and on some of the schedules two and more cars are often operated, in order to accommodate the crowds.

The lines are the Oregon Stages, the Pickwick and Yellowway and the Hammond. All but the Hammond line are under the ownership or direction of the Securities Transportation company, a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific railroad. The Hammond line operates only between Salem and Mill City, Detroit and Brenton.

The Pickwick and Yellowway lines operate in connection with the Oregon Stages, and make all coast points and connections east, as far as New York City. Two tickets were sold a couple of days ago at the Salem office, all the way by stage, to Pittsburgh.

About 50 of the employees of the stages operating in and out of Salem live in this city.

All Come To One Depot All these stages come to one depot, at the Senator hotel, Court and High streets. The Terminal Hotel, Inc., has its head office at the Senator, and owns and operates under the direction of W. W. Chadwick, president, and W. A. Cummings, secretary, and other hotels are owned and operated as follows: Oregon hotel at Eugene, under the direction of J. F. Reynolds; Terminal hotel at Roseburg, G. McAllister, manager, and Terminal at Medford, W. M. Clemenson, manager. This company is now in charge of the Del Rogue hotel at Grants Pass, also managed by Mr. Clemenson. There is also a stage terminal at Corvallis, connected with a lunch counter and confectionery.

MANY AND VARIED INSIGNIA PAINTED

WASHINGTON (AP)—Many and varied are the insignia which decorate the fuselages of the airplanes of the navy's battle fleet. Some are significant, others are not, but each squadron has its insignia painted on the sides of its planes. They are giant bombers or battle fighters.

Those who cross the equator and are initiated at Father Neptune's court become "shellbacks" and the planes of the airplane carrier Saratoga are no exception. Those which were aboard when the Saratoga crossed the equator have "flying turtles" as their insignia.

Our Automotive Industries

MORE than 2000 people are employed in the automotive industries in their various branches in Salem; or rather in the metropolitan district here. Probably more than 2500. Taking the number at 2000, and \$5 as the average daily wage or earning, that means \$10,000 a day, and for the 312 week days in the year \$3,120,000. And many of the service stations are open 365 days of the year.

With five to the family or dependents of each workman, this means that 10,000 people get their support directly from these industries in and about Salem; extending to the suburbs, out to the various "four corners" of the service stations. And that means about 25 per cent of the population of the metropolitan district, which may be termed Greater Salem.

Highway Business of the State About Twice Size of All the General Business

The Road Funds Will Run Beyond Twelve Millions for This Year, While the General Funds Will Be Around Only Seven Millions

Only a little while ago the people of Oregon were startled by the statement of Tom Kay, state treasurer, that the highway business of the general funds was as large as the general funds. They are due for another thrill when they are told in these lines that the state highway funds are very close to being twice the amount available for the general expenses of the state government.

The estimated fees for automobile licenses for 1929 are \$7,600,000, and for gas taxes \$4,650,000. This is conservative. The footing is \$12,250,000.

But the counties get a fourth of the automobile license money for road purposes. However, other money comes in to swell the state highway funds. Here are some of the items: Interest on daily balances this year to the first of September, \$20,850.

One mill market road tax for 1928 \$1,124,416.46. Post road money from the government, for 1928, \$547,933.91. Contributions in 1928 of county road money, \$285,223.90.

Fines for violations for this year up to September 1, \$12,000. Public service department motor license, this year, up to September 1, \$53,000. Counting all, double Now Of the estimated \$7,600,000 for auto licenses for 1929, one-fourth must go to the counties where the vehicles are owned; in proportion to the receipts in each county.

EDUCATION TOWARD TEMPERANCE URGED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 21 (AP)—Need of more extensive education in the moral, physical and economic benefits of temperance was stressed by President Hoover in a letter of greeting read today to the 55th annual convention of the national Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Hoover's message deplored the burden placed upon law enforcement agencies because of the failure of individuals to grasp the "personal value of temperance in all things."

The president's message, addressed to Mrs. Ella A. Boole, the national W. C. T. U. president, read: "Please present my greetings to the convention of the national Women's Christian Temperance Union. I am daily impressed with the great need for extended work of education in the moral, physical and economic benefits of temperance. Since the adoption of the prohibition amendment, too many people have come to rely wholly upon the strong arm of law to enforce abstinence, forgetting that the cause of temperance has its strong foundations in the conviction of the individual of the personal value to himself of temperance in all things."

100th Birthday Of Mouth Organ Industry Noted

PLAUEM, Saxony (AP)—The German mouth-organ industry can look back upon 100 years of existence. The industry which has its center in Saxony was established by a violin maker named J. W. Glier just a century ago. The production of mouth-organs had reached such proportions that the industry employs some 2,500 workers and yearly exportations run from 45,000,000 to 50,000,000 instruments. From 600,000 to 1,000,000 accordions are also exported.

OLDEST GERMAN VINE LESS OBELUSTADT, Rheinland Palatinat (AP)—The oldest grapevine in Germany is dead. For 400 years it grew on a private estate producing its 75 gallons of wine regularly every year. But, after the past severe winter, no new shoots appeared.

FORMER EMBASSY FOR U. S. IS RAZED

Pleasant Island Population Hard Hit by Leprosy

LONDON, (AP)—Tragedy is stalking through the empty halls of Dorchester House, one of the few remaining bits of American in London. Representative of the state of Edward's era.

It is the tragedy of the house wrecker and the sadness of lavender and old lace rudely disturbed. A hotel is to be erected on the site.

The famous marble balustrades, carried by the pink and white fingers of the loveliest women in the empire in the days when Dorchester House was the American embassy, presided over by Joseph H. Choate and Whitelaw Reid, are smudged with the hands of toiling workmen.

The other day, in a room where Titians, Murillos, Velasques and Tintoretts used to look down on the political dinner parties and the royal receptions which the Whitelaw Reids gave from 1906 until King Edward's death, the hammer of the auctioneer sounded, realizing a few guineas for objects of art which cost thousands.

There scarcely is a family that is not minus at least one member. Two large medical establishments on the island deal with nothing but leprosy.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 21

(AP)—An escaped convict from the Idaho State penitentiary at Boise slashed his throat with a razor in an open field near Cottonwood today and died before a pursuing posse could reach him. Oliver E. Jones, the convict, left the prison farm Tuesday in company with another prisoner.

MILLION DOLLAR JUDGE SUPERIOR, Wis. (AP)

Judge F. S. Parker, who has been on the municipal bench here more than 27 years, has collected more than \$1,000,000 in fines.

King Edward came frequently. When Theodore Roosevelt came over as special ambassador at the time of His Majesty's death, he and Mrs. Roosevelt and three of their children stopped in Dorchester House.

Joseph H. Choate, the immediate predecessor of Mr. Reid, loved to browse through the old books of Dorchester House library. Other browsers included Alfred Austin, Mark Twain, Rudyard Kipling, Andrew Carnegie, William J. Bryan and Alma Tadema.

SPORTS LEAD MINE

DEL MONTE, Cal. (AP)

Several years of trapphooting at the Del Monte gun club has created a "lead mine" whose pay dirt is expected to yield 300 pounds of the metal to the ton. Sifting of the soil promises to produce 75 tons of lead.

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