

TRAFFIC GAINS ON GOOD ROADS

Check Shows Effect of Development

Tourists Demanding Good Highways—Figures on Routes Compiled

Automobile traffic of all kinds is increasing each year in Central Oregon on all roads, but the definiteness with which tourist traffic increases in direct ratio to the amount of improvement made, is shown in the traffic check made by the state highway department in August.

General traffic increases more in proportion to the increase in business and in automobile ownership within the area served by the road, analysis of the traffic check shows, but the completion of improved highways is the immediate signal for an increase in tourist patronage.

In the summer of 1923, when The Dalles-California and Sherman highways were far from completed, the check during a mid-August day showed 22 cars from out of the state passing a point six miles north of Madras, and 20 passing a point one mile south of Redmond.

The Sherman highway was nearing completion in August, 1924, and this state of affairs was reflected in the increase in number of foreign cars which passed these same points, 33 and 20.

Double Use Shown
Last month the Sherman highway was all macadamized and The Dalles-California highway had just been completed except for the bridge at Trail crossing. The figures on August 14 were 44 and 35—just about double what they had been two years before, and a fair representation of the improvement in the roads.

Meanwhile the use of the highway by Oregon cars had more than doubled north of Madras, but had changed little between Bend and Redmond, although such change as there had been was an increase. The figures for the three years on Oregon cars six miles north of Madras were 66, 85 and 135; south of Redmond, 243, 246 and 297. The latter stretch, it will be remembered, was improved prior to 1923.

Travel Figures Vary
Figures on travel south of Bend on The Dalles-California highway are so varied as to reveal that Odell

lake business and other conditions make these figures scarcely indicative of the increase in through travel.

The Central Oregon highway, however, which is practically unimproved, is a good sample of the refusal of tourists in any great number to use such roads. The foreign car traffic showed little increase: 15 in 1923, 18 in 1924 and 21 in 1925. Oregon car travel increased as follows: 261, 320 and 376.

The Ochoco highway, which has been macadamized during the past three years, is an example again of the manner in which tourists will follow the improved roads. The foreign car traffic for the three years increased from only one car in 1923 to 10 west of Prineville and 11 east of that city in 1924, and 42 west of Prineville and 11 to the east in 1925. West of Prineville the use of the road by Oregon cars increased, but to the east it apparently did not, the figures being 174-156, 153-127, 261-185.

Increase Marked
On the Sherman highway one mile south of Moro, tourist travel increased markedly, the figures being 9, 21 and 17 on the days the check was made for the three years. The Oregon cars did not increase so greatly, the check showing 132, 162 and 171.

Use of the highways by trucks is susceptible of no general description. Six miles south of Madras, the check showed six cars in 1923, two in 1924 and 4 in 1925—in other words practically no truck traffic. There is a considerable truck traffic between Bend and Redmond, however, the check one mile south of Redmond showing 18, 57 and 27 for the three years.

On the Sherman highway near Moro, there are also a considerable number of trucks passing daily, the figures being 45, 22 and 31. On the Central Oregon highway east of Bend the trucks numbered 23 in 1923 but only nine in 1924 and eight in 1925 for the one day.

Won on Lucky Chance, Declared by Mitchell

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 11.—"I'm overjoyed, of course. The fliers had one chance in a hundred to be found and luck was with them."

This was the reply of Colonel William Mitchell when asked for an explanation concerning the finding of the navy plane PN-9-1 and its crew. In belaboring the navy air department last week with his charges of incompetency, Colonel Mitchell cited the Shenandoah disaster and the supposed loss of the seaplane as examples of maladministration.

NEWS RELIEVES THE PRESIDENT

No Statement Is to be Made, However

Staying Qualities of Metal Boat Beyond All Hopes, Wilbur Points Out

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—President Coolidge, notified when he arose today of the rescue of the naval seaplane PN-9-1 and its crew of five in Hawaiian waters, was greatly relieved by the news that a tragedy had been averted.

The president is not planning to issue a statement on the subject; following his policy of silence during last week when the Shenandoah smashed and the seaplane disappeared, but his interest in aviation makes the rescue a matter of considerable gratification to him.

Secretary Wilbur was jubilant over the finding of the fliers. "Of course, we are overjoyed by the fact that these gallant officers and crew have been found," he said. "Not only from my own personal standpoint, but for all the department. Reports of value to the service will have a tremendous bearing on future flights of ship."

"I feel that it is too early to say what lessons will be learned from the flight, but it is obvious that the metal boat has staying qualities beyond the hopes of those who built her."

Want Flight Postponed
"Those interested in its development have justified their fondest hopes and expectations by its performance."

Captain Stanford E. Moses, commander of the Pacific-Hawaiian flight project, in a message to Admiral Eberle, chief of naval operations, has requested that the proposed flight of the PB-1 seaplane, third of the trio scheduled to make the 2,400 mile trip, be postponed until weather conditions have cleared on the Pacific. It is indicated that if the flight is made it will be some time after September 21.

The message said that the PB-1 had been able to make a test flight bearing 1,909 gallons of gasoline. This is about 500 gallons more than the PN-9-1 carried.

Miss America Is Chosen But Identity Is Secret

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 11.—Miss America has been chosen, but her identity will not be revealed to a palpitating public until midnight.

The name of the winner of the beauty pageant is written upon a slip of paper concealed in a golden apple and not until all of Atlantic City, including the 15 participants who yesterday survived the semi final judgment is assembled on the "million dollar pier" tonight will the apple betray its Eve.

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Mitchell Court Martial Approved by President

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—President Coolidge approves of the war department's contemplated court martial of Colonel William Mitchell and punishment of that flight officer for insubordination as he is found guilty.

Though the president is withholding judgment on the aircraft controversy presented by Mitchell, it was said at the White House today that the war department while investigating the Mitchell case will take such action as provided for by army laws.

Mail Offering New Clue To Identity of Attacker

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 11.—Agents of the department of justice may take a hand in the hunt for the mysterious masked marauder whose nocturnal operations have terrorized the residential sections here.

The postmaster wrote a letter to a Nashville newspaper today suggesting that for a monetary consideration he might be induced to cease his attacks on women. It will be through this avenue that federal authorities will seek his arrest on charges of misuse of the mails.

Finding Skull May Point To Crime Near Lost Lake

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 11.—Evidence of a possible murder, perhaps committed within the past year, was found by road laborers on the McKenzie pass highway near Lost Lake, according to Coroner Branstetter today.

Smith L. Taylor, forest ranger, notified the coroner that a skull and a pair of overalls were dug up, but that no other portion of the skeleton or no other clothing could be found.

SPEEDING FINE LEVIED
Speeding on the north approach of The Dalles-California highway inside the city limits of Bend cost A. Forem a \$10 fine and \$5.75 costs in Recorder Louis Bennett's court this morning. Sergeant Earl B. Houston of the state traffic squad filed the charge against Forem.

LOCAL COUPLE MARRIED
Dr. Hugo M. Kulstad, local dentist, and Miss Maude Hanson, daughter of Peter J. Hanson, chief of police in Bend, were recently married in Fossil. Dr. and Mrs. Kulstad are making their home in this city.

Trans Pacific Aviators Rescued by Submarine

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PN-9-1 was sighted was longitude 53.30 west, latitude 24 north. This was approximately 15 miles north-west of Nawiliwili, on the island of Kauai.

Drifting nine days, riding out rains and stormy weather which had disheartened the searchers, the seaplane had set a record for durability never before equaled by heavier than air craft.

Condensed Food Used
Condensed food kept the crew alive. But the story of their suffering and near despair remains to be told.

All that was at first known was that Commander Rodgers and the others had come through the ordeal and were in comparatively good health.

When the lookout on the submarine R-4 first sighted the drifting plane, Lieutenant D. R. Osborne, Jr., commanding the submarine, personally ordered full speed ahead, at the same time restraining the wireless operator from flashing the news until certain that the PN-9-1 had been found.

As the R-4 plowed through the sea and neared the crippled aircraft, it was seen that it was, indeed, the trans Pacific plane for which search was under way. Then a brief message was flashed to Honolulu and relayed to the United States and to all naval craft in Hawaiian waters.

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Bend high school to be held in the school gymnasium, which will be the auditorium for the high school this year, was conducted this morning at 11 o'clock. The new teachers were introduced and announcements made. H. H. Dirksen, who will be musical director in the high school this year, led in the singing.
FUNERAL HELD FOR CHILD
MADRAS, Sept. 11.—Funeral services for Chester Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kennedy of Gateway, were held here this morning in the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Francis H. Hall of Bend in charge. Rev. Hall had as his text "These are they who have put on immortality." The little boy died in Bend Wednesday.

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