

General Interest to People of Willamette Valley

1921 Finds Much Cycling Activity Hill-Climbing Records Smashed Wins Prize By Going Up Mount Hood

The field of the two-wheeled sport is unusually crammed with interest this season due to the great activity which has developed in all parts of the country in both bicycle and motorcycle fields. Clubs have been formed, contests conducted at hundreds of points, some private and others have club members while others have been open to the public and have brought contestants from miles away as well as great throngs of spectators. And as the season is hardly well started yet, this may be taken as an indication that the program will be packed full of hot stuff as soon as summer weather becomes a bit more settled and the weather man settles down to be reasonable.

An example of the scale upon which the season has been launched, is the Capistrano Hill Climb recently held in California. The machines were confronted by a grade five hundred feet long and as steep as 76 percent at some portions, the winner of the free-for-all event shot over the top in 16 4-5 seconds and broke all previous records for the hill. Other motorcycle riders did almost as well and provided the spectators with an abundance of thrills as they shot up the grassy, unmanicured hillsides on their rearing, smoking machines. More than 30,000 people came out to watch the races, and lined up the slopes of the hill in crowds.

The first motorcycle vehicle to ascend Mt. Hood this year is a medium-weight motorcycle ridden by Ed Carlson, of Portland, Ore., who plowed deep snow a considerable part of the journey to reach his destination. By this feat he won the handsome trophy that had been put up as prize for the first machine to make the ascent of the mountain each year.

Floyd H. Dreyer, who won the 15-mile sidecar championship last season in the fastest time ever made with such a machine on a dirt track, has gone to Denver on his honeymoon. The wedding took place a few days before he left Ohio, the bride having been Miss Nelle Hoyer. Dreyer plans to remain in Colorado indefinitely, and may take part in several speed events in the mile-high country before returning to the east for the summer.

The bicycle championship of the city of Buffalo was clinched by Ignatius Gronkowski at the recent race meet held at the 74th Regiment armory in that city when he took the deciding points in the final events of the championship series. He won the final heat of the one-mile handicap from scratch, after breaking his own three-fourths mile record in a preliminary heat, which he won by covering the distance in one minute 35 1-5 seconds.

Sidecar races have come to be regarded as the most interesting and thrilling events on the card at motorcycle race meets, due to the high speed and spectacular action made possible by the improved construction of the machine. The better types of sidecars are now made so that they can be steered around the turns without skidding or slowing down, the motorcycle to which the sidecar is attached leaning toward the pole like a bicycle rider turning a curve, and this style of riding has proved very popular with the fans. The possibilities of this class of speed work are shown by the fact that Ernest Price, who won the two-mile sidecar championship at Roadville, Mass., last year, made an average speed of 65 miles per hour in that event, and had also set a mark of ten miles in nine minutes, ten seconds at Cleveland, when using a sidecar outfit using the same flexible construction in its chassis and a torpedo shape speedster body.

As a result of this great popularity of sidecar sport, race promoters are planning to make such contests the feature of their programs this summer, and promise to display a succession of thrill producers that has never been equalled on the dirt-track circuits.

Motorcycle enthusiasts are interested by the appearance of a new make of motorcycle in which is incorporated a four-cylinder air-cooled motor containing many interesting features. It is produced in an eastern city and is said to be unusually quiet and vibrationless in operation.

As an example of the efficiency with which motorcycles and sidecars have aided police forces in coping with the crime situation, is the record made by the police departments of Detroit and vicinity in adopting motor equipment. More than 100 motorcycle outfits have been put into use for police purposes in that locality, and the results have proved so good that officials state that it would be put out of the question to meet the real needs of the service in any other way.

Truck Men Will Meet On Water

Horses Are Coming In to Use Again on Short Hauls; Trucking to Be Discussed

Detroit, Mich., June 4.—Questions of interest to the trucking industry will be discussed during the "all-water" convention of the National Team and Motor Truck Owners' association, to be held here on Lake Huron June 13-16. The 600 delegates from all parts of the country who are expected to attend the convention will leave here on a lake steamer on June 13 en route to Mackinac Island, and return to Detroit by water on the final day of the meeting. The delegates will not leave the ship during the cruise, all business sessions being held on board. This is said to be the first time in the history of the Great Lakes that a national convention has been held on shipboard.

The truck horse will have a inning during the convention according to F. L. Henk, of Detroit,

secretary of the organization. The advisability of using the horse for trucking purposes when short hauls in cities are desired will be pointed out, it is said. According to Mr. Henk, truck owners, in all parts of the country see returning to horses for short hauls, having found them more economical than motor trucks. The motor trucks are found more advantageous for hauls between cities and for long hauls within large municipalities. Mr. Henk pointed out. Trucking men in Chicago and other cities are depending more each year on horses for short hauls, according to figures obtained by the secretary.

Legislation and means of expanding the truck business, generally also will be discussed during the convention.

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A STARTING AND LIGHTING BATTERY FOR EVERY MODEL OF AUTOMOBILE

The recent war with Germany brought into prominence many industries that heretofore, though of vast proportions, were more or less familiar only to those directly interested in them or their products. One of these industries was that of storage battery manufacture. Storage batteries were used by the United States army and navy in a vast number of important situations and many of the most telling instruments of modern warfare on both land and sea could not have been operated so dependably and efficiently had not the storage battery been developed to its present high state of perfection.

Mr. R. R. D. Barton of the local "Exide" service station, in dilating upon the progress made in storage battery manufacture during the last quarter century, remarked "that the importance of the battery in warfare, large as it is, is small compared to its necessity to industrial life. As an instance of the detailed attention given to this product," said he, "The Electric Storage Battery company, the largest manufacturer of storage batteries in the world, is today making a starting and lighting battery that is designed and manufactured in enough varying models to perfectly suit the demands of every type of automobile. In other words, the engineers in back of this battery have studied the automobile, not as an abstract proposition, but in the minutest detail, and have evolved certain batteries to successfully meet the specific conditions of each automobile manufactured in this country today. Thirty years ago the manufacture of any really practical storage battery was scoffed at by electrical engineers. Less than a decade ago the application of self-starting and lighting to the automobile was nothing more than a dream of a few optimists.

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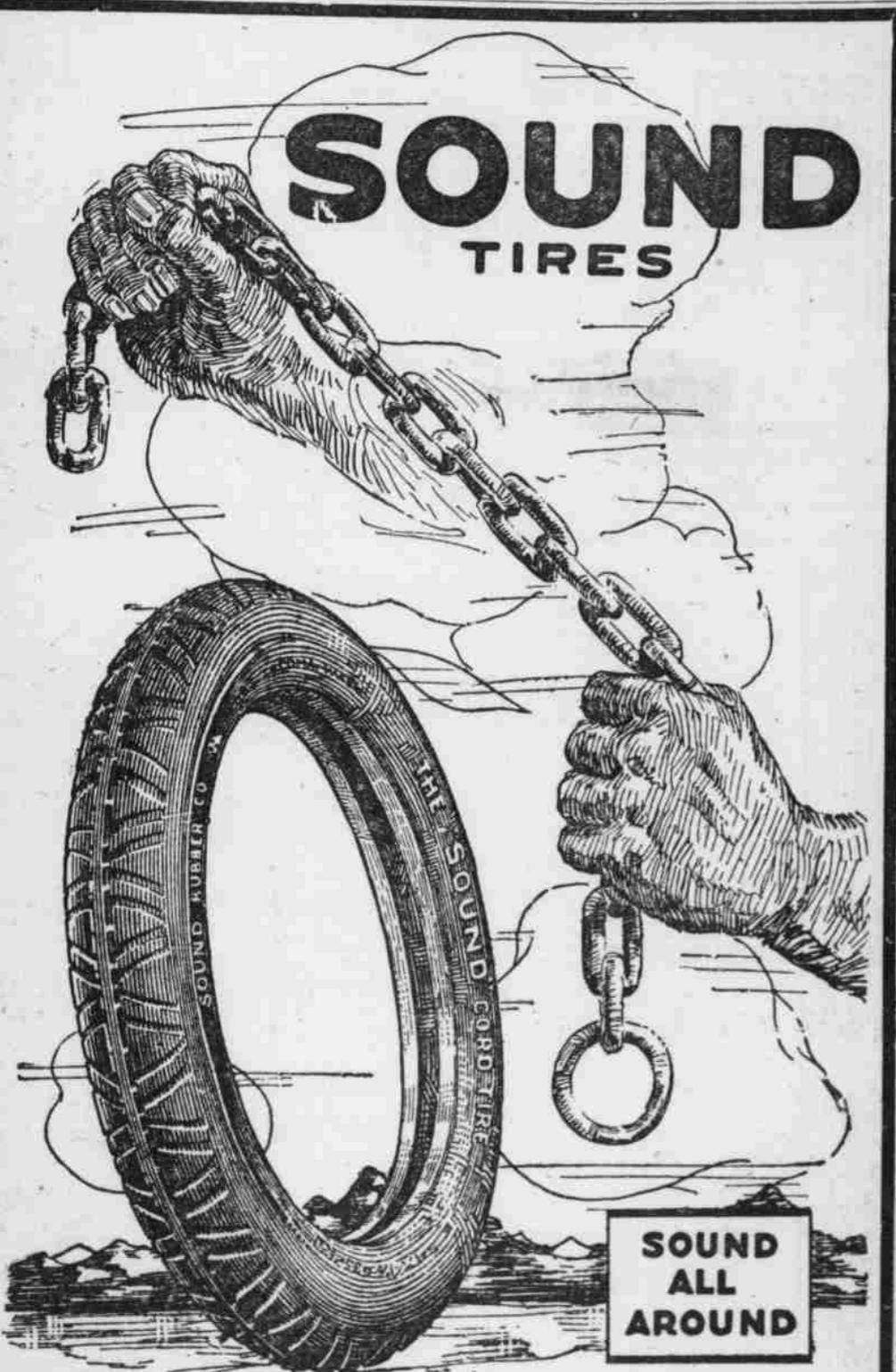
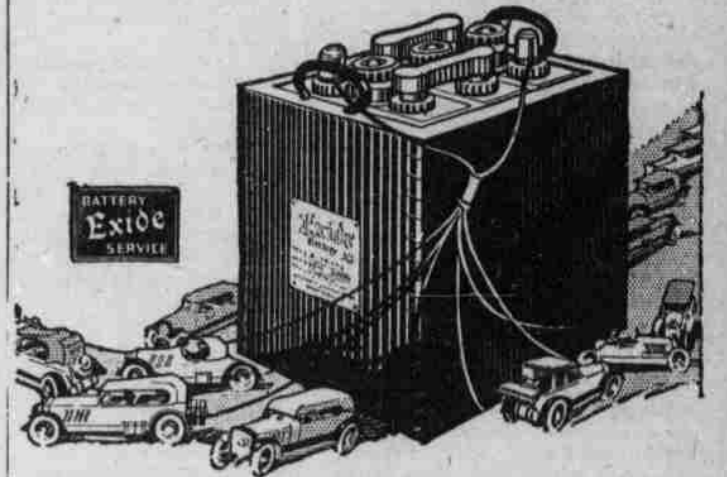
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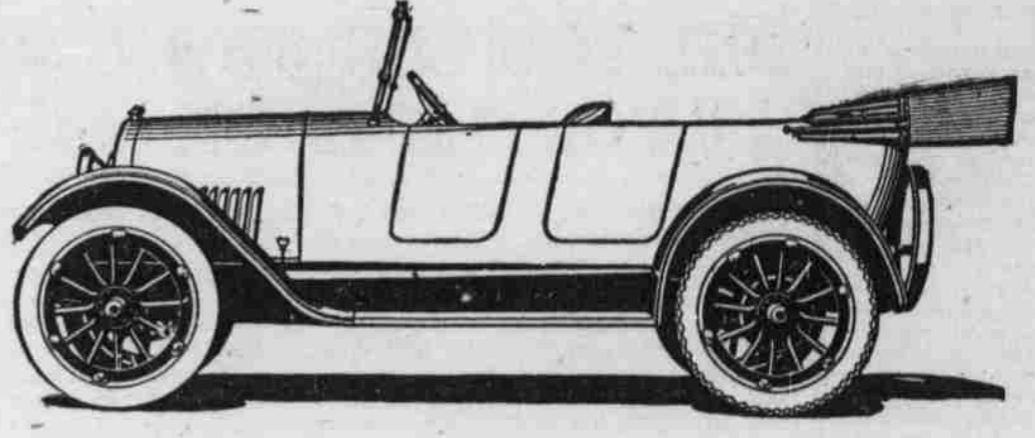
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