

General Interest to People of Willamette Valley

Trollibus New Mode Of Travel

Trackless Street Cars Coming Into Use In Richmond With Good Results

Relief seems in sight for the suburbanite doomed to a mile hike in order to reach the street car that is to take him to the office, for now comes the trollibus which promises speedy extension of the nation's street car facilities.

Emerging from the experimental stage this new mode of travel is the general use in at least one large city. In fact Richmond, Virginia, has had a number of trollibuses in operation for some time and, according to the Firestone Ship-By-Track bureau, the new vehicles are a much less expensive method of transportation than a street car system.

In appearance the new busses are somewhat similar to the one-man street cars used in the smaller cities. They are operated on the pre-payment plan, with mechanical floor control. Other working features are the dead man's handle, emergency rear door and powerful railway motor. Except that the car gains its power from overhead trolley lines, it is operated in all respects like a big motor bus. It may be guided in and out of the traffic and brought to a stop at the curb.

The trollibuses now in use will seat thirty and take fifteen standees, says the Firestone bulletin. The seats being roomy and comfortable and upholstered. No advertising is carried within or without the car and it has the overhead ventilation system. The exit steps are within the doors.

Wheels are of the cushion type and although it has not as yet been definitely decided whether cushion tires will be the permanent equipment, present indications point to the fact that they will be. According to Firestone motor bus experts the cushion tire is peculiarly adaptable to the new cars on account of their combined advantages of cushioning, traction, protection against skid or spin and ability to carry heavy loads without trouble.

California Is Greatest Hop State Is Claim

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—Despite the fact that prohibition was supposed to put an end to the chief use of hops, California hop ranches, which have the highest yield of any in the world, last year produced about 21,000,000 pounds of hops, which sold for approximately \$5,000,000.

This was revealed in a statement here by E. Clemens Horst, hop and barley expert, who has been studying the industry.

"California is the greatest hop-producing state of the Union in point of tonnage and the greatest in the world in average harvest per acre and modern methods of culture," said Horst.

To Have "Punkin" Show. Junction City, Or., Aug. 6.—The "Punkin Show," which has been discontinued since 1917, will be held this year under the auspices of the Junction City Community club, September 22, 23, 24.

Every city has one newspaper which, by universal consent, is the Want-Ad medium of the community. In Salem it's The Capital Journal.

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Newspaper of 1868 Reveals Early Days

An old cedar chest, built at least as long ago as 1868, by John F. Walker, pioneer of the Cottage Grove country, served to preserve interesting incidents of life in Oregon and the nation by means of a copy of The American Unionist, (Salem, Oregon), which was pasted to the inside of the cover says the Cottage Grove correspondent of the Portland Oregonian.

The Cottage Grove Bohemia Mining district is referred to as having produced a large silver brick out of ore running high in metal. Grant & Colfax carried an advertisement offering to tan the hides of members of the democratic party, General Robert E. Lee being given as a reference as to quality of work.

Familiar Oregon names are those of Mitchell, Dolph and Smith Salem attorneys; B. Herman, Oakland attorney; J. C. Powell, Albany attorney; R. Williams, Salem attorney; Robert Booth and J. W. Kuykendall, who were attending the Oregon Methodist conference, and Honorable J. W. Nesmith.

Woman Collects Beer Debt. A woman running a bar had just collected a lager beer debt and one advertisement elaborated upon the quality of whiskeys, wines, etc., sold by the advertiser. Members of the Ku Klux Klan were referred to as a bunch of villains and cutthroats, a bill had been introduced in the Georgia legislature exempting one-legged and one-armed men from taxation, and it was stated that the act of congress granting eight hours to railway employees did not mean ten hours' pay for the eight hours. Farragut had just arrived at Constantinople and Indians were causing considerable trouble.

No editors or publishers of the paper were given, but J. W. Pettit Huntington, assignee, states that William Morgan has no authority to collect any account, indicating that newspapers 60 years ago did not find the ways very thoroughly greased. It is stated that "remittances may be made by mail at risk of publisher if made in presence of postmaster." Evidently checks and money orders were not in common use.

Press Trouble Delays Paper. An item states that the paper has been delayed in publication because of press trouble, probably accounting for the fact that on one side a circus about to arrive is highly praised, while another page

Probe Method For Shipment Broccoli Crop

The importance of Oregon's broccoli industry is making itself felt and government officials are making plans to investigate the best methods of shipping. There has been some trouble with the broccoli jackets yellowing before they reach the market when they have to be shipped long distances.

George K. Link of the bureau of plant industry and C. W. Mann of the bureau of markets have conferred with the management of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association regarding investigation of present methods of shipment and it is probable that the government will cooperate with the association in this winter's shipments to determine methods which will eliminate the present difficulties.

The broccoli would be carefully inspected before and after shipment, according to plans, and it is probable that men will accompany the cars going east to learn the exact condition of the vegetable along the way.

With the increasing importance of the broccoli industry in Oregon, assistance of this nature from the department of agriculture will be greatly appreciated by the broccoli growers of the state.

Last season the Oregon Growers shipped 60 cars of broccoli from different points in Oregon.

Smith Brothers Go To Portland For Cycle Races

Reuel J. Smith and Hiram T. Smith left today for Portland where they will enter the sidecar events at the two days' racing program staged by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Rose City Speedway Saturday and Sunday. Relph Hepburn, who won the 300-mile Dodge City race on July 4 will be present for the races.

A number of motorcyclists are coming through from Eugene and other southern points on their way to Portland. Among the Eugene men is Bill Davis, western coast champion sidecar rider, who recently won a title on the Eugene track.

Lumber Yards Resume Operation

Portland, Or., Aug. 5.—Many lumber mills in the northwest, which closed as a result of congestion of the yards, owing to the inability to ship lumber during the seamen's strike are now contemplating resuming operations, according to Chester J. Hogue, acting secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Mr. Hogue said the resumption of shipments since the close of the strike is relieving congestion in large measure.

He declared the situation in the lumber industry in the northwest is improving rapidly and that the mills of this section will be kept fairly busy filling orders for coastal and inter-coastal business for the next few months.

Peoria Detour Good. Harrisburg, Or., Aug. 5.—Tourists report that the Peoria detour along the highway is in good shape though being freshly gravelled and that the new grade between Halsey and Shedd is being badly cut up by heavy traffic.

Bandits Make Two Big Hauls

Hackensack, N. J., Aug. 6.—The county prosecutors office was notified today that six armed bandits had held up the paymaster of the Barrett Manufacturing company at Shadydale about eleven o'clock and escaped with a payroll of from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

The paymaster, accompanied by an armed guard of five men, was traveling in an automobile when the holdup occurred.

Greenville, Ill., Aug. 5.—Two bandits who boarded a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train at Beecher City at 9:30 o'clock last night, held up the express messenger and escaped at Altamont, five miles south of Beecher City, with all the sealed express packages. It is believed the packages contained approximately \$50,000.

Three hundred and ninety homestead have been filed in Alaska.

Wage Reduction Pottery Workers

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 6.—A wage reduction of 19 percent—ten percent of which is effective immediately and nine percent in January—was accepted today by the National Brotherhood of Pottery Operatives at a conference with the United States Pottery association.

Third Rail Fatal To Fleeing Girl

New York, Aug. 6.—A moment after being dragged from the path-

of a subway express train as she fled from a taxicab chauffeur, Miss Katherine Hogan, 24, was electrocuted by the third rail in Brooklyn today. The chauffeur was arrested on a homicide charge. Miss Hogan and two girl companions said the chauffeur had offered to carry them from Manhattan free and then attempted to collect \$2.70 and the girls ran down the subway stairs. Miss Hogan and one of the others leaped on the tracks but were pursued by subway employes and dragged to safety between two pillars as an express sped past. As she attempted to climb back upon the platform Miss Hogan fell on the deadly third rail.

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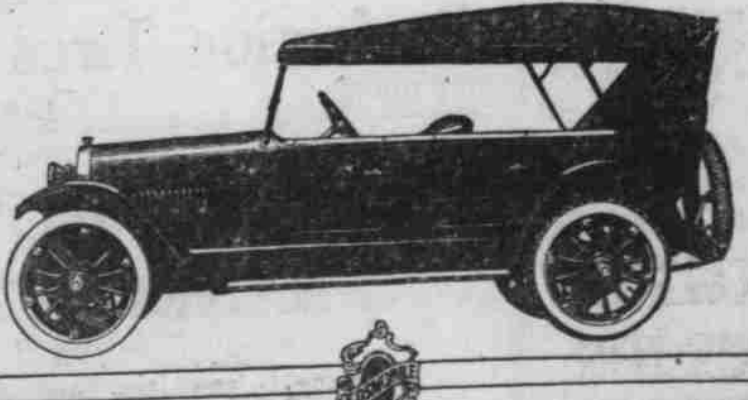
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