

COAST TOURNEY TO BE STAGED IN 1926, SAYS COACH

"You bet we will," was the reply made yesterday by Guy Rathbun, athletic director at Willamette university, when asked whether or not an attempt would be made next year to stage a Pacific coast high school basketball tournament in Salem.

"Next year we'll go at it in a little different way," said Rathbun. "We'll see to it that the coast tournament comes just a week after the state tournaments in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Then the state champions will have plenty of time to meet at Salem and still get away for the national still at Chicago if they care to do so."

Rathbun expressed the belief that no other college on the Pacific coast will succeed in "butting in" and staging a coast meet in its own gymnasium. "I believe the only schools at all likely to try it would be the University of Washington and University of California," he said, "and each of them would be afraid to try it because such an effort would immediately be opposed by the other."

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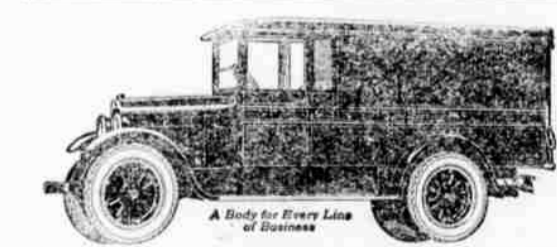
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NEW SCHOOL AT DETROIT READY FOR OCCUPANCY

Mill City, Or., March 21.—The new school house at Detroit which has been in course of construction for several months has been finished and will be occupied by the students within a couple of days. The building is completely modern and is a credit to the town. The cost was approximately \$3500. Davis & Flatman, contractors of Mill City, doing the work. The same firm is now starting construction on a new residence for Mrs. W. A. Hoover at Detroit. With the completion of the new highway into Detroit this summer, making it an ideal location for a summer resort, a building boom is looked forward to.



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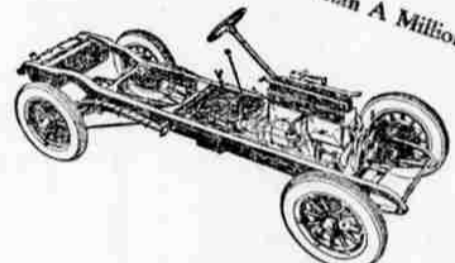
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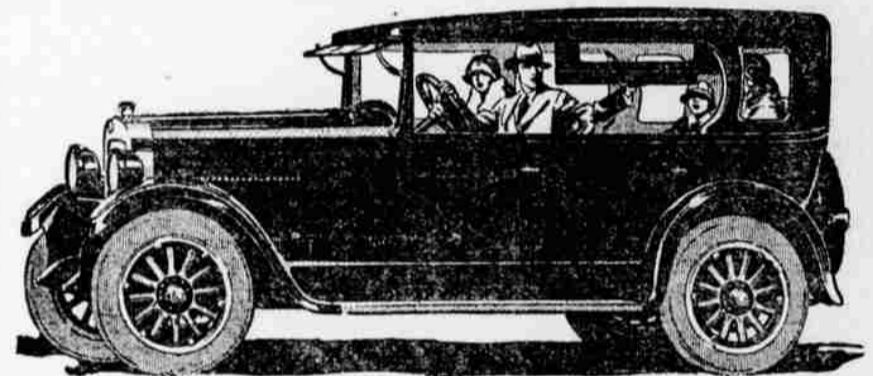
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