

# ON AFFAIRS BRIEFLY TOLD

talk politics, religion or the Nations, but three times a week to eat—hence sound conditions which encourage employment are basis of this nation.

street car wage agreement for one year, except mechanic a small raise.

summer and Puyallup can-Willamette Valley field of small fruits. Cannery structures of fruit products cannot pay over ten cents, a small fruits.

to get street car extension docks.

projects to get \$170,000 irrigation project; \$289,000 Klamath irrigation project; Crater Lake; \$6900 for fish hatchery.

are being taken from the farm work.

and, common labor on high- has been raised fifty cents to \$5.00 a day, and at Sa- are protesting at more on account of high cost

reports 70 per cent short in Baker county.

tax amendment to constitu- in ballot in November.

—New Eastern Lumber bearing completion here.

—Deer lumber shipments, men's strikes in east.

—New Old Fellows tem- led here to cost \$500,000.

let for new Masonic home

Grove.

—\$21,401.75 contract let for concrete sidewalks.

—43 acres berries to be

run in Columbia River ex- heavy.

Grove—Petition filed for county election to vote on road bonds.

—White City road being

Work on Warm Springs ir-

rigation project nearly completed.

Stanfield—Road work begins in west end of county.

La Grande—Union county survey- ing for road improvements.

Roseburg—Two contracts let for street paving.

Plans under way to irrigate all lands adjacent to Grants Pass includ- ing Jerome Prairie.

Baker—Road work progressing throughout Baker county.

Paving of road between Warrenton and Flavel resumed.

Myrtle Point—Extensive improve- ments to be made on local cannery.

Albany—200 acre farm sells for \$25,000.

Grants Pass—Packing plant to be built.

La Grande—10 miles logging rail- road under construction.

Gresham has many new cement side- walks.

## "Easter Riding" in Bohemia.

In various parts of Bohemia, now the principal state of the new Czecho- Slovak republic, a curious old custom prevails, that of "Easter riding." On each Easter day, at four o'clock in the morning, the riders assemble, dressed in black and carrying crosses, flags and other emblems. From Schonwald they proceed on a three-hours' ride to Kulu, where they attend service. The priest, after a sermon wherein he refers to the horse as a symbol of power, bestows his benediction on the ani- mals and their riders. This done, the riders visit the neighboring castles, where they receive hospitality, subse- quently making their way homeward, escorted by a band and a large crowd. The origin of this curious custom is lost in the mists of antiquity.

## China's Tea Industry.

Indications are that the Chinese government intends to make every effort to encourage the tea industry in that country and to increase China's tea trade with foreign countries. and the Peking cabinet recently decided to establish a tea bureau under the minis- try of agriculture and commerce. It is stated that the tea industry of China is not keeping pace with the world's increasing consumption of tea, and while China is still holding its trade in the finer qualities, India and Ceylon have practically captured the market from China as to the common black

# BERRY GOES JOY-RIDING

"If I can have your attention for just a few minutes, I will explain in a non-technical manner terms used by the general public, referring to the different parts of an automobile. That's how U. G. Berry of the Auto Utilities Company, started on what he called A Technical Joy-Ride in a Maxwell.

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Next, we follow the car to a sandy road; the ruts are very deep. We turn the curve with ease and if we wish to release our hold on the steer- ing wheel, the front wheels will stay in their paths. The wheels do not turn off the road when they come in contact with ruts or road obstruc- tions, as the car ahead does. We have absolute control, ease and com- fort—no fatigue. "That's the irre- versible steering gear."

Now we stop to look over the beau- tiful scenery, or have lunch at the farm house. On returning to the car we step in, press the button and we are ready to start. With the gears in first speed we gradually let the clutch in, and, with the velvet getaway of a passenger train, we start on our trip—no jerking, no clutch grabbing. That is a sure sign of the "Cone clutch run- ning in oil."

Next, we start to climb a hill. With ease we pass the summit, no jerking, no changing gears, no waste of gaso- line or tires. They're built to do it. "That's the hot spot and rains horn manifold."

We also note there is no heat com- ing off the motor to mar the pleas- ures of our trip; no stopping to fill up with water or to let the engine cool off. "There's a reason." "It's the thermo syphon cooling system."

We drive along an even stretch of concrete road, out in the country—no danger, or sheriff—so we "step on it" and the response is surprising. It speeds on until objects blur before our vision. That surely was a thriller! But stop and think the reason why. Of course you know it is "power."

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