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A TILLAMOOK-SEASIDE TRIP

Much has been said regarding the Tillamook-Seaside road and much will be said in the future about this road, which must eventually become one of the popular roads leading out of the county.

Last Saturday morning through the kindness of L. M. Kraner the Courier editor and his wife joined Mr. and Mrs. Kraner and Arba Stiverson for a trip from Cloverdale to Seaside and Astoria. The day was ideal for autoing and as the party were in their happiest mood the trip was one so full of delight that it will always be remembered as one of the most enjoyable excursions any of the party has ever had.

The party seated in Mr. Kraner's Paige 36 left Cloverdale at 9:30, arriving at a point about 15 miles north of Tillamook in just the right time to enjoy a picnic dinner. After passing out of Tillamook county the road was a new one to every member of the party. There are but few residences along this road and it was somewhat of a novelty to ride nearly thirty miles in almost a wilderness.

Seaside was reached shortly after 6 o'clock, where a short stop was made and then the party journeyed to Astoria, where a regatta was supposed to be held, but instead of the town being decorated in gala attire it much resembled a town where the public moving van had been spilled over the main points of interest. The main street was so badly torn up that it was almost impossible to get anywhere. Why a city should attempt a celebration when so badly disrupted as Astoria was at this particular time, is

conjectural.

One night and a part of Sunday morning was enough of Astoria for the party, and then a trip was made to Seaside. The party was increased one, as the editor's son, who is employed at Astoria, joined the party and remained with them until Sunday evening.

When the party reached Seaside on the going trip the little clock on the machine told us that we had traveled 82 miles and as the clock continued to register, the distance from Cloverdale to Astoria was indicated to be 102 miles.

Monday morning the party started for home about 10 o'clock with some anticipation that the road might not be so good on the return trip as it was on the road over, for there had been considerable rain falling in the meantime. Some parts of the road through the woods was fair, some places bad and in some spots worse than bad. Several places were found where autoists had used all sorts of chunks of wood and pries to get their machines out of the mud and rut holes. In one or two places the car got in too deep and took a little careful manipulating to land it on solid ground.

One of the extraordinary experiences had by the party was when nearing the Tillamook county line. Mr. Kraner had walked ahead probably 50 feet to inspect a bad spot in the road when he heard a crackling noise of a tree ready to fall. Looking up he discovered a tree leaning across the road that was splitting and liable to fall at any moment. Meditation as to whether to chance dashing under it with the machine occupied his attention for a few moments but believing in the motto of "safety first" he decided that it was too

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risky and we simply had to wait five minutes for a tree to fall absolutely across the road in front of the auto. Fortunately there were a gentlemanly lot of timber fellers in calling distance, and with a good, sharp crosscut saw the log was cut off and with a team soon gotten out of the roadway. This delayed the party something over an hour, but such experiences only help to make the trip more memorable. Tillamook was reached at just at a time between daylight and dark and after the party had responded to the services rendered at M. Oleson's eating house the trip to Cloverdale was made.

Notwithstanding the fact that there were some trying experiences for the automobile the trip was made without a mishap, not even a sparkplug needed cleaning, nor a puncture or a blowout had, and the engine never refused once to respond when required.

There were some amusing features of the trip. While at Seaside Arba, who was official chauffeur, was slowly driving along a graveled spot near the Hotel Moore and having practically stopped the car to let a big, fat lady, who was

there for health, pass in front of him, she with the surplus avoirdupois shouted to the driver "haint you got no horn?" After the lady had seen the ridiculousness of her remarks and the funny side of the situation she sat down on the sidewalk and we could hear her laugh until the next corner was reached. To tell all the many pleasing instances would take up too much space, even the inquisitiveness of the editor's wife was at times exceedingly laughable.

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