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DEALER WRITES OF RECENT TRIP EAST

W. R. Irwin Describes Visit To Great Willys-Overland Convention at Toledo.

W. R. Irwin, Willys-Overland dealer in this city, who was one of the 5,000 dealers visiting the great Toledo plant in connection with the immense convention which was held there, recounts his experiences in this entertaining letter to the editor:

Some action!
Nothing was ever so impressive as our tour of the great plant that turns out Willys-Overland cars.

Our pullmans all parked in the company's yards. There was room enough, for there are seven and three quarters miles of track within the plant.

Each man got a card containing a picture of Mr. Willys and an autographed message of welcome from him. Next thing I knew we were up on the steps of the stunning new administration building getting photographed.

Elevators shot up to the company's own restaurant on the sixth floor. There we had a corking breakfast. At each plate was a copy of the live Willys-Overland house organ "The Starter." It mapped our day's program.

Then started our tour of the plant. Our guides were carefully picked men. They knew the plant from end to end, and the parties were small so that each member of the party could have his questions answered.

Nobody ought to try to sell Willys-Overland without knowing this plant. You can't grip the immensity of the proposition till you do.

It is no piker business. \$25,000,000 are tied up in land, buildings and machinery, not to say a word about the stock of parts and raw material.

From the roof of the wonderful administration building, which stands out like a state capital, you get a panorama of the plant. You can then readily believe that it occupies 103 acres, with 4,486,680 square feet of floor space in daily use and a production capacity of 1000 cars per day.

You can appreciate the growth from 250 employes in 1908 to 17,300 in 1916.

1,000 persons, more than the entire manufacturing force of many a company, work in the administration building alone. This structure, 375 feet long, has every facility for rapid work, including dictaphones, its own telegraph and telephone system and a mail handling department that does about everything but write the letters.

388 persons can be fed in the restaurant at one time.

But this is nothing to what one hits when you cross into the shops. It is a whirl of action, yet all is system.

Parts by the untold thousands are here, with a value into the millions of dollars. There are lines of motors I never saw so many crank shafts together. Our guide said 6,000—I'd have believed 60,000.

There is stock in bins, stock in yards, stock along the walls, connecting rods, frames, fenders, mudguards, hoods, rims springs, axles, torsion tubes, transmission gear, shafts, brake parts, steering rods, pedals—it is an unending procession.

Every thirty days sees an average of 1000 tons of steel come in. It is handled by a magnetic crane that enables two men to do a work that formerly required thirty.

There are amazing machines.

The toggle press, for example, held us all. This monster with its pressure of 1000 tons, shapes cold steel like cardboard. A piece of metal fed to it comes out as a side frame. It can make 2000 of these in an eight hour day.

Other machines stamp out radiator shells, fenders, cowl dashes and doors.

You take off your hat to the drop forging machines. Down comes the hammer, and the fiery piece of iron is beaten into shape. The complete drop forging of the front can be accomplished with one heat.

Every kind of part requiring strength was dropforged while we looked on, axles, crank shafts, brake assembly rods, brake and control rods, spring shackles, gear blanks and brake rod sectors.

We saw the company's accurate system of die making. It calls for a special workman on each detail. One works on the shaper, another on the plane and a third on die sinking.

The multiple spindle drill in one operation drills all the holes in the front axle. This is a guarantee that

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fagan

The Fagans will begin series of evangelistic meetings at the Christian Church next Sunday, December 31.



HEPPNER HIGH DEFEATS LEXINGTON HIGH 26-11

10 to 4 and 26 to 11 were the scores marked on the score card last Friday evening when the Lexington high school girls' and boys' basketball teams played Heppner high aggregations. The first score was the result of the girls' game and Lexington claimed the long end. The visitors outplayed the local girls in nearly every department and their team work and accuracy in shooting baskets were responsible for their victory.

Heppner carried away the big end of the score in the boys' game and showed much improvement since the game with Ione two weeks ago. Barratt took the center position, Hughes, the first string man, being on the sick list. Nickolson and Crawford, at forward showed up to good advantage and Peterson and Brown, at guard, held the Lexington forwards down to only a few baskets.

For Lexington, Johnson, at forward played the stellar role and to him can be credited the lion's share of the visitor's points.

Karl Beach of Lexington refereed and Wm. O'Rourke of Heppner umpired the boys game. David Wilson acted as umpire for the girls and Mr. Beach refereed.

After the games the visitors were guests of the local high school at an informal reception at the high school building.

Born—Thursday morning to Dr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Purkey, an eight pound daughter. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Harry Archer is recovering from the effects of a large carbuncle which had adorned the back of his neck for some time.

BOARDMAN.

The Christmas tree in the school house was a marked success. Mrs. S. H. Boardman and Mrs. O. H. Warner had prepared a very nice program and had the school house very prettily decorated. There were 32 present and there was a treat for everyone.

Mrs. O. A. Paine went to Pendleton Sunday to visit over the holidays.

E. W. Mack came over from Hermiston Sunday.

Gladys and Elden Paine went to Pendleton Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps.

J. C. Ballenger and wife go to Wasco Thursday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Ballenger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Murchie.

O. H. Warner is moving his barn and house on his tots near his new livery barn and will soon be comfortably located.

Church of Christ.

M. Howard Fagan and wife will open evangelistic services at the Christian church Sunday.

Mr. Fagan will preach at the morning hour. In the evening his subject will be: "If Jesus Christ is not the Son of God, who is he?"

Those who have doubts on this subject are especially invited to be present.

These meetings will continue for some time. If you attend you will be both pleased and profited.

FOR SALE—About 600 tons of alfalfa hay, 2000 sacks of barley. Feed lots and mangers ready to feed beef cattle. Ranch 13 miles south west of Echo. C. P. Bowman, Echo, Ore.

4,500 STUDENTS AT U.O. IS LIKELY IN 1926

Average Annual Rate of Increase Has Been 16 Per Cent For The Last 12 Years.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 25.—If the University of Oregon grows for the next ten years at the average rate of the last twelve years its enrollment for the college year of 1926-27 will be 4,500.

The average rate of annual increase in the residence registration at Eugene for the last twelve years has been 16 per cent.

This average increase has been experienced in spite of the loss of an engineering school, which however, only temporarily retarded the rate of growth.

The increase this year over the corresponding date last year is 18 per cent. The percentage of increase has been larger during the later portion than during the earlier portion of the twelve year period. No reason is seen at the University why the percentage should get any smaller for the next ten years.

An attendance of 4500 would give the University of Oregon an enrollment equivalent to the present enrollments of such well-known American institutions as Ohio State University, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, Syracuse University and Northwestern University of Evanston. Only a few American universities have now a larger enrollment.

Non-residence enrollments have been growing much more rapidly than merely 16 per cent per annum.

The correspondence-study enrollment is now 675, an increase of 150 per cent in two years. The extension class enrollment is now 1694, an increase of about 333 per cent in two years. The estimated attendance at extension lectures for this college year is 74,000, an increase of about 20 per cent.

Increase in the class room facilities of Deady hall, the original building on the campus; construction of Johnson hall, the new administration and classroom building; of the architecture building; and of the new education building, have made it possible to provide room for the added students. To meet the continued increase, however, a continued building program will be necessary.

GRAND LEAP YEAR BALL
Opera House Heppner
DECEMBER 30th
Bowlers Orchestra
Tickets \$1.00
Dancers Only Allowed on Lower Floor

IONE BREVITIES

The Ione High School and grades had an enjoyable time on last Friday afternoon and evening, when they celebrated the Christmas season. In the different grades gifts had been prepared for all and there was much pleasure manifest on the part of the youngsters in giving and receiving. An entertainment was prepared for the evening, in which many of the pupils took part; some interesting films were run and this was followed by a basket social. The baskets were sold to the highest and best bidder and they all brought good prices. The money raised at this entertainment was a goodly sum and goes to help pay for the new piano recently installed in the auditorium.

Locus Chapter O.E.S., of Ione held their election on Tuesday of last week and chose the following officers for the ensuing year. Ruth Mason, Worthy Matron; T. B. Buffington, Worthy Patron; Grace Chick, Conductress; Ida Moore, Associate Conductress; F. L. Christenson, Treasurer and Cytha Walker, Secretary. These, together with the appointive officers, will be installed at the regular meeting of the Chapter, the second Tuesday of January.

The marriage of Dr. Albert Hennig to Miss Jessie Miller was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miller, in Ione on Christmas day. Rev. J. L. Jones, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated. The young people departed for Portland Wednesday morning on their honeymoon, and they may decide to locate somewhere in that vicinity. The best wishes of their numerous friends here go with them.

Ione Lodge No. 120, Masons, held their annual election of officers on last Wednesday evening when the following were chosen: W. T. McNabb, Worshipful Master; T. B. Buffington, Senior Warden; W. H. Cronk, Junior Warden; O. B. Barlow, Secretary, C. C. Chick, Treasurer and A. E. Johnson, Trustee. These with the appointive officers, were regularly installed at the meeting of the Lodge on last evening.

Milt and Tom Downing were passengers for Hood River on Wednesday. The former returning to his home there and the latter going down for a short visit and to join his family who have been visiting there for some two weeks past. While here, Milt disposed of his half section of land in the Fairview district to H. V. Smouse, who will farm the tract along with what he has charge of now for M. R. Morgan.

Rev. J. L. Jones reports the marriage at Lexington on Saturday evening, Dec. 23rd of Henry Munkers, and Mrs. Cora Sherer. The wedding was at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Munkers, and was a very quiet affair. The ceremony, which was performed by Mr. Jones, was followed by a sumptuous wedding supper.

Henry Erskine, a recent arrival in Ione, and who resides on the St. Clair place, was thrown from his back by a run-away team on Christmas morning, and suffered a broken leg. He was taken to the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Millard, where he was properly attended by Dr. Chick and is now doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Prof. and Mrs. L. A. Doak and E. A. Doak spent Christmas with the family of Stephen Doak at Lexington where they enjoyed themselves greatly. They were accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Reynolds, who went on to Heppner Tuesday to visit friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Sullivan of Cecil were passengers enroute to Heppner Saturday evening to do some Christmas shopping. These people are quite busy at present baling hay, and Wm. says they are having the time of their lives in keeping men on the job. Everybody too prosperous to want work.

J. L. Kincaid and wife were passengers to Pendleton on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warren. They took with them a big fat turkey to be offered as a sacrifice at the Christmas dinner and they were anticipating a very enjoyable visit with their daughter and family.

Mrs. R. F. Wilmot and daughter, Miss Kittie, were down from Lexington yesterday for a short visit with Ione friends. They have been up from Portland for the past two weeks, visiting at the home of Mrs. W. P. Millan.

O. J. Williamson and three children were outgoing passengers Friday, their destination being McMinnville where Mr. Williamson has a sister living whom he has not seen for many years. They will return after the holidays.

Frank Munkers of Lexington is reported to be confined to his home,

FORTY CENT WOOL PREDICTED FOR 1917

Secretary McClure Writes Letter To President of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association.

That woolgrowers of the Northwest will receive as high as forty cents for their 1917 wool clip is the opinion of W. B. Barratt, president of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association. Mr. Barratt advises against a tendency to cause a break in the market. He bases his contentions in part from the following letter which he recently received from S. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers Association.

Mr. W. B. Barratt,
Heppner, Oregon
Dear Mr. Barratt:

The Wood Live Stock Company of Spencer, Idaho has sold their clip at 35 cents with ten cents down. This clip is part fine and part cross clip, and they sold it for three cents under the market. Here in Utah a great deal of wool is sold at from 30 to 34 cents. Heavy short fine wools have sold at 31 cents and the better fine wools up to 34 cents; 27 cents has taken much of the fine wool in Nevada, but it was all sold under its actual market value. Some of the wools that were consigned last Spring have been sold in Boston, so as to net the owners in Idaho and Wyoming 37 1/2 cents.

(Signed) S. W. McCLURE,
Secretary.

LOST—A light brown fur neck piece between South Methodist church and postoffice. Finder please leave at this office.

suffering quite severe injuries caused by the kick of a horse. No bones bruised up.

Mrs. C. A. Low returned from Heppner Tuesday where she had been to visit her grandson, Nolan Page, who is in the hospital there. The boy was not doing quite so well at this time but hopes for his early recovery are entertained.

Paul Rietman is constructing a large barn, 50 x 90 feet, on his farm to shelter his work animals. Owing to the severe weather just at present, he has been compelled to abandon the building for better weather.

Mrs. Dora Chick, mother of our Dr. C. C. Chick, and Missadora Chick, a niece, are spending the holidays at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chick in Ione. The ladies are residents of Vancouver, Wash.

Miss Beatrice Sperry has been quite sick the past week at her home in Ione, suffering from a severe attack of the grippe. She is reported to be much better at this writing.

R. K. Drake departed for Salem yesterday where he will join his wife in a visit of a few days with the home folks. Mrs. Drake went down last week.

The different Sunday schools of Ione held appropriate Christmas services on Saturday evening last, and gladdened the hearts of the children with suitable gifts and treats.

Business has been very brisk at the local express during the past week, in anticipation of a long, dry spell. Soon the little parcels from California will cease to arrive.

R. M. Hymer and F. H. Robinson were among the outgoing passengers on Saturday, their destination being Portland where they will remain for holiday week.

Mrs. Ellis Minor and little daughter, of Cecil were on their way to Heppner by Saturday's train to visit during the holidays with the home folks.

Mrs. Della Corson and son went to Goldendale on Sunday and will visit for the week at the home of Mrs. Corson's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sparks were down from Heppner and spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shaver.

H. Dean was a passenger for Pendleton Friday to remain over the holidays, visiting with his children residing there.

J. A. Williams and wife are enjoying Christmas season visiting with the parents of Mr. Williams at Portland.

Mrs. Cytha Walker spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Waters in Heppner.

A new son is a recent arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson of near Ione.

An 8 pound son was born on Thursday last to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yount.