

AUTO ENGINE ON THE ROAD

Medford's New Chemical and Hose Motor Car Reaches Portland and Is Reshipped at Once—Due Here Next Week.

Medford's new chemical and hose motor car for the fire department was loaded in Portland Friday morning for re-shipment to Medford. The car ought to arrive here Sunday.

The car is a Pope-Hartford and was purchased through the Keats Auto company of Portland.

The apparatus is mounted on a 1912 wagon chassis. The wheels have 40x6 tires, the largest pneumatic tires that have ever been used in the northwest. The casings on the Portland police patrol are one size smaller, 30x5.

A maximum speed of 45 miles an hour can be made. The motor develops 50 horsepower.

Some of the equipment on the wagon consists of a 50-gallon chemical tank, two hand extinguishers, 16 feet of ladder, 1000 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose and 250 feet of one inch hose. The full weight of the motor car is 5000 pounds. All the latest accessories are on the machine. An automatic head lamp lighter is also attached.

Some of the other coast cities that have Pope-Hartford autos in their fire department are San Jose, Berkeley and San Francisco. Twenty-three cities in the United States have this make of automobile in use.

EX-CONVICT CLAIMS TO BE SLAIN MAN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 10.—John Swinney, a former Oregon convict, testified today in the third insurance trial here of the case of George A. Kimmell, bank cashier who has been missing for 13 years. The suit was filed by a receiver for a Niles, Mich., bank against an insurance company of New York for \$50,000. Swinney swore that he saw J. A. Johnson murder the real George Kimmell while the latter was seeking burned treasure in Oregon in 1898. After Kimmell was slain Swinney testified that he killed Johnson to save his own life.

The insurance company is fighting payment of the policy on the ground that A. J. White's claim that he is the real Kimmell is true. White was released from prison last September and went to Niles, where he was accepted as Kimmell by some residents and repudiated by others.

CAPTAIN CANNED FOR ACTING AS CHAPERONE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 10.—Commander Andrew Lockett, commander of the liner Persia, is dismissed today from the service. Dr. R. M. Stephenson, a passenger on the Persia, filed complaint against the captain as a result of a sensation created during the last voyage, when Captain Lockett is declared to have attempted to "act as chaperone" to Miss Ramona McShane, of Petaluma, who was returning from a convent in Japan.

STRICT PATROL OF FRONTIER ASSURED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Strict patrol of the Mexican frontier by American troops will be put into active operation with the arrival of 400 infantrymen from Fort Whipple, Ariz., who today were ordered to proceed to El Paso to co-operate with United States cavalry under Colonel Steever. The infantry battalion under Major John K. Moore of the Fifteenth infantry will arrive at El Paso tomorrow.

IRON WORKERS' AGENT MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHES

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 10.—Mystery today surrounds the sudden and unannounced disappearance of Frank K. Paynter, business agent of the Structural Ironworkers' union. Paynter, it is alleged, closed his home, sold his furniture and then left for parts unknown. The incident just came to light today, although his landlord says Paynter has been gone for a week.

REX BEACH THREATENED WITH LOSS OF AN EYE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Threatened with the loss of sight of at least one eye by optical rheumatism, Rex Beach, the novelist, is confined to a dark room here today. The disease, physicians say, is the result of exposure to which Beach was subjected in Alaska.

HAWLEY'S FAIR FRIEND HAS WILL

Protege of Wall Street Millionaire Asserts That She Has Found a Will Whereby She Comes into Her Own.

BABYLON, L. I., Feb. 10.—Margaret Cameron, protege of the late Edwin Hawley, declared today, that although the millionaire railroad magnate is stated to have died intestate, she has discovered a will which bequeathes her a large share of the millionaire's estate. After thoroughly searching the Hawley country house today, Miss Cameron made the following statement: "I have found the will, but I shall do nothing until the relatives of Mr. Hawley do what they say they propose doing. Then I shall spring a surprise."

Henry Peterson, a chauffeur, and John Williams, superintendent of the estate, stated today that they had witnessed some document signed by Hawley about a month ago, but they did not see its contents, they said.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE AT DAM

DENVER, Col., Feb. 10.—Five workmen were killed in a dynamite explosion at the Pathfinder dam project near Caspar, Wyo., according to word received here today by the reclamation service. Other dispatches here differ, saying the men were being carried by an aerial tram to the top of the dam when the cable broke, precipitating the workmen into the river, where they were all drowned. Owing to the inaccessibility of the scene of the accident it will be impossible to get correct details before tomorrow.

JOHNSON PREDICTS VICTORY FOR PROGRESSIVE FORCES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—That the progressive republicans will control the republican national convention and will easily nominate any man upon whom they concentrate, is the opinion today of Governor Hiram Johnson of California, who is in Washington to confer with Senator La Follette. Johnson said: "The Roosevelt policies form the greatest asset of the American people today. Roosevelt established a line of thought that paved the way for greater political accomplishments."

CALIFORNIA CAN PUT 2500 SOLDIERS IN FIELD

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 10.—California can put 2500 men on the Mexican border within a few hours, according to Adjutant General Forbes. The adjutant general stated today that the militia of the coast states need not worry about not being called out in case the United States decides to occupy Mexico. Every company of mobile militia on the Pacific coast and probably in the whole country would be ordered to the border, he said.

GREAT FLOOD LOSSES OCCUR IN PORTUGAL

LISBON, Feb. 10.—Several coasting vessels driven to sea by the flooding throughout Portugal are reported lost today, and many barges are missing. Inundation by water at Leixoes has caused \$1,000,000 damage and the city of Oporto is reported distressed.

COLDEST WEATHER OF TEN YEARS IN CANADA

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 10.—This morning was the coldest since 1895. The thermometer ranged in different parts of the city from 12 to 34 below, the latter at Lambton, a suburb. All the trains are away behind time, while the streetcar service is badly disorganized. Relief is predicted for tonight. Montreal registers 19 below.

CREW OF MINING BARK TAKEN ABOARD STEAMER

BREMEN, Feb. 10.—The crew of the sinking Norwegian bark Euphrates was today taken aboard the North German Lloyd steamer Chemnitz, according to wireless reports reaching here today from the liner. Heavy seas threatened the rescuing ship. The Euphrates left Glasgow last month. The Chemnitz sailed from New York January 30 for Bremen.

To India's 314,000,000 dark-skinned natives there are only about 300,000 white persons, scattered all over the country.

MEXICAN WAR ALARMS MEXICO

Unless Situation Changes in Next Few Days Germany and England Will Demand Action From Uncle Sam.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—It is reported in diplomatic circles this evening that unless a decided change comes in the Mexican situation within a few days, Germany and England will ask the United States what steps it proposes to take to safeguard the lives and property of foreigners in Mexico.

Both Germany and England have extensive interests in Mexico. It is said that the German minister of foreign affairs has instructed the German ambassador to formally interrogate Secretary Knox as to the program of the United States. The situation is regarded as acute.

German and British financiers interested in Mexico would welcome intervention by the United States and news that American troops had crossed the Mexican border would be a relief throughout Europe.

PREDICTS DEATH FOR BOTH OLD PARTIES

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 10.—"Neither the republicans nor the democratic party will survive more than a decade," said Milton A. McRae, formerly president of the Scripps-McRae league newspapers, here today, where he has come with his family to spend the winter. "Both parties have almost reached the end of their lives and in them at present are the progressive elements which will go to make up new parties. Political parties, like men, have an average life, and both the political parties will soon die. The republican party is more in jeopardy now than it has been at any time since the free silver agitation. Understand, I do not mean that the next president will be a democrat but that the republican is in danger."

MEDFORD MARKETS

Retail Prices.	
Vegetables.	
Potatoes—	\$1.50 per cwt.
Cabbage—	3c.
Parsnips—	2 1/2 c.
Lettuce—	10c head.
Carrots—	2 1/2 c.
Beets—	2 1/2 c.
Onions—	3c.
Celery—	50c @ \$1 doz.
Cauliflower—	10 @ 20c head.
Turnips—	2 1/2 c.
Radishes—	5c bunch.
Onions—	Green, 5c bunch.
Fruit.	
Cocoanuts—	10c each.
Prunes—	Dried, 10c lb.
Lemons—	25c dozen.
Bananas—	10c to 20c per dozen.
Oranges—	15c to 40c.
Cranberries—	10c quart.
Butter, Eggs and Poultry.	
Butter—	Fresh ranch, per roll, 65c; creamery, 85c.
Eggs—	Fresh ranch, 30c; storage, 20c.
Poultry—	Hens, dressed, 18c; live 12c; springs, dressed, 20c.
Turkeys—	20c to 25c, dressed.
Meats, Wholesale.	
Beef—	Cows, 4 1/2 c; steers, 5c.
Pork—	5 1/2 @ 6c.
Veal—	Dressed, 7 1/2 @ 10c.
Mutton—	3 @ 3 1/2 c, live; lambs, 5 @ 7 1/2 c.
Hay and Feed, Wholesale.	
Hay—	Timothy, \$18; alfalfa, \$16; grass, \$16; grain hay, \$16.
Grain—	Wheat, \$1.02 bushel; oats, \$27 ton; barley, \$40 ton.
NOTICE.	
I have a good proposition to offer to some one who would like to use city garbage for feeding hogs and chickens. Considerable money is made from the feeding of refuse foodstuffs in towns no larger than Medford, and it can be done here by some one who has or can secure suitable feeding grounds.	
R. W. STEARNS, City Health Officer.	
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The German army is planning to build a dirigible war balloon that will carry 300 men at a speed of 50 miles an hour.	
"For these reasons we urge the words of Jesus, 'Strive to enter into the narrow gate.'"	
The output of gold and silver from the mines of Washington exceeded \$1,000,000 in value for the first time last year.	
Haskins for health.	

UNCLE SAM TO PROBE FAKIRS

Federal District Attorney of Portland Seizes All Papers of the Oregon-Washington Trust Co. at Portland Which Underwrote Orchard Lands.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—For the purpose of making a vigorous investigation of the failure of the Columbia River Orchards company which failed in Seattle last week after \$5,000,000 in bonds had been sold to people scattered throughout the northwest, United States District Attorney John McCourt today seized all papers and records of the Oregon-Washington Trust company here. The trust company underwrote the "bonds" of the orchard concern.

The documents will be submitted to a special federal grand jury which will be called as soon as McCourt can get testimony in shape to make a thorough probe.

HUMOROUS QUIPS

Bucking the Game.
"If I could only buy a cow and save the cost of cream
And shoo the noisy milkman off 'twould be a happy dream."
That's what I told myself one day. I said: "Why, can't you see, we'd have fresh milk and butter, too, and whey from microbes free. We'd have our homemade buttermilk without a cent of cost. Except a trifling sum for feed, and that would not be lost." I said that over to myself until I made a vow To save my cash till I'd enough to buy a gentle cow. And so one day I found a man who offered one for sale. She had a pale blue gleaming eye; she had no horns or tail. He charged me ninety plunks for her and swore I had a snap. But when I tried to milk the brute she sat down in my lap. And then I gave the neighbor's boy a quarter every day. To coax a pint of milk from her. I bought a ton of hay. Besides I fed her bran and straw and cost a dollar ten. I bought some other luxuries and saw that she was fed. Why dwell upon the piteous tale? When, six months after that, I figured on the cost of cream and whey and butter fat I found each pint of so called milk had cost a dollar ten. In feed and cow and shed and boy and clothes and work and men, and so in anger and in pain I killed the cow one day. And sold her to the butcher for whatever he would pay. And then I bought her back again in little bits, of course. The second time I paid for her at prices then in force. I found that dead cows cost a lot, much more than when alive. Like murderers and skunks and things. I nevermore will strive. To beat the cost of living thing. I think I've had enough. I lack the nerve and foolishness to try to call its bluff. —Miles Overholt, in New York American.

Final.
"I am told that your new play is drawing crowded houses and that you turn hundreds of people away every night."
"That is merely newspaper misrepresentation, sir. We don't turn anybody away. We tell them in the kindest possible manner that every seat in the house is sold, and they turn away themselves. These lying journalists make me tired!"—Chicago Tribune.

An Early Frohman.
First Medieval Manager—How's your latest miracle play?
Second Ditto—Fine! Thought it would be a failure, though, till we hit on something that's got the women coming in droves.
F. M. M.—How so?
Second Ditto—We lost the baby that we used in the "Solomon and the Two Mothers" baby scene and have been using a lap dog ever since.—Puck.

G. W.'s Integrity Questioned.
Englishman—And who was this George Washington?
American—He was the father of our country.
Englishman—But do you really believe he was the most honest American?
American—Oh, I don't know about that. They took all the banks on his birthday.—Folies Bergeres.

An Interference.
"Do you think the automobile is interfering with American home life?"
"It seems likely," replied Miss Cayenne. "A nice automobile is usually so much more comfortable and tasteful than the average living room."—Washington Star.

Hardest.
"He has managed to convince himself that his poor children need a new mother."
"Got her picked out, too, I s'pose?"
"Yes. All that remains now is to convince the children."—Washington Herald.

Gentility.
"She seems to be a thorough aristocrat."
"Yes. She is proud of the fact that she can't sew, never learned to cook and had a grandfather who owned slaves."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Premature baldness is due to some trouble with the teeth, according to a Paris physician.

Haskins for health.

Benson's Bargains

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- What have you to exchange for property in Seattle, Portland, Willamette Valley, Los Angeles, Southern California, Idaho, New Mexico or Canada?
- \$3,500—120 acres, 7 miles east of Gold Hill; will exchange.
 - \$9,000—120 acres, 6 miles north Woodville; will exchange, either local or Southern California.
 - \$9,000—120 acres, 9 miles north Central Point. Will exchange for property in Seattle, Portland or Los Angeles.
 - \$6,400—320 acres timber. Will exchange.
 - \$77,000—Tract, over one-half under the plow. For sale or will consider an exchange.
 - \$72,000—340 acres, 11 miles from Medford. Part or all for exchange, not necessarily local.
 - \$52,500—85 acres, 2 1/2 miles from Medford. Will exchange for alfalfa land or walnut grove in Southern California.
 - \$8,320—320 acres fine wheat land in Alberta, Canada, 3 1/2 miles from junction of two railroads. Will exchange for fruit or general farming land in good locality.
 - \$4,200—11 lots in Chicago to exchange for property in or around Medford.
 - \$10,750—43 acres near Gervais, Ore. Will exchange for property here.
 - \$22,650—151 acres near Corvallis, Ore., to exchange for property here.
 - \$10,400—16 acres near Talent. Will take part in exchange.
 - \$6,000—20 acres 3 miles from Talent. Will Exchange.
 - \$16,500—Medford business property for exchange.
 - \$2,200—40 acres, 8 miles from Woodville to exchange for property here, Phoenix, Ariz., or Southern California.
 - \$800—Seashore lots Santa Monica, Calif., for exchange.
 - \$6,500—New 10-room modern house in Los Angeles to exchange for acreage here.
 - \$8,000—13-room modern house in Seattle to exchange for improved Medford property.
 - \$4,000—Will exchange rooming house for real estate.
 - \$1,000—Stock of crockery, tinware, etc., to exchange for real estate.
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Thursday, Feb. 15, 1912
Commencing at 10 a.m. sharp

- The following list of horses, mules, farm implements, tools, etc.:
- 1 pair 5 year old black mare mules, weight about 2000.
 - 1 pair 5 year old brown horse mules, weight about 2000.
 - 1 pair 5 year old bay horse mules, weight about 2200.
 - 1 pair 7 year old brown horse mules, weight about 2400.
 - 1 pair 10 year old black mare mules, weight about 2500.
 - 1 10 year old brown horse, weight about 1600.
 - 1 10 year old bay driving horse, weight about 1100.
 - 2 7 year old grade Jersey cows.

FARM MACHINERY

- Consists of:
- Two spray outfits, 2 and 3 h. p.
 - One truck.
 - Three gang plows.
 - One disc plow.
 - Four cultivators.
 - Five walking plows.
 - One Brillion iron roller.
 - One back.
 - Two buggies.
 - One station wagon, rubber tires.
 - Orchard tools, cultivators, etc.

TERMS OF SALE ARE:

- All sums of ten dollars or under, cash.
- Amounts of over ten dollars, six months' time will be given, at 8 per cent on approved security.
- A discount of 5 per cent on amounts of over ten dollars, if paid in cash.
- Lunch stand on grounds.
- Local train stops within 1/4 mile of place at Voorhies station. Arrive from north at 9 a. m.; from south at 10:10 a. m.

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