

EARLY HISTORY OF PACIFIC, EASTERN RAILROAD REVIVED

The announcement last week of the Owen-Oregon Lumber company of plans for the construction of a logging railroad from Butte Falls to Klamath Falls, has revived interest in the Pacific & Eastern railroad. The following is a history of the road, written by A. E. Kellogg of Central Point:

The history of the Medford & Logging railroad, better known as the old Pacific & Eastern, has been a history of timber wars, beginning in the late '90s in Jackson County, and railroad wars following. It was built in 1892 by the local people of Medford spent \$200,000 in acquiring rights of ways and grading a roadbed east of Medford, under the style and title of the Medford & Crater Lake railway. The object was to tap the big timber belt up Rogue river and provide transportation to Crater lake. Disaster came, and after passing through the courts, the assets of the concern fell into the hands of the Columbia Trust company of Portland, as trustee.

It was during the days of the race of railroad building up the Deschutes river into central Oregon by the Hill people and competing line that the Hill interests purchased the property. They spent \$2,000,000 building and finely equipping the road to Butte Falls. Their objective was the low gap in the Cascade mountains at the foot of Mt. Loughlin over into central Oregon, and making this a connecting road with their main road through this valley on to the coast. In the meantime, peace was declared and the building of the Pacific & Eastern was suspended.

The Hill people operated the local road between Medford and Butte Falls at a profit, in spite of a large corps of high paid officers and fine equipment. In the war came on as a connecting line with the Southern Pacific. The war restrictions so hampered the branch roads that the company found it unprofitable and abandoned the local road; forcing the trustees of the original bondholders in the sum of \$150,000 to foreclose its lien.

On passing into the hands of a court receiver, he suspended the operation of the road. For two years operations were suspended, and in the meantime it totally suspended in the operation of the large sawmills at Butte Falls and way mills tributary to the road, and cut off the usual fuel supply of the entire valley. However, at the end of two years, arrangements were made with the receiver, and for several months a large amount of saw logs were brought in over the road to the Medford mills, but after the court sale these shipments were stopped.

Following the big timber boom in the late '90s, M. D. Olds, a retired timber baron of Shohoygan, Wis., acquired about 10,000 acres of choice saw timber in the Butte Falls district adjacent to the road. This he acquired from small holders, and in making these purchases he was considered an intruder by the several large holders of timber in the district.

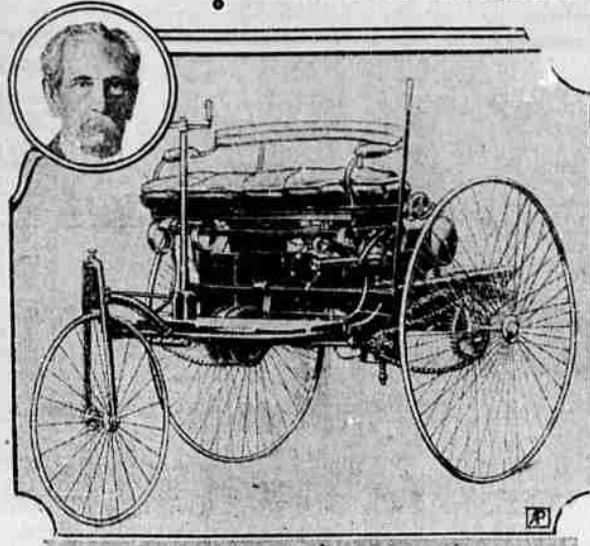
The largest holder of standing timber in the Butte Falls district and tributary to the road, at the closing down of operations, was the Butte Falls Lumber & Milling company, with a 40,000 capacity sawmill at Butte Falls and logging equipment into the timber. This company had been operating for a number of years and owned about 21,000 acres of timber tributary to its plant and the railroad. The Rogue River timber company, by Wheeler, Dusenberry and Merchand, of New York, Pennsylvania and Portland people owned 40,000 acres. The John S. Owen company of Wisconsin owned 12,000 acres. L. S. Harkness of New York owned 6000 acres. W. L. Brownlee and associates of Medford owned 6000 acres, while about 10,000 acres were owned by the individual locators of 160-acre tracts.

At the sale of the property by the United States district court it was sold to M. D. Olds for \$190,000, he being the only bidder, and this being the minimum sum the court would permit the property to be sold for. The new owner came unheralded from the east a few days before the sale and departed as quietly as he came, leaving the people of Rogue River valley still guessing as to his real object was in acquiring the key to the largest body of standing timber in the state. Only a few well guarded remarks by the Wisconsin man while here were the basis of an opinion. The various interests hampered by the two years' suspension of the road were still at sea as to the future of the road. Some said that Olds would re-open the road and market the timber at once, while others said he would hold the whip hand over his extensive timber holdings by closing the road until they came to his terms. However, the Olds and Brownlee interests were combined, and later the Owen interests came in, and today Owen-Oregon Lumber company has grown into one of the big firms established enterprises of Oregon and has translated one of the many talked rumors of Rogue River valley into terms of business and big payrolls.

MOSCOW (AP)—The health department has organized a drive with gas, tar, poison and other chemical weapons against the 2,000,000 rats in the city. The rodents cause damage of about \$25,000,000 annually besides spreading disease.

CASTELGANDOLFO, Italy (AP)—Expecting that Pope Pius will come here this summer, a pretentious new restaurant has already been opened. The first meal served was a five-course dinner to a selected list of the village poor.

German Auto Pioneer Butt of Jokes When Car First Sputtered



Karl Benz, Germany's pioneer in automotive invention (inset), had a bitter struggle with unbelievers when he first introduced a motor vehicle (above) 44 years ago. It actually ran.

LAUDENBURG, Germany (AP)—Almost simultaneous with the establishment of a new motor car speed record in Florida there died here one of the men who helped make this a motor age.

A bare 44 years ago, when Karl Benz's high three-wheeled "motor-velocipede" made its noisy, smoky way down Mannheim streets, it was hailed with ridicule as "an absurdity that will never amount to anything."

It was only his tenacious clinging to a childhood ambition in spite of much discouragement that gave the world within the span of a single lifetime an important development in its great motor industry.

"My favorite idea," Benz wrote, "was always the thought of setting the locomotive on the street. I wanted to free it from its bondage, and even in high school the chant 'without rail' was the undercurrent of thought that ran through all my work."

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existence known by violent rattling and bangings. It sputtered and chugged while the onlookers stood open-mouthed and speechless. On its first run its steering wheel got out of control and the machine wavered and came to a halt. The crowd jeered at the "melancholy absurdity."

But Benz refused to be discouraged. By 1887, with a four-wheel model, he was sufficiently encouraged to take out his first patents, which he jokingly termed the "birth certificate" of the great grandfather of the automobile.

Benz remained almost throughout his life a prophet unappreciated in his own land, for only after the first rail successes and it was left to France and the United States to give him his first recognition and support.

He finally succeeded in establishing the Mannheim Gasoline Engine factory which later developed into the Benz Works, an original work.

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DECIDED GAIN IN CHRYSLER BUILT CARS

The Chrysler Corporation reported a decided gain in shipments for April of this year of all Chrysler built cars as compared with April of 1928. They announced shipments for the month, both domestic, export and Canadian, of Plymouths, Chrysler "65's," "75's," Imperials, DeSotos, Fargo commercial trucks and cars. Fargo Brothers new sixes, Seiors, and Dodge trucks, buses and commercial cars, totaled 59,785 units, a gain of 26.5% over the 47,155 units shipped during April of 1928 a gain of 72% over the shipment of 34,781 in April of 1927.

Total shipments of Chrysler and Dodge Brothers automotive products for the first four months of 1929 amounted to 182,521 units, a gain of 14.3% over those for the same period of 1928 when 159,857 were shipped and an increase of 42.3% over the 127,903 units shipped during the first four months of 1927.

A decided increase occurred in Plymouth shipments in April, 16,113 cars being shipped as compared with 10,926 in March, a gain of 5,187 cars. Plymouth shipments, although the factory was on schedule with production, failed

to meet orders by 4,000 cars, so popular has this car become. There were 5,940 Chrysler "75's" cars shipped during April, as compared with 5,946 in March, and 5,489 Chrysler "65's" during April compared with 5,676 in March. DeSoto also experienced a new high during April, making record shipments of 8,885 cars against 8,532 in March.

Fargo trucks and commercial car shipments increased over 100% for April over March.

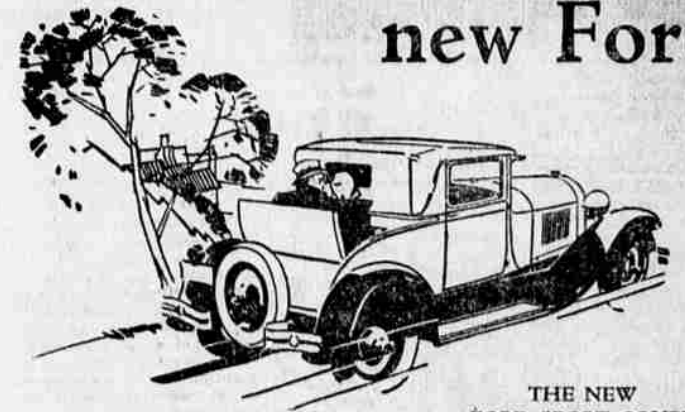
Dodge Brothers new sixes showed a decided increase, there being 18,764 shipped in April as compared with 17,976 in March, compared seniors were 680 in April as against 612 in March and commercial cars, trucks and buses totaled 4,231 in April as compared with 2,875 in April, 1928.

Farm Pointers

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Lowly Spud to Be Beautiful

WASHINGTON (AP)—The homely Irish potato is about to have its face lifted.

Agriculture experiment stations in Maine, New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and other important potato producing states are the beauty parlor that will try to give the "spud" a prettier face, smoother eyes and a more attractive skin.

There are several reasons for the "operation." It is expected to enhance the potato's commercial appeal, and save the producer huge losses from a number of common diseases that the healthier tuber may escape.

Dr. William Stuart, in charge of potato investigation for the department of agriculture, has found

that strains resistant to mosaic, leafroll and other diseases may be bred at the same time for a better general appearance.

Primarily the government's plant breeding program, for which congress has made an annual appropriation of \$20,000, is to develop high yielding strains of smooth eyed Irish Cobblers, Rurals, immune to leafroll and Green Mountains and Bliss Triumphs resistant to mosaic.

While all major potato producing states will cooperate, the more important projects in pollination and hybridizing will be conducted by the government in Maine during the summer and at some southern experiment station in the winter.



Autolist: "I want some times." Salesman: "Ballon tires?" Autolist: "Naw, auto in o b l l e tires."

"What we want is a candidate who isn't too radical nor yet too conservative; in short, a middle-of-the-road man."

"Then Jenins is the man to nominate. He's been in the bus driving business for years."

By having an automobile many a man is kept from having any money to waste on fancy chickens.

A motorcycle cop pulled up beside a parked car on a country road in the wee small hours of the morning.

"Hey, he yell-L, 'what business have you got to be out at this time of the night?'"

"This isn't business," came a voice from within. "It's a pleasure."

Solving the Traffic Problem Oh, hurt him don't In some shady bower— He drives in the middle At ten miles an hour.

Friend: "You never told me you had a new car." Proud owner: "Gee, I wonder if I missed anyone else."

By the time evolution produces a pedestrian who can leap over cars, he'll crack his head against low planes.

The automobile has become the country's most ruthless killer. People who take a sometimes cut across the street are sometimes taking a short cut to the hospital.

"What became of that hired man you got from the city?" "Aw, he used to be a chauffeur, and one day he crawled under a mule to see why it wouldn't go."

Some pedestrians who do not come to run, get their names in the papers, too.

To the Traffic Cop You do not need a signal When you act as "Traffic Cop," One look at your hard features Will mean no all traffic stop.

a parked car is easier to get at with a summons.

When an automobile tire blows out in Chicago everybody runs for cover.

Getting the battery charged is not nearly so much of a problem to the average motorist as finding a place to get the gasoline charged.

Pat and Mike went motorcycle riding one evening. All of a sudden they had a collision. Two hours later Pat recovered consciousness in a hospital and learned that Mike had been badly hurt.

"He should have been killed," remarked Pat. "He saw the two lights ahead of him and the fool said to me, 'Watch me sneak thru there.'"

Still the fellow who believes in pre-destination jumps just as far at the sound of a honk.

The advisability of passing a car at the curve depends on whether the widow will think the loss covered by insurance.

Judge: "What's the charge against this man, officer?" Cop: "Arson, your honor, burning up the road."

It might help some to talk about the "glory" of walking and provide wound stripes for pedestrians.

JAPANESE PROSPER BY CHINA BOYCOTT

MANILA (AP)—The boycott of Japanese goods which Chinese have sought to make effective in other countries as well as in China, has proved a homecoming in the Philippines, says Kyogo Yonezaki, Japanese consul here.

The boycott has given Japanese merchants an opening visade in the retail business of the islands, which is 80 per cent Chinese controlled; and at the same time has not hurt Japanese wholesale business. A number of new Japanese retail stores have been opened in the principal cities.

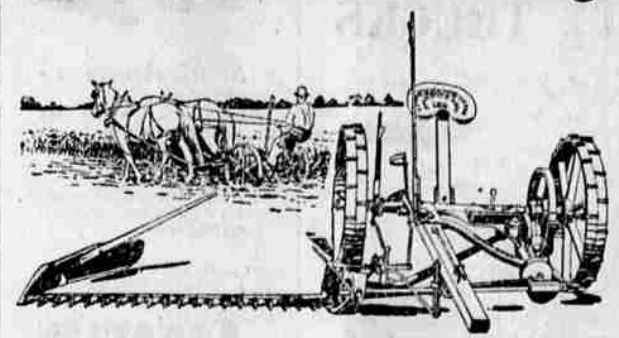
The consul says that the Chinese merchants have not stopped buying Japanese goods; they are merely buying them indirectly, because the Chinese Anti-Japanese Association will not permit them to purchase openly. This is costly to the Chinese and has enabled the Japanese retailers to undersell the Chinese.

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