

MOTORING



RECORD FOR HILL CLIMB MADE BY THE CHANDLER SIX

Bettors Time Record For Famous Toll House Grade Near Fresno, Cal.; Over 4,000 Foot Rise in Seven Miles With 35 Per Cent. Grades

News of a record-breaking climb of the steep Toll House Grade near Fresno, Cal., has just been received by officers of the Chandler Motor Car Company, of Cleveland. Because of its terrific grades and trying road conditions, the Toll House Grade in the Sierra Nevada mountains has a national reputation and is a favorite test of a car's merits with California motorists.

In a stock Chandler Six, Messrs. Thompson and Lacasse, of Fresno, made the 51-mile ascent in two hours and three minutes, beating the best previous time of two hours and twenty-seven minutes by a comfortable margin. The state road authorities had just finished placing the mountain roads in condition for winter, which means that water breaks or small ditches had been cut in the roadbed every 100 feet to allow drainage. In order to avoid shaking the car to pieces over these ditches, the drivers of the Chandler had to slow down for each rut, and the test was a remarkable tribute to the flexibility of the six-cylinder motor.

In addition to the bad roads, the drivers had to contend with some of the steepest grades in the State of California. At one point there is a climb of 4,000 feet in seven miles and on this stretch thirty-five per cent. grades were the common thing. California dealers predict that if the Chandler's record for the climb is lowered in the future, it will be done by a six-cylinder car, as no four-cylinder motor has approached anywhere near the present record.

SEASON'S BUSINESS HEAVY

I. W. Dill, of the Hudson Agency, Optimistic on 1915 Outlook

I. W. Dill, of the Hudson Agency, is pleased with the season's business of 1914 and with the outlook for 1915, and says: "The man who once rides behind a Six is never again quite happy with a Four. The difference is too conspicuous. So, just as we went from two cylinders to four, we are going from Fours to Sixes. This is true the world over. Even in Europe, where fuel consumption is a paramount question, the small-bore Six is now acclaimed as the most desirable type of car. "The reason lies in the fact that Sixes alone offer the maximum of what men now seek in a car. They offer the only way to secure continuous power, perfect balance, and absence of vibration at all speeds. They offer flexibility, less shifting of gears, quick acceleration, greater comfort. They decrease the upkeep cost, the tire cost and lessen the fuel consumption.

Honeymoon in Herff-Brooks Car Chester Leach and Miss Elsie Sutton, both of New Cumberland, who were recently married at Germantown, Philadelphia, toured for a week in a Herff-Brooks car on their wedding trip. They were delighted with the behavior and economy of their car.

A motorcycle has been added to the equipment of the police department of Aberdeen, S. D.

KEEP CAR IN SERVICE IN WINTER MONTHS, ADVICE

George G. McFarland Explains Why the Automobile Should Not Be Allowed to Lie Dormant During the Frigid Weather

"It is far better to keep the automobile in service throughout the entire winter than it is to put it in storage. The cars now built are constructed so as to be equally as serviceable during cold weather as during the warm summer months," states George G. McFarland, of the Harrisburg Automobile Company, distributors in this territory for the Haynes, America's First Car. "When a storage battery is allowed to stand for any length of time, it gradually becomes discharged even when no current is being used. It is absolutely necessary to charge the battery every two or three weeks during the period of its non-use if the battery is to come through the storage undamaged, and some arrangement must be provided for charging the battery. Either the engine in the car may be allowed to remain idle, or the battery may be taken to a charging station. As long as the car is kept in actual use, there should be no need of this extra attention if the least care is given the battery.

"When an automobile is stored through the winter, the oil and grease has a tendency to gum up and become solid, especially at points where it is spread out in thin films. Corrosion takes place at many points and there is a general deterioration. It is not safe to put any car into service again in the spring after it has been stored, unless it is given a complete overhaul, and this is an expensive proposition. The same condition prevails in an automobile as in any finely adjusted machine.

The leading designers take into account the fact that an automobile should properly be an all year car by providing suitable protection for winter use. The electric cranking motor will start a cold engine that would refuse to start if cranked by hand. The engine is turned over more rapidly by the starting motor. A cold engine has lost the terror it once had for the man who formerly had to crank by hand. Also, from the economical side, it is better to keep the machine in service where it is producing results, than it is to allow it to lose its service by allowing it to stand idle for several months.

THE REO AND REO PLANS

Will Temporarily Remain a Secret Until Owners of Popular Machine Spring Surprise on Public

"Being in close touch with the automobile trade as you are, you have doubtless heard whisperings as to something sensational to come out of Lansing in the near future," says a representative of the Reo.

"I can't recall a time," he continues, "when so much interest has been centered on Reo and Reo plans. But those plans must remain secret for yet a little while—yet from Reo distributors. Here is news, however, that I know will please you.

"E. LeRoy Pelletier will write Reo advertisements for the coming year. We have, at a high price, secured his exclusive services. That is to say, he will write no other gasoline automobile copy. This move is in keeping with our policy. Nothing is too good for the Reo."

"We intend that the Reo shall take the place that has always rightfully belonged to it—first place in its price class. In the past our policy might have been criticised on the grounds of over-conservatism. Our friends tell us that if anything we have been too modest. That policy has, however, produced tremendous results. It is no secret that the Reo is to-day financially the second strongest automobile concern in the world, while, with the additions just completed, our manufacturing facilities are unexcelled.

"Regardless of money markets, Reo will make nearly twice as many cars as the coming year as last season—for working with our own cash we need worry not at all about the general tightness of money."

"So the policy of conservatism will be continued, but it will henceforth be conservatism militant. It will be aggressive conservatism, and that, as you who can tell the Reo story in the forceful, convincing way it ought to be told. And he is enthusiastic over the alliance."

MOTORCYCLE NOTES

The New Jersey Motorcycle Club will hold its annual sociality run on New Year's Day.

About 25 riders participated in the second annual hill-climbing contest of the Wheeling (W. Va.) Motorcycle Club.

The recently organized Motorcycle Club of Madera Cal., will stage a road race on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wood, of Denver, Col., are making a motorcycle tour to Florida by way of Chicago.

Miss Ella Deal and Estil Anderson, of Kansas City, recently eloped on a motorcycle. They were married in Leavenworth.

Keen interest was manifested in the recent hill-climbing contest of Wheeling (W. Va.) Motorcycle Club. About 4,000 persons witnessed the events.

Reports show that there has been a gain of 442 motorcycles registered in Connecticut during the past year.

A campaign has been launched to make the Fargo (N. D.) Motorcycle Club 100 per cent. F. A. M. The club has between 50 and 60 active members.

Riders of Carlsbad, Tex., are contemplating organizing a motorcycle club. The New York Motoring Association employs a service squad of motorcycle.

JUMP IN EXPORTS EXPECTED

Estimates of Increases Due to European Conflict Read Like Fairy Tale

"Conservative estimates of the increase in export business anticipated by manufacturers of low and medium priced automobiles when the European war is brought to an end real like the wildest kind of optimism," remarks H. M. Jewett, president of the Paige-Detroit.

"Yet those who have their hand on the pulse of European conditions," continues Mr. Jewett, "are firm in the belief that American producers have underestimated rather than overestimated the actual demand for cars in the old country as a result of the war. With production at a stand-still in European factories and with all available cars in use by the contending armies and a high percentage of them damaged or unavailable when the struggle is over, countries in Europe will be obliged to look to America for their automobiles.

"Owing to the impaired finances of practically all men in European business circles, the tendency will be towards economy in all directions, with the result that the demand will be to a large extent for low and medium priced American cars.

"As makers of medium priced cars, our plans for export business at the close of the war are revealing. Our export business heretofore under normal conditions has amounted to approximately 5 per cent. of our output. This we have every reason to believe will be increased to 25 per cent. at the close of the war. In other words we anticipate and are equipping ourselves to handle an immediate increase of 400 per cent. in our exports as soon as peace has been established."

TO TEST CARBURETORS

Jeffery Company Installs Big Works at Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Thomas B. Jeffery Company has recently installed in the big works at Kenosha, Wis., a refrigerating plant for the purpose of making cold weather tests on Jeffery carburetors, batteries and motors, even when the thermometer registers one hundred in the shade.

In an hour after starting the refrigerating machinery, it is possible to get a temperature from eight to ten degrees below zero. The room in which this outfit is installed will accommodate one of the largest Jeffery models and leaves plenty of room for men to work on the car.

This device has been installed by the Jeffery Company so that summer experiments can be conducted under winter conditions which should do away, in connection with Jeffery cars, with all those little difficulties which owners sometimes experience, due to falling temperatures.

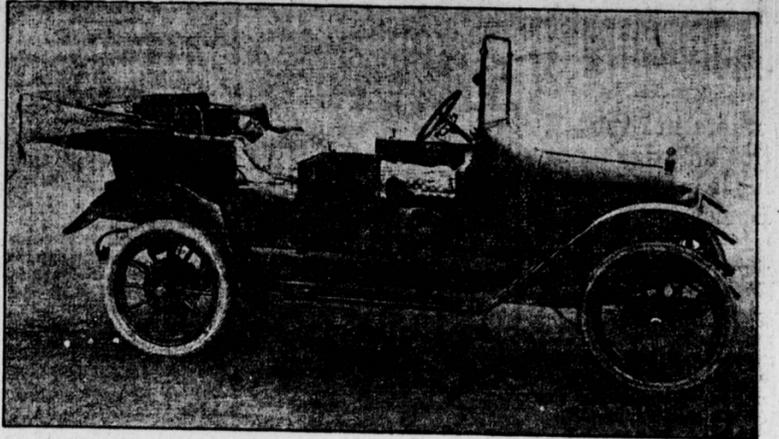
WILL CASE FOR JURY

Daughters of Reading Cigar Manufacturer Cut Off With \$5 Each

Reading, Dec. 19.—Whether he was mentally responsible when he made his will cutting off his three daughters with \$5 each of his \$70,000 estate, will be decided by a jury in common pleas court, in the estate of Charles Maerz, prominent cigar manufacturer of this city.

Register of Wills Newman yesterday awarded an issue of the matter in controversy, the daughters having filed objection against probate of the will. He left almost the entire estate to a grandchild.

ADJUSTABLE FRONT SEAT IN MAXWELL PROVIDES NEW FEATURES OF INTEREST



To the thousands of tourists who prefer the open air and camp life to hotel bills and waiter's tips, the accompanying photograph will be of special interest.

The idea is only possible in cars equipped with the adjustable front seat.

The Maxwell in the picture is equipped in such a way, as are all the 1915 Maxwell touring cars. By removing the four adjustable bolts, the entire front seat can be removed with the results shown in the illustration.

Not only is this idea practicable as a

sleeping place for tourists, but a car with this equipment can easily be transformed into a temporary ambulance in case of accident on the road. The conversion interferes in no way with the steering of the car should occasion demand that the car be driven under these conditions.

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clists to give first aid to automobiles in distress.

Over the worst hills in the Ozark country, Rural Mail Carrier H. E. Newton, of Mansfield, Mo., delivers mail to the patrons of his route. He rides a motorcycle and, though the load frequently weighs as much as 20 pounds, he says he has no difficulty in negotiating the roads.

A new publication, "The Motocyclist", is soon to be issued by the Keystone Motorcycle Club, of Harrisburg, Pa. This sheet will contain news of activities of motocyclists all over the country.

New Models Are Ready

Automobile and motorcycle manufacturers all over the country are putting the finishing touches on the shining new models which they are to exhibit at the annual Automobile and Motorcycle Show, which will be held in New York the week of January 2. And not only American manufacturers, but makers of foreign machines as well are vitally interested in this year's display. For, on account of the war, there will be no automobile or motorcycle shows in Europe, and many of the manufacturers of foreign cars will participate in the New York show. So great has been the demand of exhibitors that every effort has been made to secure additional space. And now more than 150,000 feet of floor space in the four floors of the Grand Central Palace is available for the display of gasoline-propelled vehicles and their accessories.

DON'T PUT OFF SHOPPING

Everybody Will Be Rushed From Now on Until the Christmas Trade Ends

If you've got any more Christmas shopping to do, do it now. The longer you put it off, the harder it will become. Crowds will be the rule until the holidays.

Of course, if you want to avoid all worry and trouble, and at the same time make everybody 'appy that receives it, give the Star-Independent's Bibles as Christmas presents. And what delightful presents they do make, too! It is a \$5 volume, unless you present one certificate clipped from the Star-Independent which entitles you to a copy of this magnificent Bible for only the expense items of distribution.

It's an easy way to get your Christmas presents, and the saving certainly makes it worth your while. How many of these \$5 volumes will you want? It will be better to get one too many than not enough. Clip today's Bible certificate from another page of this issue and get your Bibles as soon as possible.

FARMER CAPTURES MADMAN

Pottstown, Dec. 19.—Russell Detwiler, a well-known farmer living near Mont Clare, had a lively tussle with an escaped inmate of the asylum at Embreeville, Chester county Thursday.

Going to his barn when he saw smoke issuing through the cracks, Detwiler found a stranger weighing more than 200 pounds warming himself by a fire. Detwiler grappled with the man and overpowered him after a fierce struggle.

The man, who proved to be Archibald Brumley, of Toronto, Can., was taken to Phoenixville to be returned to the asylum.

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AT THE ORPHEUM

Rotary Week at the Orpheum ends to-day and while fine advance sales are recorded for the last performances, the management says there are still many choice seats to be had by patrons who want to get in to see the splendid current offering. Bart McHugh, vaudeville's most popular producer of infectious "kid" acts, and who sent "The Lawn Party" to the Orpheum several weeks ago, is also sponsor of "The Dream Pirates" that occupies the coveted position on the big Christmas offering that will be inaugurated at that playhouse on Monday.

Flo Bert, a piquant and fascinating comedienne, is starred in the act she is seen sleeping in a beautiful library. Then she dreams that she is on the deck of an ocean liner and all her girl friends are members of the crew of the ship. Her dream is depicted and calls in special scenery, tuneful songs and the cutest and cleverest bunch of youthful and pretty girls anybody could wish to see. Old favorites also occupy important positions on this bill.

In fact it is about three or four, maybe five seasons, since they were at the Orpheum, but it is a pretty safe bet that they will soon be recalled after they appear before the audiences. One of them is pretty Josephine Davis, who after a tour of the world, appears at the Orpheum once more with a budget of tuneful ballads. The other is Emma DeVoy, who is an actor of considerable reputation and who with his charming partner, Hermoine Shone, headlined the Orpheum offering about five years ago. They return this week in a clever sketch, entirely new in theme, and entitled "His Wife's Mother."

Derkin's Animal novelty that is a veritable scream called "A Busy Day in Dogville" will appear as a special treat for the children although there are reasons to believe that it will please children of all ages as well. Santa Claus with gifts for the children will appear at the Orpheum each afternoon next week up until Christmas Day.

Adv. ***

AT THE COLONIAL

There's a fat girl and lean girl at the Colonial this week, offering a turn of nonsense and song, but who are such amazing contrasts that they have the faded "Jack Sprat and his Wife" fabled off the boards. People have paid bigger admissions than those at the Colonial to get in to see the fat girl of a side show, and have come out not seeing anything quite as plump and good natured as the stout member of this troupe. There's also a good sketch of mistaken identity that is funny and full of excitement; two clever gymnasts and a pleasing song and dance.

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ORPHEUM

High Class Vaudeville, 2.15 and 8.15

Last Day to See This Good Show and Help Swell the Rotarians' Belgian Fund

CHRISTMAS WEEK SHOW THE DREAM PIRATES With 10 Pretty Girls "A BUSY DAY IN DOGVILLE" JOSEPHINE DAVIS SANTA CLAUS Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Afternoon With a Gift for Every Child

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COLONIAL

Vaudeville and Pictures, 2.15, 7 & 9

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- HUDSON 6-passenger, thoroughly overhauled, \$500.
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- OAKLAND 40 H. P. Touring, fully equipped, \$200.
- 1913 STUDEBAKER Touring, fine shape, \$400.
- E-M-F Touring Car, \$500.
- 1912 OYERLAND Roadster, \$250.
- 1912 BERGDOLL Roadster, \$275.
- 1912 FORD Touring, elegant shape, \$500.
- MAXWELL Roadster, \$150.
- MITCHELL TOURING, \$150.
- 1912 KLINE Six Touring, \$450.
- REGAL Roadster, \$200.
- WINTON Six, at snap.
- STUTZ Roadster, \$400.
- CHRYSLER Touring—make offer.
- DETROITER Touring, \$425.
- 1913 KLET Roadster, \$250.
- 1913 AGE Roadster, \$325.
- 1913 FACELAND Limousine, elegant shape, newly overhauled.
- 1913 FACELAND Limousine, big bargain.
- 1913 MITCHELL Six, Touring Car.
- 1913 CHALMERS Roadster, \$300.
- MAXWELL Forester Roadster, \$325.
- 1913 MICHIGAN Touring, \$550.
- 1913 FLANDERS Coupe, elegant shape, at a snap.
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