

BORROWS AUTO TO MAKE COAST TO COAST TRIP

But He Could Not Help But Boast of the Journey, So Owner Finds His Car,

If you have ideas of borrowing some stranger's limousine and driving it 3,000 miles, don't get enthused over the accomplishment and comment on the performance of the car. Also motor enthusiasts who borrow cars and leave no address, you should avoid Los Angeles.

When Louie Benski saw a beautiful new Liberty brougham standing in front of a prominent theater in Newark, N. J., one night several weeks ago, he immediately had visions of a taxi jaunt to California. He simply couldn't resist what he considered an interesting test trip to observe how a town car would take the punishment of the western deserts, the mountain roads and steep passes of the Rockies.

Had to Tell It.

Louie later discovered that the accomplishment wasn't worth the doing if you couldn't talk about it afterwards. He was an enthusiastic over his new possession when he landed in Los Angeles a few days ago he just couldn't wait to tell C. K. McKelvey, the Los Angeles Liberty distributor, how he had made the transcontinental voyage with only two minor accidents—a puncture and a fractured spring leaf.

While waiting for the spring to be repaired, McKelvey listened to the record of performance of the car while another member of his organization, searched the Liberty stolen-car records.

Sent Out Tracer.

Meanwhile the Newark owner had solicited the co-operation of Ray Bundage of the Wallace Motor company. The rest was easy. Mr. Bundage sent out the warning to the Detroit factory, who, in turn, relayed the loss and description to all sections of the country by a system which the Liberty company has originated.

Louie tells the police now that he didn't know a great deal about the laws of New Jersey which prohibit the removal of another man's car to other states. He also intimated that the next time he takes an endurance run, even if he goes clear around the world without even a puncture, he'll never tell a soul. So far as testimonials are concerned, Louie is through. However, he still insists that he is a good judge of motor cars.

Building in Omaha In September Six Times That of 1918

Nearly six times more building in Omaha was done in September this year than in the same month in 1918, according to figures given out in the American Contractors' resume of middle west cities.

The figures are:

	Sept. '18	Sept. '19	Per Cent. On '18
Kansas City	\$2,117,025	\$206,250	9.7
Lincoln	109,748	128,880	118
Omaha	416,116	175,852	42
St. Joseph	104,380	21,635	21
Topeka	119,516	11,204	9.4
Wichita	372,281	170,458	46

Carbon Scraper.

A putty knife may be made into an excellent carbon scraper by grinding down the blade in two different curves, one a wider curve than the other. In this way practically every nook and cranny of the cylinder head can be reached with one curved edge or the other.

Buying Top Floors of Buildings, Street Cars and Bogus Horse Race Tips Popular Sport Between the Wary and the Unwary

Sharper Work in Pairs, Hanging Around Hotels and Exchanges Getting "a Line" on the Men from Country Who Have Money—Stock Yards a Favorite Hunting Ground—Omaha Called by Confidence Men "The Mecca of the Easy Marks"—Thousands Lost Here Through Fraudulent Schemes, Say Police.

By JOHN E. KENNEBECK.

"A fool and his money are soon parted."—Well known proverb.

Swindle games, such as fake sales of the top stories of prominent downtown buildings, the leasing of a street car, investments in imaginary horse races, tooth paste stock or "mule-kick" whiskey, even the buying of land that would sell by the gallon more readily than by the foot, is not rare sport in this metropolis. The "Mecca of Easy Marks" has been chosen as an appropriate appellation for the city by confidence men, as told by several of the police for investigation.

During the past three months, thousands of dollars have changed hands through fraudulent methods mentioned above, according to reports made to police.

Prey on Farmers.

In nearly 75 per cent of the cases, the victims were farmers or ranchers who came here to sell their cattle. They listened to plans for fortune, and invested, or, rather, unknowingly donated their sole receipts to their temporary friends in confidence for what generally turned out to be mere scraps of paper on which was not even written sage advice like: "Once a sucker always a sucker," or "Do others before they do you."

Ever since P. T. Barnum uttered those memorable and famous words: "A fool is born every minute," confidence men have infested the world, under the pseudonyms of counts, earls, federal agents, presidents of worthless corporations, and even sons of wealthy barbers. Many have visited Omaha.

The Stock Yards Hunt.

The most common game is the horse racing scheme. It is almost a tradition for con men to work in pairs or gangs. Good hunting ground for the swindlers is generally found about the stockyards. In the Exchange building they hear the boast: "Waal, I just cleaned up a few thousand on a trainload of cattle." Those words are honey to the financial craving of the schemers. They edge close to their wealthy victim and obtain further valuable information as to his financial rating.

The game is on. The partners play it with a sure hand for success. Their scheme is in the making. Both con men auspiciously flash greenbacks at this juncture that apparently would cause a fee-grabber envy. They boast of their recent winnings on "Silver Sheen," at a supposed horse race somewhere in "No Man's Land."

"Why Bo, I just cleaned a thousand on the old nag; it's easy pickin's," one of the important duo proudly remarks.

Doc "Gimme-Your-Dough"

"And she's still a-winnin'," old Doc Gimme-Your-Dough, con man number 2, sides in. "Put in \$5,000, you're good for a big cleaning," he urges the farmer.

The farmer is certainly "good for a cleaning" as he anxiously invests, or as remarked, gives \$5,000 in cold cash to his newly acquainted "investors" to bet on "Silver Queen." Both con men leave their victim waiting while they go to hear the outcome of the race." Generally, the dupe waits for two days for his promised winnings, then has enough sense to report his loss to the police.

The most serio-comical stunt that

ever came to the attention of detectives assigned to such cases, happened not long ago when a visiting agrarian asked police for a copy of traffic rules for street cars, as he "had just bought one as an investment." Police investigated. The humor of the report was only appreciated as the farmer told it.

Bought a Street Car.

"I was a-mozying along near that there hotel on Farman when I met two darn fine fellows," the farmer told the police. "We just got a talking away, and turned if they didn't guess within \$100 that I had a little over a gold-dinged thousand in my pockets. By cracky, they were darn nice fellers. They showed me right away how I could make \$1,000 a month off'n a street car. All I had to do was to pay \$1,000 for a car if I bought them. You know it didn't take this farmer long to pass on a good bet, by heck, and I swapped him \$1,000 for a car. They gave me my pick of the cars that passed. I told 'em I'd take 987, it looked like a new one. They said all I had to do was so call for the car at the barn near the depot and hire a man to run it. I'd collect the fares, they said."

When the detectives and curious bystanders stopped laughing, the ignorant farmer was informed that his money was as much lost as a democratic speaker in California.

Law Is Little Protection.

Instances of obtaining money under false pretenses through con games, fake sales of stock or building and mock investments in imaginary gold mines and horse races, are numerous in this city, according to police reports. Many times such games have been foiled in the bud, and the con men caught red-handed attempting to fleece a farmer out of no small sums of money.

The only state law against such

Red Cross Campaign To Ban Tuberculosis Makes Big Headway

By Universal Service.

New York, Oct. 18.—There are 11 perfectly good reasons why tuberculosis is being crushed out of the country. Every one of the 11 taken separately, is able to administer telling blows against the enemy, but taken as a whole the great white plague cannot stand against them.

They are the 11 health chores done in the modern health crusade. The number 11 has come to be full of terror for the germs of tuberculosis, which until recently have laughed at the efforts of civilization to drive them away. They remain secure against most weapons, but let them see those big 11 coming up in the distance and they run for cover with their tails (if they have them) tight between their legs.

Tuberculosis hates cleanliness and sunshine. It cannot live in fresh air or where there is well planned exercise. So the big 11 enemies of the disease are based on the proposition that to provide these things is to win the fight. Every one of the 11 chores is pointed to bring good health to those who do them.

To Save Nation's Children.

The Modern Health Crusade was formed to save the health of the nation's children. It is doing it. At present there are 3,000,000 boy and girl crusaders, all striving to do at least 70 per cent of the 11 chores every week, and so to win titles in the field of honor conducted by the crusade.

The chores are done at home, at play and at the school house. Each crusader has his own card and keeps his own record, and because the teacher and his mother have the veto power over the record, it is kept correctly.

While the chores themselves are almost certain producers of good health, stronger character and good habit, one of the greatest values they have is found in the future.

Affects Young Oftenest.

Tuberculosis has always been insidious among children. It very often infects them when they are under 16 years of age. In a great many cases the germs remain dormant until manhood or womanhood is reached, when some let down in resistance will bring them out. Then comes tuberculosis. It is because so much of the infection is among children and because it does not show until later that the Modern Health Crusade is becoming a bulwark thrown around the nation against the great white plague.

The Modern Health Crusade is one of the many phases of the fight against the white plague, which will be directly affected by the success of the countrywide campaign of education now being conducted by the National Tuberculosis association and its 1,000 affiliated state and local organizations. The campaign will culminate in the Red Cross Christmas seal sale from December 1 to December 10, when more than \$6,500,000 must be raised in order to carry out completely the intensive program for the coming year.

Former Soldier and Family Pay Board at Workhouse

By International News Service.

London, Oct. 18.—Two Londoners, at the least, have been able to solve the acute house shortage problem.

The one, a disabled soldier, with his wife and three children, has been a paying guest at a workhouse. Their weekly board and lodging bill is \$9.

"I am willing and able to pay rent," he said, "but I cannot find a landlord willing to take me because of my three children."

The other, a milkman, makes a truly tempting offer. He advertises he will supply the landlady with milk free every day during his tenancy and milk in London is 24 cents a quart.

REVOLUTIONARY NEW SIX BUILT IN QUANTITIES

Willis Corporation to Turn Out New Car in Quantities for Moderate Incomes.

The coming of the first six-cylinder car, to be given large quantity production, has awakened keen interest throughout the motor world. Rumors of a new light six, embracing several revolutionary features have been current for months past; but not until the preliminary announcement of the car, accompanying the public offering of preferred stock of the Willis corporation was given out, was it known who stood sponsor for this car.

This is the first and only car produced by the Willis corporation, which is the big concern headed by

John N. Willis, devoted heretofore to the production of the Auto-Lite, the Willis Light for the lighting of homes and farms, and the new process transmission and differential gears.

It is reported that the difficulties, which have stood in the way of production of six-cylinder cars in large quantities, have been eliminated by radically new ideas of construction.

Rides Like Large Car.

Just what these are have not been made public as yet, but a new principle of spring suspension is one of them. The new spring gives the car the riding qualities of a 142-inch wheel base, though the actual wheel base is but 112 inches.

All the features of the car have been thoroughly tested out, over a period of two years, totaling a distance of 200,000 miles. During these tests the new six proved an average of 17 to 20 miles per gallon of gasoline, due to its unusual light weight—2,100 pounds—and to new efficiencies of the engine.

Production is being hastened in the Duesenberg motors plant at Elizabeth, N. J., recently purchased and greatly enlarged and amplified by the Willis corporation.

If the car even approximates the economies reported established by the two years' testing, it will undoubtedly create a stir in the six-cylinder field, and with quantity production, it is freely predicted that it will rapidly become one of the widest and most intensively owned cars in the world, as the field for a six within the reach of motorists with moderate incomes is simply enormous.

New Winton Agency For Omaha Assured Good Supply of Autos

Former automobile fans will be glad to know that the Winston-Six is again handled in Omaha. The Roberts Motor company, who have secured the distributor's contract have been assured by the factory that this territory will receive a considerable number of cars during the coming season.

The Roberts Motors company personnel includes R. H. Roberts, Tom B. Roberts and "Bill" Wilcox. All of these men are experienced automobile men and have been connected with the sale of high priced cars for some time. Many of the followers of the race track will remember "Bill" Wilcox as a man who has been in many races and has

been associated with automobile activities for a number of years.

The retail end of the Winton business has been taken on by the Keystone Motors Corporation, 223 Farnam street. At this location Winton enthusiasts will be able to satisfy the longing to see one of the late Winton models.

The Roberts Motor company will distribute Winton cars in Nebraska north of the Platte river and in western Iowa.

Vulcanizing Block.

A useful aid in vulcanizing tubes is a rubber covered block which may be made in the following manner: A sheet of fabric is tacked to the block and to this is vulcanized a layer of tread stock, cementing and curing in the usual way. This block has the advantage that no tack heads stick up through the rubber top layer.

Sticking Tires.

Sticking tires are caused by rusted rims. To remove the cause paint the rims with flake graphite mixed to a creamy paste with gasoline. The theory of this is that the gasoline evaporates, leaving the graphite, which prevents the formation of any rust.

There's a Touch of Tomorrow  in All That Cole Does Today

Turning Future Ideals Into Present Achievements



Creations Which Anticipate Coming Styles

A FORECAST of the future is the Cole Aero-EIGHT. In it, ideals which seemed intended for fulfillment only at some future time have become realities of the present.

It furnishes a new incentive to ownership; it affords a new satisfaction in possession. It gives to motoring a new significance.

Five years devoted exclusively to the building of eight-cylinder cars by one of the first two American manufacturers to produce an Eight, are responsible for its development.

It has ushered in a new vogue in motor car patterns. It has determined the trend which future styles will take.

Radiating a new beauty and dignity, the Aero-EIGHT elevates motor car designs for the first time to a plane commensurate with their advanced mechanical attainment.

Ten years of planning ahead—ten years dedicated to the creation of the new, the advanced, the original—give it the maturity of experience and sound judgment.

Increased Performance—Exclusive Designs

THERE is an indescribable charm about the Aero-EIGHT. Its winsome grace of line, its dashing attractiveness are a constant pride and delight—its rugged power a source of continual satisfaction.

A welcome departure from the traditions in enclosed car design.

The open cars are refreshingly different from the staid conventions of the past.

Averaging 15,000 miles on tires, developing 80 horsepower, economical in its use of fuel, light in weight, fleet as the wind, tenacious in its adherence to the road and reposeful in its luxurious comfort, the Aero-EIGHT gives a new interpretation to motor car possibilities.

The harmony of color, richness of fabrics, taste in the selection of appointments denote the worthy craftsmanship of these distinguished cars.

So original in conception that their counterparts are not to be found in current design, they turn future ideals into present realities and stand as noteworthy additions to Cole's significant creations in advanced motor cars.

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