

FEDERAL AUTO TAG CAMPAIGN ON HERE

Capital Selected as Meeting Place of Those Who Want General License.

Washington today was selected as the place for the national automobile legislative convention next December. This meeting is one of the most important annual events on the motoring calendar, and will be held under the auspices of the American Automobile Association.

The decision to hold the convention in this city was reached at a meeting of the executive committee of the A. A. A. in New York. The arrangements for the gathering were placed in charge of the legislative board of the association, of which Charles Thaddeus Terry is chairman.

Washington was chosen because the campaign for a Federal registration bill will be the chief work of the convention this year, and an attempt will be made to present the measure to Congress while the automobilists are in this city. The Washington Automobile Club will take an active part in the campaign for Federal license, and will entertain the visiting delegates.

The large number of automobile contests held this year have aroused. It is said, with interest than ever before in the question of a general license for automobiles traveling through more than one State.

The annoyance to which motorists engaged in interstate travel are subjected is emphasized with every auto-entourage run that extends across the border of more than one State, and was never more forcibly brought to light than by an investigation of the conditions that must attend the running of the Frank A. Munsey reliability run.

Hard on Contestants. Since no provision is made for a general license for auto touring through more than one State, contestants in this run must comply with the widely varying requirements in each State. While these requirements are for the most part equitable in themselves the annoyance and inconvenience of stopping to secure a license, each time by a different method, may be appreciated. This inconvenience forms one of the chief arguments for the advocates of a Federal license which will be registered in Washington, and will supersede all State licenses when an auto is engaged in interstate travel.

The fight for Federal license through Congressional legislation has been carried on largely under the direction of Charles Thaddeus Terry, general counsel for the legislative board of the American Automobile Association.

"The conditions affecting the question in various States," says Mr. Terry, "could not possibly be so dissimilar and diverse as to call for the inconsistent and divergent conditions that are contained in the motor vehicle laws of the several States. It would seem reasonable to presume that statutory provisions, adequate for the protection of the users of the highways in one State would be equally adequate for the protection of the users of the highways in the States, and yet there are no two States in which there are the same provisions of law regulating the use of the automobile. No driver of an automobile could guess, from his knowledge of motor vehicle laws in one jurisdiction, what the laws governing him might be after he has passed a geographical line and entered another jurisdiction."

The Way in Maryland. The Munsey run will be through the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Jersey. To register in Maryland, application must be made to the secretary of state at Annapolis. For this license, a fee of \$3 is charged. Only the Maryland registration number can be displayed while in that State.

In Pennsylvania, the procedure is widely different. There the motorist must comply with the rules of the State highway commission, and a license must be secured from the commission on which to make application. Here, the license number must be displayed on

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FIGHT FOR PURE FOOD SOON TO BE REOPENED

Convention of State and National Dairy Departments Which Will Be Held in Denver, Expected to Again Take Up Benzoate of Soda Question.

Second only in importance to the row which is now engaging the attention of Secretary Ballinger of the Interior Department, and Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, will be the struggle in the interests of pure food waged by Government officials. It is expected that at the annual convention of the Association of State and National Dairy and Food Departments, to be held at Denver during the week of August 24, a definite decision will be reached as to what future course should be pursued by the Federal experts.

The fight will revolve around benzoate of soda. This chemical preservative was originally condemned by the Board of Food and Drug Inspection, and its use was prohibited following extensive experiments by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture. The food manufacturers using benzoate of soda took an appeal to the commissioner of motor vehicles, and the matter was referred to the Remsen board, which reported after a brief investigation that healthy persons could eat, without injury, food containing small amounts of benzoate.

both the front and the rear of the vehicle. The fee is the same as that in Maryland.

The motorist's pet aversion is New Jersey, as much for the difficulty of procuring a license as for the speed traps for which the State is famed. Application must be made in that State to the commissioner of motor vehicles, and evidence must be produced to prove that the applicant's machine has been registered in some other State. The license issued is good only for eight consecutive days.

In New York machines may be operated upon the display of a license procured in some other State unless the driver is a professional chauffeur, in which case registration must be made with the secretary of state. In Connecticut, all that is necessary is the display of the license number of some other State, while the same will hold good in Massachusetts unless the driver is a professional. In that case he must make application to the State highway commission for a license.

The professional chauffeur clause generally proves a troublesome "joker." In the case of reliability contest it simply means that no auto dealer, salesman, or agent may operate the car and be exempt from production of the license. The professional line is sharply drawn by the Massachusetts authorities, as in amateur athletes. The New York authorities are disposed to be more liberal.

A Well-Traveled Route. The expense as well as the inconvenience to which interstate tourists are subjected may be appreciated by the outline of this route. The trip is one that is made by dozens of Washington autoists every summer, and all must undergo this annoyance.

Mr. Terry has made a careful study of the requirements in varying States from the standpoint of the expense involved. In thirty-three States where registration is required, he has found that the fee ranges from 25 cents to \$3 annually. In one State, it is charged for each horsepower of the

On the strength of this report the National Food Commission, composed of Secretaries Wilson, Strauss, and Cortelyou, ruled that manufacturers could use limited quantities of benzoate of soda provided they stated on their labels the percentage used.

This decision aroused the antagonism of the heads of food and health departments of the various States, many of which have laws prohibiting the use of benzoate as a preservative, and a committee of eleven members of the association has been making an investigation and preparing a report to be submitted to the Denver convention.

It is believed the report will sustain the contentions of Dr. Wiley and oppose the findings of the Remsen board. Dr. Wiley plans to attend the meeting and to fight for a vindication of his ruling that benzoate be prohibited. Members of the Remsen board also will be present to oppose the arguments advanced by the Government's chemist.

President Taft has already been appealed to use his influence to have benzoate of soda barred as a preservative, and it is probable that the Food Commission will reverse itself if the convention again goes on record in opposition to it.

Announcement has just been made of the marriage in Oakland, Cal., on August 4, of Richard H. Atkinson, Jr., formerly of this city, and Miss Susie M. Pireh, of Oakland.

A force of workmen is putting in a sidewalk along the lot where the new Armour plant will be erected at the corner of Henry and Cameron streets.

Miss Mary Virginia Young and Nettie Lee Young are visiting in New York State.

NEGRO IS KILLED AFTER A QUARREL

Joseph Davis Shot to Death Near Alexandria—Henry Tucker Wanted.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., AUG. 12.—As the result of an altercation between two negroes early this morning Joseph Davis, colored, is dead, and the police of Alexandria, and county authorities, are searching for Henry Tucker, the alleged killer of Davis.

The trouble took place in front of 1008 North Fairfax street, across the canal and outside the limits of Alexandria city. What was the origin of the fight the police have been unable to learn. According to them there were no witnesses to the shooting.

It is alleged that Tucker fired five shots at Davis from a .32-caliber pistol. One bullet entered Davis' right breast, while two went into his right arm.

Davis ran into the house in front of which he and Tucker were standing, and dropped to the floor dead.

In a baseball game on the new grounds on North Alfred street yesterday afternoon, the Lawyers defeated the Business Men by the score of 13 to 6. Neither side had its full team and substitutes from outside were pressed into service.

Mr. Terry also points out that in the matter of speed and road rules the motorist is subject to even more divergent laws. In most States he is subject still further to additional restrictions imposed by local authorities.

"The speed limitations range," he says, "from four to twenty-five miles an hour, and the automobilist may, without the slightest negligence or danger to other users of the highway, violate the speed laws six or eight times in a run of sixty miles."

LINER BRINGS BODY OF CANTAIN TO LAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Carrying the body of her captain, John Bridges, the liner Italia steamed into port today. Captain Bridges died suddenly on the morning of August 9, and as he had expressed a desire to have his body buried on land the Italia hastened to New York.

Captain Bridges was a native of Leith, Scotland, and was fifty-seven years of age. He had been in the service of the Anchor line for many years.

CHIEF "PLENTY COOS" SATISFIED WITH WORK

Returns to Crow Indian Tribe Confident That His Mission to the "White Rulers" Has Been Successful in Every Way.

Happy in the thought that he had assisted the friends of his people in getting the leading contracts they were after, Plenty Coos, the big chief of the Crow Indians, is on his way back to Montana, and will preside at the council, which is to be held Sunday, to hear his report. Plenty Coos is accompanied by Coyote-That-Runs and Alexander Upshaw, a graduate of Carlisle, who acted as interpreter during the conferences between the officials of the Government and the envoys.

Plenty Coos is one of the great Indian chiefs of today, and he has absorbed a great deal of the white man's shrewdness, although he cannot understand English. He came to Washington to assist Spear, a cattelman, and Bear, a sheepman, in getting leases on Crow lands, but, while anxious for these men to get the contracts, he wanted them to pay as much as any other men would pay. His people wanted Spear and Bear because they were "square" to the Indians, he said, but they also needed the money. The result has been complete satisfaction in both respects. This trip is not the first one which the old chief has made to Washington, but he feels that it may be his last. Each time he has visited Mt. Vernon, and has laid a wreath at the grave of Washington.

"But I am getting old now," he said last night, when asked "through the interpreter how he liked Washington." "I am sixty-two years old and would not have come here this time if I hadn't thought these bids might be opened and given to the wrong persons. We want good men to have these leases. Bad men want to go to our ranges and make all the money they can out of them."

They will ruin our ranges in a short time and then we will get no lease money at all."

Plenty Coos brought Coyote-That-Runs with him this time that the latter might become acquainted with the ways of the white men at Washington. He intends to make Coyote-That-Runs chief of the tribe. It is the old story of the chief who wants to name his successor in order to have his policies carried out.

"I am getting old now," Plenty Coos said. "A man of my age passes away sometimes without warning. I am big and strong now, but in a few days the sun may be shining on the grave where I sleep. I brought this man with me because he is sensible and will look after the needs of my people when Plenty Coos is no longer chief of the tribe. I want this man to be given recognition."

Alexander Upshaw, the interpreter, was one of the famous football men of Carlisle. He was on the teams in 1898 and 1899.

Local showers with unsettled weather conditions and a muggy atmosphere are all on the program as outlined today by the forecaster at the Weather Bureau. He can see at the present time no general soaking rain such as has been greatly desired by the farmers and truck men of this part of the country for weeks. The temperature will remain about the same, giving cool nights for sleeping and temperate days for working.

TENNIS CRACKS ENTER.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 12.—Drawings for the National Tennis Tourney, which is to be held here next week, will be made tomorrow or Sunday. The number of entries made already exceed those of last year, which were 185. It is expected the event will set a record for quality.

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