

MANY LIMITS IN CALIFORNIA

Effort Will Be Made to Have
Uniform State Law to
Govern the Use of
Motor Cars

TIMELY AUTO NOTES.

(By Alex R. Reynolds)
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—At last there has come to life a movement for uniform automobile laws through the state of California. The plan originated in Southern California, but appears likely to find ready support wherever it is brought to the attention of motorists.

Certainly it is high time that something of the sort be undertaken. Here we have had for years the sight of a large portion of the people of the country placed at the mercy of various town councils, county supervisors and the like. Glance through the road books and see what the difference in speed limits is among any half dozen towns you wish to name. It's laughable. The limits range, up and down the state, from four miles an hour to twenty-five. Apparently each community has its own idea of what constitutes reckless driving. And the funny part of it is that no two ideas seem to agree. To judge by the speed laws, fifteen miles an hour in certain death in one town while five miles away it may be considered a sober and sedate progress through the street of another.

Nor is that all. The plan contemplates numerous important general laws and no more important change than that officers in control of motor traffic be placed on a strictly salary basis. If anything with which motorists are troubled should be abolished, it is the fee system for these motor "copps." It makes them of necessity prey on the unsuspecting traveler and hail him before a magistrate for the most trivial violation of speed laws. Often there has been nothing in the least reckless about the driving that led to an arrest; but that would not save the offender. He had broken the law itself, not the spirit of the law. In so doing he had become a means of revenue primarily to the arresting officer but also to the county or town. Is it any wonder that justice had little place in his trial? Is it any wonder that the average motorist prefers to pay his fine and go about his business rather than stop for unavailing argument? If justice is to be served, the fee system should be done away with, regardless of its direct effect on tourists.

San Francisco will not see an automobile show this winter. That was decided by the Motor Dealers association last week by a very close vote and to the great disappointment of the motoring public. The dealers who opposed the show argued that any resultant benefit would be discounted by the disturbance of business which would precede the exhibition.

Possibly they were right. Certainly they are supposed to know their own business, but looking at it from the standpoint of the auto owner rather than that of the dealer, it is a great pity. So many new features have been added to automobile construction since the last big display of motor cars in the central California region, that are so many points on which close comparison of various makes of cars is desired by prospective purchasers that the show would have been a boon to them.

However, it is not to be and now all eyes are directed toward the great year, 1913. Will the motor dealers of San Francisco show the same enterprise that characterizes the other business men of that city? It is to be hoped they will for that show should be the greatest ever seen in this or any other country.

In exact figures, 24,536 motor vehicles were added to California's registry list in the ten months preceding October 1 last. That is going some. It makes the total number of cars in the state 87,728 of which 1309 are commercial vehicles. These figures are vouched for by the secretary of state, and some busy statistician in his office added the comment that one in every 27 residents of the state, apparently, owned some kind of a "hoiz wagon."

In the course of his remarks on the motor truck industry at a meeting of dealers during the recent Detroit convention, Mr. S. D. Waldon stated that conservative estimates placed the value of pleasure cars sold last year at \$12,000,000 and motor trucks \$56,000,000. That is some business for an industry which was almost unknown fifteen years ago.

A ray of hope for the motorist to whom the soaring price of gasoline has become an ever present worry, shone out of the proceedings at the recent meeting of the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers. The desirability of organized efforts in behalf of legislation favorable to the production of wood alcohol was discussed and it was stated that this fuel could be produced at 10 cents a gallon with a big profit. Everybody but the oil trust ought to be pleased.

The state engineer of Ohio recently produced a map of the roads of the state which is nearly ten feet square. It shows virtually every "navigable" highway and by-way in the state and the relative values of each. There is an idea to be followed up in California when our \$18,000,000 road system is well under way.

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