

Oregon Trail Gets Repairs In Nebraska

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (U.P.)—A part of the Oregon Trail, a main artery of traffic in the westward march on an empire before the coming of the railroads to the West, is being restored in Nebraska.

The WPA and two counties in the western part of the state

are rebuilding and graveling a part of the old trail along the south side of the North Platte river. The trail is being rebuilt according to specifications of the highway department and will be taken into the state highway system.

The road will serve chiefly as a farm-to-market route for the thickly populated area south of the river.

Between 1849 and 1860, years of the California gold rush, the Oregon Trail became the great-

est traveled highway in the country, according to Dr. A. E. Sheldon, director of the state historical society.

"It was wider and more beaten than city streets and hundreds of thousands passed over it," Sheldon said.

Rewards for Still Tips

TOLEDO, (U.P.)—Rewards for information leading to seizure of stills have been offered by Fred J. Crall, federal alcohol tax division investigator.

BURGLAR OUTWITTED BY ALERT TAXI DRIVER

TOLEDO, (U.P.)—George Shaw, 24, a taxi driver who aspires to a patrolman's badge, saw a man cut a hole in a jewelry store display window, fill his pockets with loot and hurry away.

Shaw drew alongside and said: "Taxi, sir?"

The man stepped in, and Shaw delivered him to a patrolman at the next corner.

SATURDAY SET ASIDE AS LITTLE PIG DAY

MEDFORD, Wis. (U.P.)—Squeals and grunts literally overrun this city every Saturday when farmers for miles around come to town with pigs ready for market.

"Little pig market day" already has become a popular institution in this vicinity, and many of Wisconsin's outstanding buyers attend.

WPA Must Spare Rod BOWLING GREEN, O. (U.P.)

—Wood County WPA recreation leaders, supervising play here, were warned not to use disciplinary measures to correct children. The warning followed dismissal of a park leader for slapping a child.

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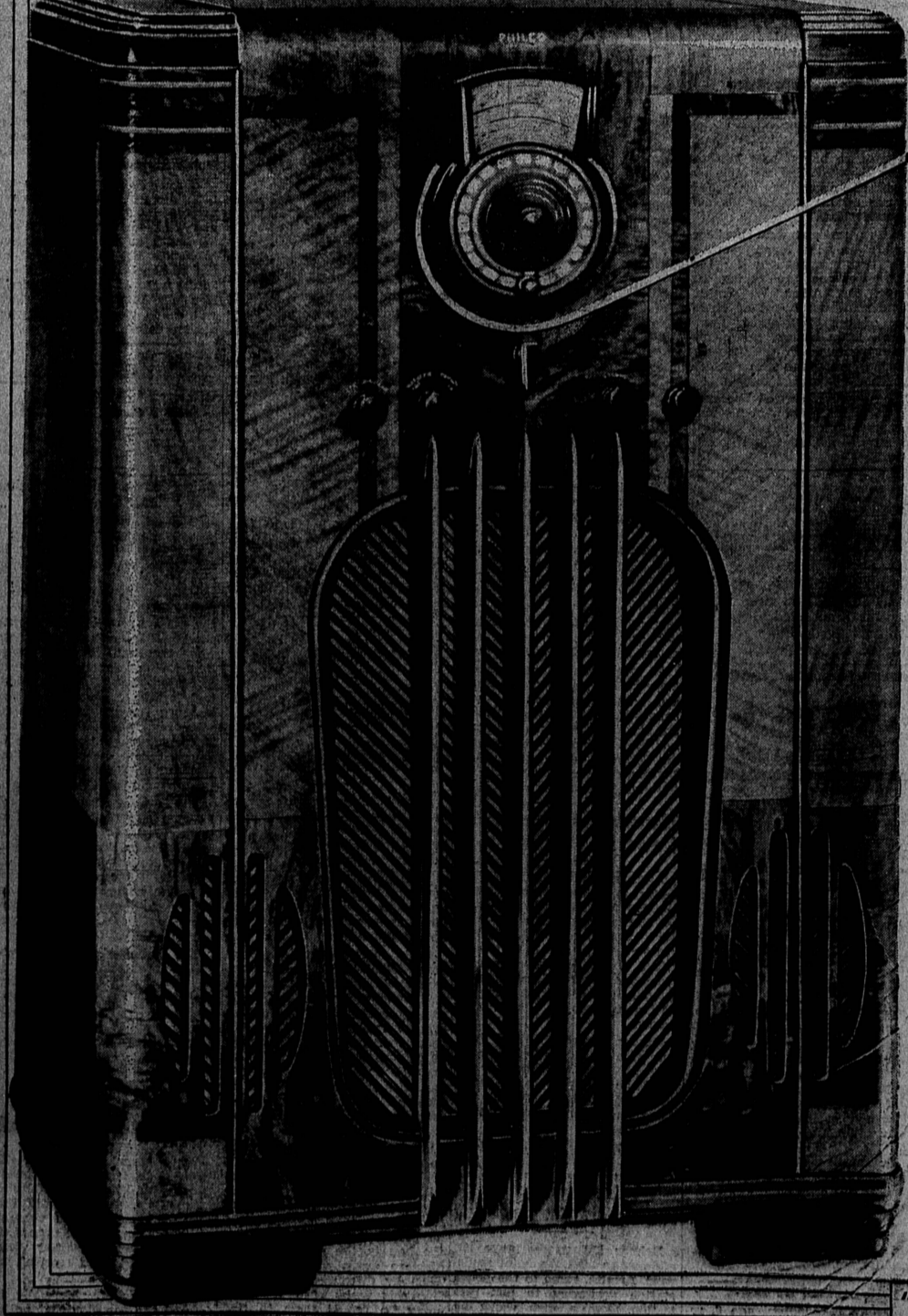
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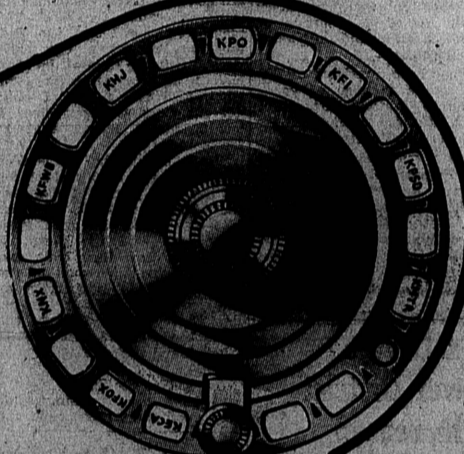
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WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—Generating capacity of non-federal publicly owned electrical plants has been increased by 517,520 kilowatts as a result of PWA allotments as of Aug. 1, 1936, PWA Administrator Harold L. Ickes has announced.

The amount of current the plants could generate would supply the electric needs of more than 1,000,000 homes, it is estimated by engineers.

PWA allotments provide for addition of 43,645 kilowatts capacity to the Diesel plants of the nation; 395,080 kilowatts capacity to the hydro-electric plants; and 78,785 kilowatts to the capacity of the steam plants.

Nationwide capacity of Diesel plants is 188,226; of hydro-electric plants, 481,730; of steam, 1,201,655, a combined total of 1,849,605 kilowatts.

PWA allotments have resulted from requests from political subdivisions, many of which sought allotments only after the proposal had been approved by a majority of voters in elections conducted in accordance with the state laws.

A model of a hydro-electric plant has been placed on exhibition in the entrance lobby of the interior department building.

Broadcasting Has Birthday, 16 Years Old

DETROIT, (U.P.)—Sixteen years ago this week, Dr. Lee de Forest, eminent radio scientist, installed in the offices of the Detroit News what he called a radiophone. This event marked the opening of America's first broadcasting station and many people thought the venture foolish.

Dr. de Forest has returned to Detroit to see, as he explained it, "what type of tree has grown from my acorn."

He found, instead of the table full of scattered apparatus he had left, a new \$1,000,000 home for the Detroit News station, WWJ, and a new 5,000 watt transmitting station declared by engineers to be among the most modern in the country.

The new station, erected directly across the street from the News building, will be dedicated late in September. The transmitting station has been in operation for two months.

In 1920, de Forest's radiophone could have been placed conveniently on anyone's kitchen table and there would have remained enough room to prepare a cake or pie. The three men who operated the station had little work to do. Their microphone looked like an ordinary telephone. Whenever it was desired to broadcast phonograph records—the "friend in need" of early broadcasting days—the phonograph was shoved up close to this "mike." An old-fashioned gramophone horn, held against the "mike," bridged almost all of the intervening distance. Thus was the music from the phonograph fed into the transmitter. Power was derived from a 150 watt, 500 volt direct current generator driven by a motor of only one-quarter horsepower.

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ALBINO DEER SIGHTED IN UPPER WISCONSIN

WASHBURN, Wis. (U.P.)—Albino deer, extremely rare, have been sighted in upper Wisconsin.

On several recent occasions woodsmen have reported one of the animals roaming near the Chequamegon national forest.

Reports from Camp Pigeon, a CCC camp near Drummond, said forest men near there have observed a white doe on several occasions. A white deer has also been seen frequently near a highway north of Drummond.

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