WANT GRANDADS OF ALL AUTOMOBILES

AT SHOW, JANUARY, 1929

Plan to Exhibit Cars Built Before 1900 at Annual Exhibit in Chicago; Search Country for Them

"Real 'first families of motordom' should be brought before the public's admiring gaze next January," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, commenting upon the contest recently announced by the National Automobile chamber of commerce, which has for its purpose the discovery of the oldest car in America.

"We of the American Automobile association, have reason to be interested in this unique contest conceived by our sister organization," says Mr. Hayes in commenting upon the plan which contemplates exhibition of the prize-winning car at the Now York Automobile Show in January. "The A.A.A. was establishing in 1902, when motoring was more of a name than anything else. **Built Before 1900**

"The chamber's stipulation that only cars built before 1900 will be considered as eligible in its contest is going to limit the number entered to a considerable extent. There are plenty of old cars in the United States, and plenty of them still running, but when you get back before 1900 you're getting into the ancient

"Still, a contest like this probably will bring out a surprising number of vehicles of proud and lengthy lineage. Frankly, it strikes us as being a great idea, and we're going to watch the outcome with real interest. The 'horseless carriage' that wins certainly will deserve the homage which the show crowds are sure to bestow.

DRIVER ESCAPES WHEN TRUCK RUNS INTO TRAIN

A. F. Decker, a driver for a Waukegan trucking concern, narrowly escaped death last week when the big International truck he was using to haul gravel for the new road under construction between Mundelein and Wauconda crashed into the head end of a freight train on the Second St. crossing of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul line at Libertyville. Decker escaped with a few cuts and bruises. The truck was badly smash-

PIONEER ACTRESS OF MOVIES TELLS STORY

Gauntier Recalls Early Days of Screen History; Lives in Sweden

Jean Gauntier, first darling of the movies when motion pictures were Cinderella in the ashes instead of Cinderella at the ball, has come out of her long retirement and is writing her memoirs.

She tells, in her first article, in the Woman's Home Companion for October, of the Kalem company, the concern which, now long since passed from the field, then had no home. All scenes were laid out of doors for modern studios were then unknown and not to be afforded if they had existed. No picture was allowed to cost more than \$350 and many ran far beneath that figure.

"Miss Gauntier gives a new conception of the motion picture industry in the making," says the magazine, commenting upon the article. "It tells of the brave souls who brought order out of chaos, of their patience, their wholesomeness. Miss Gauntier pays high tribute to her co-workers, aflame with hope in the face of adversity, criticism, physical discomforts and pitifully small salaries. It presents an interesting contrast with the million dollar methods of today, but it was Miss Gauntier and those with her who laid the foundations on which Hollywood was

Miss Gauntier was sought out by the magazine in Stockholm, Sweden, where she retired many years ago even though she had not reached the age to become passe among the newer stars, for when she started Mary Pickford had already appeared on the stage along with other celebrities of recent years.

BRAZILIAN AGATES ARE USED IN SCALES

Million-Year-Old Fossils Are Washed Down Into Valleys, Gathered There

in rocks, these ancient fossils are in tattered livery." washed down the mountains of Brazil and are gathered in the valleys. Transported on the backs of llamas to the sea coast, and thence by ship eventually reach American factories.

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HORSE CARRIAGE IS **NOW UNIQUE SIGHT**

ON HIGHWAYS RARE

Aristocratic Mode of Transportation in Bygone Days Scarce in This Age; Few Are Left

The one-horse shay, the aristocratic means of transportation in bygone days, is a rare sight on the highways today and attracts almost as much attention as an airplane did a few years ago, according to Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, which is affiliated with the American Automobile association.

Mr. Hayes recalled that only a short time ago the last remaining horsedrawn vehicle at the White House. a carriage used by the housekeeper, was relegated to the background and replaced by a modern motor car.

Valuable Collection "The Adjutant General of the Army now has a valuable coflection of historic carriages, some used by Presidents, as a reminder of the days when the horse-drawn vehicles were the thing in the transportation life of the nation," he continued.

"At the same time, the steady decrease in the number of horses has led the army to take steps to assure a sufficient number for cavalry operations. However, Uncle Sam has been quick to replace all horse-drawn equipment with motor-powered units and the automobile has assumed a definite place in our military regime. Significant Indication

"In many of the larger cities, including Washington and New York, there are a few horse-drawn carriages operated for the benefit of sightseers. How million-year old fossils take a But there is no more significant invital part in modern American busi- dication of a motorized age than to ness is a curious item of the day's see these carriages with their faded news. In the form of agates, buried upholstery, driven by an aged negro

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