

# Iowa Farms, Chicago Gunmen--Back Home How Much It Takes

Double Trip By Motor Across Continent Costs Far Less Than Thought By Many.

(By RENN DRUM.)

Leaving South Dakota, quite a farming state itself, the tourist heading east strikes Iowa, the farming paradise in the Sioux Falls-Sioux City section, about the most fertile belt of all as it leads to the Mississippi river.

At Dubuque, Iowa, the transcontinental traveller crosses the Mississippi for the second time, but the Father of Waters hardly appears to be the same stream as was crossed at New Orleans, where it is at its widest before reaching the Gulf; neither does it seem to be the same big river which the Southerner often crosses at Memphis and at Vicksburg.

Nature's Checkerboard.

Before reaching the Mississippi, however, between the Missouri and the Mississippi, the car winds through the great wheat and corn fields which have made Iowa the wealthiest farm region in the world and one of the most prosperous states in the union, although Iowa, like other agrarian regions, must worry about prices--wheat and corn prices instead of cotton prices. The fields, stretching across the fertile plains as far as the eye can see, resemble huge checker-boards with gigantic checks of yellow and green, both colors varying in shade according to the nature of the grain, or whether the green check may be corn or some clover crop. Not an inch of land seems wasted and the fertility of the soil as evidenced by the corn and wheat seems almost unbelievable. For mile after mile the corn rows stretch every direction, the big stalk and ears resembling corn on our rich, bottom lands of the South, while in this section we have not wheat to compare with the Iowa grain. Here and there, on the hog market as well as the grain market. Practically all the farming is done upon a large scale with modern machinery, and where plowing is being done the traveller seldom sees the plowman walking. If he is not aboard a tractor, he is riding a two-horse plow. Cross Iowa from any side and it is easy to understand why the majority of the wealthy folks playing about Long Beach, California, are retired Iowa farmers, and one also comprehends how they are able to tell the Long Beach city fathers that "we'll take our 52 million dollars out of your banks unless you permit us to pitch horsehoes in your parks."

Chicago's Gunmen.



WE ARE AFRAID

that the chief objection to the modern house is that it has only one decent closet, and it's called the breakfast room; the rest of the rooms are so small that the dog has to wag his tail up and down because there isn't room for him to wag it sideways.

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Two disappointments, or, rather, pleasures, of the writer's trip across the continent and back were the paucity of rattlesnakes crawling over your cot in the west, and of gunmen taking cracks at you in Chicago.

Leaving Iowa the tourist car crosses into Illinois and it isn't long until Chicago is reached from the west side, supposedly the hang-out of the gunmen and bandits. Cicero, Chicago suburb to the west, is the den of the killers, but very few more hearses are seen moving about there than may be seen in North Carolina. Perhaps because automobiles do not kill as many there.

In fact, Chicago apparently pays less attention to the gunman than the outsiders. Chi's crime wave is more or less overrated. We have several cities in the South where the homicide rate, in proportion to the population, is considerably larger. In two days and nights spent wandering about Scarface Al Capone's town we failed to hear a single gun fire, and did not see a single hold-up, except the experience of paying the meal check in some of the eating houses. The killings there are not played up as much in the home papers as they are in the dailies of outside cities, particularly down South where we count on the Chicago gunmen to make material for about half of our big headlines. A machine gun party there gets about as much space in the Chicago papers as does a Shelby sporting victory in the Charlotte papers.

Chicago rates next to New York as our largest city and in many respects pushes the little ol' whoopee town for honors. Chicago's shopping district along State street is just about as beautiful, in its style, as are Broadway and Fifth avenues. New York's Riverside Drive hardly holds a candle to the Lake Shore drive along Michigan Boulevard in Chicago.

Just what the outstanding points of interest are there, it is hard to say. Chicago has a galaxy of such. Right now it is the North Side baseball park, where William Wrigley's Cubs are about to win the city's first baseball pennant in many years, and the manner in which the Chicago folks are clicking the turnstiles at Wrigley's Field indicates that the World Series is already going on. Mr. Wrigley, who parked back and let the rest of us chew gum to make his millions, certainly knows his advertising. In Chicago he has them believing that one baseball game per day is as necessary for the health as is a stick of spearmint after each meal. On one day each week he turns the ladies in free even though Chicago is so excited over Roger Hornsby and Hack Wilson that nearly all the women folks would be there if they had to pay their own way. On certain Monday's each month the big park is overflowing with young boys. One learns, upon inquiry, that Wrigley gets them to Sunday school as well as to the ball park. Each boy in Sunday school on the day before Monday's game gets a free pass to the game next day.

Going to the Lake Shore Drive the sightseer goes by, and should stop at the Art Museum where the millions of the city have assembled some of the most costly and beautiful art works of the world.

Everyone, of course, who goes to Chicago wants, first of all, to get the low-down on "the loop." This widely known feature of the city is the elevated railway, which serves the heart of the city. The business district, as some may imagine, is not erected in a loop plan. The elevated merely winds around the heart of the business center in a circle, certain cars being loop cars going all the way around the circle, while the express cars branch off to the right here and there going out into the outlying business district and the residential sections.

From Chicago to Shelby by motor is only two days driving, but pretty stiff days. The preferred route is by way of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cincinnati, Ohio, then down into Kentucky by way of Paris and Lexington blue grass section to Middleboro and Newport, then into Asheville. Incidentally the mountain region about Cumberland Gap, where the three states--Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia--run to a peak.

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is as beautiful as most any of the scenic points in the west. And, of course, none of the bleak rock cliffs in the high Sierras and the Rockies have anything on North Carolina's Blue Ridge for appearances.

Making Such A Trip.

The customary remark about a transcontinental motor jaunt is "I've always wanted to make it, but it is too expensive." Added to that is the query: "Well, the main thing I am interested in is the cost. I may make it some day?" Here come a fortune to see the west by motor, not if you are willing to keep away from the high priced hotels, and that doesn't mean stay in uncomfortable surroundings. Due to the increasing popularity of motor cars travel is far less costly and far more convenient now than ever before, particularly along the main-travelled highways and trains of the west. As has been recounted heretofore, nearly every town and city along the main trails have tourist camps. That means more than camping ground, for it includes comfortable sanitary cabins which may be rented, two people to each cabin, for \$1 to 2 per night. That gives you cooking privileges, saving outside meals. These camps usually have hot and cold showers and nearly every accommodation known to modern man. Fact is, when you start out to see the west, you will find that nine out of ten see it that way. The majority of the people you meet are dressed in khaki or other clothing for hard wear, because, even if you travel hotel style, it is impossible to remain "dolled up." Such a trip, if you look at all the people doing the same thing, is much like a picnic back here, except on a larger scale, and the tourists are dressed accordingly. It isn't an odd sight to see the car of a millionaire pull into a tourist camp at night. It's too much trouble even for the wealthy to go into a hotel, change clothes entirely, and then change back again to make an early start next day.

And here, with the above facts stated, is the only information, no doubt, in this entire narrative of a long motor trip which will be of much interest: Four people in a good car (a car that is not breaking down every day) may go to the west coast and back, pay all actual expenses and sight-seeing fares on \$125 per person. That includes park entrance fees, boat fares, eating and sleeping expense, and all the incidentals. Just a little more, if you care to investigate, than a one-way railroad ticket without a Pullman or anything to eat, and seeing no sights except from the window. The above figures give plenty of leeway for trouble. With proper economy the trip may be made for less than \$100 per person--believe it or not.

And that estimate, if you please, does not merely cover a straight-across trip to California and back. It covers travelling across 21 states and Mexico and visiting all the national parks and scenic points within a hundred miles on each side of the highway, and a week's playing up and down the Pacific coast. Our route not only crossed the continent two ways, but near three ways, from Carolina to California in an east-west direction and from Mexico to Montana (bordering on Canada) in a north-south direction. Here are the states covered by the 8,700-mile trip: South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, the Republic of Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona, California Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia.

Hope you enjoyed the buggy ride!

## 6-Cent Pension For 40 Years Of Service

Gulfport, England.--What is believed to be the world's smallest pension is collected here weekly by Charles Pearce, 72, retired railway employe. A veteran of 40 years service, he draws 6 cents a week.

He explained that the company originally paid him \$2.46 a week. Later he qualified for a government old age pension of \$2.40, whereupon his railroad pension was reduced by that amount. It is not the amount that leads him to collect his due, but the fact that so long as he collects it he remains on the company's books. And while on the books he is entitled to one free pass a year, with the privilege of quarter-fare tickets for family.

Buncombe farmers have begun to handle their farm woodlots according to methods advocated by extension forester, R. W. Graeber.

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## Ike's Tale

Deer Star Readers:

After the June bugs came our old hen went to layin eggs. Sal has been doing a big thing this summer a-washin clothes fur the neighbors, so we decided to get out and take a vacation as is common with all us rich folks, you know. There is so many places to go to these times that hit is hard to tell which is the best place to vacation at. Fur my part I'd just as soon a tuck hit rife here at Casar a-drinkin and chawin' tobacco with the boys. But Sal wanted to go way off outen the state to sum of these big places like Lawndale or Shelby. She sed Lawndale wuz a good place to go to but I sed hit wern't on account of the Schencks and Walter Lee and sum more folks who live down thar on the banks of First Broad. Shelby is a purty place if hit wern't fur that old court house and jail they've got down thar.

I never could understand why sick a purty town as Shelby would build a jail or court house in hit. Me and Sal wuz at the jail one day last spring to see her brother who wuz boardin' thar awhile, and I'll swear I never seed as tough looking set of men in all my life. After we came out of jail we went up to the court house and went through hit and I'll be durned if them fellers down thar in jail wuz half as tough lookin' as the men they've got in the court house in the rooms downstairs, you know under these conditions we knew hit wuz risky to go, but we tuck a chance anyway and went on. The first man we seed wuz this here red headed Joshua Lattimore who commanded us to stand still till he could fetch up all his friends and present 'em to Sal. Zero Huffman lives sum whar in the wilderness of South Shelby, and we started down to eat dinner and supper an breakfast with him, fur he is of our kind an wuz raised near Carpenters Knob. A police told us Zero wuz not at home--that him and sum officers went down to Raleigh about a year ago--that the other fellers came back and left Zero down thar a-workin' at hard labor. Him and Josh wuz all the fellers we knowed, so thar wern't nothin at all to do only santer round, silly like, and set on the benches under the trees and talk to George Peeler an them other fellers; then go out to the fountain and git a drink of water an look at the post office and Penney's store. The first nite out at sea we slept on the grass under a tree on the lawn jist in front of the house whar the Star gets printed. I wuz fur gone over to the hotel at Cleveland Springs but when Sal counted our money we jist had enough to take us back to Casar a walkin, so we slept out in the grate open spaces, as hit were.

Shelby shore is a big place with lots of stores and fine dressed men--the gals is so saving of their clothes that they jist wear a little 'em at a time--a wrist watch, sum beads and a belt is a plenty till hit begins to frost. Hit wuz Tuesday when we went down and we could a-ben a-lookin at things

## CAPTAIN LAST IS COMING

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Town Of Lattimore, N. C. Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the town of Lattimore on the 26th day of September, 1929, for the purpose of voting on the question as to whether or not the town of Lattimore shall sell its electric transmission, distribution and lighting system, and all easements, contracts, rights of way and personal property constituting same, and all property used or held for use in connection with the operation and maintenance of same, including the transmission line from the town of Mooresboro to the town of Lattimore, and also including all rights of way necessary for the maintenance and operation of said transmission line, for the price of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED (\$18,000.00) DOLLARS in cash. Ballots will be used, one reading "For Sale of Electric System to Southern Public Utilities Company," and the other "Against Sale of Electric System to the Southern Public Utilities Company." The election shall be held from eight o'clock a. m. until sunset on the said 26th day of September, 1929. The polling place for said election will be at Lattimore, N. C., in building over Union Trust Co. A new registration of the voters shall be had for said election, and the books for said new registration shall be opened on the 26th day of August, 1929, and closed on the 25th day of September, 1929, and said registration books shall be in the possession of Forrest Walker, at his place of business on Main street in Lattimore. All by order of a resolution passed by the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Lattimore, N. C. on the 19th day of August, 1929.

ROBERT L. HUNT, Mayor. Attest: W. S. WALKER, Town Clerk

till Saturday, I reckon but Sal had planned to wash on Friday fur Andy Warlick and I wuz a-gittin home sick fur a drink of whisky; so we had to go. A year from now we hope to go again fur thar is sum things about our visit that we can't forget--sum of hit wuz pleasant an sum of hit wuz tuffin way.

We're back agin whar all is bliss. Our feet no more shall roam--The secret of hit all is this Here's Casar--friends and home. IKE.

## Clover Hill Observes S. S. Day Sept. 1st

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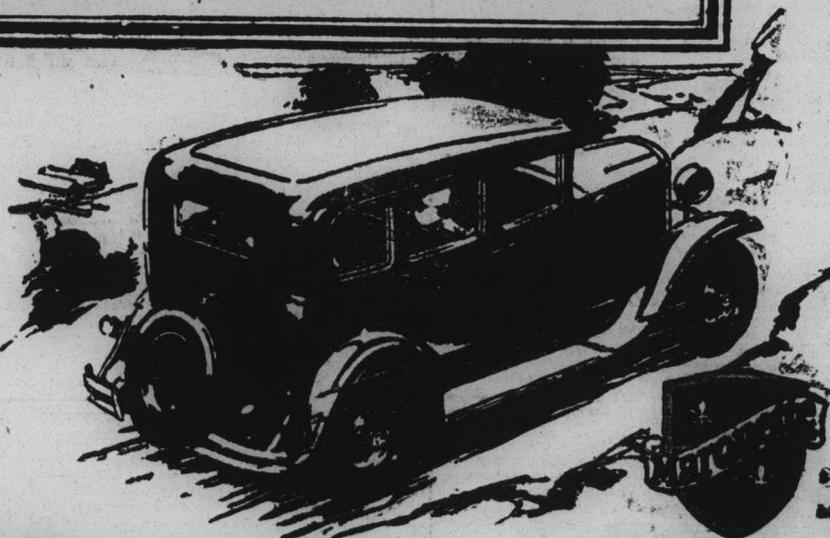
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