

Incidental notes on background information made on quick inspection of repository material: Dr. W.L. Gannon, authority, on visit to museum, Oct. 30, 1968. Wheeled vehicles numbered during tour.

1-Express, thoroughbrace wagon, used on Yreka, Calif. run. Attention called to brake. Rocker type.

2-Nine passenger Concord stage. Classic, wooden. Used on Mont. run. Period 1830-35 (obviously as to origin since there would have been no stages in Mont. that early. Used throughout west on California Oregon stagelines. Drop iron steps to make entering easier. Jump seat. Curtains to protect against cold, sun, rain, dust.

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4- Concord mail stage. Western Butterfield Overland mail. Built in 1865 for Butterfield Overland dispatch, used, then on Atcheson to Denver run. Sold to Ben Holliday and then to Wells-Fargo. Used at Ft. Laramie, (Wyo). (confidential, acquired by trade through National Park service, service wishing an item he had) Rarest of all American vehicles. Both major types of Concords represented.

3-Stage wagon, Concord manufacture (Concord New Hampshire). All staging vehicles. Used out of Walla Walla, perhaps Walla Walla to Spokane Falls. It was acquired from the Drumheller Ranch, general Walla Walla area. Didn't know whether this was the Uncle Dan Drumheller ranch, he the relative (father) of Joe Drumheller of Spokane. Both nine passenger vehicles.

5-Road coach, four-in-hand type. Used by American Coaching Club, made for club. American made, a copy of 18th century coaches used in England.

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A sporting vehicle. A gentleman's coach. Sporting coaching revived in 1875, another revival now going strong. Vehicle like this came up at auction in summer of 1968, brought \$22,000. This one indicated cost less than one-fourth. Question :If you had been at the auction, wanted this, and didn't have it, would you have staid in bidding--Ans."I'm afraid not. Vehicles bring what people are willing to pay for them--like this. Someone comes along with lots of money, he buys what he wants."

Telegraph spring. Holder for umbrellas, canes, outside. Long bugle to announce . Note: Splinter bar for hitch. This harder on horses, but more class than double tree of whiffle tree.

6-6-Landau. Closest thing in collection to carriage of stage. Type used when president or governors are involved. Coachman's seat, separate. Used with proper horses and refined harness. This kind was not too common in the west. Came from Long Island. Built by Brewster Co. New York, leading carriage maker in the U.S. Rubber tires

Pointed out difference in European seats for coachmen, or passengers and man or maid servants. Little concern for them. American built gave protection, didn't "isolate."

Question: What about costs, old and later. Ans: Originally, new, maybe \$1,200, I'd have to check. Some higher. Now, old Concord, \$10,000. New, reconstructed now perhaps \$6,000.

7-Town coach. Also from Long Island, the "center" of the carriage use. The type a doctor or professional man would use.

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8-Brougham. Rubber tired. Early carriage type. First type in the coach class. Looked good. 1 or two horses. Notice, low slung, easy to enter, etc.

9-Most elegant vehicle, Brewster, Victoria, named after Queen Victoria. Artists employed to design, worked up like modern designers. Steel, wood, leather employed in construction. Harmonious lines achieved.

10-Panel boot Victoria, more commonly seen.

11-3 sleighs, Maine, 1850 and earlier (no. 11) designs still on.

12-Swell body cutter, about 1875. No. 13, jump seat cutter, about 1900. Most in use in east and midwest, not here.

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14-Armywagon,for horses. Until 1857 there was no standardization in Army wagons. By that, wheels,parts etc. not "interchangeable." This one from Ft. Wright,Spokane. Used with "escorts."

15-Station wagon,roll curtain. Light. Buggy and phaeton ~~top~~ coach.Fixed top .Used to meet passengers.

16- Buggy.This was the first vehicle acquired, and decided to keep. Went out looking for a buggy that could be used as a flower planter. This just too good. It was made by Velie Carriage Co., Moline (Ill?), built around 1905. Got it ~~about~~ 1 n 1952. Around Ritzville.

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18 -Surry,fringed or top platform.Red seats. Got it at Deer Park near Spokane.

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18- Rockaway. Utilitarian, not beautiful. Represents class of vehicle which disappeared after the Civil War. This type made in New England States for southern trade. Available in "mail order" catalogues. It was made in the north for southern trade. After the war, that trade ended. Pre-Civil War.

19- Rockaway.

20- Duck board. Refined, light vehicle. Spiffy wheels. Varnished.

(told how he saw story and wrote to Ward Melville, vehicle collector, shoe manufacturer. Suffolk, Stoney Brook, LI. He wrote right back. It was through him he was able to make several purchases. Museum of vehicles has financial support, has many vehicles.

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21- Phaeton class.Coachman sat higher. English vehicle. Only English made vehicle in collection, made by Peters,London. Only English made vehicle but was shipped and used in this country.

22- Duckboard phaeton. Balloon tires. Not popular. Wide tires threw too much mud. Low. Also, Long Island.

23-Spider phaeton.Only American type popular in England.

25-Stanhope phaeton. This kind driven by a woman. It the only French vehicle (manufactured) in collection.

26-Gig.(people think road cards are gigs. Basket body.

27-Stage wagon. Made at Stockton,Calif. Henderson. Used on Redding, Weaverville run.Nine passenger stage wagon.

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28-Wheat wagon,,known as the California rack wagon. Acquired at Ritzville. These wagons run in tandem from Bickleton, wheat freighters. Sideboards, then loaded with wheat, then capped with sacked wheat.

29-Waterwagon, came from Pullman, remembered in "my home town ."
Followed it. Then used at Uniontown after World War I. But at Pullman where there were hills, when filled with water,pressure created air cushion When taken to Uniontown and loaded "flat," wouldn't have enoughpressure. Put gauge on it. Knew one like this had to be found someplace. Finally found it on a stock ranch, watering stock.Had a long hunt but knew it or one like it existed.

31(w0 skip)--Old fire engine b- Oxxi First used at Spokane, three abreast horses. Remembered going by old dump at Lewiston. "sked mother when she was going by to see if it was still there. She did.It was. Man was glad that someone had interest in it. It cost \$300 to ship from Lewiston to Pullmanand have been offered \$5,000 for it.When it left Spokane it was used along the Snake River to sluice banks for gold. Hose cars came from Washington State , Pullman, and one was used in fire control work at Yakima Chief Ranch.

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(hose carts omitted)

34-Covered wagons . Reconstructions. Used in Hanging Tree. Had gear, etc.
Cascade Lumber Company provided lumber . Used in hanging tree mockup.
(several of them)

35-Hand drawn home made fire ladder. Came from Washtucna in the Palouse.

36-Covered wagon, mockup, Used for Ben Snipes Day parade.

37-California Rack Wagon. Side boards. From Palouse Co. Grain etc.

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38- Tresner's . Furniture wagon. Tresner, of Grandview, now dead, he collected wagons before I did. He was harness maker, too. Fifth wheel permits sharp turn. Urgan, commercial delivery use/

39-Conestoga. Oldest vehicle. Pennsylvania. (Sway back) Made that way, not to take off wheels and use to float across streams, but because little metal was used in their manufacture. .Sturbridge Village, Mass. , acquired. First made about 1750, supply wagon. Wagon used in first migration west, also used on the Santa Fe Trail. Stopped making them about 1848 .

40-Hack, or similar to Democrat Wagon (springwagon?)

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41-Town express wagon. Also 5th wheel for short turns.

42-Pleasure wagon. Dates w/Conestoga. Several in Hanging Tree,use.

42-Gig. From the east, sometimes called a Williston Cart.

44-Light farm wagon. Butterfield manufacturer. Idaho, acquisition. Old design.

45-Belly dump wagon. First used in road construction. (If I were collecting now, do you know what I would collect? ~~Old~~ Road building machinery and equipment that is going out of date. Being replaced rapidly by new equipment.

46-Wheel scraper. (Not Fresno, but Fresno type. Fresno, handles, pulled by one horse)(sometimes two horses, depending upon "bite."

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46-Hearse. Made in Illinois. Used at French town, Montana, Missoula. Original finish. Ornate. Woman beraded me "we have been trying to save to buy it for the historical society here...hated to see it leave Missoula)

47-Hotel bus or omnibus. Owned by Palace Hotel, Missoula, Mont. to meet trains.

48-Lumber wagon. Only vehicle in collection used at Mabton. Made by Streith Co. Osh Kosh, Wis. Trade mark blk cat in circle. (Used later by a lumber company as its trade mark. 14 foot wheels. Model at the University of Oregon. Model maker came and made measurements, carefully.

49-Milk wagon.

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50-Delivery wagon, came from Spokane, used at Spokane. From Tresner "collection." He was mainly interested in horses.

51-Circus wagons, small. Obtained from collector. These small type mainly used in dog and pony show. If you find calliope for this, get it. If you want to sell them, a collector at Franklin, Pennsylvania, very much wants to buy them. (name etc. given)

15-(Vehicles)Guns

1-Gatling, made 1883. From Texas. Colt manufactur. Brass jacketed gun. California, Manila, etc. Benecia arsenal. Bannerman Co. used to supply guns, now deals in small things. Supplied guns for South American revolutions etc.

2 -Fur trade cannon, 1790 or 1810, this I think 1830 or 1840. Picked up for family at Tacoma in 1890 to hunt whales with. Later owner don't recall ~~how~~ family details of family. Collectors want it. Mark, printing. Looks about four pounder.

3-Brass mountain howitzer, pack howitzer. 12 pounds. Made by Cyrus Alger in 1863. ~~Picked up xxxxxxxx east~~

4-~~k~~-Naval gun, period of War of 1812. Found near Lake Erie. Could assume it was a gun from the Great Lakes Fleet. Weighs 1800 pounds. Looks like part was buried, might have been used as "post," something like that.

Mother still living, greatly interested. (remarked she often noticed no reference made to her in stories) At least she gave her blessings, which helped a lot

Gatling Gun

p/206 A History of the Colt Revolver

The Colt Company, in addition to its unique position as the originator of the revolver had been making a rapid fire gun since Dr. Gatling came to the company in 1866 with his Gatling gun. This was perfected in the Colt plant and had been manufactured for a number of years. Browning thought and rightly that such a company would be interested in any new rapid-fire weapon. He brought his invention to the Colt company and after some experiment the Colt Browning Automatic Gun was brought out early in 1895. It was shown at the first New York Sportsman's show in March, 1895, and was adopted first by the Navy and then by the Army in the next year or two.

John M. Browning..originator of the automatic and semi-automatic principle and its application to the repeated discharge of firearms

P.464 Picture of Gatling Gun, Capacity, 800 shots per minute from page 4 of the Colt catalogue for 1905.

...A History of the Colt Revolver Charles T Haven and Frank A. Belden, with foreword by Stephen V. Grancsy, Bonanza Books, New York Cpy 1940 by Charles T. Haven and Frank A. Belden.