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Shortly after 1900, when only a few automobiles had reached Idaho communities, most car owners took pride in having vehicles that could negotiate roads that tested their driving skills. Some who really were venturesome undertook to reach important mining camps over exceedingly difficult grades. Such obstacles usually took quite a bit of time to overcome. A list of mining camps reached by automobiles illustrates that problem:

Challis, 1905

Silver City, August 1, 1907

Atlanta, 1908

Seven Devils, 1912

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