Subject: Re: Circa 1925 14k Green Gold Gruen Cushion with Sweep Seconds Posted by afire on Wed, 09 Apr 2014 02:41:24 GMT

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I've owned this watch for about four years and never noticed that the movement has an open face/lepine layout, but now that you mention it, it's obvious. Just a few weeks ago on another board I commented on how odd OF movements in Illinois watches look when your used to seeing hunters. Yet I didn't notice it in this case. I suppose this is one of those things that may never make sense, but it begs the question of why Gruen would bother to have two sweep seconds movements in both open face and hunter arrangements. It makes no difference with sweep seconds. But it also calls into question my assumption that the 827 was the successor of te 826. I'm starting to wonder if perhaps they coexisted and the 826 was just more prevalent?