

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

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JUDGMENTS

FOOT ball experts are discussing the probable development of the game under the rules adopted last season. It was too much to expect that the possibilities of play under the new style would be reached in a single season, and now coaches and others who were dependent as a result of the sweeping changes see chances for many plays that will add greatly to the value of the game and may even render it more spectacular than it was before. It is admitted that under the old style the fall fair short of being inspiring for those on the sidelines. Even an expert in the stands was unable to determine with exactitude who had the ball or what move was being attempted in the times of close formations and mass plays. With the open game the spectators get a fine opportunity to watch the progress of the contest. Maneuvers have been devised during the summer that will relieve the game from a condition into which it fell last season, when many times it became a punting match, and by the practice of these new tricks interest will be greatly increased. That no changes were made in the rules indicates a desire on the part of those in control to thoroughly test the open style of play before undertaking further reforms. Coaches and captains are working on the new formations and the present season is likely to see the greatest development in American football since the "tackles-back" was introduced.

Omaha has not made as good a showing on the present year as to the west as the home fans would have liked. The slump began before the team left home. Lincoln and Sioux City getting away with games that ought to have gone into Omaha's column. It is simply another of the remarkable exhibitions, so numerous in base ball, of the effects of over-anxiety. The youngsters on the team are all eager to win, and in trying to do so are neglecting to play with the coolness and confidence which have gone to an extreme of uncertainty, which has increased as game after game is lost, until they are unstrung and unable to play ball. Time enough to win the pennant remains, if the boys can only put themselves together. Des Moines has only made much better headway than Omaha, but Lincoln has been coming along steadily and is now bidding for the lead in the class. Omaha finishes with Des Moines and Lincoln with Denver and Pueblo, so that little choice is had in the matter of teams to play, except that the contest between Omaha and Des Moines makes it easier in prospect for Lincoln.

The Cornhuskers are to try at least two new teams this season, but none of them will come to Omaha. If ever the management of athletics at Lincoln can get over the short-sighted policy of staying away from Omaha and will bring a good game to the largest city of the state, the annual necessity of going about among the student body and the business men of Lincoln to beg for support for the team will be done away with. Omaha will be the best patron of the Nebraska football team had, until the management gave ear to the petty prejudice against the metropolis of the state, and since that time only minor games have been played here and but few of them. Some day the control of athletics will come to Omaha. The men who can see beyond the salt creek horizon, and then Omaha may get a good game.

It is now hinted that part of the Ibbell deal includes the admission of Wichita to the Western league circuit next season. Well, Commy might as well have two teams as one in the league, but adding another team to the circuit isn't going to improve the circuit in any way, and Wichita isn't big enough for class A ball. The Western has suffered about all it can stand from "syndicate" ball, and the Comiskey-Tebeau-Cantillon combination ought to know it by this time.

Omaha has suffered more than any of the other towns on the circuit from the worst nuisance of the season—that of player umpires. Something of a fatality seemed to pursue the umpires in this town. Either the electric lights, the paved streets or the trolley cars got on their nerves, for they fell harder and more frequently here than anywhere on the rounds. Here's a tip to President Tip for next season: Put a clause in your contract requiring ump's to keep on their feet while in Omaha.

Eddie McFarland has again proven the value of a drunkard to a team. At any rate, he has proven himself thoroughly dependable, having fallen from grace just at the time when his services were most needed. This, with Nick Altrock's Boston escapade, may well be put down as having much to do with the final slump of the world's champions.

Local supporters of the game feel very good over the retention of Captain Franck for next season by Owner Bourke. Franck has been head and shoulders above the other Western leaguers, and will bring all his strength to the work next season.

If early reports are worth anything, the colleges will all start with the brightest of prospects for the football season. September is the month for optimism. It's in October that the hospital list begins to get even longer than the team roster.

Monday afternoon Britt and Gans will have an opportunity to wipe out the stigma of their former meeting at Los Angeles, but it is not likely that they will be able to make the public forget they once faked a fight.

Even the primary election couldn't take the eyes of the local bug off the American league race. It is surely the hottest finish the game has ever known. And with the safe leading home.

One of the Chicago papers says Rube Waddell is the man with the diamond arm and the runstone head. Omaha can match him on the head part of the showing.

Bill Squires is willing to try it over again, with \$500 to boot him out of his intentions. If Burns really means to quit, here's a chance he oughtn't to overlook.

The amateurs at Jamestown didn't set any very startling marks, but they did have a rousing good meet, which counts for something.

This week ends it, and Omaha has Des Moines all week.

Papa Bill will be a real showman next week—O. K.

BALL PLAYERS HARD LOSERS

Most of Them Take Their Misplays to Heart.

HOW SOME ACT ABOUT ERRORS

When One Player "Boots It" the Contention is Likely to Spread—Pitchers Often Sulk After They Lose Game.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—"There they go, all hands booting it," sadly remarked Jimmy McAleer, manager of the St. Louis Browns, in a game here not long ago with the Griffith bunch his team went on the rocks all of a sudden and began to fall down, all together, on the simplest kind of play. "Hi—I wish I was somewhere fishin' instead of here."

McAleer is one of the club skippers who take the booting business more to heart than do some of the other managers. But he expressed in a phrase the under the belt feelings of all the club chiefs when he made that wistful remark. For all the club bosses curl up one way or another when their teams begin to boot the ball all over the place. Connie Mack of the Athletics was talking about the booting business the other day.

"The booting thing," he said, "is both infectious and contagious. Any fan knows that there are times when an entire team and the best of teams will fall before the booting epidemic. It's one of those quick acting microbes. From far less competency a whole ball playing outfit can be fanned out by it in an unthinkably brief space of time. It is especially virulent, not to say malignant, when a veteran member of a club makes a couple of errors in a row—boots 'em, as the players express it. When that happens with my team I figure it out the entire crowd is just as likely to fall down as not, and right away."

Sometimes the Team Braces. "Occasionally, though, a nifty team will shake off that panicky and stamped feeling, particularly if they get a break soon after the all hands around booting begins. A brilliant play immediately following an exhibition of booting will often pull a demoralized team together. Now, individually and collectively, a team suffers the keenest kind of misery while one of the club's booting seasons is going on. Not only that, but in a certain sense the members of a team will feel sort of sorry for the fellows of an opposing team when the other team falls to booting the ball. They want the game, of course, and the bunched errors of the other fellows are more than likely to give them the game, but down beneath the cuticle they have a generous feeling of sympathy."

"Wonder how those fellows feel under the heel when they give the pill a kick?" is another of those questions often heard among the fans at a ball yard—meaning when they speak of "giving the pill a kick" the making of any kind of a punkish error.

"This question is akin to that other one so frequently propounded by spectators at ball games: 'Do those ball players really care whether their team wins or drops a game?'"

Joe Cantillon's Views. Joe Cantillon, the manager of the Washington team, who ought to be an expert as to the losing end of it, anyway, gives an emphatic yes to the last question when it is put up to him. "You bet they care," he said a while back. "They care 'way down to the marrow. I know plenty of ball players who will sulk in shadowy corners of their hotels like whipped schoolboys for an entire evening over the loss of a game, especially when the game has been chucked through a booting exhibition. They gloom around and stoke each other with choppy and peevish answers when talked to. They have nothing to say, and the wise fan, no matter how high his degree, knows better than to mention the day's game to the members of the beaten and downcast outfit when he meets them socially after the tossed game."

"I know some pitchers who take it so keenly to heart after dropping a game that they'll hardly endure to be spoken to by their teammates for twenty-four hours. Fact is, there are half a dozen fingers of all our games deliberately withdraw from their human society and brood over the thing till they are all but put themselves on the sick list. And I like the hard losers. I want a whole club composed of hard losers, and that's the kind of a club I'm trying to get together now. I'm a vicious and

sulky hard loser myself and an glad of it. I don't want any man playing ball for me who doesn't holler murder inside of him when a game is dropped."

Characteristics of the Players.

Diamond performers who fall to booting the ball have different ways of taking their misfortunes. Some of them collapse absolutely from nervousness that they are all but useless for the remainder of the game. Others bring their teeth together with a creak after committing some peculiarly raw error and getting the laugh or the jeer from the crowd for it, and muster all their innate aggressiveness. Still others have a way of grinning after an error in a way that throws the fans off as to the player's real feeling.

For example, Dutch Comedian Schaefer, the accomplished second baseman of the Tigers, has a great way of grinning right merrily at the crowd when he is getting the long and loud hoot after making an error—he doesn't boot it often, at least not the kind of error that Jennings' coaching partner—and Germany Schaefer is one of the few really funny diamond clowns of today—takes his error much to heart. But he does take the booting thing to heart. He says so himself, and frankly acknowledges that his grin after an error is only a phony mask. "For," he said in talking about this end of it, "I sure do hate to let the fan gang see that I'm worrying over one of my own punkineros. The bunch in the grandstand and bleachers are there with the Argus lamps. Nothing gets away from them, and when they see that a player of the opposition team is hollering murder inside of him over a misplay they begin to laugh and yell the more so hard that they'll either break it off or leave it all inside of him. It didn't take me long to dope, after butting into the game, that the booter who makes a peevish map over one of his misplays lays himself wide open to the kidding stuff. Now, nobody in the ball playing business has got a shade on me when it comes to being that nickel's worth of damp ginger snaps after I've booted a few of them around the yard, but away back in the days when I played on the skinned lats I schooled myself not to let the bunch see how bad I was taking my own misplays."

Elberfeld's System. Elberfeld, the Tobacco Kid of the Griffith clan, has "got a system on that boots thing," as he puts it, and he believes in this system just as implicitly as he believes in eating three squares a day.

"This is my dope on it," he explains. "When I make a booting error I know that the other fellow is going to trudge right on the heels of it. I've watched it work out that way for years and it hasn't often failed. I can't say as to other players, but the boots sag always goes tandem with me. Nowadays, after I've juggled one, I don't feel like going after the next one that comes my way at all. I hate the sight of it. I don't care if it is patted right at me, in the air or on the ground, I feel like standing and looking at it, for I know that the chance is about twenty to one that I'll play jacks with it. Pretty often, at that. I let the center gardener take care of it. And when I do that I stop the booting thing so far as I'm concerned."

Wee Willie Keeler, the right gardener of the Griffith troupe, doesn't boot many of them. He expresses himself briefly but pointedly when asked how he keeps about it on one of his booting days. "Like as if I'd never put up a roar again to the club's business manager for a lower berth in the sleeper," he says. "Like as if I ought to apologize to the bat boy for living."

Imperial Larry's Notion.

The renowned Larry LaJolie, skipper of the Cleveland layout, is one of the most tacturn men in the game, but he has some strong views about the booting business. "I've noticed," he said a while ago, "that few ball players are of any use for the remainder of the game after they've made one bad error. If it were practicable—that is, if I had enough men, or could carry enough—I'd yank a player out of the game immediately after his first error and put a fresh man in his place. It does not, as it matters of course, always mean, when a player makes an error, that he isn't in good trim, but when a player boots one, especially an easy one, it's bound to shiver his nerve. He'll fret and fume and eddy right up to the booting thing, and he'll be liable to spread to the other fellows right away. For example, there never was an infield, no matter how strong, since the game began that wasn't likely to go ballooning once the booting business set in."

"When my flock begins to boot it in the early stages of a game the only thing I can root for is that the opposing team will follow suit. And that's just what

happens a good deal oftener than the figures show—one team setting the opposing team the example of booting the ball. I mean, when both clubs begin to kick it, and the rest of it goes to the break. But, break or no break, the meanest hours I've ever known in my life have been when the booting infection took such a hold on my team that the men couldn't shake it off even by rolling on the ground."

Jiggs Donohue Knows Him.

"Boots—don't even mention the word—it gets me gunned even to hear it whispered," Jiggs Donohue, the agile first sacker of the Sox, said a while back when the subject of kicking 'em around was mentioned to him. "You talk of the down below dab and he'll surely show up, and if that grinning imp that slinks along and hands a ball player a pair of boots and forces him to put them on, he'll be there in a flash. I've been in a tussle on the soft meet. When I boot one I feel like asking the park cop to take me by the lug and lead me to the exit gate. When I boot two in a row I feel like surrendering myself at headquarters and charging myself with swindling Coniskey out of the wages he digs up for me. But when I kick three or four in a row the same afternoon—help! stop thief! I'm running away from my shadow like a fox terrier pup chasing his tail and I'm just as near being a booby hatch subject as anybody ever gets to be. Say, I never pass by a shoe shop if I can help it. That's how leary I am on the subject of boots. One thing though—when I get the boot from the bench or first base in a tussle town I tighten up just in proportion to the length and meanness of the laugh. It gets the old Mulligan and harp to something in me when they slip me the jeer for a misplay. There are days, of course, when all of the tightening up in the world won't do a fellow any good—when the booting thing is going on all right in a tussle town. And when those days do slide along—say, let's talk about getting our teeth fixed or something cheerful."

Monte Cross Has It Bad.

Monte Cross, the Athletics' infielder, is another one of them who takes it to heart. "Booting 'em," he said recently, "doesn't make me feel so cheap as you make me feel. I'm not a booter, and I've got my body. Especially when a roller goes through my legs. After letting a couple of those rollers slip through my spokes, one after another, I've felt like I'd walk fourteen miles through quicksand to break some aged man's arms with a fence picket. Nothing that I eat tastes any good to me for twenty-four hours after I've had a booting season."

Bob Ganley, the crack outfielder of the Washington crew, is superstitious about the booting thing. He swears by the teeth of the mask carved horse chestnut that he always carries with him as it is a talisman that he invariably dreams of it the night before he is going to boot one—muff an easy fly, that is to say—in his meadow on the morrow.

"I haven't known that dream dope to fall in all the years I've been in the game," he says. "Whenever I dream that I'm going to let one grease through my mitts I know for a dead sure thing that I'm going to make a show of myself in the next game. The day following the dream I'm just nervous because of the dream? Well, it may be that. But, whatever it is, through my butter fingers the old pill slips, as sure as hops, and I'm left standing out there in the glade looking like something that's been sleeted on. The worst of it is that when I boot one my batting averages are filmed for the remainder of the game, because my goat is gone and with it goes my vision. I don't know if it hits any of the rest that way, but after I boot one in my lot I can't hit a trolley car window with a rock if I'm standing inside of it."

TRAP SHOTS GO TO SPOKANE

Many Scatter Gun Experts Will Gather at Washington Meet. SPOKANE, Sept. 7.—Some of the foremost amateur trapshooters in the middle western, eastern and Pacific states will be entered at the Interstate association's third Pacific coast handicap tournament at Natatorium park here September 10 to 12, under the auspices of the Spokane Rod and Gun club. There will also be a number of proffered trapshooters in the preliminary handicap in a sterling silver vase, the award in the Pacific coast handicap being a sterling silver loving cup.

BRITT AND GANS ON MONDAY

Championship Battle to Be Held on Ball Grounds.

ALL PLANS FOR MEETING FIXED

Platform to Be Erected Over Pitcher's Box at Recreation Park, San Francisco, and Spectators Seated Around.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Jack Gleason has consummated all arrangements for the championship battle between Joe Gans and Jimmy Britt at the Recreation base ball park on Valencia street near Fifteenth. He has come in a satisfactory and understanding way with the directors of the organization and all obstacles have been removed. The fight will take place on the afternoon of September 8. The ring will be pitched in the vicinity of the pitcher's box. The infield will be planked and the highest priced seats will be right around the ring. There will be about fifty feet on each side of the ring for the boxes, which will accommodate in the neighborhood of 4,000 people. In addition to these ground-floor seats there will be plenty of available room in the grandstand for the medium-priced ticket holders and the bleachers will comfortably take care of a goodly bunch of fans. If necessary the management could seat 25,000 people without inconveniencing a single patron. The wire screening in front of the grandstand will be temporarily removed so as to give spectators a free and unobstructed view of the gladiators in the roped inclosure. As the fighters will battle on a raised platform about four feet in height a special precaution on the topmost row of the bleachers will have a perfect view of the arena and will be able to see each and every blow struck during the course of the conflict. There will be no dim light to obstruct the view for an instant, such as often mars a fight held at night in a poorly lighted pavilion. In illustrating this point Gleason pointed out the fact that the bleachers could see the pitcher go through his motions on the rubber, and as the ring will be high enough to enable the purchasers of admission tickets to see over the heads of the reserved seat patrons, the boxes will be in view to every person in the park at all times.

The property holders and their friends who are flurrying on getting a free peep at Jimmy Britt and Joe Gans when they are battering each other with the stuffed mitts will be sorry to learn that steps have been taken to obstruct the vision of all such deadheads. Canvas will be used to cut off the view of all outsiders, so that the owners and renters of flats will not be able to sell choice locations at bargain prices.

Bill Squires Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Following the return of Bill Squires to this city and the starting of his training at Shannon's quarters near San Rafael, word has been received by cable from Australia that Bookmaker Jack Trenn will again back him to the extent of \$5,000 in another match. Jimmy Coffroth wants to send Squires against the victor in the Schreck-Kaufman fight. Squires seems to have profited by his stay in lumber camps and returned here tanned and sturdy looking. He announced that if he can secure another match he will challenge Burns once more. Both Kaufman and Schreck have also announced their intention of going after Tommy. Coffroth says that he will put Squires on with the winner of the Schreck-Kaufman go September 21. Jim Flynn of Pueblo is laying claims to a chance, and word has been received here that Jack (Twin) Sullivan has started west.

Clean Breaks in Philly.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7.—The municipal authorities here have issued a warning to the boxers, particularly from New York City, against what they style rough-and-tumble fighting, now that the really busy season is about to open. They take the stand that for a fighter to pummel another when the latter is not in a position to defend himself is not a square deal and is tantamount to a free fight, and therefore the Philadelphia boxing clubs will strictly enforce the rule of a clean break this winter. The first fight in which this rule is to be strictly observed will be the Murphy-Hyland bout, which is set for September 20. The authorities add that all fights who do not care to observe the rule need not look for matches in Quakertown.

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Some Widely Gathered Notes and Points for Automobile Owners

Wilmington, Del., will spend \$200,000 improving its streets.

Don't screw down battery connections with your fingers; use pliers.

Automobile races will be a feature of the fall racing meet of the Fort Worth (Tex.) Fair association, October 8-11.

Two-seated motor cars, with a sort of awning canopy for tops, are in use on the Cape to Cape road in Africa.

The recently organized Motor Car Racing association of Baltimore held its first race meet, a very successful one, on Monday.

All freak accidents entered the contest at Ormond Beach, Fla., this year.

The first reliability contest for 1908 cars will be held by the Automobile Club of America, New York City's big organization, this month.

Martin county, Indiana, intends outfitting its entire 80 miles of roads if the dust-laying experiment to be tried on one stretch proves successful.

The attorney general of New York state has ruled that automobile collision insurance can be written only by general casualty corporations.

Mrs. S. P. Root of Somers, Conn., who, although 91 years old, is very fond of the sport.

Only thirty-four of Louisiana's 24,977 miles of public roads are classed as improved.

A hunter and fishing trip of five weeks' duration in the wilds of country of northern California and southern Oregon was accomplished recently by a party of San Francisco motorists.

It is important that the little bolts used in connecting the master links of driving chains be examined, observed, and replaced as they are needed.

Secretary Drought of the Milwaukee club is compiling a vest pocket booklet containing the new Wisconsin state law, recently signed by Governor Davidson, and bearing on the approval of the state.

Cracked cylinders were noticeably absent from the recent Atlantic City beach races.

The Automobile club at Tacoma and Seattle are lending aid to the Portland (Ore.) club in securing the construction of a boulevard connecting the two cities named.

By working in relays five drivers succeeded in breaking the record from Chicago to New York, covering the distance in 29 hours and 13 minutes. The best previous time was 38 hours.

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automobile service between Oyster Bay and Huntington Hill on his call on President Roosevelt just before leaving for his globetrotting tour.

Collectors of customs throughout the country are notifying owners of motor vehicles of every size that they are required to carry on their craft two copies each of certain placard pilot rules and the rules for lights.

A national agitation on the part of motorists is being conducted by the roadside graph and telephone poles from the roadside in sight as the result of so many accidents.

Individual instruction in road work will be the feature of the automobile school conducted by the West Side Young Men's Christian association of New York City.

Ohio motorists pay only a local tax on their cars at present, and the State Automobile association will try to have a uniform registration law passed so that the cars will not have to be literally covered with tags as they go from one town to another.

Sixty-four different methods of laying the dust and of preventing automobile tires from destroying the top layer of macadam road recently were tried by the municipal police of Paris.

So many serious automobile accidents have occurred in northern New Jersey that the approval of the state legislature to ask the next legislature to add the penalty for reckless driving.

A Brooklyn motorist in cleaning his machine recently discovered a pair of linen drawers which he was sure he had never learned they had been utilized to protect a slight blowout that had occurred on the same road some weeks previously when no repair shop was handy.

When the crank case of a motor that has been running for some time becomes very hot, it is a sign that the oil is becoming thin and that there must be a leakage of burning gases past the piston. A very hot crank case means that the piston rings should be looked after at once.

The House of Representatives of the Grand Duchy of Hessen has requested the German government to form a law closing the public highways to all automobiles except those used for sports and other purposes.

Touring cars and runabouts, seemingly, are not included in this provision. Dresden motorists are considering giving

the magistrates of their city instruction in the art of riding in their cars, in the hope that it will result in more just judgments from the bench and the placing of less reliance on the testimony of witnesses of automobile accidents.

Headle being an ardent motorist, Mayor Frank Whitlock of Toledo, O., is a photographer of ability. Recently he snapped an interesting picture showing a stage coach of the olden day, recently that of which was an up-to-date touring car filled with Indians in full war dress, with Chief Red Jacket at the wheel.

The Massachusetts State Automobile association will test the constitutionality of the law which went into effect August 1 requiring the payment of a \$5 registration fee for the balance of the year, although \$5 already has been paid and another \$5 will be collected January 1.

Diplomats at Spain's summer capital, San Sebastian, are having hard luck with their automobiles. In one day recently that of M. Revoll, French ambassador to Spain, ran over and seriously injured a workman, while Senator Gayton Alaya, Spanish minister to Cuba, participated in an accident in which five persons were hurt.

That America's exports of automobiles at last have overleaped the importation as shown by a report from the Department of Commerce and Labor for the year ending June 30, which gives the exports at \$2,500,000 and the imports at \$4,500,000. In addition \$2,000,000 worth went to Porto Rico, \$100,000 worth to Hawaii and \$500,000 worth to the Philippines.

Only by the use of an automobile was the sheriff of a remote county, Pennsylvania able to save from lynching a tramp who was arrested at Warren, O., on a charge of the worst kind of assault on a young girl. The sheriff had to take his prisoner thirty miles to jail and a mob that had planned to intercept him on route was not quick enough to stop the automobile.

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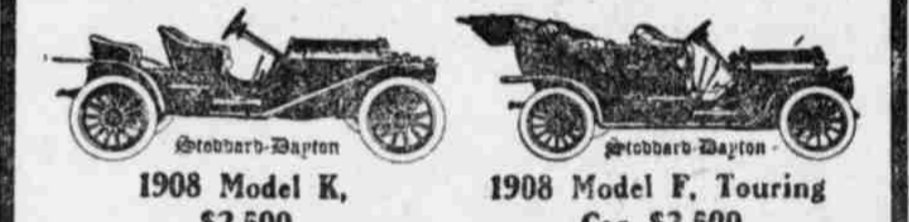
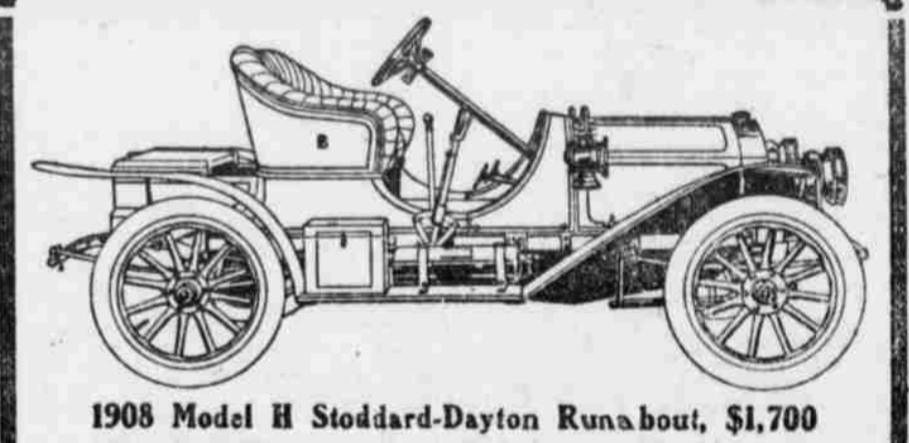
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