

The Big Event T O D A Y

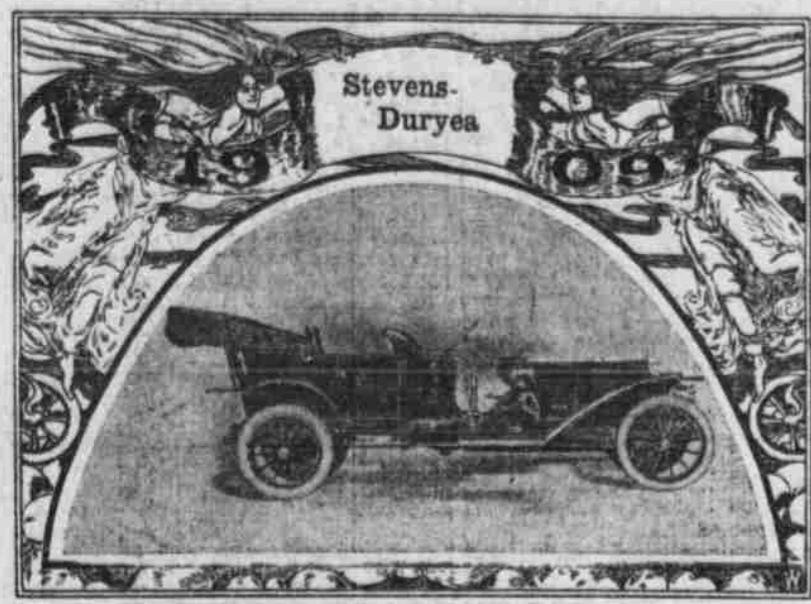
Thursday, February Twenty - fifth



C. F. Louk—The Maxwell.



Henry H. Van Brunt, Council Bluffs, Ia.—Overland, Popo-Hartford.



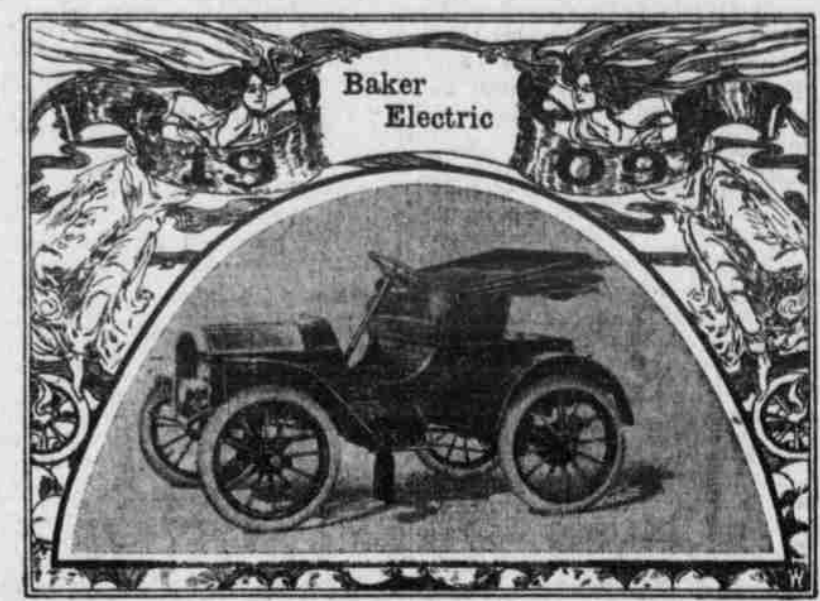
R. R. Kimball—Stevens-Duryea, Cadillac, Stanley.



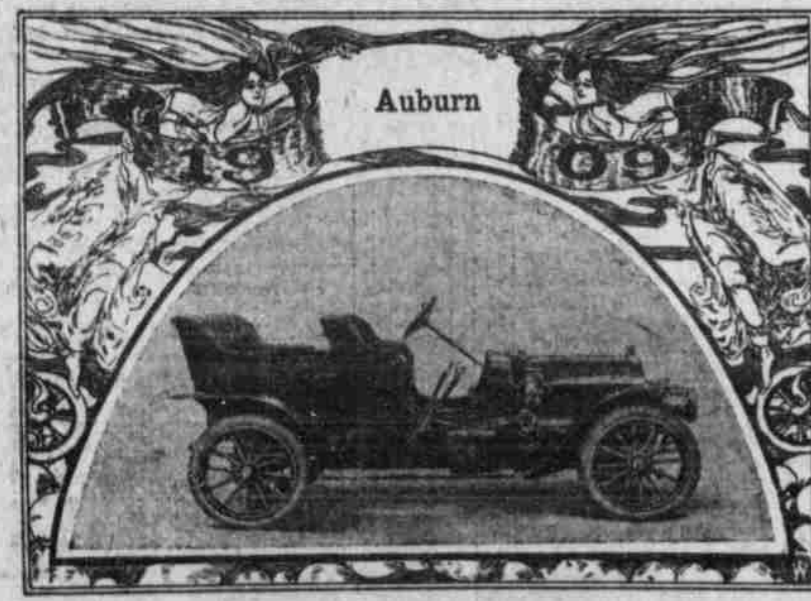
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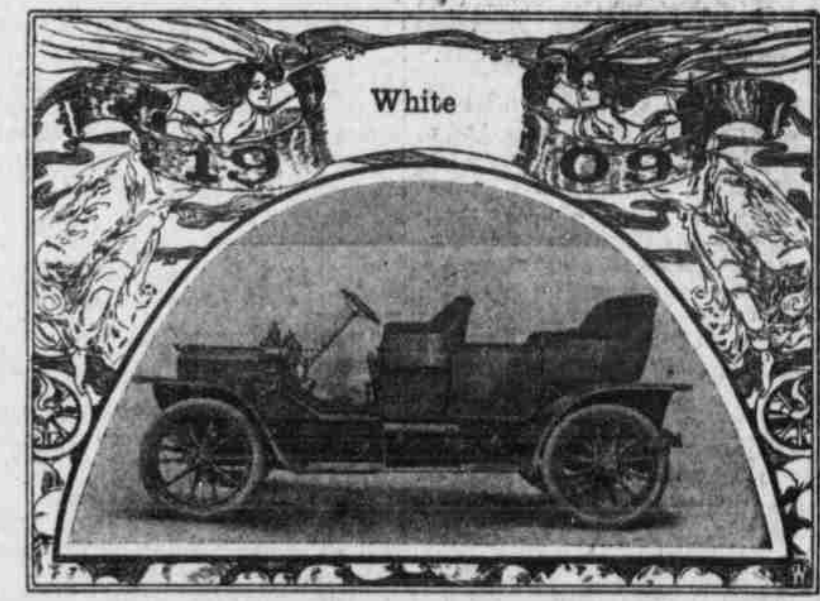
Guy L. Smit—The Franklin.



Electric Garage—Denise Barkalow, Prop.



Omaha Automobile Co.—The Auburn; the Wayne.



Drummond Carriage Co.—The White-Woods Electric.



The Oldsmobile Co.—The Oldsmobile.



International Harvester Co.—The International.

THOUSANDS AT AUTO SHOW

Large Crowd of Admirers Visit Auditorium First Day.

EXHIBITION LARGEST AND BEST

Autoists Are Cheered by the Information that Omaha is Almost Sure of the Glidden Tour.

Thousands of visitors passed down the aisles at the automobile show at the Auditorium Wednesday afternoon and evening and found everything in readiness for their reception. The machines were all in place and demonstrators were on hand to set forth the good qualities of the various machines exhibited. The show will last the remainder of the week and the doors of the big building will be open morning, afternoon and evening.

"The way the people are flocking to this show indicates the attendance will more than double that of previous years," said J. J. Deright, president of the Omaha Automobile association. "They seem to have heard what a splendid show we have this year and they will not be disappointed. There are nearly twice as many cars this year as there were last year at the show, besides all the extra space which is given to the necessary men."

The officers of the Omaha Automobile association are J. J. Deright, president, and Clark G. Powell, secretary and treasurer. The members of the association are: Denise Barkalow, W. D. Hosford, Daniel Baum, Jr., W. L. Huffman, J. W. Berger, R. R. Kimball, J. Clark Colt, Brick Kuhn, Charles Corkayll, C. F. Louk, J. F. Davis, T. G. Northwell, William Drummond, Guy L. Smit, Freedland & Ashley, E. H. Sprague, W. H. Head, J. T. Stewart, C. L. Herring, H. H. Van Brunt, O. Hinner.

The show was enlivened last evening by a concert by Green's band and by some thrilling moving pictures of automobile

show will notice that there are three essentials of a high-grade motor car, good design, the best material and good workmanship. The lack of any of these features puts the car off the list of the man who is looking for an auto. The individual parts of every car must be considered in relation to every other part, for no car is stronger than its weakest member.

Buyers at the Omaha show are more skeptical than at any former exposition, for the people are learning more and more each year about automobiles. They know, for instance, that when the weight of a car is reduced by one-half the strains which the parts are called upon to bear are thus reduced one-half.

The crowd at the auto show Wednesday night was one of prospective buyers and all the machines were carefully examined. Every booth was filled to capacity with visitors, who grouped around the lecturers as these set forth the merits of the cars. This interest on the part of the visitors has given the dealers high hope that sales will reach enormous proportions and that garages and salesrooms will be depleted after the show, just as they were last year, although that had been looked upon as an off year because of the financial flurry which was just passing by.

The dealers have all the cars in place and instead of having to hunt for cars to fill, the trouble this year has been to keep out autos to make room for spectators. The dealers have vied with each other to see who could produce the most attractive booth and the result is that Omaha has a splendid show.

That Omaha may be on the route of the Glidden tour of 1909 now seems almost certain and this has added great interest to automobilism in Omaha. The Omaha Automobile club met Monday and appointed a committee to continue the good work which has already been done for the tour.

Chairman F. H. Hower of the contest board of American Automobile association has issued the following announcement in connection with the tour which shows that Omaha is being considered:

Interest in the 1909 tour was keen at the Chicago show. Denver sent a delegation of boosters for the "Mile-high" burg, wearing badges with the legend—"Denver Wants the 1909 Glidden Tour." Chicago boosters also sported badges bearing the suggestion—"Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago." This combination of interests has made a good deal of noise and attracted considerable attention by the "fireworks."

Minneapolis was represented by another influential delegation and Detroit had her backers in the field following up a campaign of letters. The Minneapolis party included Colonel Frank M. Joyce, president of the Minnesota State Automobile association; Walter Hill, son of James J. Hill; N. S. Gottschall, representing the Studebaker and "E-M-I" interests in Minneapolis; and Walter Wilnot, who is promoting the Minneapolis Motor Car show. The party numbered fifty-two.

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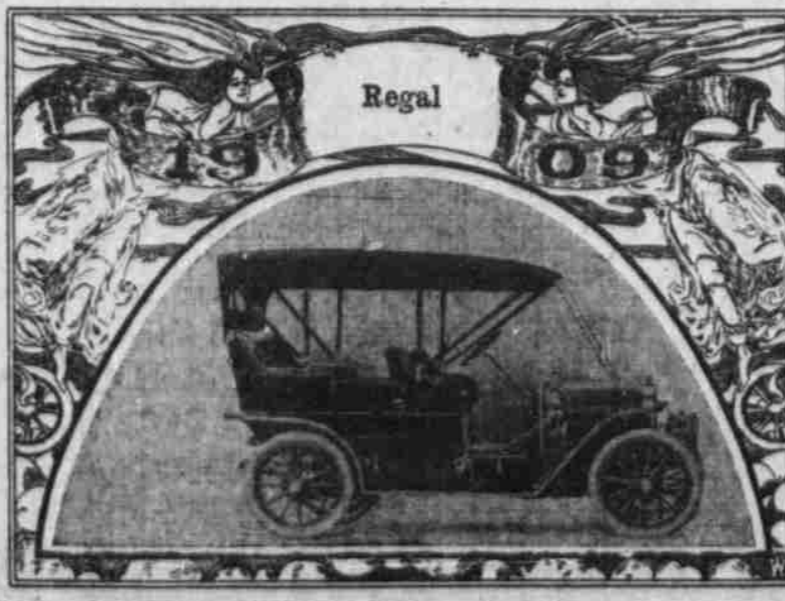
INSIDE WORKINGS ALL EXPOSED
Chassis, Polished and Bright, Attract Much Attention at the Show.

The polished chassis of the different makes attract the most attention, for here the visitor may see the inside workings of the cars. Some are mounted on platforms that a good view may be had of the underside and some are placed over looking glasses, giving a good view of all parts.

The manufacturer may thereby show to better advantage the new contrivances he has put in the car in his efforts to surpass his rival in having something new and novel, something which will save weight and which at the same time will be just as strong. The general idea of the new cars seems to be simplicity, and the manufacturers have worked more to that end this year than ever before.



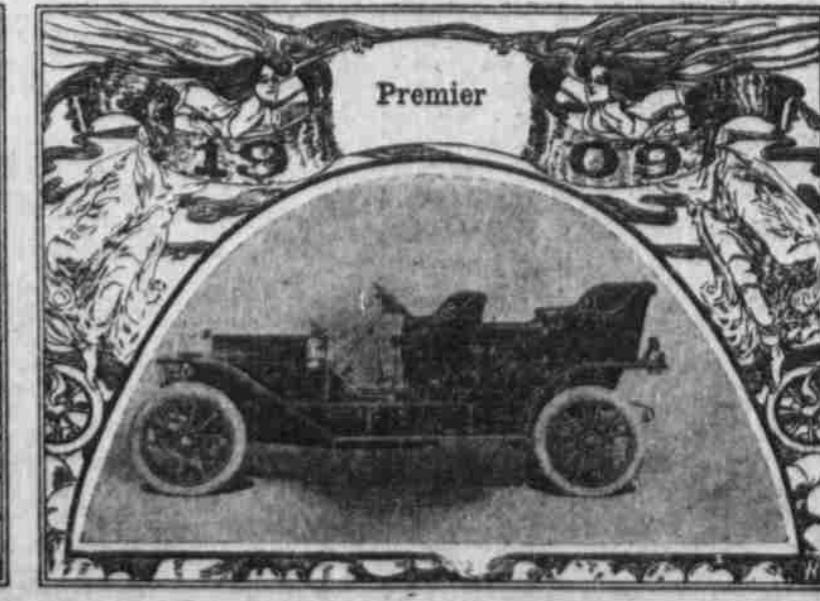
Brick Kuhn—Holsman 1,000 pound Delivery, Frayer-Miller Heavy Truck, Interstate Touring Car—Space A2.



W. L. Huffman, Western Distributor. The Regal, the Hupmobile



H. E. Fredrickson Automobile Co.—Chalmers-Detroit, Pierce Arrow, Thomas Flyer



Atlantic Auto Co.—Atlantic and Council Bluffs, Ia.—The Ford, the Reo, the Premier