

# Automobiles

## TRACK RECORDS IMPROVING

Despite Talk of Old-Timers, Sprinters Grow Better.

## RECORDS ALL GO BY BOARDS

Conditions Much Improved by New Methods of Training and Better Facilities on Track and in Gymnasium.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—There will always be a difference of opinion as to whether the athlete of twenty years ago was superior to the athlete at present. The old timer will argue that the performers in his day were superior. He will tell you how the old-time sprinter ran 100 yards in 00.94 with a standing start. If he had mastered the crouch position, how much faster he could have gone. He will also tell you that in the past ten years only two men have traveled the century in 00.94 in winning the American championships, when in the older days some one did better than events every week.

Also how man could make records in the sprints, then turn around and establish a middle distance mark. He will finish up by telling you that the contestants of today have better facilities for training, that in the eighties the clubs had no coaches, training tables, or rubbers; that the athletes trained and massaged themselves; how the chap of today has all the up-to-date advantages and should be superior.

The athletes of twenty years ago—J. Owen, Lon Myers, Wendell Baker, E. C. Carter, Willie Day, and W. G. George—were phenomena, but time will always show an advancement. For instance, ten years later Bernie Wefers in the sprints had better form and was more consistent. There was never a man as good as Maxey Long in the quarter mile. Tom Burke was another world beater, as was Charlie Kilpatrick, Tommy Conneff, and a score of others. As time passes records are bound to be broken. The Public School Athletic league, and other organizations are fast developing future champions and record breakers. It seems an impossibility for some of the records to fall, but they all will in time, and as new records are made others will replace them.

### Present Day Athletes Work.

Much credit must be given the athlete of the present day. Does not Mel Sheppard, the middle-distance wonder, report at the custom house every day at 7 a. m. and work sometimes until late in the evening, then in his spare hours go out and break records? Do not John Flanagan, Matt McGraw, Martin Sheridan, Pat McDonald, and Jack Eiler spend most of their time at their duties in the police department? The majority of athletes who have made reputations on the athletic field are hard working fellows. True, the facilities for training are better, but business cares do not decrease, in fact, they increase. The athlete in the large cities has as much to

contend with as those of a score of years ago, and as his performances are on an average far better it must be admitted that the present-day performer is more improved athlete.

Generally, a man to be a good athlete must have some natural ability and not only spend a great deal of his time training, but must also study his specialty. Specializing is an important factor nowadays. To succeed, an athlete must only go in for his special event. Twenty years ago a competitor could compete in three or four events and win. This is an unusual feat in the present decade. In 1900 Lon Meyers captured four American championships in one day, winning the 100 yards in 0.108, 220 yards in 0.224, 440 yards in 0.51, and the 880 yards in 2.044, a wonderful performance.

This feat could hardly be repeated in these days. Take the championships held at Seattle last summer. The times were: 100 yards, 0.104; 220 yards, 0.224; 440 yards, 0.529; 880 yards, 1.574—and these figures, with the exception of the half-mile, are nothing to brag about. Conditions were poor, the day of the meet a drizzling rain fell, and it was very cold. Look at the following table of championship events in 1880, 1881 and 1882, and compare the performance with those of 1907, 1908 and 1909.

### Records Don't Show All.

It will be noticed that in the 100, 220 and 440-yard runs the average improvement in time is not much faster, although during 1907, 1908 and 1909 there were faster men in competition who did not compete in the championships. The times in the above table do not show the best performances for the short distance men. The 880 shows a remarkable improvement. The one mile does not indicate anything wonderful, but in 1909, Paul, the University of Pennsylvania athlete, ran the distance in 4:17.3.

Now comes this cry from the enthusiast: "How about Tommy Conneff's one-mile record performance fifteen years ago, when he ran the distance in 4:15.7?" This is an exception. Although our later-day athlete has materially decreased the average time for the mile, he has yet to break Conneff's record. This year should decide the question, as Paul, Sheppard, Kiviat and Non-hag will make attempts to lower the figures and the prospects look very good.

The average of the five miles is about one minute and a half less. The time in the hurdles shows a decided decrease. High jumpers do six inches higher; broad jumpers and pole vaulters are doing far better. The shot has gone up about ten feet and the fifty-six-pound weight shows to better advantage. The hammer cannot very well be compared, as in the older days they had a different style of hammer. The wooden handle was used during the 80's, while today a flexible wire handle is used, although Flanagan or McGrath could get the old-style hammer out much further than the old-timers. It must not be inferred that the old-

time is being belittled, as the present-day athlete acquired most of his early knowledge from the athlete of the 80's, but the records show conclusively a decided improvement has been made in the sport and will continue so long as track and field games are held.

A comparison of times in various events, beginning with 1880 follows:

Event	1880	1881	1882	1907	1908	1909
100 yards	0.110	0.108	0.106	0.104	0.104	0.104
220 yards	0.230	0.228	0.226	0.224	0.224	0.224
440 yards	0.550	0.548	0.546	0.529	0.529	0.529
880 yards	1.600	1.598	1.596	1.574	1.574	1.574
1 mile	4:25.0	4:24.8	4:24.6	4:17.3	4:17.3	4:17.3
5 miles	25:00.0	24:58.0	24:56.0	24:15.0	24:15.0	24:15.0
10 miles	50:00.0	49:58.0	49:56.0	48:30.0	48:30.0	48:30.0
15 miles	75:00.0	74:58.0	74:56.0	72:45.0	72:45.0	72:45.0
20 miles	100:00.0	99:58.0	99:56.0	97:30.0	97:30.0	97:30.0
25 miles	125:00.0	124:58.0	124:56.0	122:15.0	122:15.0	122:15.0
30 miles	150:00.0	149:58.0	149:56.0	147:00.0	147:00.0	147:00.0
35 miles	175:00.0	174:58.0	174:56.0	171:45.0	171:45.0	171:45.0
40 miles	200:00.0	199:58.0	199:56.0	196:30.0	196:30.0	196:30.0
45 miles	225:00.0	224:58.0	224:56.0	221:15.0	221:15.0	221:15.0
50 miles	250:00.0	249:58.0	249:56.0	246:00.0	246:00.0	246:00.0
55 miles	275:00.0	274:58.0	274:56.0	270:45.0	270:45.0	270:45.0
60 miles	300:00.0	299:58.0	299:56.0	295:30.0	295:30.0	295:30.0
65 miles	325:00.0	324:58.0	324:56.0	320:15.0	320:15.0	320:15.0
70 miles	350:00.0	349:58.0	349:56.0	345:00.0	345:00.0	345:00.0
75 miles	375:00.0	374:58.0	374:56.0	370:45.0	370:45.0	370:45.0
80 miles	400:00.0	399:58.0	399:56.0	395:30.0	395:30.0	395:30.0
85 miles	425:00.0	424:58.0	424:56.0	420:15.0	420:15.0	420:15.0
90 miles	450:00.0	449:58.0	449:56.0	445:00.0	445:00.0	445:00.0
95 miles	475:00.0	474:58.0	474:56.0	470:45.0	470:45.0	470:45.0
100 miles	500:00.0	499:58.0	499:56.0	495:30.0	495:30.0	495:30.0

## CALLS QUAKER CANDIDATES

Penn's Foot Ball Squad Ordered to Meet September 6.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—Andy Smith, all-American fullback in 1904 and coach of the University of Pennsylvania foot ball team, has issued his first call for candidates to report on September 6. The squad will be taken to some summer resort until September 15, when regular practice will begin on Franklin Field. The first game is scheduled for September 24. Lambertson, Fritz, Miller, Braddock and Sommer will be missing from the squad, and among the veterans again eligible are Cozema, Pike, Ferrier, Hutchinson, Young, Irwin, Marks, Heilman, Scott and Ramsdell.

Every effort is being made to induce Dr. Carl Williams to again take the chairmanship of the advisory board and help the foot ball team. It is believed that he will accept. Bull Wharton has consented to return and coach. Other assistants which Smith will have are Hunter Scarlett, all-American end in 1908; Jack Hedges, Bob Toney, Harold Gaston, Al Mulford, Howard Shebin and George Brooke. Six of these men made the paper all-American team in their undergraduate days.

It is hoped that Hutchinson will fill a long-needed kicker's position on this season's team. He has been working with the ball this summer.

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## M'LAUGHLIN SHOWS CLASS

Young Tennis Player Looked Upon as Next Challenger.

## WOULD GIVE LARNED A TUSSELE

Californian Wins Classic Turf Contest After But Slight Experience on Grass, and Improves with Every Game.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Maurice E. McLoughlin, winning the classic tournament of the Meadow club at Southampton last week proved his class again to the complete satisfaction of the eastern critics who are watching the lawn tennis career of the young Californian with so much interest. Every match he plays on the turf counts in the improvement of this player, to whom turf was a novelty as recently as last year, and the impression grows stronger day by day that he will be the challenger of William A. Larned for the national title.

McLoughlin, in whom Larned has taken a great and unusual interest, is surely of the caliber of which champions are made. Yet he lacks the necessary experience, and his game on the turf of the Meadow club at Southampton did not show that, other than the element of speed and net attack that is always dangerous to an opponent who may not be established in the arts of adroit passing, he is possessed of the necessary qualifications to accomplish the defeat of a champion such as Larned.

A majority of the experts agree, however, that McLoughlin, with the game he

is showing, is destined to win the championship if he makes the annual trial at Newport for the next two or three years. Thomas C. Bundy, another Californian, exhibits a far more thoughtful game, and one with nearly as great speed as does McLoughlin. With a trifle of luck to aid him at critical times, it would not surprise any of those who watched Bundy play at Southampton to see him come out near the top.

**Many Reversals of Form.**  
Reversals of form have been so frequent through the last few weeks as to cause wonderment as to the reasons and causes. Wallace F. Johnson, the young Pennsylvanian, who won the ranking of third last year, is certainly far below form, as the result of his illness through the winter. His game is lacking in its old-time snap and aggressiveness. His ambition and his courage have carried him along in his tournament play, but it is all too evident that he can hardly accomplish more than keep his game up as far as this season is concerned. Raymond D. Little, Robert Le Roy and Karl H. Behr are out of the game.

Then the list of those who are suffering from illness and injury is a long and notable one for this important part of the year. William J. Clothier is suffering from his recent attack of typhoid fever, and Gustave F. Touchard, whose brilliant record was the amusement of the earlier tournaments, has succumbed to an attack of appendicitis. Beale C. Wright is somewhat discouraged at his showing, for Wright began his trip to England with the avowed intention of returning and playing all through, from Longwood, the New York states, Southampton and Newport. His defeat at the hands of McLoughlin, however, shook his determination. Frederick C. Inman, who was in fine

form, and whose victory of the New York state helped him to push his game at the limit, had the misfortune to severely cut his foot while bathing at the time of his playing in the special tournament at the Edgemere club, Long Island. That was the cause of Inman passing the Southampton tournament. That accident is destined to see Inman a high ranking, for he was at the top of his game.

The one brilliant possibility in the east at this time is Nathaniel W. Niles. The only difficulty that hampers the Harvard player is the absence of a robust physical condition which compels him to favor himself in order that he may do his best through hard matches.

## Junior Tennis at Field Club

Considerable Interest Being Worked Up Over the Playing of the Boys.

Interest in the annual junior city tournament of this year is high, as several new players of strength have appeared and some of the old stars are now out. The event starts August 29 at the Omaha Field club, only boys under 18 being allowed to enter.

Among the lads picked for the winners are Severus Sumann and Herbert Davis, both Omaha High school players and of some skill with the racquet. The pair play together much and are about equal in strength, but are far above the average High school player.

Entries may be sent to Robert Howe at the Omaha Field club, as he will be in

charge of the event. Single entries will be 50 cents and teams for doubles 75 cents. The entry list closes August 27.

Prizes will be given the winners and runners up in both championship and consolation series, singles and doubles.

## HARPOON WINS THE TAFT CUP

Spanish Boats Are Far in the Rear When American Crosses Finish Line.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Aug. 20.—The American Sander boat, Harpoon, won the Taft cup by capturing today's race—the fourth of the international Spanish-American series. The Spaniards were far astern.

President Taft arrived on the yacht Sylph from Beverly at 11:35 a. m., and was given a salute of twenty-one guns by the Androscoegin, the flagship of the revenue cutter fleet.

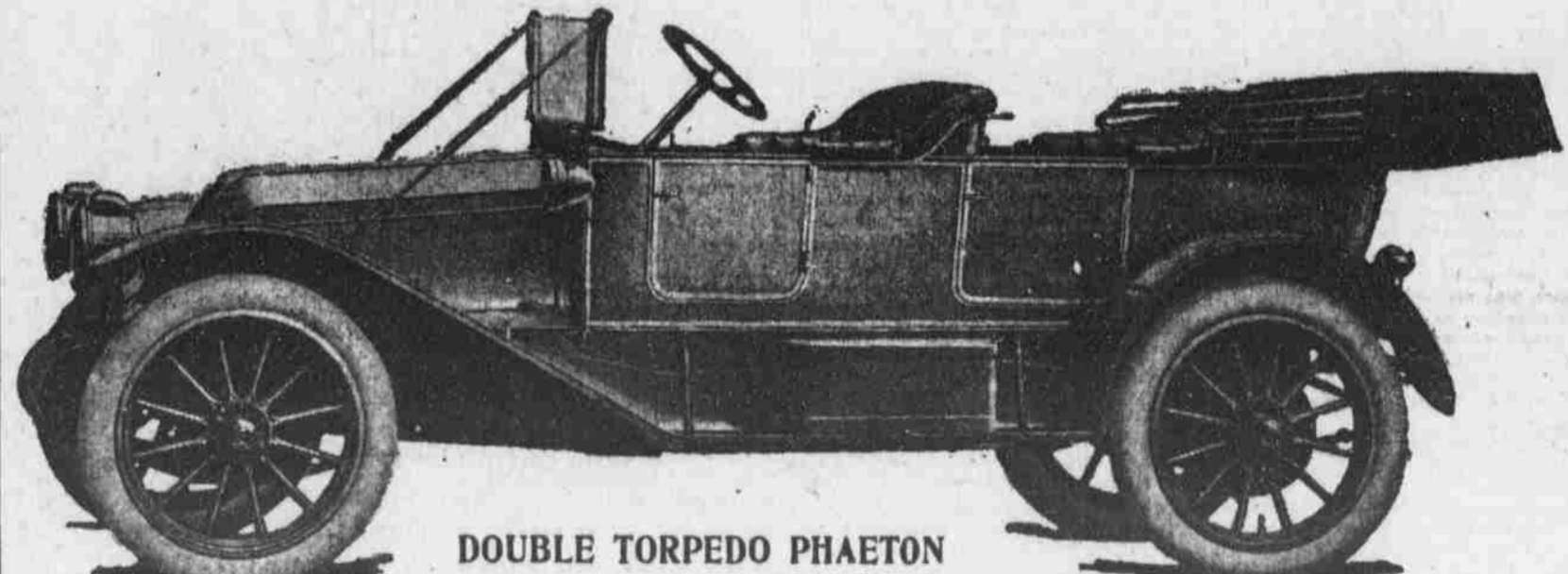
The president saw an exciting race between the three American yachts on the first leg of the course, the Harpoon leading the Beaver by about 100 yards, while the Cima was about the same distance astern of the Beaver.

## BOXER IS KNOCKED CLEAR OUT

Frederick Caster Never Recovers Consciousness After Blow from Spike Sullivan.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—Another death was added today to the list of fatal boxing bouts in this city when Frederick Caster, 30 years old, died in a hospital after participating in a six-round bout last night at the Frankford Athletic club with Frank (Spike) Sullivan of this city. Sullivan has been committed to the county prison to await the action of the coroner. The managers of the club, promoters of the bout and seconds of the two principals, nine in all, were held on bail as witnesses.

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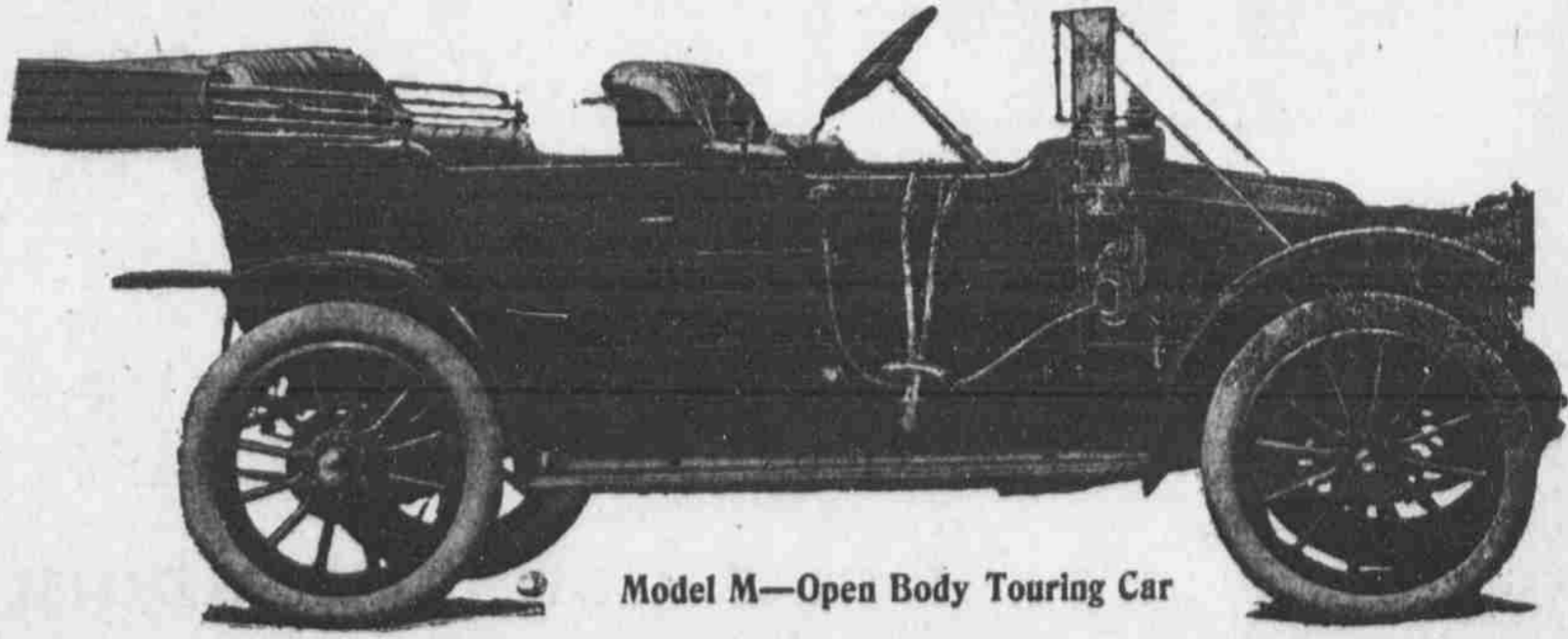
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- Full-elliptic springs.
- Air cooling.
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- Large tires on light, quick detachable rims.
- Not necessary to carry extra tires and rims.
- Extraordinary tire mileage.
- One system of ignition.
- No strut or reach rods.
- Control by throttle lever.

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- Steel chassis frame construction.
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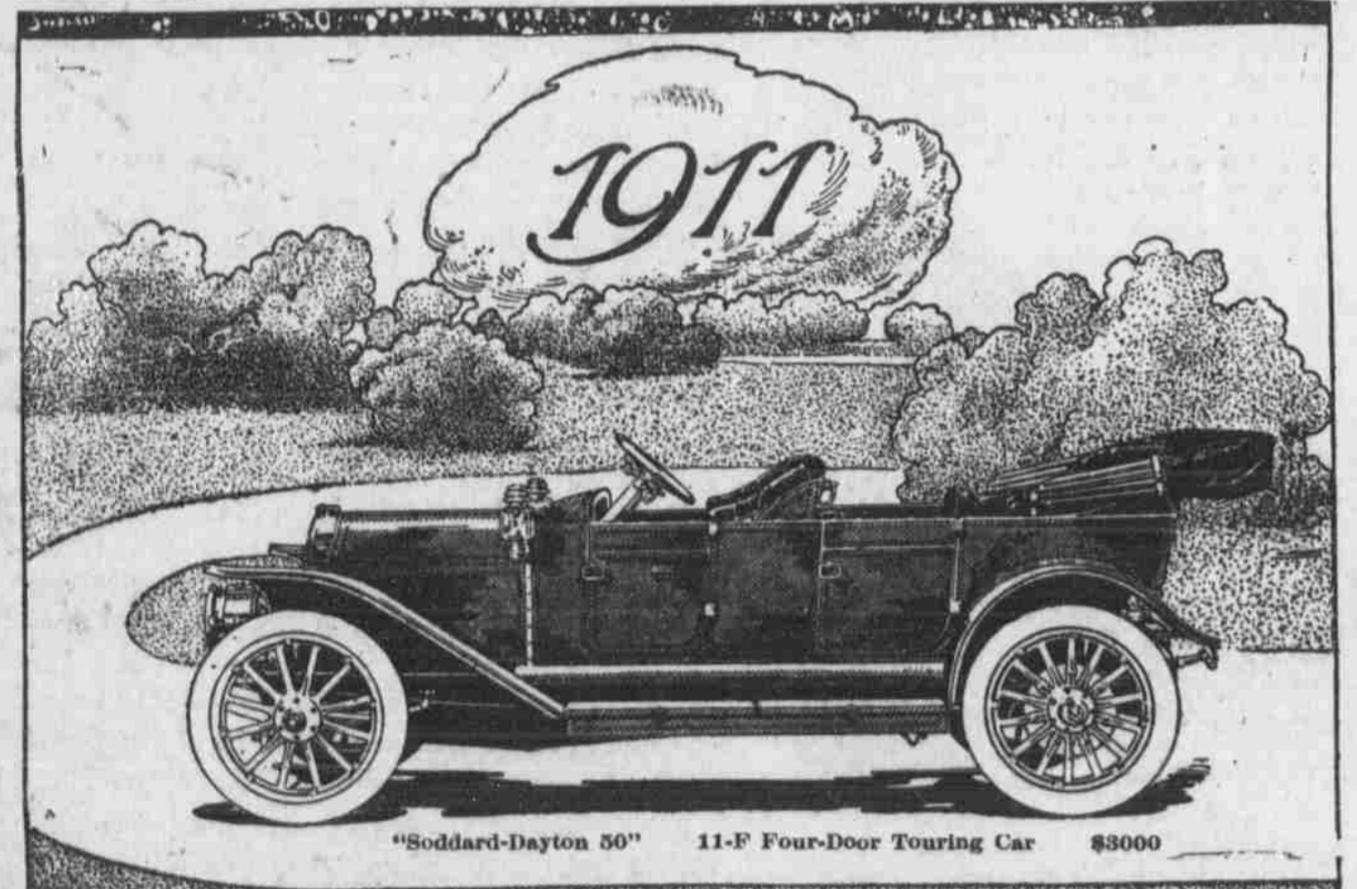
To set forth in detail all the advantages of Franklin air cooling over water cooling would require another page, but the features which are bound to decide you are: Simplicity, freedom from attention, independence of climate and weather conditions, reliability, there being nothing to break down, and a higher thermo-dynamic efficiency.



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