

CHALMERS STOCK CAR IS USED BY DAWSON IN RACE

Burns Up the Track at Ormond-Daytona Beach, Laying the Vanderbilt Record Away in the Shade.

In 1916 at the Ormond-Daytona beach races Willie K. Vanderbilt, with his Mercedes car, rated at that time at ninety horsepower, did a mile in 39 seconds.

Joe Dawson in a Chalmers stock car May 4 this year on the Atlantic beach did the mile in 38.1 seconds, or nine-tenths of a second faster than Mr. Vanderbilt accomplished with his Mercedes of the earlier days. Dawson's drive was accomplished in seven attempts, the last being his best. Five of these attempts were all lower than the time of Mr. Vanderbilt in 1906. Dawson had no favorable wind and his car was a stock machine, less only the fan.

Great News Item.

The car of Mr. Vanderbilt was of about 600 cubic inches displacement, while the motor of the Chalmers car shows but 224 cubic inches. The weight of the Mercedes was more than 4,000 pounds, while the Chalmers will weigh not over 2,700 pounds.

When Vanderbilt placed the record at 39 seconds before the world officially it was the greatest item of news of the day and commanded front page positions on papers all over the world. Europe would not credit the record and insisted that the Florida air had affected the American watches. Europe positively refused to accept the record and an international controversy, which lasted many years, arose.

Excites Great Interest.

Dawson's drive has excited world-wide interest also and yet the people of the world will hardly be as excited by his wonderful drive at a speed of nearly ninety-five miles an hour as was the case when Vanderbilt did his mile in 39.

At the time of the Vanderbilt drive hundreds of press men rushed to him and one of the most frequent inquiries was regarding his ability to hold his car to the beach at the speed he made. Dawson with a car of less than half the weight caused no such excitement. The drive of Dawson aroused in the mind of Fred Wagner, the official starter; Joe Tracy, official representative of the American Automobile association; Prof. R. A. Leavell of Iowa state college, the official timer, who handled the electrical instrument, and of numerous Jacksonville tradesmen who witnessed the drive thoughts of earlier days.

Kearney to Have Garden in Lincoln Highway Park

Kearney, Neb., May 26.—A plan to beautify a stretch of the Lincoln Highway approaching Kearney and to garden one of the Lincoln Highway parks of the city has been decided upon by the Nineteenth Century club. An effort will also be made by the women of the club to induce Kearney residents to plant trees and encourage future beautification of the Lincoln Highway in the vicinity.

SOUTH SIDE LAD WINS NATION-WIDE PRIZE.



HOWARD G. GAMERT.

Howard G. Gamert, 15-year old attendant of South Side High school, won third prize of \$20 offered by the American Humane Educational society, in an essay contest for Boy Scouts, the subject being "Our Dumb Animals—Their Sufferings, What We Owe Them and How We may Help Them."

Master Gamert is a son of Mrs. R. F. Bowers of 4213 South Twenty-sixth street, and member of Boy Scout troop No. 19. He worked nearly three months on the essay before he was satisfied with his effort. He was in competition with thousands of Boy Scouts of the country and he bears his honors in a manly way.

Thousand Flags Fly in and About the Franklin Factory

The Franklin Automobile company of Syracuse, N. Y., has held thirty-two patriotic meetings, under one flag at least, made in true "Betsy Ross" fashion. Evidence of patriotic spirit has been manifest among the 2,599 employees of the company, and the idea of "show your colors" has resulted in a big demand for flags from all departments and buildings.

The experimental and woodshop delegation had no success in attempts to secure the kind of flag planned for its fifty-foot pole. Members purchased material and had a flag, ten by twelve feet in size, made in the trim shop of the factory. This was not enough to satisfy the men of this department, so the woodworkers, who had contributed largely towards the flag, made a special case for the reception of Old Glory after sunset.

It is estimated that fully 1,000 flags have been placed in conspicuous places inside and outside of the Franklin works, all the result of contributions from the workers, fully 50 per cent of whom are men of foreign parentage and 25 per cent of foreign birth.

Omaha Bank Clearings Mark Up Gain of Sixty Per Cent

Omaha bank clearings for the week show a gain of over 60 per cent. The total bank clearings for the week were \$33,786,251.21, while the clearings for the same week a year ago were \$20,448,775.20, the gain thus being over \$13,000,000.

Many Improvements Made in the Pullman Motor Car

Fourteen years is not a long time, but it seems like ages when one considers the improvement made by the Pullman motor car in those years, according to F. E. Miller of the T. G. Northwell company of Omaha, representative of the Pullman line.

"Although the average motorist would be inclined to laugh were he to see one of the first models of the Pullman coming down the road, it wasn't a bad car at that, as cars went in those days.

"About 1903, the six-wheel trucks for railroad coaches started to come into prominence and the Pullman company began to adopt them for its sleeping coaches. The idea of the easier riding caused by the six-wheel carrying truck of a Pullman passenger coach appealed to the designers of this six-wheel automobile, and so they christened the motor car the 'Pullman'.

"Eight of these cars were built before the uselessness of the extra set of wheels became evident and the same chassis was mounted on four wheels. From that time on the growth of the Pullman company has been slow but steady and regular each year increasing the output of their cars to meet the growing demand and bringing out a type that was always abreast of leaders in new ideas and designs."

Barney Oldfield Out to Lower Some World's Records

New speedway records now depend as much on the efficiency of tire makers as on the automobile manufacturers, according to Barney Oldfield. During the last five years Oldfield has taken part in few contest events, devoting his efforts to time trials and exhibition driving. This year, however, he intends to take an active part in all the big auto races. He is working out daily on the speedway in Cincinnati in preparation for the Memorial day contest in that city.

Oldfield will pilot a new type of racing car this year. The design is his own and he is of the belief that it will revolutionize the racing game.

The new racer has an enclosed body, built like an egg shell. Driver and his mechanic will be protected from injury by track accidents, while the shape of the body will give the minimum of wind resistance, which is one of the greatest causes of power loss in racing. The new car is built of aluminum, its roof being crisscrossed and all joints reinforced by oxide welding. The engine was built especially for the car, which is exceptionally light when compared with the weight of other racing machines. With his Firestone equipment and his new machine Oldfield this year expects to lower several world's records.

Lincoln Highway Work Started in Wyoming

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 26.—Work for the improvement of the Lincoln Highway across Laramie county was started this spring just as soon as the snow was off the ground. W. Richardson, consul of the Lincoln Highway association, states that the seventy miles of the Lincoln Highway in the county will be the best stretch of dirt road in the United States when the work is completed, running from the Nebraska-Wyoming state line on the east to the Albany county line on the west.

Convicts have been employed for practically the entire winter in road work through Granite canyon on the route of the Lincoln Highway. This section of the road has been widened to forty feet and all grades reduced to a minimum.

Cushion Tires Work Well When Making Long Trip

Although tire and car manufacturers recommend only pneumatic tires on touring cars, not a few motorists, driving the smaller cars and yearning to eliminate all possibility of punctures, have successfully used cushion tires, particularly on rear wheels. On long tours their use has in many instances proved both comfortable and economical. The latest example of this use of Goodyear-Motz cushion equipment comes from Clarence E. Horton, a motorist of Buffalo, N. Y., who is touring from that city to Los Angeles in a Ford. He writes in part:

"I have Goodyear-Motz cushions on rear end and they are causing a great many inquiries. At each garage at which we stop the merits of the tires must be explained. I do not suppose many persons use them on a pleasure car, but reasonable driving

doesn't appear to make any perceptible difference in comfort, as we are using only the front seat. My line in the past has been freight solicitation, but really, I am getting to be quite a tire booster."

Homer George Makes Record Run Through Southern States

Homer George, Atlanta, Ga., amateur cross country champion driver of the south, made a trip from Atlanta to Birmingham, 214 miles, in six hours and fifty minutes, over the rough mountain roads of North Carolina and Alabama, breaking former records by two hours. He also holds the records from Atlanta to Chattanooga, Atlanta to Jacksonville and Atlanta to Knoxville.

On every one of his record-breaking trips, Mr. George has used a Chalmers car, equipped with United States "Royal Cord" tires. There have been no tire changes on any of these runs.

Gossip Along the Automobile Row

"The Pierce street knob, well known to Omaha motorists, holds no terrors for the Dorris," asserts H. H. Cannon, district representative of the Dorris Motor Car company, and straightaway he proved it. Starting at the bottom of Eleventh street the Dorris climbed in "low" straight up to Tenth street and then without a murmur continued over the knob. This is a long, hard pull and is a good demonstration of power, particularly when it is done without a hitch, as the Dorris does it.

Announcement was made last week of another garage for Omaha, to be

called the Capitol garage. This garage is located at 1407-21 Capitol avenue and is owned by Fred Myers and Charles E. Klinger, formerly of the Horseman bar. It will accommodate 125 cars and will be managed by J. H. Vandiver.

We fired the first gun of our new agency, asserts Carl Changstrom, proprietor of the Standard Motor Car company, in selling a two-ton Indiana truck to Ed Brainard.

Kragicek Ordered to Board Up Store Doorway Partition

John Kragicek, 2203 South Thirtieth street, was sentenced to thirty days in jail for having intoxicating liquor in his possession in the soft drink parlor over which he lives. He denied ownership of the liquor. His sentence was suspended on condition that he would board up the connecting doorway between the lower and upper floors.

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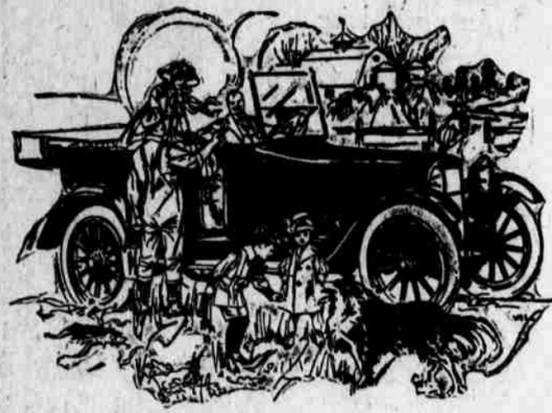


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