

DE PALMA IN MERCEDES LEADING CARS IN STEEPLECHASE; RECORDS GO

Indianapolis Speedway Indianapolis, May 30.—With three records knocked away up to the 200 mile mark and his Mercedes traveling like clockwork, Ralph De Palma, in a Mercedes will very likely win the Indianapolis 500 mile speed test here this afternoon. The event is the most classical in years, and at the time the Mercedes car was over a half of the five hundred miles, two minor accidents alone had marred the race.

Half of Distance Record.

At the 250 mile mark De Palma was still leading, having gone that distance in 3:03:34, an average speed of 81 miles to the hour.

McFarland Car Out.

A McFarland car, driven by Marquette, lost its two right wheels and was forced to quit in the 63rd lap. Neither Marquette nor Fowler, the mechanic, were hurt.

With 80,000 spectators lining the 2 1/2

mile speedway 24 automobiles were started in the most spectacular auto races of the year—the 500 mile international sweepstakes in which \$75,000 in prizes is awarded.

New Record Set by Mercedes.

De Palma, driving his Mercedes, covered the first 100 miles of the 500 mile race in one hour, 13 minutes and one second, making a new world's record for that distance. Da Palma also broke the record for the 50 miles, covering it in 36 minutes and 29 seconds.

The previous 100 mile record of 1:14:29 was set by Teddy Tetzlaff in a Lozier at Los Angeles in March, 1911.

200 Mile Record Broken.

Reeling off 200 miles in his Mercedes car in 2:24:46 De Palma has smashed a second world's record in

the 500 miles race here. The previous record was 2:39:28.

Out of Race, Bruce Brown in Tears.
David Bruce Brown, the star of the Savannah auto races for two successive years, was forced out of the 500 mile race here today in the 28th lap on account of tire trouble. Brown was led from the track, weeping.

RECORD LAND PRICE.

Three Thousand and an Acre Realized for California Orange Land.

Porterville, Cal., May 30.—All price records were broken here today by the purchase by J. C. Anderson of Seattle of 20 acres of orange orchard from the McLees Bros. for \$40,000 or \$2,000 an acre. The orchard contains 10 acres of Washington Navel and 10 acres of Valencia and is in the famous sunnyside "frostless."

COUNCIL BUYS THE LA FRANCE

MAYOR ORDERS BODY TO VOTE SECOND TIME

CONNORDALE BONDS WILL BE RE-ISSUED AT ONCE

Precedent of Publishing Ordinances Passed by Council Slips Into Oblivion and Three Boards Will Be Used to Post Some of the City Laws Upon —Are Lights Denied.

After taking a tie vote on the kind of fire engine the city should buy, the mayor ordered the councilmen to vote again with a result that the American-La France machine was chosen over the Seagrave at the council meeting last night.

Immediately after, an ordinance was read, authorizing the purchase of the engine, and Councilman Fitzgerald moved that it be posted on a bill board and not be printed, as has been the custom in La Grande with all ordinances, since the city was incorporated. The motion prevailed.

Thus closed the fire engine controversy which has been a subject of interest here and at one time caused a hundred business men to petition the council, which petition was immediately disposed of by being placed on file.

The price of the fire engine to be purchased was not dwelt upon, and in fact there are few taxpayers who know the exact cost. Some say the La France is sold at \$5,000 and the price is \$5,800 in La Grande, others say differently.

Anyway La Grande has a fire engine or will have as soon as the proper procedure can be followed to set it here, and it should be here September 1st.

The council met at the usual hour last evening with Davis, Campbell, Lilly, Lincoln and Mackey present. After proceedings had progressed for a time Fitzgerald and Finley arrived, making a full board.

A cement sidewalk was ordered built on south side of Spring avenue between Fifth and Seventh streets.

An ordinance was passed directing cancellation of 1911 bonds on Connordale. It seems that the county's assessed valuation of Connordale was \$2,400 and the city authorized improvements amounting to over \$11,000. When the bonds were issued the bond buyers practically said, "N or us. See your county valuation." note the authorized improve. "e can't buy."

This put the contractor in a position of wanting the procedure changed so he could clean up. This year the county assessment was raised from \$2,400 400 to \$12,000 and now the council will re-issue the bonds to pay the improvement.

But the Interest.

Things were going fine, the new ordinance was about to be passed when Councilman Campbell took the floor and asked who was going to pay the interest on these bonds since they were issued last November.

"I understand this interest amounts to about \$55.00 a month or thereabouts," said Mr. Campbell, "this being true, who pays it? Shall the entire property of La Grande stand the expense for interest on this addition, shall the addition stand it, or shall the purchaser of the new bonds which will bear a date several months later than the first issue, stand it?"

This was a point for consideration. City Attorney Cochran was called upon, a recess was taken and the matter of final passage of the ordinance was held over.

A petition for an arc light on North Cherry street was turned down as was one from the people on First street and vicinity for a light at Cedar and Spring.

More Time Given Street Committee.
The street committee's report on proposed paving was not ready hence the recess was taken as above state.

WILBUR WRIGHT, WIZARD OF THE AIR, SUCCUMBS AT LAST

Was Premier Inventor of Heavier Than Air Machines--Family at Bedside When Death Comes

Dayton, O., May 30.—Wilbur Wright, one of the foremost of the famous aviator and builder of aeroplanes, died of typhoid fever at his home here at 3:15 this morning.

Death followed a slight rally during which he took some nourishment. The end came peacefully and all members of the family were at the bedside.

Wright was born near Millville, Ind. April 16, 1867, and since 1903 Wilbur with his brother Orville, devoted his time principally to building "heavier than air" flying machines. The brothers were among the foremost of the world's aviators.

France Praises Wright.

Paris, May 30.—The La Liberte, published a tribute to Wilbur Wright today and says: "The death of Wright is the cause of genuine sorrow in France. In spite of all contentions the Wright brothers really were the first to fly. With the passing of Wilbur Wright as with all great men the world will no longer contest his genius. No cloud can ever shadow his glory."

SOLDIERS DEAD RECEIVE CITY'S TOKEN OF RESPECT, ESTEEM

Unostentatious but nevertheless fitting tribute was paid to the soldiers who died in the great war.

The city of La Grande has ever ventured to honor a man or his ability as a soldier.

General McClelland was born in Hardinsburg, Ky., May 30, 1812, but spent the greater part of his life in Illinois. He was a fellow townsman and personal acquaintance of Lincoln. Successful in law and in politics, a man of undoubted ability and energy, it was natural enough that he should receive from the president a commission in the army at the beginning of the war. On order of the president General Grant placed McClelland in command of a corps. But for some reason the strongest ill feeling existed between the two soldiers and General Grant took the first opportunity, during the operations against Vicksburg, to relieve McClelland of his command, pending charges. The charges were not sustained and McClelland was restored to active command. He resigned from the army however, before the close of 1864.

After the war Gen. McClelland was elected circuit judge for the Sangamon district in Illinois, and in 1876 he was chairman of the democratic national convention which nominated Samuel J. Tilden for the presidency. General McClelland died at his home in Springfield, Ill., Sept. 20, 1900.

Western Conference Track Meet.

Lafayette, Ind., May 30.—Delegations of stellar athletes from far and near trooped into town today in readiness to compete for honors in the annual track and field meet of the Western Conference Athletic association. The meet takes place here under the auspices of the Purdue University athletic association. The preliminary events will be pulled off tomorrow and the survivors will contest in the finals Saturday. Practically every big school in the middle west will be represented, including the universities of Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Purdue and Northwestern.

Cancer Hospital Opened by Royalty.

Glasgow, May 30.—The new cancer hospital in this city, which is said to be the best equipped institution in the world for the special treatment of cancer, was formally opened today by Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll).

QUICK GROWTH TREES PLANTED

FOURTH STREET RESIDENTS BEAUTIFY HOMES.

LARGE TREES CHOSEN
Stange, Scroggin, Carr and Seigrist Join Campaign.

Planting a quick growth shade tree in the parking has been the personal occupation of August J. Stange the last few days. He sent to the eastern firm handling shade trees and purchased a number of soft maples as large as it is possible to buy and for the past few days he has been planting them in front of his new home on Fourth street. To show how the desire to beautify a street spreads, his neighbor, Tom Scroggin, immediately joined in the tree planting idea and he was followed by Joe Carr and Herman Seigrist who are each having planted a row of soft maples in the parking around their homes on Fourth street.

The grounds at the hospital were planted with the same trees as they are quick growth and produce a fine shade.

This would be a fine idea, according to all who have observed the work for the ladies of the Neighborhood club to advocate in different parts of the city.

Foes of Tuberculosis Meet.

Washington, D. C., May 30.—The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis opened its annual meeting at the new Willard hotel in this city today, with Dr. Mazyck P. Ravenel of the University of Wisconsin presiding. The attendance includes delegates from nearly all the states. One of the subjects that will receive especial attention during the two days' session will be that of the permanent value of the cure of tuberculosis in restoring patients to working efficiency. The relative functions of the health officer, the physician and the layman in the campaign against the disease also will be considered at length.

Meeting of Georgia Bar

Savannah, Ga., May 30.—The annual meeting of the Georgia Bar Association began at Tybee Island today with a large attendance of notable representatives of the bench and bar. President A. W. Smith of Atlanta presided and among the speakers were Judge J. Hansell Merrell of Thomasville, Crutcher Ewing of Milledgeville and Judge W. R. Hammond of Atlanta. The meeting will conclude when the subject of discussion will be "The Admission of Women to the Bar."

MAIN AND FIRST ASK FOR GRAVEL

CAUCUS THIS FORENOON ENDS IN DECISION.

Majority of Taxpayers on Washington Asked for Reconsideration.

Elimination of East Washington avenue from the group of three streets to be paved with gravel bitulithic will be the report of the street committee when the council meets tomorrow to award contracts or order re-advertisements. This decision was reached at a caucus of the street committee this morning which based its findings on the number of petitioners who asked that bids be re-advised so that the Home Construction company could offer a bid. On Washington a majority of the petitioners who must pay the costs, asked for reconsideration of the bid, but on First and main the Warren Construction company paving was deemed the favorite because it could be realized at once, it is said. This report will go to the council tomorrow morning and unless present plans fall the Warren people will get the contract in accordance with the bids opened some few days ago. This means that Washington avenue will not be paved at this time because it is necessary to re-petition and re-advertise.

Iowa Traveling Men in Session.

Burlington, Ia., May 30.—Gaily decorated in the national colors, Burlington today extended a hearty welcome to the members of the United Commercial Travelers assembled here for the annual meeting of the Iowa grand council. Every large city if the state is represented. The meeting will close tomorrow with the election of officers. Ottumwa is making a strong bid for the next convention.

Tulsa Courthouse Dedicated.

Tulsa, Okla., May 30.—Tulsa county's new courthouse was dedicated today with interesting exercises in which prominent lawyers and jurists from many parts of Oklahoma took part. The courthouse cost \$300,000 and is said to be the finest edifice of its kind in the state.

Petitions were in from property owners on the streets to be paved under stipulations already drawn asking for the Home company's paving. The committee today met to determine how much valuation was represented by the names on the petition and tomorrow morning at an adjourned session the council will again take up the paving question. The meeting is called for 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

INSANE AMUCK THEN SUICIDES

SHOOT AT WIFE, BABE AND HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Wife and the Would-Be Murderer Will Both Die of Wounds.

Ladysmith, B. C., May 30.—Joseph Alsoph, returning to the home of his wife, from whom he was separated, attempted to murder her, his mother-in-law and his baby last night. He is believed to be insane.

Suddenly returning from Vancouver he fired two bullets into the breast of his wife, shot at but miss the sleeping baby, and entering the kitchen, fired point blank at his mother-in-law. Then he walked onto the veranda and shot himself. Neither Alsoph nor his wife are expected to live.

Where First Mass was Celebrated

New York, May 30.—The Sabbath-like quiet that usually pervades the financial district on a holiday was interrupted this afternoon, when a large crowd of Catholic clergy and laity gathered about the United States Custom house in Bowling Green, for the unveiling of a tablet to mark the spot where the first mass was celebrated by a Catholic priest on Manhattan Island. Where the magnificent new custom house now stands there stood in early days Fort James, within the precincts of which the sacrifice of the mass was first offered up in 1683 by Rev. Thomas Harvey, a Jesuit priest who was chaplain to Governor Thomas Dongan. The tablet commemorating the event was erected by the Order of Alhambra, which is for one of its primary objects the marking of places notable in the Catholic history of the United States.

Primary in Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I., May 30.—Rhode Island's ten delegates and ten alternates to the democratic national convention at Baltimore will be selected in a state wide primary to be held tomorrow. The primary will be the first of its kind held in this state. The names of Champ Clark, Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harmon will appear on the ballots.

Swedish Song Festival.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 30.—Large delegations representing Swedish musical organizations in many cities poured into Philadelphia today for the annual festival of the eastern division of the American Union of Swedish Singers. The festival will last two days. The program provides for two great concerts, in which several thousand singers will take part.