

AUTO HIGHWAY SPELLS DOLLARS

SCIENTIFIC COMPUTATION SHOWS BENEFITS.

Dollars and Cents Would Prompt Diligence by the West.

There has been much speculation why La Grande should make strenuous effort to get on the automobile highway. It is largely a matter of dollars and cents if one wants to look at it in that light.

Reduced to figures that will demonstrate the monetary returns from the great volume of transcontinental travel that will be done this year, the most conservative estimate is well borne out by the inquiries for touring and route information received at the Washington and New York touring bureaus of the American Automobile Association. On April 1 the total was 1096. Facts supplied by all these inquiries indicate an average of four persons a car.

Placing the average expenditure at \$3 per head per diem—and this sum makes allowance for a portion that will camp out at least some of the way—this plainly shows a net income of not less than \$422,000 to each of the states crossed. As the season for this information has hardly started, it can readily be seen that the amount of money which will be spent will be spent in each of the states by the automobile tourists will run into seven figures.

Whatever estimate may have been made as to the amount of touring that will be done this year in the United States, it will fall far short of the actual count. This view of the situation is warranted by the enormous increase in the number of inquiries being handled this spring by the A. A. A. This increase over any previous years records not only comes from the membership of the national body of the motor car owners but also through the various chambers of commerce and like business associations between Atlantic and Pacific oceans. These inquiries logically find their way to the national body of organized motorists because it has at its command all the general touring and route information, and has accumulated a large amount of usual data as to roads and conditions. Contributions are continually being received from the more than 100,000 membership of the A. A. A. throughout the country.

During the past week there have come to the national clearing house of touring and route information the very latest reports as to present road conditions between the Mississippi river and the Sierras. These reports have been sent in by 21 chambers of commerce and road associations, and have been added to by state highway officials outlining the work to be done during the next 60 days. This applies not only to the east and west main arteries of travel, which will be most particularly used by the automobile list in crossing the continent, but also to the many north and south feeders and scenic detours.

Maps and specific information can be had either at national headquarters 437 Fifth avenue, New York City, or national capital headquarters, Ribbs building, Washington, D. C. Parties contemplating cross-country trips in the spring are especially invited to take up the subjects with the A. A. A. without delay in order to secure attention before the rush of the season's full activity is on.

As a measure of the efficiency of an automobile, the May 1st How-Far-On-One-Gallon Demonstration by Franklin dealers in every part of the United States and many points in Canada, proves, in a practical way, that the gasoline tank is the pulse of the car. Final reports from 147 participants giving the results of last Saturday's National Efficiency Run, show the grand average to be 32.1 miles per gallon of gasoline. A few years ago such a record for six-cylinder cars was undreamed of.

An analysis of the reports proves that it is possible for a six-cylinder car to travel 55 miles on one single gallon of fuel. This is the high record of the demonstration, secured at New Haven, Conn., under the official supervision of Professors Lockwood and Prentice of Yale University. The lowest record came from Oil City, Pa., where the cold weather and heavy road conditions were extremely unfavorable.

Four of the entrants ran 50 miles or better; 15 attained mileages of 40 and over; 83 identical cars on the same day were able to travel 30 miles or more on the single gallon of fuel. The best record last year was 51.2, and the lowest 17.2.

The details show that a wide variance of road and weather conditions were met with on the various tests. In 5 per cent of the territories there was rainfall; in 30 localities a high wind held sway during the entire run. In Chicago, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit and other lake points there was a 50-mile gale to contend with. At Colorado Springs, where the altitude is nearly 10,000 ft., the Franklin dealer drove his car 30.7 miles in a high wind before the gallon was exhausted. At Walla Walla, Wash., and Ishpeming, Mich., where good roads are conspicuous by their absence, mileages 4.2 and 27.9 respectively, were obtained.

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Second "Ty Cobb" May Precipitate Baseball into Another Legal Row

"SECOND TY COBB" CAUSE OF NEW FIGHT OF FEDERAL LEAGUE AND ORGANIZED BASE-BALL.



Benny Kauff, crack outfielder of the Brooklyn Federal League Club called often the "Second Ty Cobb," has been the cause of another stir in joining the New York Giants may lead to another legal fight between the new league and organized base-ball. Kauff, who is one of the greatest ball players in the country, suddenly appeared at the Polo Grounds New York, Thursday, April 29, and was signed by John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants. He was sent into the field for the game with the Boston Braves in place of Jim Thorpe, the Indian, who it was learned at the time had just been sold to the Jersey City Club of the International League.

George Stallings, manager of the Boston Club, protested, and then called his men off the field.

"Kauff," said he, "is the property of the Brooklyn Federal League Club, and he has no right to play in the National League."

The umpire ordered the Boston men to play, and on their refusal forfeited the game to the Giants. Later what McGraw called an exhibition game was played without Kauff in the line up.

Robert B. Ward, chief financial backer of the Federal League and owner of the Brooklyn Club, was at a white heat when he learned the Giants had signed Kauff. He declared war in these words: "Kauff has a contract with the Brookfeds that is absolutely binding for the next three years. If the Giants believe otherwise we will fight them to the last ditch. If the Giants or any other club in organized baseball want war they will get it. If the Kauff matter can be construed as a call to arms organized baseball will regret that they ever sounded the call. We will get out and take players who have iron-clad contracts with clubs in the National and American leagues and will fight to the limit to retain them."

SIDELIGHTS ON THE MEET

Men of prominence in athletic circles of the United States, past and present, have congregated in La Grande today for the meet. Eddie Hoover, of Whitman college, was the majority choice for all-northwest quarterback last fall. He is quite tall, rangy and well put together. His track specialties are the hurdles, both high and low, and the quarter, and the program at the fair grounds today calls for him to run the hurdles against a flat runner of high school caliber. He will make an average youth scratch, he over the sticks and the youth flat. Hoover is a spokesman at Whitman.

Archie Hahn, today's starter and referee, held the world's record for a number of years in the 50, the 40 and the 60. His mark of 4:02 has not been bettered but has been equalled and has since been placed on runners of more recent date. Hahn is a mid-gut, but his legs are sinewy and lithe, and his marvelous starting propensities were largely responsible for his wonderful record. After he ran for Michigan he joined the Milwaukee Athletic club and participated in the St. Louis Olympics. His services with Whitman terminate this month, and immediately after the interscholastics he expects to attend summer school in Illinois and from there will accept one of several coaching offers he has up his sleeve and which he will look over while in the east. One of his feats when going was to run four preliminaries in one night in 4:25.

Coach Botts of Wallowa, is an old Whitman man, who starred on the flank of football teams, and also won his letters in basketball, and track. He is still a youngster comparatively, and between himself, Hoover and Hahn, could win the interscholastic today and loaf on the job.

The coterie of old athletic foes yet personally intimate friends which assembled in the city today was rounded out with the presence of Charles Reynolds, former O. A. C. quarter and the big boss who put on today's meet. Reynolds, Botts and Hoover are of the younger school. All of these either have or are men of unusual prominence in collegiate athletics yet none of them are large men physically—a tribute to the well bred and well kept little man.

Livingstone the Pendleton coach is a Pacific U graduate, but was out for a time one spring under Hahn at

is desired that a big attendance be present for that occasion. Dupont powder will be used by the contestants. All are welcome, and membership in the gun club is not a requisite.

Dr. Mahar, of Wallowa, is over to attend the track meet and he joined the gun club this morning. Both he and his wife will be over to attend the shoot June 16.

Alfred P. Lane, the all around pistol and revolver champion of the United States pays a high tribute to the San Francisco pistol marvel, Armstrong. Lane Says:

I have just finished reading of the latest record made by Mr. George Armstrong, of San Francisco. Armstrong is certainly fairly entitled to the distinction of being one of the finest pistol shots this country has after record and holds a large number of them at present. To cap the climax, he has again broken the indoor pistol record by a score of 246 out of 250, a score which would have been considered, three or four years ago, a vivid pipe dream. The score in five shot strings ran 50-46-50-50-50, using a .22 calibre pistol with a 10-inch barrel, open sights, .22 long rifle Remington-UMC Lesmok cartridges, at a distance of 20 yards on a bullseye 1 1-10 in diameter.

It is of course true that pistol shooters of all degrees of skill occasionally make phenomenal scores of two or three strings, but Mr. Armstrong's wonderful record is backed up by such a formidable array of other records that it is by no possibility a gift of the gods of Chance. According to the news reports, he averaged in the League shooting, this year, in a series of twenty-one matches, a score of a fraction over 237. The fact that this is a wonderfully high average is shown by the fact that up to 1911 the best twenty-five shot score ever made was but 239 which, incidentally, was made by Armstrong.

If anyone now days hopes to establish a pistol record which is likely to stand for any length of time, the only way to do it is to make the highest "possible" score that can be made by anyone under the conditions, otherwise he had best let George do it."

From Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, come rumors of preparations for a novel trapshoot to be held early in May. Four barges with traps will be provided and taken up Lake Coeur d'Alene and shooters will make an all day event of it. Several trophies will be provided, including a Remington pump gun for high score. Contestants will participate from a half dozen neighboring cities.

"Hello, is this you, Bill? Say, are you going over to the shoot Saturday?"

"Bet I am. Got my old gun all cleaned and oiled. Watch me drop the birds."

Such is the talk, says the Farmer's Review, that may often be heard over the rural telephones in the south part of Peoria County. Some thirty or more farmers got together about four years ago and organized the Northwest Gun Club. From the first it has been a howling success. The circle of cracker box seats at the county stores are deserted. The Government and politics have almost been forgotten.

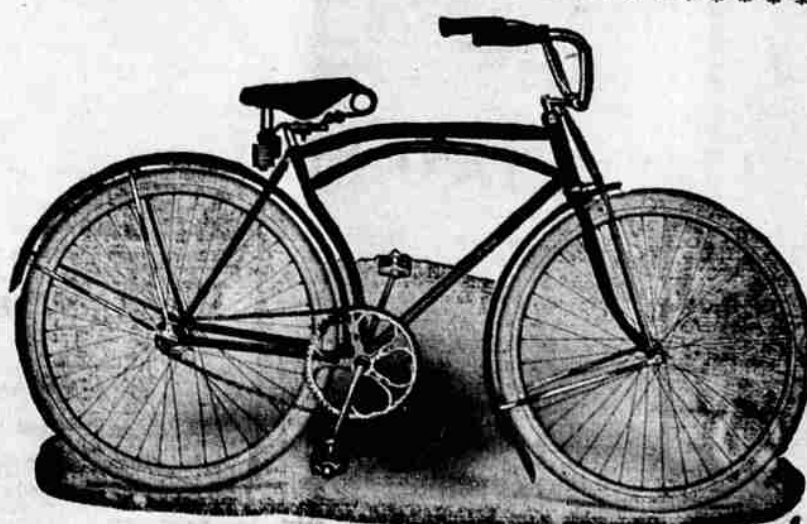
Every two weeks, from November 1st to the following May, members of the club get together for a competitive shoot. There are now thirty-five members and the membership fee is \$1.00. Any additional funds are raised by assessments.

SPORT AT RANDOM.

George Birnie has an outdoor volleyball court on his South La Grande sward and has invited the men's volleyball classes to join with him in an outdoor game some evening in the near future. The invitation will of course be accepted.

Elgin and La Grande are like O. A. C. and Oregon—it makes no difference how they play against other teams they always produce class when they meet each other and the dope sheet falls by the way side. So it may be tomorrow on the local grounds when the Elgin Indians are lead on the battlefield here by Manager Morelock. The game begins at 3 o'clock.

Lee Reynolds, captain of the O. A. C. track team, is running in the mile and the half mile at the big Pacific coast carnival of field sports in San Francisco today. The youngster from La Grande has a big delegation with him from here in imagination pulling hard for him. He goes against the best there is and his famed speed will be out to a great test.



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