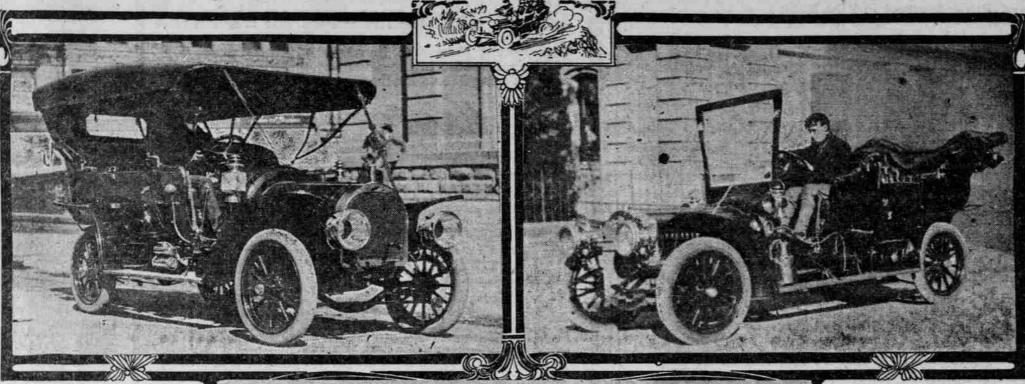
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FIRST AUTO CLUB ROAD RUN TODAY

Large Number of Machines Make Trip to the Sandy Bridge.

FINE OUTING IS PROMISED

Organization Will Build Clubhouse on Mount Hood Road-Guide Boards to Be Erected on All Highways.

The Portland Automobile Club will hold The Portland Automobile Club will hold the first road run of the season this morning. About 25 machines will go to the Sandy bridge and back. Every machine owner in the city, whether a member of the club or not, has been invited to join the party, bring his family or friend, and enjoy an outing. The machines will assemble in front of Multinomah Club at 11 o'clock, go out over the Morrison-street bridge, follow East Morrison street to East Twentieth, go over Twentieth to East Stark, and thence by Twentieth to East Stark, and thence by the Base Line road to the Twelve-Mile House. From this point the party will follow the Base Line road to a point about three miles east of the Twelve-Mile

George Kleiser, vice-president of the auto club, was absent from the city last week, but returned yesterday. Under his direction the road committee of the club will make a tour of all the good roads about the city to select the best drives and arrange for the putting up of sign posts along the different routes. The club will place signs and colored arrows where-ever necessary that the cross-roads may cause the tourist no confusion. It is planned to place these signs along all the good roads as far south as Salem, as far north as Tacoma and east to Mount

Hood.

Lewis Busell, president of the club and chairman of the road committee, has made arrangements to take the road committee out along the proposed route of the Mount Hood road some time this week. The committee will report to the club on the road work that should be done immediately. The club proposes to have the road in passable condition by July 1, but permanent improvements will not be made until next season. The road will be placed in such condition for this Summer that an auto may be driven to the Government camp and back in seven hours. All the

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Another committee has been selected to secure a suitable site for a clubhouse on the Mount Hood road about 20 miles out from the city. This will be conducted after the fushion of a country club, dinners will be served to members and the house connected with the city by telephone. This will enable club members to order dinner before they start from the city and find everything ready when a group of the leading engineers of the country will assemble at indianapolis. At that time regulations already proposed for the race will be gone over.

The proposed rules provide a limit of piston displacement, beyond which a storm of indignant protest. While the proposed rule—which, within certain bounds, is virtually tantamount to setting a limit upon horse power is not without supporters, there are there we have and enforce an ordinance requiring all horse-drawn vehicles to casy lights after dark. There is a law to the effect will be done of the first magnitude will be a secure and enforce an ordinance requiring all horse-drawn vehicles to casy lights after dark. There



on Grand avenue and Hawthorne avenue. All machine owners have been invited. Covers will be laid for 180 persons. Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Lane, City Engineer Taylor and other prominent public officials have been invited to attend and will speak on "Good Roads." During the past week over 30

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the Base Line road to the Twelve-Mile House. From this point the party will follow the Base Line road to a point about three miles east of the Twelve-Mile House, thence south to the Swest Briar Farm and then to the Sandy bridge.

Each machine is expected to come well provisioned, and the party will stop three or four hours at the Sandy to eat luncheon. There is good fishing in the river, and many will make the trip for the angling they will have. The party will start back about 5 o'clock, and arrive in the city by seven. The club proposes to hold runs every little while throughout the Summer.

George Kicker vice-president of the Care of the Summer. followed it.

RESTRICTIONS ON AUTO RACES

Experts Differ in Requirements for Speed Contests.

Eligibility restrictions for racing automobiles form the newest theme for dissension among motoring experts, says an Eastern exchange. The past week witnessed the first skirmishes in what yesterday promised to become a raging war. The issue at stake con-cerns the relative merits of weight and piston displacement as factors in re-jecting undestrable entries.

The problem of eligibility regula-tions, an annually recurrent bone of contention, is held by experts to be an

Another important move the club will take will be to secure and enforce and ordinance requiring all hyrac-drawn vehicles to easy lights after dark. There is a law to this effect, but it has become a dead letter and is never enforced. Outside of Portland, Seattle and a few small Pacific Coast cities, nearly every city in the country has such a law, and enforces it. The autolists claim that as they are obliged to carry both head and tail lights the drivers of all other vehicles should be obliged to de likewise. Many times, when accidents occur, the blame for a collision is hald on the auto driver, although it is not the fault of the man at the wheel, for he has been unable to see a wagon or buggy coming around a curve. A prominent member of the club relates all experience he had recently when a serious accident was narrowly averted by the coclness of the driver. He happened to be out on the Linnton road and was driving along at a fair rate. Drawing near one of the road and instantly set his brakes and brought his car to a stop. He had halted within a few feet of a horse and buggy standing in the middle of the road. The horse did not nove, and the auto driver jumped out to see what was the matter. There was nobody in the buggy, but inside the tays the two young man who had hired the rig were found intoxicated.

The annual dinner of the Automobile Chih will be given next Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at Sargent's Restaurant.

Tri-City Organization Is Being Given Good Support.

"ANVIL CHORUS" IS SMALL

Frakes Team Looks Best at Present Multnomah Plays First Game_Doings in the Local Interscholastic League.

The Tri-City League will evidently be a success. Last Sunday the league opened its local season before 2000 fans, and few who attended the game went away disappointed. For seven innings the Frakes team and the North Pacific Brewery fought a battle royal, but in the "fatal seventh" the brewery slabster went to pieces and allowed four hits. And again in the eighth he was easy and was touched up for four more. Some of the anvil chorus present immediately kicked on the class of ball that was presented. The boys put up a good game, though at times their fielding was poor, but this was the first game, and because of the wet weather the boys did not have much practice.

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The league now stands en a good commercial, business basis. It has, outside of Portland, four good live baseball towns, the best in the state. Kelso, accepted on the circuit last week, has now posted its forfeit money, and, has a team composed mostly of salaried players. These men will be paid by the week, regardless of gate receipts, and are insured a good berth for the Summer. Astoria's grounds are now being worked in shape. The season opens there May 5 with a game between the home team and Kelso. Another good baseball town is St. Johns, and though it is a little too near this city, yet the team will be well supported. Charles Moore, the ex-Pacific Coast Leaguer, is managing the team, and will do most of the pitching himself. Moore has picked up a good bunch of ballplayers, and ought to be able to do good work during the season. The whole community is baseball crazy, and last Sunday, while the team was out at practice, 700 people turned out to watch the boys. A good grandstand and bleachers have been built and the grounds are in first-class condition. The St. Johns Band will turn out for the game this afternoon.

At present the Frakes team looks strongest in the league. Nick Whitehead, the manager, knows a ballplayer and has the pick of the league. His pitching staff is excellent, and the infield the fastest in the league. With Archie Parrott on first. Newell at second, Asher Houston holding down third and Joe Fay playing short there is verry little room for improvement, unless a man cares to go outside of the city league class of baseball. One of the wonders of the team is Tony Myers, the diminuitive slabster who pitched last Sunday's game. Myers certainly is a comer, and the little fellow pitched rings around the brewery team.

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With the other teams, their playing is good for semi-professional hall, but at present none of them can compare with the Frakes team.

The Brewery has a good team, but had little practice for the opening game, because the boys are scattered. Manager Helser, however, has arranged to get all the men together every evening for practice. Their pitcher, Pender, showed up fine until the seventh inning, and it was lack of practice that put him to the bad then. Houston, the Multnomah Club boy, who was threatened with expulsion from

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wifness the games. The Trunkmakers lost, 4 to 0, but are not discouraged by this defeat. Woodburn has a very strong

Multnomah's First Game.

Multnomah Club played its first game esterday afternoon with Oregon Univer-The club has a strictly amateur team and has weeded out candidates unteam and has weeded out candidates un-till it has a very fast aggregation. Most of the men are old-time baseball players who go in the game for sport's sake and play good, clean ball. Dolly Gray, who signed up with Dugdale to play short for the Seartle Northwest team, is still in the city, undecided whether or not he will

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There is not much life in college base-pall this year, nearly all of the institutions going in for track athletics. Oregon, however, has a good team, and is doing everything to make college baseball popular. The team is not very strong as compared to the other smateur teams throughout the state.

The Inferscholastic League played another game Friday, and the Portland Academy won over Hill Military Academy, 2 to 7. The same was a fair exhibition of baseball for schoolboys.

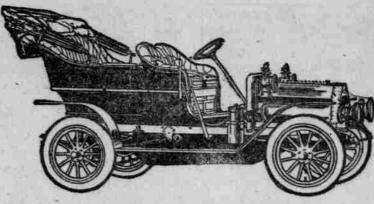
At present it would be hard to pick the winner of the Interscholastic championship. It is certain that two schools are out of the race—East Side High and the Allen Preparatory School. Neither of these teams has much chance for the pennant. Among the other four, Portland Academy has a good chance; so has Columbia and the West Side High. If the university boys and the West Siders could the club if he appeared in a Frakes uniform, has settled the matter with the club officials and is a social member. He is barred, however, from playing on the club team. Houston is a sood player and put up a fine game last Sunday. He is still a very young player, and has plenty of time to develop.

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BACKSTOP IS MOST IMPORTANT PLAYER ON THE TEAM.

Must Know Likes and Dislikes of Every Opposing Batsman and Direct the Infielders.

catcher is the most important player on the team, says John G. Kling, writing in the Kansas City Journal. He works harder than any other man, for he must direct the infield as well as handle the pitcher. The catcher's greatest responsibility is in directing the pitcher to throw the style of ball the batter is not expect-ing and the kind the batter has a particu. lar aversion to.

The catcher must know the likes and dislikes of every batter in the league, and he must also know the capability and peculiarities of every pitcher he catches. The catcher signals so that every man in the infield knows just what kind of a

ball the pitcher is to throw and the fields play accordingly.

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when men are on bases the catcher is in touch with the fielders so that they can work together and frame up a deal to catch the runner. When a pitcher throws to a base to catch a man off the bag he does so at a signal from the backstop, who directs the team, because he is in a position to see the diamond better than any other player.

A bad catcher can lose a game quicker than a had pitcher, for upon him depends the team work of the club. A weak pitcher can often do good work if he has a good catcher at the other end. Most of the clever pitchers can do little if they are working with a bad catcher.

Backstops are born, not made. No man can turn right into a game and he a star.

can jump right into a game and be a star, though. It takes worlds of experience in the business and a great deal of exper-ience in the league to make a catcher a success. It takes a season for a back-stop to learn the peculiarities of the league batters. That's why many good catchers do poorly when transferred from one league to another.

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