

IMPORTANT WEEK FOR AUTO OWNERS

First Club Run of Season is Success, While Banquet is Well Attended.

BETTER ROADS DISCUSSED

Dealers Have Had Brisk Demand for Machines, While Liveries Are Reaping Big Harvest—Some New Cars Just Arrived.

The past week has been an important one for the Portland Automobile Club. Last Sunday, the first road run of the

club also spoke, and among them were Dr. A. E. Mackay, R. D. Inman and Lewis Russell. Another important speech was made by City Engineer Taylor. He spoke of the work that the city intended to do in repairing streets this summer. County Engineer Chapin told of the work that the County Court intended to do, of the money expended in roads and told what they would do for the next two years.

At the dinner there were present a large number of persons, who were not members of the club, yet owned machines. A call was made for these persons to join and 12 new members were secured for the club.

After the regular toasts, Sol Blumauer spoke on the question of forcing all vehicles to carry lights after dark. He said that this was only just, and that many of the collisions were due to the fact that the auto driver was unable to see the vehicles. He related a number of instances where accidents were avoided only through good work on the part of the driver.

The club's first road run was held last Sunday, and several of the parties were caught speeding. Four arrests resulted, but the cases have not come up for trial. All the speeders were caught going through Montavilla, and four of them arrested the next day. Outside of this, the run was successful and a good start for the season. The club will hold runs every month.

It has been a lively week for the auto trade, especially for the livery men. H. M. Covey has three machines on livery, and last Sunday cleared \$150 on the rent of the cars. This is over all expenses

ON LOCAL FIELDS

Fans Discuss Dropping of Houston by Multnomah.

MEANES PURER ATHLETICS

Review of Week's Doings in Various Leagues—How the Players Are Showing Up and "Dope" on Would-Be Pennant Winners.

The action of Multnomah Club in dropping from its membership Asher Houston, third baseman for the Frakes team of the Tri-City League, has aroused a great deal of comment in athletic circles. As a rule, the members of the club believe the movement was right and a step toward clean athletics in the club. But with the

Stevens-Duryea

A fact which few people realize, but which will bear the strongest emphasis, is that a great part of the trouble and expense incurred by so many automobile-owners is chargeable directly and chiefly to inexperience—not of the owner, but of the man who designed the car. There are probably a hundred different factories making four-cylinder cars today, yet how many of them are turning out a product which is giving such satisfactory service as to make the owner feel that he "got his money's worth"?—there are so few that they can be counted on the fingers of one hand—and this is not the result of a lack of "good intentions" on the part of the builder. It is due solely to the inexperience of the designer.

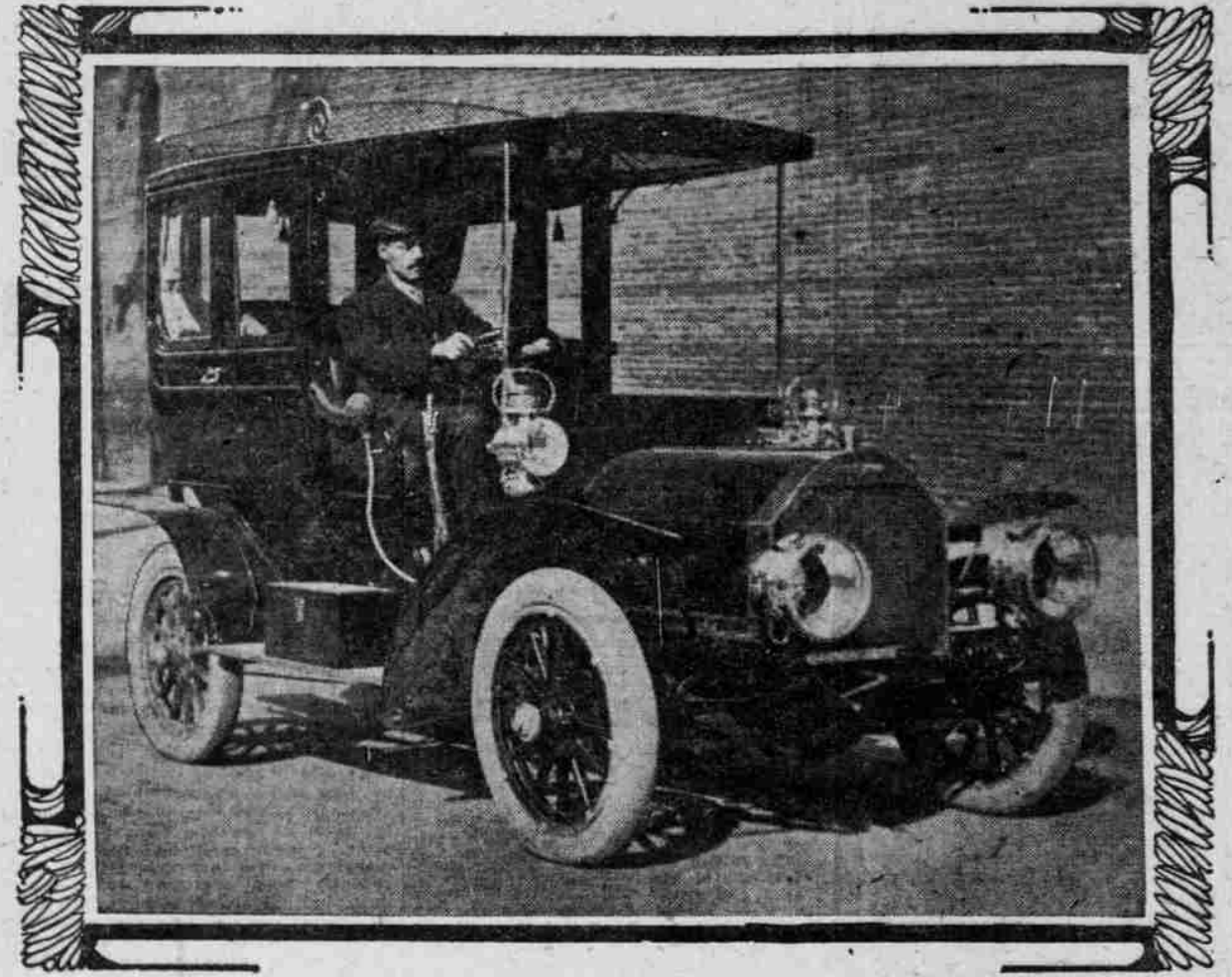
The production of a successful automobile depends, first, last and all the time, upon the design. "Nickel chrome steel," "vast factories," regiments of "expert testers," are mere matters of detail—any factory superintendent knows how and where to get them; but the design. "Nickel chrome steel," "vast factories" is not something to be dreamed out—it is not a matter of inspiration; nor is it the result of an inherited talent like musical composition. The designing of an automobile is as exact a science as the designing of a bridge or a locomotive—but they have been building locomotives for seventy-five years, and have learned how; whereas, when the World's Fair was held in Chicago there was not a producing automobile factory in this country—there was not an automobile publication—the word "automobile" had not been coined and the only man in this country who at that time had succeeded in producing an automobile which actually ran was Mr. J. F. Duryea, who is the designer of the Stevens-Duryea Fours and Sixes.

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LIMOUSINE sold by COOK MOTOR CO. to DR. ANDREW C. SMITH last week.

season was held, and Thursday night the annual banquet was given in Sargent's restaurant. Both affairs were successful, the dinner especially so. At the banquet there were gathered about 35 of Portland's motorists, and a large number of prominent officials were also present. The programme consisted of music and speeches, principally on the good roads question.

The dinner was planned by Sol Blumauer and he was helped in the work by Will Lipman and H. Wempe. The long table, stretched the whole length of the dining room, was decorated with a miniature road dotted with automobiles. At one end of the table was a toy house labeled "Claremont Tavern," and at the other end, a house labeled "Twelve-mile House." The rest of the room was beautifully decorated with evergreens. After the dinner a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Sargent for his genius as a host.

The principal speech of the evening was made by J. R. Kelly, the agent for the White, and the subject of his discourse was the Mount Hood road. Mr. Kelly is a son of one of Oregon's oldest pioneers and crossed the plains when there was nothing more than a mountain trail into the city. He told of the hardships the pioneers encountered, how the trail for the proposed Mount Hood road was blazed by the early settlers. Mr. Kelly said:

"We have Portland at one end and Mount Hood at the other, and there is every reason why we should have a good road between them. When I first came to this part of the country it was a day's journey to Mount Tabor or Kelly's Butte. Now we can reach these places in 15 minutes. And if we had a good road to Mount Hood that mountain would be to us what Mount Tabor and Kelly's Butte are now. I mean that we should have a road over which we should be able to reach the mountain in three hours.

It will not cost a very great sum to build this road. And if we all put our shoulders to the wheel I think that it can be done."

and not counting the drivers' wages. Nearly all the other men had a good day, and every car was busy all day. It is said by one of the well-known auto-owners that had there been twice as many cars out Sunday, every one would have been rented.

One of the most attractive cars that have reached the city this week is a 20-horsepower Stevens Limousine. The car was sold by the Cook Motor Car Company to Dr. A. C. Smith. It has all the latest fittings. The windows are covered with silk curtains and can be lowered the same as a streetcar window. A look-fog-glass bottles for smelling salts, a card case and ash tray are fitted in the body. The interior is lighted by an electric light, with a special magnet under the back seat. There is an umbrella-holder and even a hole through which the drippings may flow without wetting the floor of the body. The car is in the most complete that has ever reached the city and though it is small, yet it is a perfect machine for a physician, who is forced to make night calls. The Cook Company has received another big six-cylinder Stevens. Floyd Cook, president of the company, intended to keep the car for his own use, but will probably sell it. The other "Six," which was owned by H. D. Baxter, has been shipped to California and the owner will make an extensive tour of the southern part of the "Golden State."

A new 20-horsepower Locomobile was sold this week by H. M. Covey. The car, known as the "gray loco," was purchased by L. Therklesen, who will employ it in private use.

All the roads around the city are now in fine condition, neither dusty nor muddy. Along the Base Line and Linton roads there is a steady string of cars at all hours of the day and night, and the suburbs are now beginning to complain that the machines, by exceeding the speed limit, are putting life and property in danger. Montavilla is loud in its complaint, and last Sunday three policemen were stationed in that suburban town with instructions to arrest all violators of the speed ordinances.

baseball fans of the city, those who are followers of the league, are feeling that the club officials might have dealt more leniently.

In fact, the officials had no other course. Houston was declared a professional, and the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union demand that all persons who accept money for participation in athletic sports, except as traveling expenses, must be expelled from an amateur athletic club. Their action was in full accord with the rulings of the association. But, had it not been for this dissatisfied "would-be" member of the club team, the matter would have dropped and the club officials would have not been forced to take this action.

The club has always been fair, but in this case the board of directors had no other course, and to keep in accordance with the A. A. U. were forced to take this action. Houston himself does not seem to care. He takes his expulsion philosophically, and states that he would rather play in the Tri-City League than in amateur teams.

Case Like That of Jimmy Britt. This brings to mind the case of Jimmy Britt, who was expelled from the Olympic Club, of San Francisco. When the well-known fighter was declared a professional the club officials were forced to take the same step as the Multnomah officials did in the Houston case.

Another member of the club team has signed with a Tri-City League team, but it is not known whether he will play. This is Chappie Stockton, who presides behind the bat for Multnomah. Should he join the Frakes team, it will leave Multnomah without a catcher, for they have no other man able to play a good game behind the bat. There are several men out at present, but none of these have shown any ability.

The Tri-City League seems to be a great attraction for all the amateur ballplayers of the city. Among the

boys who are forced to work for their living it is a good chance to pick up \$5 or \$10 for an afternoon's work, and all the players jump at the chance of entering a team. It is the "filthy lucre" that they are after, and they find a good chance in the Tri-City League to pick up a few dollars.

Frakes Team Showing Up Well.

The Frakes team lost two of its best players last week. Harvey Nowell and Bert Johnson have signed with Colfax, in the "Trolley" or Inland Empire League, and has signified their intention of staying there all summer. Nowell's place at second will be filled by Joe Mangold, but no other new pitcher has been signed to take Johnson's place. Manager Whitehead, of the Frakes, has signed another outfielder—Parrott. This man is a cousin of the well-known Parrott boys, and has a good reputation as a ballplayer. As the season progresses the ability of the Frakes men as ballplayers is recognized by everybody who sees them play. Nick Whitehead, the manager, has secured a good bunch of ballplayers, and should make a hard fight for the pennant.

Manager Smith, of the Brainards, reports that Catcher Brock has been given a release and will play with the Powers Blues team. Brock has a fair reputation as a ballplayer and at present is one of the best men on the Powers team.

New Empire for the League.

Ed "Triby" Rankin is now one of the Tri-City League umpires. Rankin always had a good reputation as an umpire, but last year there was trouble over one of the games, and many of the men imagined that Ed had thrown the contest. This was one of the very few charges of partiality that have ever been made against Ed, and it seems as if it were more a case of imagination on the part of the players than anything else. However, he umpired last Sunday's game at St. Johns, and not a word of complaint was heard from either side. The two of the North Pacific Brewery

team's men have left this week. Pender and Antolme, a well-known battery, have received a good offer from Pendleton and are now playing in that city. The Pendleton management is anxious to secure Rich Parrott and Troy Myers, but both of these men refuse to leave and will play this year in the Frakes.

Many of the fans thought that no crowd could be collected in St. Johns, but last Sunday's game proved the contrary and about 700 saw the game. There is no doubt that baseball will prove popular in that town, and the backers of the team will not be out any money on their venture. The grounds were not in very good condition, but it is expected that they will be in fine shape for today's game.

Multnomah's Prospects Good.

Multnomah Club is taking a great deal of interest in baseball this season, and has good prospects for a first-class team. In last Saturday's game with Oregon University the boys lost by a large score, but the lack of training may account for this defeat. They have a fast infield, in fact, almost as good as could be desired. With "Dolly" Gray, "Cass" Campbell and "Chet" Murphy holding down short, second and third, respectively, there is a good chance for a fast team. Sinnott's work on first was a little off color in the last game, but the long boy will improve as the season progresses. Morris, who pitched for the club men, did not put up a star game, but he needs practice. The outfield is especially fast and are all a good bunch of heavy hitters.

In the Intercollegiate League there is a great deal doing, and at present it looks as if the Columbia team would be the winner of the pennant. The boys have played two games so far, in one, with the West Side High School, they lost, 1 to 0, but this defeat was due to bad luck. The boys played a star game, and made only three errors. In a later game with the East Side High School the Collegians won, 30 to 1. This was a good game for the college boys. Their pitcher, Locke,

allowed only one hit and received fine support from his team. The boys made only two errors, and put up a fine class of ball for a school team. If they can keep up this rate for the rest of the year, they will win the pennant.

Another good team that shows up good is the West Side High School. At present it seems as if the whole fight for the "rag" would be between Columbia and the West Side High.

Cornell Will Not Compete.

The announcement from Cornell University that no team will be entered by that college in the University of Pennsylvania relay races on April 27 is a distinct surprise to the Quakers. The Ithacans had intended to enter the four-mile championship relay against Michigan and Pennsylvania, and several other events were contemplated by them, but it is thought that Governor Mosley was unable to get his men in championship form, owing to the lateness of the outdoor training season.

Stanford Defeats Berkeley.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—The third and deciding contest of the intercollegiate baseball games between Stanford University and the University of California was played today in this city and was won by the Stanford team, which already had taken a game and now is victor over the Berkeley team for the season. Score: Stanford 00000000-3 California 00200000-2 Batteries—Thiele and Stott; Jordan and Schaefer.

Hogquam Defeats Centralia.

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—Hogquam High School baseball team defeated the Centralia aggregation today by a score of 7 to 4. For seven innings Belle, the local twirler, had the visitors blanked, not one succeeding in crossing the home plate. The game was an interesting one, replete with fine plays and heavy hitting by both teams. Hogquam's team is now considered the best team in this part of the state.

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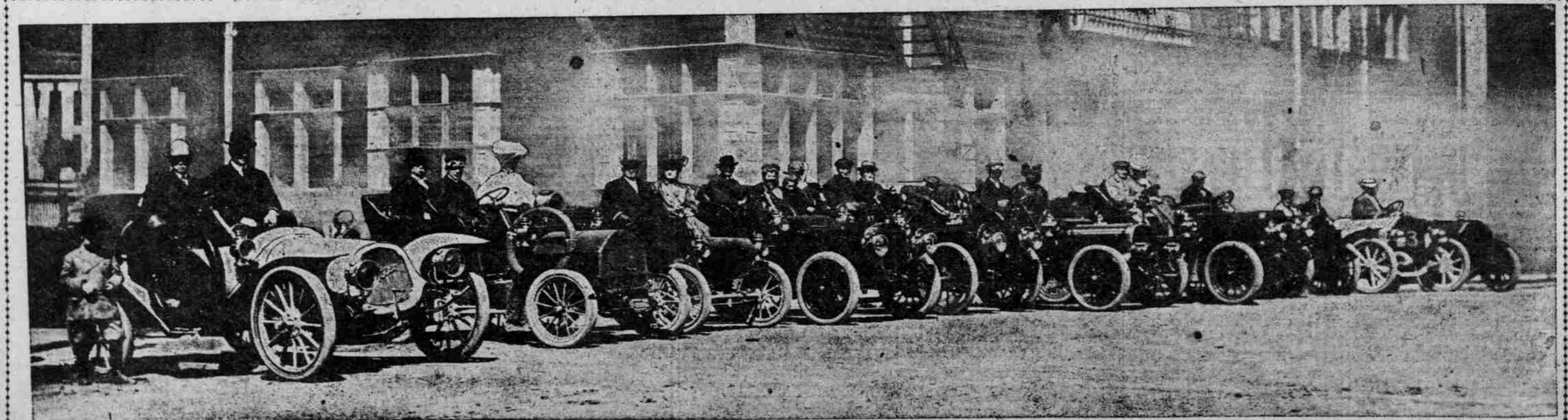


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