

RACES SOLE TOPIC IN AUTO CIRCLES

Course Is in Perfect Condition for Speed Tests and Many Cars Are Entered.

EXPERT DRIVERS ARE HERE

Everything Possible Has Been Done to Handle Big Crowds That Will Attend the Annual Contests East of the City.

Racing enthusiasm of Portland automobilists is now at fever heat. Racing is the sole topic of conversation among both owners and dealers, and even the prospects of sales do not appeal to the dealers as usual.

Some of the autoists who have entered cars for the races are openly expressing their assurance of winning, and while others are quiet and saying very little, each one has a secret conviction that he has a car and driver that will take the first prize offered in at least one of the races, if not all.

Oil has been laid over the macadam surface around the complete distance, and a more perfect road could not be found in the United States. The only exception is the lower road between the Base Line and Section Line roads, in which there are a couple of ruts made by the continual passage of automobiles.

Frank Seifert, a driver of National fame, who has been piloting the Stoddard-Dayton cars in the East and South, especially in California, and winning a large number of races, says that the road is the best that he has ever seen.

There is absolutely no limit to the speed the car can go, said he. "It all depends on what the cars are. A machine can be kept out to the last notch along the whole course. I expect to see the fastest stock cars that has ever taken place in the United States. The roads are almost as good as the paved city streets."

Seifert has the car here that has won several races in Los Angeles. It holds the record between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, a distance of 108 miles, the time being three hours and 12 minutes. Two mountain ranges have to be crossed on this course. The former record was cut 25 minutes, although 25 miles of the trip were made with one tire missing.

George Souls, driver of the Stearns machine, says: "I expect to see the record for stock cars broken on this track. It is the most perfect I have ever seen. The average rate of speed for stock cars is now 33 miles an hour. I believe that it will be broken by an increase of three miles. This speed may look small but stops, turns and other advantages have to be taken into consideration. On the home stretch the cars ought to make at least 50 miles an hour."

Similar remarks have been expressed by the other drivers, who are arriving every day to pilot the different cars. Although a number of cars are in readiness to compete in the races and the drivers chosen, all the entries have not been sent in yet as a full decision as to who will drive the particular cars has not been made.

The Keats Auto Car Company will enter four cars and possibly five. Those featured are a Chalmers Detroit 30, and a Chalmers Detroit 40, to be driven by Bert Dingley of Vanderbilt cup race fame, a Buick No. 10 and a Pope Hartford will also be entered. There is hope that this company will be able to enter a six-cylinder Briarcliff Lozier but this is not certain. W. D. Wallace, W. A. Gil and C. A. Arnold will drive the Keats cars.

Two White Steamers have been entered and possibly another will be added. These will be driven by F. A. Dundas and Gus Seyfried, both of whom are well known as fast drivers. The Locomobiles will be driven by Murray Page, a driver who took part in last year's races. Howard Covey will pilot the Cadillac car in the big race, and also in the 50-mile races, and if another car can be secured for the other races it will be entered also.

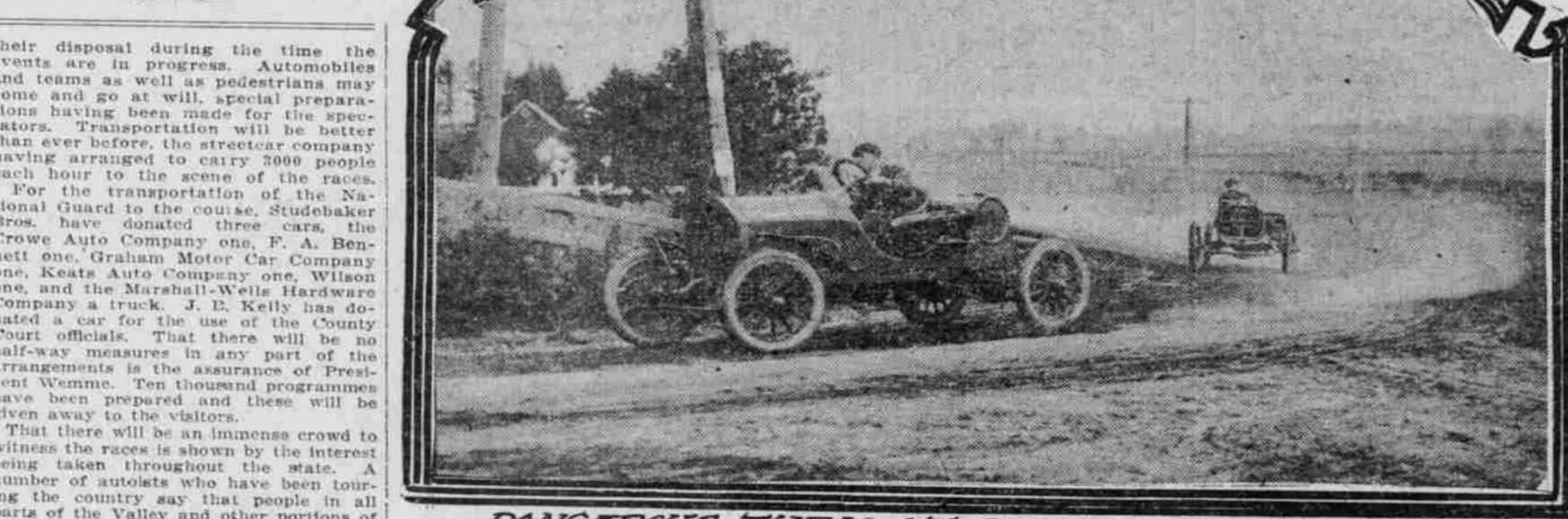
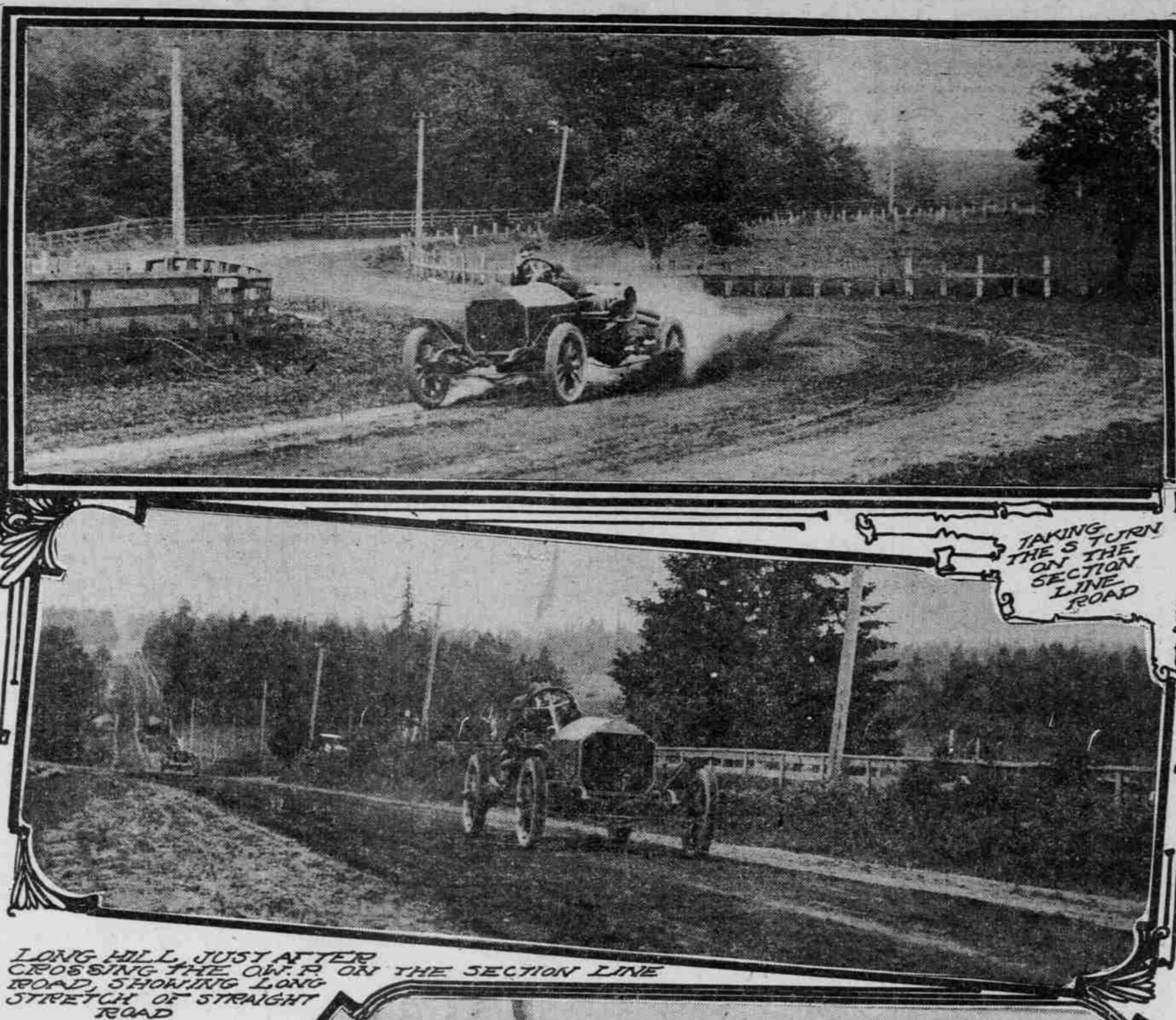
The Stoddard Dayton team will consist of Silas Christopherson, Frank Seifert and Harry A. Bull. The men have made records of National importance. Christopherson will also drive a Mitchell car.

"Lucky" Jack Peterson has signified his intention to take part in the race and has entered a Locomobile. Peterson is well known as one of the most reckless drivers in Portland. He has met with a number of accidents due to speedy driving, all of which resulted without a mishap to his own machine. Other automobile and a streetcar which he knocked off the track and into the gutter suffered damage.

The Franklin Company has entered two machines and has also imported drivers to steer them. L. G. Meeklen, a Seattle driver, will take charge of one of them, and R. C. Hamlin, a former agent at Los Angeles, who holds the 50 and 100-mile record on the Agricultural Park track in California, arrived in Portland during the week bringing his car, the Greyhound.

Twenty-two entries have been made in the motorcycle event and this race promises to be one of the interesting features. The race will occur between the 50-mile race and the Wemmes cup 100-mile race. The entries are as follows: R. Ralston, F. Palmer, S. O. Murray, Fred Nowotny, V. Carlson, E. Stone, Ed Greshamer, Vern Maskell, A. J. White, Bob Amos, Jake Garbick, J. Mitchell, J. Eggeston, Otto Muesing, W. Tipp, R. Bailey, Otto Snyder, Ray Somber, George Woodford.

Scenes Along Course of Portland Auto Club Road Races, to Be Run Next Saturday



their disposal during the time the events are in progress. Automobiles and teams as well as pedestrians may come and go at will, special preparations having been made for the spectators. Transportation will be better than ever before, the streetcar company having arranged to carry 3000 people each hour to the scene of the races.

For the transportation of the National Guard to the course, Studebaker Bros. have donated three cars, the Crowe Auto Company one, F. A. Bennett one, Graham Motor Car Company one, Keats Auto Company one, Wilson one, and the Marshall-Wellis Hardware Company a truck. J. D. Kelly has donated a car for the use of the County Court officials. That there will be no half-way measures in any part of the arrangements is the assurance of President Wemmes. Ten thousand programmes have been prepared and these will be given away to the visitors.

That there will be an immense crowd to witness the races is shown by the interest being taken throughout the state. A number of autoists who have been touring the country say that people in all parts of the Valley and other portions of the country are all eager to know about the coming races.

Meetings are being held almost daily to arrange the minor details, and two strenuous weeks have been passed by the Portland Automobile Club members, who are in charge. An enormous expense has been undertaken to make the event a success, and there is no reason to doubt that Saturday will be the most successful day of racing that has been seen on the Coast.

At least 1000 automobiles will participate in the automobile parade on Wednesday. The route of the procession has been prepared and is in charge of Grand Marshal C. J. Cooke and the committee appointed to handle the parade. The route chosen is one which will prevent as much as possible the blockading of streetcar traffic.

Business houses along Third street are protesting against being left out of the line of travel. The Rose Festival offers have objected to the use of this street, for the reason that such a number of cars come from Vancouver, Alberta and the East Side that it would interfere with traffic. As the matter stands, nearly to the west of West side traffic will be stopped during the parade, and the Portland Automobile Club does not wish completely to demoralize the streetcar system for the afternoon.

The parade will start promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and is open to all motorists in the state who wish to enter. Prizes valued at \$2000 are to be given to the owners of the most beautifully decorated cars.

Assurances have been received by the Portland Automobile Club that the Clark County officials have acted favorably toward the good-road movement, and are making preparations to start the construction of the 15 miles of roadway as soon as possible. The offers of the Columbia Construction Company have been accepted, and the county will receive enough crushed rock to cover the road the entire distance. The only expense the county will be in the hauling and laying of the macadam.

A. C. Downing, Pacific Coast sales agent for Studebaker Bros., leaves Monday for Chicago for a few weeks' vacation. Mr. Downing suffered a broken arm several days ago, while uncranking an automobile, and will endeavor to recuperate while in Chicago. He will be relieved by J. A. Crittenden, formerly of the Oldsmobile Company of Chicago, who will occupy the permanent position as sales agent of the Studebaker cars in Portland which Mr. Downing has filled temporarily. Mr. Downing will represent the same company at San Francisco.

The Covey Motor Car Company reports the following deliveries of 30-horsepower Cadillacs: W. H. Morrow, E. S. Jackson, C. C. Smith, W. G. Cox, T. H. West, F. H. Ransom. A six-horsepower Pierce Arrow has been sold to L. N. Lipman.

H. L. Keats reports the following sales: F. H. Sanborn, Pope Hartford touring car; W. A. Halderman, No. 10 Buick tourabout; Dr. W. A. Moore and P. W. Sattlemier, Chalmers Detroit No. 30; L. A. Sargent, model F Buick; Mr. Laidlaw, Pope Hartford touring car; W. B. Ray, Eugene, two second-hand cars; C. E. Wheeler, six-cylinder Thomas Flyer runabout; Dr. J. G. Grim, F. L. Hirschberg, Monmouth, No. 10, Tyrell & Son, Toppenish, Wash., Buick runabouts.

The gun clubs will go from Seattle to Victoria to take part in a similar meet there, thence to Vancouver and later to Portland and Medford. The shoot to be held in Portland will be in the nature of an entertainment while the visitors are on their way to Medford.

At Medford the Pacific Indians, an aggregation of the best shots of the Pacific Coast, will hold their first tournament. This will be held on September 7, 8 and 9. It will be a three-day shoot, with 300 targets and \$200 in cash as prizes. There will be 10 events of 20 targets each. The Portland shoot is well pleased with the recent shoot, held in Walla Walla and are practicing every week for the coming events, with the expectation of carrying away the majority of the prizes.

EXPECT PULLIAM TO RETURN If Health Is Recovered Baseball Leader Will Resume Work. CINCINNATI, June 5.—In all probability Harry C. Pulliam will resume the active duties of president of the National Baseball League in ten days or a fortnight.

"I think there is no doubt that President Pulliam will prove to the baseball magnates that he has thoroughly recovered from his nervous breakdown and is able to assume his duties as president of the league," said August Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Club, and chairman of the National commission, to an Associated Press representative today.

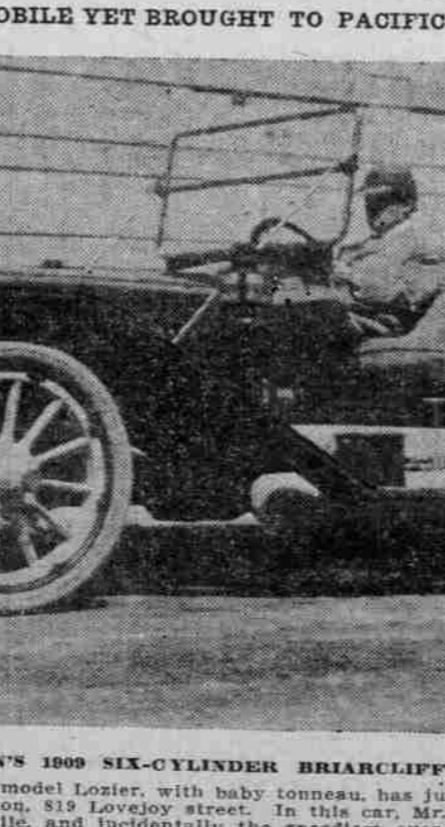
"I understand the plan is for Mr. Pulliam to visit all the baseball owners in the next week or ten days, while the clubs are in the West, and show them that he has fully recovered and is capable of doing the work in his office. I think he will be back in the president's chair within a week or two."

Mr. Pulliam arrived last night from Indianapolis and kept himself in seclusion during the long night session of the magnates. He left his hotel early today and evaded callers.

HANDICAP SHOOT INTERESTS Multnomah Rod and Gun Club to Enter Seattle Event.

The Multnomah Rod and Gun Club looks forward with interest to the Pacific Coast handicap to be held in Seattle in August under the auspices of the Seattle Gun Club. Many local crack shots will enter the tournament and a large delegation from Eastern states has signified its intention to attend the meet.

FASTEST AUTOMOBILE YET BROUGHT TO PACIFIC NORTHWEST.



A 1908 six-cylinder Briarcliff model Lozier, with baby tonneau, has just been purchased of the H. L. Keats Auto Co., by John G. Clemons, 819 Lovejoy street. In this car, Mr. Clemons possesses the most complete and finest equipped automobile, and incidentally the speediest ever brought to the Pacific Northwest. The car and equipment cost in the neighborhood of \$3000.

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Archer, Combs & Winters Co. AUTO SUPPLIES, 306 OAK STREET

Auburn Idanha Motor Car Company F. W. VOGLER, Gen. Mgr. 7th and Couch A2520, Main 4555

BALLOU & WRIGHT Automobile Supplies 86 Sixth St. Main 1854; A. 1834

FORD Agency, 86 Tenth St. BET. STARK and BURNSIDE Phone—Main 622; A. 2234 FIVE PASSENGER CAR FOR \$950

"Firestone" TIRES Vulcanizing & Retreading. R. E. BLODGETT, 510 Alder St. Main 7005.

KEATS Auto Co. Packard Thomas Pope-Hartford Buick SEVENTH AND BURNSIDE Chalmers Detroit

"Maxwell" AGENCY E. E. COHEN Manager Phone—Main 2844 Main 2588 526 ALDER STREET

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WINTON SIX WINTON MOTOR CO. OF OREGON. Sixteenth and Automobile Row. Demonstration by Appointment. Phone—Main 2553, A. 4944.

GO FOR RECORDS Fast Harness Horses to Compete in Festival Matinee.

NEW STEEDS ARE ENTERED Several Animals Brought to Portland for Recent Sale Will Appear Here on Track for First Time.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. The harness horse matinee to be given by the Riverside Driving Club on the track of the Portland Country Club and Livestock Association next Friday, June 11, promises to be one of the most successful racing events held here in years.

The drivers and horsemen from all parts of Oregon will come to Portland for the dual purpose of seeing the Rose Festival and to watch the performances of the trotters and pacers on that day. The Riverside Club has had splendid success with its various meets in the past, and this year the horsemen are anxious to make a better showing than ever because of the preliminary work of the big events scheduled for a later date, and the horseowners expect to see racing and trotting marks equaled, if not lowered, during the present season.

Good Meet at Canby. A few days ago a successful series of races were held at Canby, and the success of this meet augurs well for the racing game among the harness horses this summer. A. C. Lohmire is actively in charge of the preliminary work of arranging for Friday's meet and is sanguine over the success of the matinee.

"We expect to have some high-class racing," said Mr. Lohmire yesterday, "and I look for new Northwest records, as well as track records to be hung up. The race course of the Portland Country Club is in splendid shape for fast driving, and as we have many classy horses entered, some good time should be recorded. Harness horse racing is gradually becoming more and more popular with the American public, and I fully expect to see record crowds in attendance at Friday's matinee."

Keene Horse First. MANCHESTER, England, June 5.—The County Welter Handicap of 200 sovereigns, added to a sweepstakes of five sovereigns for starters, five furlongs, was won today by J. E. Keene's Wedding Bells II. Relief was second and Black Gal third.

The Salford Borough handicap of 1000 sovereigns, six furlongs, was won by Sir Archibald; Desford second, and Silver Roe third.