

COUNTRY CLUB HAS PILOTS ENGAGED

Tetzlaff, Road Race Champion, Will Endeavor to Win Laurels Here.

OLDFIELD'S BACKERS MANY

Helmman and Fritch Will Add to Attraction at Auto Meet Here as Will Silas Christofferson Who Will Make Tests.

Featuring the two-day automobile race meet at the Country Club track Tuesday and Wednesday, will be a match race between Barney Oldfield and Teddy Tetzlaff, the two most popular racing drivers in America. The race will be over the ten-mile course.

By virtue of his victory in the Santa Monica road race, Tetzlaff has the title of road race champion of the world. Oldfield's superiority as a dirt track pilot has never been questioned.

Advance dope figures Oldfield to come out victorious because of his superior knowledge of track driving and his utter recklessness when rounding the curves. Tetzlaff, however, displayed championship form when he broke all records in the Santa Monica race and it was mainly due to his intrepid work on the bends that he carried off first honors.

Oldfield will probably drive a Benz. It was in a car of this make that Barney achieved most of his fame, which has endured through all the years. Even though he has been out of the game for a long time, he still retains his immense popularity with the public.

Another treat is on the programme in the shape of the fastest motor car ever built. This is Oldfield's latest acquisition. It is a 300-horsepower Christie. Coming with Oldfield are Helmman, with a Benz, and Bill Fritch, Cino factory pilot. Helmman won undying fame by his spectacular victory in a recent Vanderbilt cup race. At that time he was driving a Marmion.

Eight events will be run each day, starting at 1:30.

Tetzlaff still sticks to his Fiat. This is the car in which he won the title of road race champion of the world. He drove the Fiat in the Santa Monica road race, coming out victorious, and finished second with it in the international sweepstakes at Indianapolis, Memorial day.

The Fiat team includes, in addition to Tetzlaff, Hewlett, Verbeck, Hill and Maggino.

Eight events will be on the programme each day. They will be from five to 151 miles in length.

At no time have Portland people been given the opportunity to see so many famous automobile racers in one meet. In fact, this is the first real automobile race meet that Portland will enjoy.

While the automobile races naturally will overshadow all other sports here during the Elks' convention, the fact that Silas Christofferson will give two flights in his Curtiss aeroplane each day should not be lost sight of. Christofferson will attempt to beat the time of one of the automobiles around the circular course.

The Vancouver air man jumped into the front rank of the world's aviators recently by beginning a flight from the roof of the Multnomah Hotel. It was the first time in the history of the world that a man had the courage to start off the top of a large building in the business section of a city where danger lurks at every turn.

On paper it looks as if Oldfield should prove the star driver of the meet. Barney was the original pioneer in dirt track racing. He has followed this branch incessantly for several years and has been acknowledged without a peer in this line. He has won more time than Oldfield will be seen in competition on a dirt track since he was reinstated by the American Automobile Association a few weeks ago. Just whether he retains his old-time skill and daring remains to be seen. It has often been said that "they never come back," and with truth, too, but this axiom never has been applied with full force to this particular sport.

Oldfield's driving in the Santa Monica road race was not as good as many expected. He explained this, however, by pointing out the fact that all the luck of the race went against him; that he had lots of mechanical and tire trouble and, further, that the fortunes of racing do not always fall to the same man.

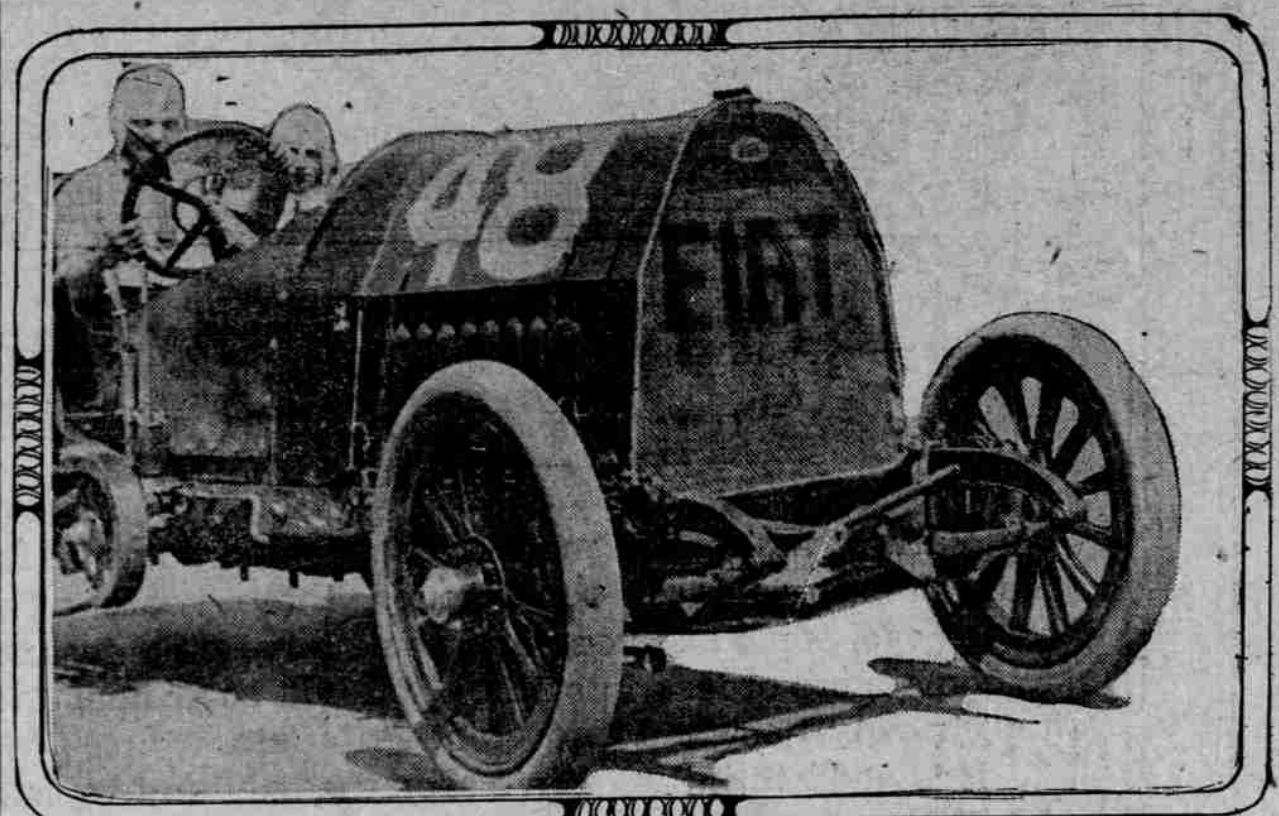
Tetzlaff is anxious to make a name for himself as a dirt track driver. In an effort to satisfy this ambition the Los Angeles boy will go against time in several distances. He seems to think that the Country Club track was just made to his order. Anyway, he pronounced it the fastest mile dirt track he ever saw when he visited it while in Portland recently. This view of the course decided for him and he announced that he would try to break the records for the one, five and ten-mile distances, providing the weather conditions were favorable.

Among the local drivers who will shine at the meet are Frank Tauscher, H. J. Groat and Dundee. Tauscher will drive his special Cole racer, Groat will pilot a Stearns and Dundee will drive the famous "Whistling Billie," a White creation.

Tower and Evans, whose names are linked with record-breaking performances with Flanders and E-M-F cars, will be here with all their dash and enthusiasm. As drivers in like far events these two men have gained a noted reputation for spectacular and speedy driving.

Each day's sport is scheduled to start at 1:30 P. M. Special train service has been arranged for.

FIAT TEAM AND NOTED ROADRACE CHAMPION WHO WILL BE SEEN IN ACTION HERE THIS WEEK



Tetzlaff in His Fiat.



Famous Fiat Racing Team, Left to Right Tetzlaff, Hill, Maggino, Verbeck and Hewlett.

CRACK RIDERS HERE

Harry Brant Made Record for Seattle Half-Mile Track.

SPOKANE SENDS FAST MEN

Washington Rider Made Lap on Country Club Course in 50 Seconds—Special Car Service Arranged for Rose City Line.

Harry Brant, one of the Portland motorcycle racing cracks, did a round of the half-mile track at the Seattle Club's meet July 4 in 32 seconds. The Portland boys went up with the intention of showing the Sound riders how to race and they sure did it. This was the fastest time that has ever been done on the Seattle track, and is within two seconds of the world's record for that distance. In the three races that were run off on that day the Portland crew took two, Brant winning the three-mile open event, and Ed Berreth taking the three-mile stripped stock.

The members of the Portland race committee that made this trip have made arrangements with Trip and two other of the boys from the Sound to enter this afternoon's meet. They have been practicing on the local track for the past two days and are well pleased with the opportunities for making speed. Among the entries from out of town that are here are R. Knudson and Ross Cummings, of Spokane, both fast riders, and showing up very well in the preliminary workouts.

The racers have been using the track for the past three days and some very good time has been made. One of the Spokane boys did a lap in close to 30 seconds Friday afternoon, and miles will be reeled off in that time or better, as the track is in perfect condition. All of the turns have been banked for 60-second speed and many hope to see the local record of 48 seconds for a mile equaled this afternoon.

Special car service has been arranged over the Rose City line from Third and Alder streets, and as there were fully 4000 people at the last meet the cars will begin to run early this time in order to handle the crowds.

The \$300 worth of cups that were bought for the winners in the races have been on exhibition in a downtown jeweler's window for the past week, and will be awarded at the close of the races. J. B. Lindsay, state referee for the Federation of American Motorcyclists, and treasurer of the local club, will officiate as referee, and C. L. Menzies, H. W. Reichenstein and A. L.

Short will judge, while the timers will be E. J. Jaeger, B. Campbell and H. Jaeger. The Fitch weekly will have a machine at the track to film the meet.

While Roy Brown was thrown and hurt at the Seattle races it is probable that he will be in shape to enter this afternoon and those that recollect his gritty driving of a Mergler at the last meet will welcome him on the track.

Locally Barath, H. Zoh, Roy Brown, Harry Brant, Vern Maskell, Fred Nowatny, Gus Peppell and L. T. Dean will be among the drivers. In the big seven-horsepower race there will be eight starters, more than have ever entered a meet before on the Coast.

Fast time is assured and some very exciting races should result. At the last meet a mile was done in 54 seconds and this should be bettered, as there are more entries, consequently more competition, and the track is in better shape.

AUTOISTS ARE GIVEN ADVICE

Charles Splittdorf Gives Timely Hints on Ignition.

The following timely ignition hints, given by Charles F. Splittdorf, of magnetic fame, may save the motorists many an hour. Regarding the length of the spark gap which a spark plug should have, Mr. Splittdorf advises the adjusting of the spark gap as the manufacturers of the magneto in use direct. Too long a gap for magneto use, he says, tends to cut down the electric current and also to reduce the heat of the spark.

"If the ignition system of an old or second-hand car proves to be erratic and uses up batteries at an alarming and expensive rate, it is a good plan to look carefully after the wiring and particularly those wires leading to the plugs," declares Mr. Splittdorf. "Generally they will be found to have become oil-soaked, or so hard that they are covered with fine cracks, which permits serious leakage of the electric current. In this case, renew the wiring."

ECONOMY OF AUTO IS SHOWN

Doctor Runs Machine 8863 Miles at Total Cost of \$246.27.

This seems to be the open season for dealers exhibiting testimonials of the low cost of maintenance of the cars they represent. In this connection, Fred Howe, district head of J. W. Leavitt & Co., is pointing to an unsolicited letter that the Overland people have received from Dr. William M. Hoon, of Champaign, Ill.

Dr. Hoon's maintenance account for 8,863 miles, made during 24 months, is as follows:

Repairs, \$67.15; gasoline, \$51.50; lubrication, \$18.28; tires, \$98.50; cleaning, \$6.75, making a total of \$242.27, or a monthly average of \$10.91.

The Jeffersonville (Ind.) Automobile Association has changed its name to the Clark County Good Roads Association, and the organization will devote its energies toward road improvement, the prosecution of those damaging the road and interfering with automobiles.

OLDFIELD MAY COME

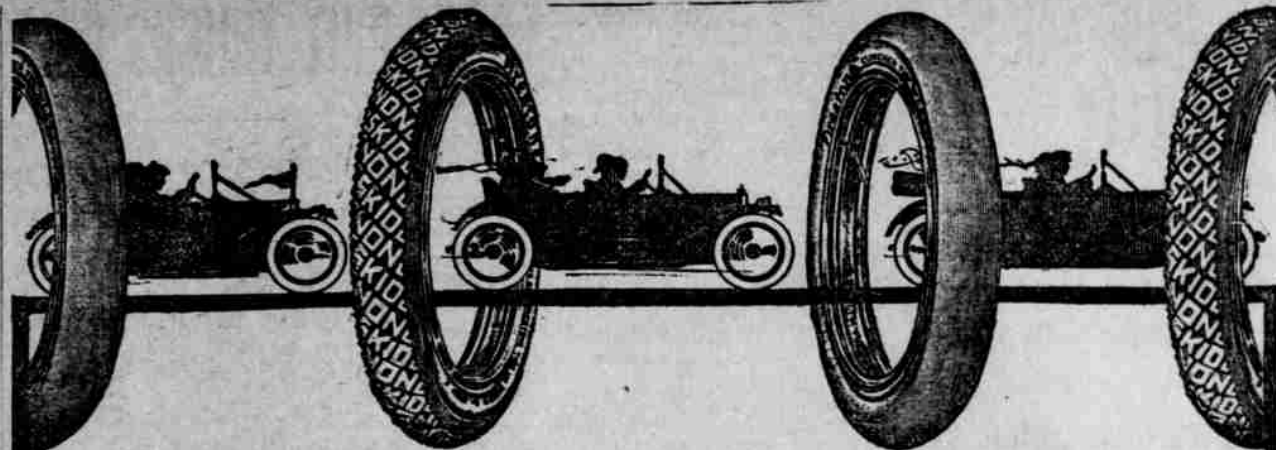
Daring Auto Driver Expected at Meet July 9 and 10.

TERMS YET TO BE AGREED

Pilot King, Now at Butte, Thought by Portland Promoters to Be Willing to Ship Powerful Cars to Portland Event.

Although negotiations have not been definitely concluded it looks reasonably certain that Barney Oldfield will be the star attraction at the two-day automobile race meet at the Country Club track July 9 and 10. M. C. Dickinson last night received by telegraph the terms of the pilot king and announced that in all probability the race committee, of which he is chairman, and Oldfield will be able to find terms mutually agreeable. He made no secret of the fact that he would not accept the terms stated in the telegram.

"Oldfield is coming here anyway for the Elks' convention, and I am positive that he will enter the meet," said Mr. Dickinson. "Oldfield is now in Butte, where he will race July 4. It will be an easy matter for him to ship his cars to Portland. I anticipate no trouble



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whatever in concluding negotiations with him."

Powerful Cars in String.

Oldfield's string includes a 300-horsepower Chadwick, said to be the fastest automobile in the world. Accompanying the daring racer are two well-known drivers, whom he did not name. A powerful Benz and a giant Mercedes complete the string.

Besides the noted dirt-track racers, Teddy Tetzlaff, Caleb Bragg and an unnamed driver with a Fiat are among the racers who compete here.

"With Oldfield and Tetzlaff we will have on our programme the two most famous automobile pilots in America," said Mr. Dickinson. "The meet will be part of the official entertainment of the visiting Elks and undoubtedly will be the most spectacular part of their diversion."

"Fortune is playing into our hands and I consider it a good stroke of luck that gives us the chance to bring these two men together on a dirt track. Tetzlaff won the last Santa Monica road race because of his daring work on the curves, and this stamps him as a good dirt-track driver. Oldfield, of course, is the champion of them all when it comes to circular track driving.

ing. He alone furnishes enough sensational bursts of speed to hypnotize the spectators.

Oldfield now is driving a 300-horsepower Chadwick, the fastest automobile ever built."

Officials Are Named.

The meet is being held under the auspices of the Portland Automobile Racing Club. The officials for the meet, announced yesterday, are as follows:

Referee, W. J. Clemens; judges, M. C. Dickinson, Walter Chanslor and J. B. Yeon; starter, C. H. King; assistant starters, L. H. Rose and R. L. Blodgett; American Automobile Association representative, H. L. Keats; umpires, Sol Blumauer, E. J. Clarke, R. D. Innan and Mel Johnson; timers, A. E. McKay, Oliver K. Jeffery and Elliott Corbett; scorer, Charles Mead; technical committee, H. L. Keats, H. M. Covey and John S. Beall.

King on Washington Trip.

C. H. King, sales manager of the Keats Auto Company, now is on a trip that will take him to the principal agents of the Keats Company in Washington. Mr. King left last week, his

purpose being to find out the demand expected for Chalmers, Pope-Hartford and Peerless cars for the coming season. Mr. King stopped in Tacoma long enough to be an interested spectator at the automobile races. He will return to Portland in a few days.

NEW AUTOS FULLY EQUIPPED

1913 R-C-H Will Be Fitted With Five Electric Lights.

Full equipment figures prominently in the 1913 model thus far announced by motor car manufacturers. The makers now realize that the purchaser demands full equipment and in the majority of instances they are complying with the demand.

The latest concern to announce its 1913 equipment is the R-C-H. It includes five electric lights, non-skid tires all around, Warner auto meter, top fitted with Jiffy curtains, top slip cover, rear vision mirror and robe rail. This is the first cheap car to have as its standard equipment all those articles named above, and the announcement illustrates a trend of designers' ideas for the coming season.

TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED WINNERS OF MOTORCYCLE RACES AT COUNTRY CLUB THIS AFTERNOON.

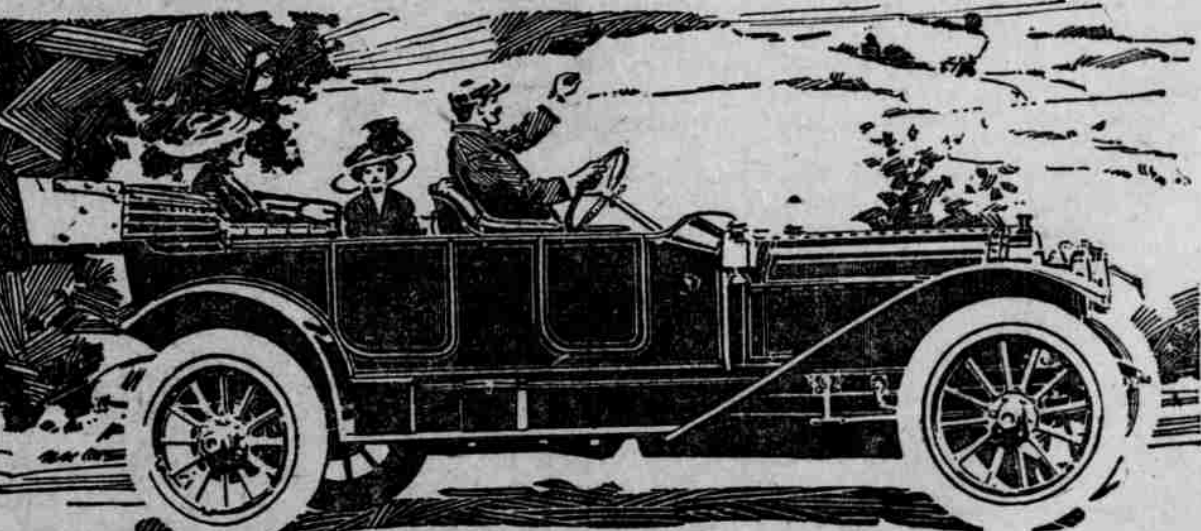


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