

REASONS OF THE GLIDDEN TOUR

Superiority of Foreign Metals and of Home Manufacture Proven.

IT IS CONCEALED THAT TEST WAS TOO SEVERE

What Public Wants Is Test Which Approximates Actual Touring Conditions—Story of Winning of Hower Trophy by White Steamer.

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Aug. 10.—While the results of the Glidden tour were a vindication of American construction for American roads, they were also a demonstration of the superiority of foreign metals, which are being used to some extent by several makers in this country. It was generally conceded that no foreign built car could survive the ordeal, and regarding the Locomobile company's car, Berlet, as a foreign machine, the contestants looked for it to succumb, more especially as it was notoriously being given a harder pounding over the roads than any other. When the verdict came out with the most favorable record, it was realized that it was after all, an American car, although built entirely of imported metals. This lesson was repeated in one or two other cases where cars had imported springs which stood up, while those of domestic metal were snapping all around. The Blue and the White Steamer made a lesson and the study of all the makers in the run, this being its first appearance in a contest of the sort, and its absolute freedom from trouble made a profound impression.

With the Glidden tour at an end, it is possible to go back and see certain errors in the rules that will have to be corrected before the tour will be entirely fair to all the contestants.

Defects of the Rules.

J. D. Maxwell, vice-president of the Maxwell-Briscoe motor company, in an interview after the tour ended, said: "To my mind the tour just passed was not a fair test of the cost of making. The public do not want test which is calculated to break machines up. What they do want is a contest which approximates actual touring conditions. One thing is certain, and that is that no private owner would ever subject his car to such trying conditions as those which the Gliddenites experienced."

"One glaring defect has manifested itself in the rules, and this undoubtedly will have to be changed before another tour. According to the conditions no car could replace any broken part unless he carried that extra part with him. To do this is unfair to the owner. I can cite an example of one of our own cars:

No Excess Allowed.

"While running along a bad road, a projecting stone carried away the truss from the rear axle. The cost of replacing this rod would have been but 50 cents, yet under the conditions of the tour and because we had failed to bring along an extra rod, we were forced to run without it. The expected naturally followed—the axle sagged and the car had to be withdrawn.

"Now take for example another car which breaks, for instance, an engine. According to the terms of the contest both cars have to stop. One of them could have been fixed up with a 50-cent repair, while the other repair was out of question, yet both were held the same amount."

"Such little points as these are hard to foresee and it will probably take the experience gained in this tour to formulate a set of rules that will be entirely fair to all. Personally, I am a great believer in the Glidden tour, and I think that the American automobile industry that as many cars finished as did."

White Ties for Hower.

The winning of the Hower trophy by the White Steamer was a triumph of the max to the splendid work of the Whites throughout the tour. In the contest for the Hower trophy 13 cars started from the starting line in Buffalo, 188 miles, one of which was the White Steamer run by H. K. Sheridan, reached New York with perfect scores. The other two cars were placed in the garage of the Automobile club of America, pending a decision with reference to the manner of deciding the tie. Great interest was aroused by the prospect of a contest between the steam car and the gasoline car, and considerable money was wagered on Sheridan at odds of 10 to 1. At a meeting between the two contestants and Mr. Hower, it was agreed to start from New York, and to run until one of the other of the cars was unable to continue. The rules governing the Glidden tour were to apply to the supplementary contest, with the important additional requirement that an observer be carried on each of the cars.

Running Off the Tie.

On the first day of the contest, Monday, July 29, the two cars ran to Albany, 8 hours and 30 minutes being allowed for the 100-mile run. On the second day the cars continued to Syracuse, 152 miles, the schedule being 7 hours and 45 minutes. The third day's run from Syracuse to Buffalo, 168 miles, proved to be the last, as the White Steamer was the only car to arrive on schedule time. The driver, H. K. Sheridan, received the Hower trophy, and he crossed the line and was formally declared the winner by Dal H. Lewis, secretary of the touring board, which had been in charge of the tour. In order to win the Hower trophy, Mr. Sheridan drove the White Steamer on a rigorous schedule of 1,000 miles, completing the longest and hardest trip without replacements or any mechanical trouble of which there is official record.

ANGEL CITY MAY GET BIG AUTO RACE

(Journal Special Service.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 10.—There is still a lingering hope that Los Angeles will get the Vanderbilt cup race or a similar motor car speed classic for this fall or winter.

E. H. Thomas, the well-known manufacturer, has come to the front as a champion for California, and in a telegram from Buffalo yesterday he stated in full details of the southern California offer and stated that he would do all in his power to help us.

If the other manufacturers who have been racing cars with the expectations of running in the Vanderbilt follow Mr. Thomas' lead there is no reason why Los Angeles should not have a big race, no matter what the American Automobile association does. This organization has apparently done enough damage already and it is time another club took charge of the matter.

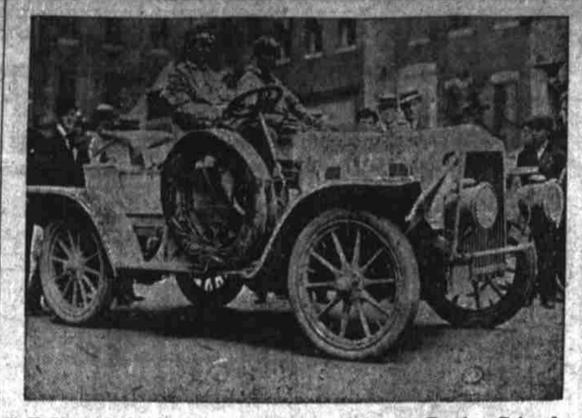
Securing such a contest would mean the expenditure of \$100,000. Los Angeles and the citizens could well afford to do a little work toward securing it.

Wallace in the East.

W. D. Wallace, the local record-breaking driver, who recently formed a partnership with H. C. Cook, has been in the east for some time looking over auto factories and closing contracts for next year's business. It is expected that he will return to Portland by August 15.

Covey's Sales of Week.

H. M. Covey has made the following sales during the past week: 1907 H. P. Cadillac to J. H. Cook, city; 1907 H. P. Cadillac to G. E. Watts, city; 46 Pierce-Arrow to H. L. Chapin, city.



H. K. Sheridan, in White Steamer, Winner of Hower Trophy, Prize for Runabouts in Glidden Tour.

HOWARD M. COVEY RIDICULES BAKER AUTOMOBILE ORDINANCE

Howard M. Covey, a member of the board of directors of the Portland Automobile club, and a prominent auto dealer, doesn't think well of the proposed Baker ordinance concerning the driving of automobiles in Portland. He ridicules Baker's idea of restricting speed within the city limits to two miles an hour.

"Two miles an hour!" exclaimed Mr. Covey. "Why, a man would better get out and walk. There is at present a city ordinance restricting speed to eight miles an hour, and that certainly is pretty fast with safety to the public. My car all over town at the rate of two miles an hour. In the crowded city district, at the street crossings, it is proper to reduce the speed of the machine to almost nothing, and most drivers do so, but out in the residence districts a competent man can drive his car all over town at the rate of two miles an hour. Concerning the proposition of making every driver pass an examination before he is allowed to run a car, Mr. Covey thinks they are putting the cart before the horse.

"How is a man going to pass an examination in auto-driving until he has had some experience in running a car himself?" he declared. A beginner has to learn in some way, and unless they can force the auto tyro to take his car outside the city limits and there struggle to obtain the necessary knowledge to pass an examination, I don't see how they'll manage it."

"It may be very well to have a driver pass an examination before he can become a professional chauffeur, and receive a license, but to place such a restriction on the amateur, who drives his car for pleasure, seems to me to be very impractical."

MOTING NOTES

It is better to breathe the dust of another's car than to arrive first at the police trap.

Women are learning that the "automobile complexion" is better than any brand to be had in the drug stores.

When on the road and a tire blows out, it is quite proper to exclaim: "Dear me!"

As a general rule, it is well to keep the ignition as far advanced as possible without producing "knocking," and a good driver is one who continually adjusts his spark to the work of the motor, retarding the spark as the engine slows a car and pulling and keeping it early in proportion to the lightness of the load on the motor and its running speed.

When meeting a road hog, fresh from his pen, give him rooting room; for "it is better to place such a restriction on the amateur, who drives his car for pleasure, seems to me to be very impractical."

It is probably true that the demand for high-powered cars has led to a serious disproportion between power and weight in many cases. It is about as unfortunate to have too much power in a light car as it is to have a car too heavy for the motor that is in it. In a car having weight and power correctly balanced, of which the 16-20 horsepower Maxwell, which weighs about 3,700 pounds, may be taken as an example, the result is a smooth-running, quiet machine and a car that is easy on tires.

A simple trouble that sometimes is very bothersome is due to the coast of the carburetor becoming, or the needle valve getting stuck in its seat. This difficulty is easily adjusted by hand. The chief bother is to locate the kink.

The forms are now being prepared for the edition of 20,000 copies of the "1907 A. A. Year Book," which will be a complete compendium of information valuable to motorists. It will be circulated among members of the American Automobile association only. Information concerning membership can be had by addressing F. H. Elliott, 427 Fifth avenue, New York.

Drivers of high power runabouts must be careful. The appearance of a long, racy looking car is to the ever watchful "cop" what a red flag is to a bull. This was strikingly illustrated the other night, says Col. Pardee of the Maxwell-Briscoe agency in New York City. "We were running along at about 15 miles an hour when a young fellow passed us in one of those smart racers. He was not going particularly fast and we followed right along behind him in a Maxwell runabout, when suddenly a 'cop' emerged from behind him up. We were running at exactly the same rate of speed and no attention was paid to us. In the eyes of the law, appearances are against the high power runabout and its drivers have occasionally to pay for the privilege of looking sporty."

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Sept. 2—Bridgeport, Connecticut, Labor day hill climb, Sport Hill, Bridgeport Automobile club.

Sept. 8—Chicago, Cedar Lake economy run, Chicago Motor club and Chicago Automobile Trade association.

Sept. 14—Albany, New York, 8-mile road race, under the auspices of the Albany Automobile club.

Oct. 19—St. Louis, Missouri, international road race of the Gordon Bennett prize. Auto club of America.

Foreign Shows.

Nov. 11-23—London, Olympia motor show.

Nov. 12-Dec. 1—Paris, exposition decennale de l'automobile, Grand palais, Esplanade des Invalides, Automobile club of France.

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Aug. 11-20—France, Coupe de Auvergne.

Sept. 1-2—Italy, Brescia circuit, Piorio cup. A. C. of Italy.

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THE LIFE PRESERVER OF THE AUTOMOBILE

Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

A motorist was showing off his car to an old sea captain, whose knowledge of recent developments on terra firma was somewhat hazy.

"How fast can she travel?" asked the captain.

"Fifty miles an hour,"

"Off the wind?"

"Either off or on," said the owner.

The old sea dog looked suspiciously. His eyes caught the steering wheel.

"Is that yer wheel?" he inquired.

"Then where's yer compass?"

"Don't use one."

"Oh! She don't work like a boat then?"

"Quite different."

Again the captain grunted as his eye wandered over the snorting contraption and caught sight of the tires. The tires fastened on behind, when he demanded, triumphantly:

"Now, if she ain't like a boat, why in the name of Davy Jones do you carry that there life preserver?"

From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

AUTO AGENT IS ON HUNT FOR BIG GAME

C. H. Hawkins, western manager of the White Automobile company of Cleveland, Ohio, was in Portland last week. Mr. Hawkins, in company with Mr. Easton, also of the White company, left Portland on Friday for an extensive big game hunt in the Olympic mountains. They will be gone a month.

Mr. Hawkins will leave Portland in time to be on hand in Chicago on September 15 and 16, when the contest of the long distance championship takes place between a White Steamer stock car and a Buick gasoline car. The latter claims the title of champion, but steam cars having been barred from the former contest. The White challenged the winner.

MANDERS LANDS SIX MOUNTS IN THE MONEY

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Aug. 10.—The Meadows Selling Stakes at a mile, the feature of today's racing, was won by Spring Ban after a long stretch duel with Saindrina. Manders outside Boston at the finish.

Manders' time was 1:29.4, the time of the day. He landed six mounts in the money, with three firsts to his credit.

The heavy rain in the morning caused many scratches. The summary:

Six furlongs—David Boland (Manders), 2 to 1; won; Dick Wilson (R. Davis), 3 to 2; second; Ed. Lilburn (Gross), 6 to 1; third.

Seven furlongs—Metakakia (C. Wright), 4 to 1; won; Saindrina (McRae), 5 to 1; second; Col. Bronson (Manders), 10 to 1; third. Time, 1:29.

Five furlongs—Early Tide (Blac), 5 to 2; won; Werwhell (Manders), 10 to 1; second; Polite L. (Bore), 4 to 1; third. Time, 1:01.4.

One mile—Springban (Manders), 3 to 1; won; Saindrina (Buxton), 4 to 1; second; R. Davis, 10 to 1; third. Time, 1:40.6.

One and a quarter miles—Isabella (Manders), 5 to 1; won; R. Davis, 8 to 1; second; Victor (Manders), 9 to 1; third. Time, 2:10.4.

Five and a half furlongs—Aunt Polly (Manders) took the lead in the Forest (Blac), 4 to 1; second; Amuse-day (McBride), 13 to 1; third. Time, 1:07.4.

PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE NOTES.

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In about three weeks the minor league tour will be in full swing. The National league club has a team called the Union Baseball club. A strong team.

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DERRICK'S ASSAULT ON UMPIRE

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Umpire Derrick, Who Is Said to Be Willing That Frank Dillon's Assault on Him Should Go Unpunished.

Frank Dillon, captain of the Los Angeles Coast league team, who assaulted Umpire Derrick here more than three weeks ago, is still playing at his regular position. He has neither been blacklisted, suspended nor even fined, though by all precedents of organized baseball his offense is an unforgivable one.

Now comes word from Frisco that Derrick has a case of cold feet and is so afraid of losing his job that he is willing to let the assault matter go by default. More than that, it is said that Dillon will have the unmitigated gall to protest the game which was forfeited to Portland because Dillon refused to get off the field after beating Derrick.

The blame for Dillon's continuing to play lies at the door of President Cal Ewing, who organized the season exhibited extreme incompetency and partiality. It is up to Ewing to settle the Dillon matter and settle it quickly and if he does not do it Derrick should raise a howl that will be heard throughout the length and breadth of organized baseball. Here's the kind of talk the San Francisco Bulletin hands out about the Dillon-Derrick episode:

"President Cal Ewing will interview both Dillon and Derrick before there is any action taken. An opinion was ventured yesterday that the game would be thrown out."

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TO PROVIDE HORSES.

General Aleshire's Plans for Improved Remount System.

The new quartermaster-general of the army, Brigadier-General James B. Aleshire, entertains some ideas of his own concerning what is known as the remount system; that is, the sources of supply of horses for military use.

Some idea of the number of horses needed, says Harper's Weekly, may be gained by the fact that there will be required to equip the army as at present organized, horses as follows: Cavalry, 12,215; field artillery, 3,450; infantry, 600; engineers 231; signal corps, 200; medical department, 450; hospital corps, 1,000; quartermaster's department, 44; division and department headquarters, 5; general depots, etc., 7; military academy, 216. Should an emergency require an increase in the army, it would be necessary to provide 3,254 riding horses, 72 draught horses, 4,100 draught mules, 182 pack mules and 187 riding mules.

It is General Aleshire's idea that there be established in his office a bureau of information, which should be in charge of the establishment of depots for the purchase of young horses for both cavalry and artillery (from three to five years old) and for the purchase of prescribed specifications, and to be held at depots until they are in condition and of suitable age for issue to troops (generally from six to nine years old).

Among the places which are regarded as available are near Springfield, Ohio, the vicinity of Lexington or Louisville, Kentucky, in Virginia near Washington, near Plattsburg in Missouri, in the Sequoia National Park, and the Yosemite National Park in California.

The advantages of the remount system include the supply to the army of young, fresh, sound and well-broke horses; the creation of a permanent source of supply; the prolongation of the life or period of duration of the animal with a corresponding reduction in expense; the affording of time and means to properly handle and break young horses; the establishment of uniform standards of quality; the improvement and the standardization of a special type which would be understood by breeders and farmers; the shipment of horses in military cars; and finally, the equipment of the United States army with the best mounts of any army in the world.

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"How many fish did you catch in all?" someone asked.

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"Who were they?"

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Casey began again.

"Try it this way," he said: "Finnegan was two, and the two Kelleys was two, and I was three, and—and, I'm blest if I can think who was the other wan."

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"I was wan," he said, doubling up a finger as he went along, "and the two Kelleys was two, and Finnegan was three."

"But the two Kelleys were three," someone broke in.

"Do you know the two Kelleys?" asked Casey, warmly.

"No."

"Well, then how can ye say the two Kelleys was three? Go on man; you're drunk!"

Casey stood thinking it over for a minute and then picked up his string of fish.

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CHEATED IN DIVIDE?

Casey's Perplexity in the Matter of a Catch of Blackfish.

Casey was on his way home from a fishing trip down by the bell buoy. He had a fine string of blackfish, so heavy that he thought he needed a counterweight to balance them. Not having a can with him, he had dropped in to put another weight in the middle, when he believed it would do almost as much good.

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HARDMAN PUTS AWAY ALL CARES

Out for a Little Fun, He Says—Other Matters Don't Worry Him.

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Aug. 10.—E. H. Harriman, the railroad "wizard," spent three hours in Chicago today, en route west, where he will inspect branches of the vast system which bears his name.

The railroad man apparently was anxious to forget the attacks being waged by the government and threats of the interstate commerce commission and hastened to assure a reporter that his trip was purely one of pleasure.

"Are you worried about Attorney General Bonaparte's threat against the Harriman system and the results of the interstate commerce commission's investigation?" Mr. Harriman was asked.

"I am not thinking of those things at present or any other business matters," he replied. "They are not in my mind. I am trying to have a little fun."

Mr. Harriman did not care to discuss the fine imposed on the Standard Oil company by Judge Landis.

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From the Rhodesia Herald.

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From Fall Mail Gazette.

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