CASH OATS AT LOWER PRICE

While Futures Are High a Decline Noted in Spot —Wheat Is Off.

World's Wheat Prices.

	December.
Portland	92A
Chicago	98A
New York	105½
Kansas City	92⅞
St. Louis	98⅝
Minnesota	100½
Duluth	99⅜
Winnipeg	93⅛
Liverpool	7s 6¼d

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Cars		
	Sept. 12.	Sept. 11.	Sept. 10.
Barley	19	2	12
Flour	5	2	1
Hay	15	18	11
Oats	17	9	8
Wheat	61	120	92

The break in oats values startled the trade somewhat today. While heretofore cash oats offerings have been very scant and producers inclined to hold for still higher figures, the market is easier and weaker, with lower prices ruling today. No. 1 white oats are now being offered fully 50c a ton less than yesterday, some offerings being made at still lower figures. Receipts are increasing and with the better offerings by producers the trade is not inclined to pay such fancy prices as have been in effect. In fact, the rolled oats people say they get their money back by selling oats purchased at the present price.

Cash wheat market is disposed to show signs of weakness again. Local values have been forced out of line of an export basis by the recent decline abroad, and buyers here have reduced their values about 1c a bushel for the day.

Cash barley is hard to get at any price and local prices are holding stiff.

On the Portland board of trade today wheat futures were showing a weaker tendency, with the price of September 1c a bushel off at the closing. December closed with the asked price ½c under yesterday.

On the board of trade coarse grain futures were quoted firmer for both oats and barley, despite the weaker tone in the cash stuff. On the board today there was an advance of 1c a cental in September and December oats and a similar rise in the two barley options.

Board of trade prices today:

CLUB WHEAT.

	Open.		High.		Low.		Close.	
Sept.	90	B					90	B
Dec.	92	B	93¼	A	92	B	93	A

NO. 1 WHITE OATS.

Sept.	1.48	B					1.48	B
Dec.	1.50	B	1.51	B	1.50	B	1.51	B

NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.

Sept.	1.27	B					1.27	B
Dec.	1.29	B					1.29	B

BOSTON COPPER MARKET.

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

Boston, Sept. 12.—Official bid prices:

Allouez	35½	East Butte	8⅝
Arcadian	3⅝	Old Dom.	42½
Atlantic	15⅝	Osceola	110
Bingham	55	Parrot	27⅛
Boston Cons.	12⅛	Phoenix	50
Butte Coala	25⅝	Quincy	93
Black Mt.	2¾	Royale	22⅞
Cal. & Hecla	636	Shannon	15⅛
Centennial	31½	Sup. & Pitts.	13¾
Cop. Range	77⅞	Tamarack	73
C. Ely	8⅛	Trinity	18⅝
Daly West	9	United	104
Granby	100	Utah M.	45⅛
Greene	11⅛	Utah Con.	44¼
Giroux	3⅝	Victoria	5
Mass	6¾	Wolverine	145½
Michigan	13½	Winona	6
Mohawk	66	Yukon	5
Nev. Cons.	15½	Lake	7¼ A
Nippissing	8⅝	U. S. Mining	41¼
No. Butte	854	U. S. Oil	65
		Franklin	13¼

Northwest Bank Statements.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$1,248,026.30
Year ago	1,197,812.10
Balances today	147,641.16
Year ago	88,385.62

TACOMA.

Clearings	$ 718,757.00
Balances	33,168.00

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$1,851,869.00
Balances	222,384.00

New York Cotton Market.

Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	855	858	857	861
March	859	861	856	857
May	865	865	865	862
September				875
October	880	882	875	880
December	865	868	861	861

News Gossip of Finance

New York, Sept. 12.—Government bonds:

	Date.	Bid.	Asked.
Twos, registered	1930	103¼	104
do coupon	1930	104	
Threes, registered	1908	101	102
do coupon	1908	101	102
Threes, small bnds		100½	
Fours, registered	1925	120¾	121¼
do coupon	1925	121¼	122
Twos, Panama		102⅝	103

New York, Sept. 12.—Bar silver, 51⅝c.

London, Sept. 12.—Silver, 23 13-16d.

New York, Sept. 12.—Canadian Pacific earned 10.59 per cent on its capital stock last year.

New York, Sept. 12.—Railway association reports 222,832 idle cars, a decrease of 30,371.

New York, Sept. 12.—Dunn's Report says small gains are shown in trade. Bradstreet's reports marked expansion in jobbing and retail trade and collections.

New York, Sept. 12.—August was the first month in 18 to show increased production of copper over the same month a year ago.

New York, Sept. 12.—Metal prices: Copper—Lake, 13¼@13¾c; electrolytic, 13⅜@13⅝c; castings, 13⅛@13⅜c. Lead—$4.55@4.60. Tin—$28.40@28.62½.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The report of the treasury department today is as follows:

Receipts, $2,241,725.
Expenditures, $1,860,000.

PRICE OF NEVADA SHARES IN FRISCO

Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Bid prices:

GOLDFIELDS DISTRICT.

Columbia Mt. 24c, Jumbo Ext. 40c, Vernal 6cA, Kendall 16c, Booth 44c, Blue Bull 13cA, Silver Pick 19c, Nev. Boy 3c, B. B. Ext. 2c, Blue Bell 5c, Dixie 1c, G. Columbia 10cA, Hibernia 3c, St. Ives 30cA, Conqueror 6c, Blk. Rock 1c, Lone Star 10c, G. Wonder 2cA, Ore 13c, Kendall Ext. 2cA, Sandst Ext. 1c, Mayne 2c, Atlanta 23c, Great Bend 32c, Empire 5c, Red Top Ext. 11c, Florence $3.90, Diam't. B. B. Con. 16c, G. Daisy 63c, Comb. Fract. $1.30, Gr. Bend Ext. 6c, Gr. Bend Anx. 8cA, Kewanos 37c, Portland 7c, Cracker Jack 7c, Red Hill 26c, Mohawk Ext. 4c, Lou Dillon 3c, Grandma 56c, Goldf. Cons. 16.02½, Diam't. Triangle 8cA.

COMSTOCK.

Ophir $2 Mexican 65c, Gould & Curry 7c, Con. Virginia 77c, Savage 25c, Hale & Norcross 27c, Yellow Jacket 47c, Belcher 26c, Confidence 45c, Sierra Nev. 21c, Exchequer 29c, Union 29c.

BULLFROG DISTRICT.

Original 1c, Mont. Bullf. 1cA, Nat. Bank 5c, L. Harris 1cA, Amethyst 5c, Gold Bar 3c, Denver Bullf. Anx. 9c sale, Mayfl. Cons. 8c, Monty Ohio Ext. 1c, G. Scepter 1c, Monty Mt. 10c, Homestake Cons. 24c, Yankee Girl 2cA, Tramp Cons. 16c.

TONOPAHS.

Ton. Ext. 70c, MacNamara 52c, Midway 32c, West End Cons. 26cA, Rescue 5c, Jim Butler 26c, Monarch Pitts Ext. 5cA.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.

Manh. Cons. 8c, Manh. M. Co. 1c, G. Wedge 1c, Seyler Hump 1c, Dexter 6c, Mustang 64cA, Little Gray 3c, Cowboy 1cA, Orig. Manh. 34c, Broncho 1c, Jump. Jack 1c, Pinenut 3c.

VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

Fairv. Eagle 40cA, Nevada Hills $1, Pittsburg Silver Peak $1.05.

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Wheat—No. 1 California club, per cental, $1.67½@1.70; California Australian, $1.75@1.80; northern bluestem, $1.72½@1.80; northern club, $1.67½; inferior grades of wheat, $1.50@1.60; reds, $1.60@1.72½.

Barley—Feed, $1.30@1.35; common to fair, $1.25@1.30; brewing at San Francisco, nominal at $1.45@1.55; chevalier, $1.50@1.60, according to quality.

Eggs (per dozen)—California fresh, including cases: Extras, 38c; firsts, 32½c; seconds, 26½c; eastern selected, 22c; eastern firsts, 25c; do seconds, 23c; third, 20c; storage, 29c.

Butter (per pound)—California fresh: Extras, 32c; firsts, 26c; seconds, 22c; thirds, 20c; eastern extras, 25c; packing, No. 1, 21½c; do No. 2, 19c.

New Cheese (per lb.)—Cal. fresh, flats, fancy, 11½c; firsts, 10½c; seconds, 9½c; California Young America, fancy, 12½c; firsts, 12c; eastern Oregon fancy, 13c; do Young America, fancy, 14½c.

Potatoes (per cental)—River whites (sacks), fancy, 75@85c; poor, 60@70c; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.55; early rose, 75@85c; sweet potatoes (sacks), 1¼c; crates, 1½c.

Onions (per sack)—Yellow, 50@55c.

Oranges (per box)—Valencias, $2.00@3.50.

A typhoid fever survey to determine the means, aside from domestic water supplies, by which this disease is transmitted, is to be conducted in Pittsburg at the expense of the Russell Sage fund.

SCARED SHORTS DO NOT LINGER

Cover Sales at First Opportunity Today—Harriman the Bugaboo.

Shorts on Anxious Seat.

Shorts became scared at the strength displayed by the market today, and under the lead of sellers of Harriman shares, there was a disposition to cover at the first opportunity this morning.

New York, Sept. 12.—Considerable evening up of accounts took place today, a short interest of fair proportions having been fostered during the decline of the past few days and buying by this interest caused a general recovery under lead of the Harriman Pacifics and the coalers. Reading has been firm since the announcement of the recent decision, and if the same is affirmed by the supreme court there is likely to be a resumption of old time activity in the issue. The result of the Maine elections are awaited with interest.

Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Cop.	76⅝	78¾	76½	78½
Am. Car. & F., c.	39	40	38½	39
do pfd				102
Am. Cot. Oil, c.	34⅞	35	34⅞	35
Am. Loco., c	46	47½	46⅝	47½
Am. Sugar, c	131	131½	131	131½
Am. Smelt, c	92⅛	93¾	92⅛	93
do pfd				102⅝
Anaconda Mining	47⅛	47⅜	46⅝	47⅛
Am. Woolen, c				24⅝
Atchison, c	89⅝	90½	89¼	90½
do pfd	95	95¼	95	95
B. & O., c	98⅝	100¼	98⅜	99⅞
do pfd				85
Brook. Rap. Tr.	52½	53	52	52⅝
Can. Pac., c	173½	173⅝	173	173⅜
Cent. Leather, c.	27⅞	27⅞	27⅝	27⅞
C. & G. W., c	6	6	6	6
C. M. & St. P.	141	142	140⅝	142⅛
C. & N. W., c	162	163	162	163
Ches. & Ohio	42⅞	43⅜	42½	43¼
Col. F. & I., c	34½	35⅝	34½	35½
Col. South., c	37	37¾	37	37¾
do 2d pfd	58	58⅝	58	58¼
do 1st pfd	65⅝	65⅞	65⅝	65
Corn Products, c	19	19	16	16
do preferred				18½
Del. & Hudson				172½
D. & R. G., c	27½	27⅝	27½	27⅝
do preferred				66
Erie, com.	29¼	30⅛	29⅛	30
do 2d pfd	35	35½	34½	35
do 1st pfd	43½	44½	43¼	44½
Gt. Northern, pf.	136⅞	137⅝	136⅜	137⅞
Illinois Cen.	143	145	143	144⅞
L. & N.	109½	109⅝	107½	108½
M., K. & T., c	31⅝	32¼	31⅝	32⅜
do preferred	65⅛	65¾	64⅞	64
Distillers	29⅝	30⅜	29¼	30⅜
Ore Lands	66	66	66	66
Mo. Pacific	56½	57⅛	56	57
National Lead	81½	81⅞	81	81⅞
N. Y. Central	106¼	107⅛	106¼	107⅛
N. Y. Ont. & W.	41⅞	42⅜	41⅞	42⅛
North American				60
North. Pac., com.	142⅛	143½	141⅞	143½
Pac. M. St. Co.				26½
Penn. Railway	124	125⅛	124	125
P. G., L. & C. Co.	96⅝	96⅝	96½	96⅜
Press. S. C., com.	32½	33⅜	32½	33⅜
do pfd.				94½
Reading, com.	130⅜	133	130⅝	132⅛
do 2d pfd.				85½
do 1st pfd.	87	87	86½	86½
Rep. I. & S., com.	22⅝	23	22½	23⅜
do pfd.	79⅝	81	79⅝	80½
Rock I., com.	18¼	18⅝	18¼	18⅞
do pfd.	34½	35¼	32⅝	35½
S. L. & S. F., 2 p.	25½	25⅝	25½	25⅝
do 1st pfd.				46⅜
S. L. & S. W., c	18	18	17½	17½
do pfd.				44½
South. Pac., com.	107	107⅝	106½	108½
South. Pac., com.	107	108¾	106½	108½
So. Railway, c	22⅜	23	22⅛	22⅞
do pfd.	53	53⅜	53	53⅜
Tex. & Pacific				24½
T. St. L. & W. c.	26	26¼	26	26
do pfd.	57	57	56⅞	56½
U. Pacific, c.	165⅝	168	165¼	167⅝
do pfd.	89½	89½	89¼	89¼
U. S. Rubber, c.	33	33	32⅝	33
do pfd.				100
U. S. Steel Co. c.	46⅝	47⅛	46⅜	46⅞
do pfd.	109⅝	110⅝	109⅝	110⅜
Wabash, c.	12⅞	12⅞	12¾	12¾
do pfd.	26½	27	26½	26¾
W. U. Tel.	60¾	60¾	60¼	60¼
Wis. Cent. c.	27⅜	28½	27⅛	28⅜
do pfd.	48⅛	48⅝	48⅛	47⅞
Wheeling Lake				8½
Westinghouse	74½	74⅝	74½	74½
Utah	44¼	44⅝	44	44⅝

Totals sales, 348,000 shares.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Sept. 12.—Wheat—September 7s 6d; December, 7s 6¼d.

A seed store in Cortland street, New York, has grass plots shipped daily from Jersey City. The plots consist of shallow boxes filled with earth in which the grass is grown. The plots are sold by the foot.

Statement of N. Y. Banks

New York, Sept. 12.—The weekly statement of the associated banks today shows:

Reserve on all deposits, decrease, $7,652,125.

Reserve on all deposits other than United States deposits, decrease, $7,598,125.

Loans, increase, $27,999,100.
Specie, decrease, $2,574,900.
Legal tenders, decrease, $722,100.
Deposits, increase, $17,420,500.
Circulation, decrease, $280,300.
Total loans, $1,322,730,500.

The surplus of the banks is $54,358,550, as against $6,918,700 a year ago and $3,536,400 two years ago.

MILLING DEMAND IS AID TO THE MARKET

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Sept. 1.	Gain.
Sept.	98⅛	98½	97⅝	⅞
Dec.	97½	98A	97⅛	½
May	101⅛	101¼	100⅝	⅝

Chicago, Sept. 12.—About the last explanation which was given for the decided strength in wheat at the close was that there did not appear to be any wheat on the market when wanted and it only took an ordinary volume of buying to force prices to the best point of the day at the close. Dispatches from the northwest confirmed a very liberal flour business at all the big milling centers. There was no disguising the fact that an enormous movement exists at spring wheat markets. The trade figures on a large increase in the visible Monday. Kansas City reports cloudy conditions with a possibility of rain but aside from this the serious drouth continues over the whole winter wheat country.

Range of Chicago prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Sept	98⅛	98⅝	98	98⅜
Dec.	97½	98	97¼	98A
Dec. old				98¼
May	101⅛	101⅝	100⅝	101⅛

CORN.

Sept.	80⅞	81	80	81A
Dec.	69½	69⅝	68⅜	69½ B
May	67⅜	67⅝	66⅝	67½ B

OATS.

Sept.	49⅜	49⅝	48½	49¼
Dec.	50¼	50⅝	49⅜	50¼ B
May	52½	52½	52	52⅜ A

PORK.

Oct.	1495	1510	1495	1507
Jan.	1692	1700	1690	1700
May	1697	1697	1690	1695

LARD.

Oct.	1005	1015	1005	1015
Jan.	985	992	985	990
May	987	1000	987	987B

RIBS.

Oct.	952	965	950	962
Jan.	885	895	885	890
May	910	917	907	916B

SOCIALIST SLATE IS TURNED DOWN

Washington's Secretary of State Demands Fees Before Filing.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Olympia, Wash., Sept. 12.—The state ticket of the socialist party has been offered for filing without the fees by William Kruger, state secretary of the party, and has been rejected by Assistant State Secretary B. R. Fish. Mr. Kruger was accompanied to this city by George E. Boomer, socialist candidate for governor.

The socialists have tendered their tickets in three counties of the state without fees and have won out in all three cases in the superior courts of Spokane, King and Whatcom counties. The grounds upon which they base their contentions are that the title of the primary act does not mention the fees nor the way they are to be expended, hence is unconstitutional. Mr. Kruger said today that they will mandamus the secretary of state and will carry the case to the supreme court.

LITTLE WAD WAITS FOR WANDERING SON

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Bernardino, Cal., Sept. 12.—Efforts are being made to find Albert Lucke, 20 years old, who is believed to be in Alaska and for whom $3,000 is being held in trust.

Lucke, a prodigal son, left home after a disagreement with his father. He was last heard from six months ago, at Seattle. He showed a disposition then to go farther north. All trace of him was lost.

Heartbroken by his son's disappearance, Lucke's father died here recently. At his death he awarded his small fortune to his son, on condition that the money should go to Charles Stoddard, named as executor, if the boy failed to lay personal claim to it within three years.

AEROPLANE BUILDER'S TEST TIME EXTENDED

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Sept. 12.—Secretary of War Wright today declared he would grant A. M. Herring, the New York inventor, 30 days in which to complete the aeroplane which he is building to demonstrate to the United States government.

Herring was to have had his airship completed and ready for a test at Fort Meyer, Virginia, Monday. Herring yesterday asked for time to make shop tests of his new invention.

The fact that Secretary Wright is willing to wait a month for a demonstration of the aeroplane is significant of his interest in the invention.

SHASTA DRYS TAKE BOOZE INTO POLITICS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Redding, Cal., Sept. 12.—The anti-saloon people of Shasta county are incensed because the supervisors have refused to submit a local option ordinance to a vote of the people in the county. Feeling is running high and the prohibitionists say they will keep up the fight until they win.

The local branch of the Anti-Saloon league of California appeared before the supervisors yesterday with a petition signed by 1,100 people, claimed to be a majority of the voters in the county outside the incorporated city of Redding. The supervisors voted to table the petition by a vote of 3 to 1. The saloon question will be made an issue in the coming campaign.

Alleged Horse Thieves Nabbed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Harrisburg, Or., Sept. 12.—Two men were arrested here today by Deputy Sheriff Dan McClain on telephone description from Sweet Home, sent by Frank Elkins, sheriff of Crook county. Elkins had a warrant for the arrest of C. H. Erickson and Oliver Erickson, his son, on a charge of horse stealing.

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THAW TROUBLE MAKER IN JAIL

Sheriff Chanler Arranges to Be Rid of the Nuisance —Pittsburg Case.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Charging that Harry K. Thaw is demoralizing the prisoners in the jail here, Sheriff Robert W. Chanler today made arrangements to have the slayer of Stanford White transferred to White Plains, where his hearing is set for September 21. The change probably will be made soon.

Chanler says Thaw's demands for comfort and attention and his extravagant ideas of jail life have led to discontent among prisoners who otherwise would have been satisfied. He also charges Thaw with stirring up dissatisfaction among the prisoners.

In general, he alleges that the Pittsburger is a nuisance in any well regulated jail and demands that he be removed, basing the demand technically upon the contention that he is not properly committed, having been found insane.

Pittsburg, Sept. 12.—Harry K. Thaw was practically declared to be in contempt of court for not appearing here in answer to summons in his bankruptcy case, when Referee Blair entered an order certifying that Thaw had failed to appear. Attorney Boyd, representing one of the creditors, presented a long petition asking the referee to place Thaw in contempt. This was not done technically but the effect of the referee's order is about the same. It is reported this afternoon that habeas corpus proceedings will be instituted in an effort to bring Thaw here.

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MODERN PLAY-HOUSE AT KLAMATH FALLS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., Sept. 12.—Klamath Falls is to have a modern theater. Manager J. V. Houston, of the Houston opera-house, has let the contract for the remodeling, and when completed the theater will be thoroughly modern.

The building will be ready for the carnival ball October 17, but will not be formally opened until December.

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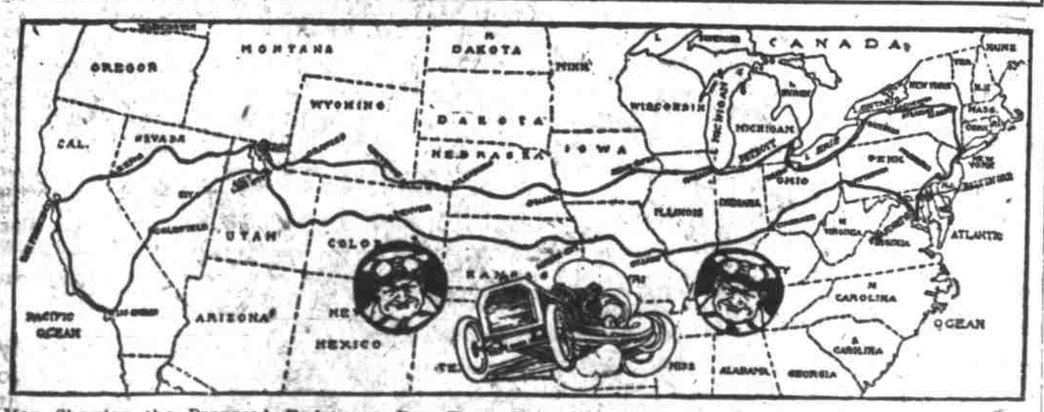
AN AUTOMOBILE RACE FROM NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO AND RETURN



Map Showing the Proposed Endurance Run From New York to San Francisco and Return, Which is Proposed for July 4, 1909.

It is a little early to talk of the 1909 automobile races. There is one being planned, however, which will undoubtedly be the biggest event of the next season. It is to be an endurance run across the continent and return. This comes at the request of several automobile manufacturers and will be started from New York July 4, 1909. Nine cars have already been formally entered for the competition representing four American and four foreign makes. The American cars are the Thomas, the Lozier, the Geerlens, two Maxwells.

The foreign competitors entered are the Fiat, the Renault, the Isotta, the Zust.

It is confidently expected that there will be at least three more foreign contestants and six more American. It was in order to enable these additional cars to compete that it was agreed to hold the contest in the summer of 1909 instead of this fall. Steps are already being taken to lay out the course for the competition. Cars have been started over the road to determine the best available route and arrange for all the details of the contest.

Competition is undertaken in behalf of the manufacturers who desire a contest which shall thoroughly test their cars over all sorts of American roads and prove their stability.

It is stated that the races for especially designed high speed cars such as the Vanderbilt and the Grand Prize are well enough in their way, but there are many automobilists who are unconvinced as to what they determine. The stock car races under some conditions are subject to the same general objections. This test is the outgrowth of contests similar to the Glidden tour and is to fill the demand for a more rigid test. It is claimed that the Glidden tour is not severe enough to thoroughly test the modern automobile. It is provided that the contest shall be held between stock classes fitted with special bodies designed to carry four men and extra supplies. The cars should carry a crew of only two men, the driver and the mechanician. These men will be required to do all the work of repair and replacement on the route and will not be permitted to accept outside help of any kind. In addition to the crew each car will carry an observer nominated by another competitor and a reporter. The cars will only run an hour before sunrise and an hour after sunset each day and all repairs and replacements must be made within these hours. The cars will be garaged under seal each night and properly protected against infringement of these rules. This will insure a definite record of all the repairs that are necessary along the route and will inflict a natural time penalty for any necessary replacements.

The route of the contest has been laid out to pass through the principal cities of the country, following the Great Lakes and the northern route across the continent on the western trip and the southern route on the return to New York. It passes through Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago, Cedar Rapids, Omaha, Ogden to San Francisco on the way out and returning touches Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and back to New York. This is subject to some changes which may occur to the men who are now engaged in laying out the course.

All of these details of the contest are in the hands of a general committee consisting of one representative of each contestant, while the management of the competition will be in the hands of an executive committee of prominent automobilists. In this way it is expected that the competition can be conducted on a sound basis throughout and the strictest enforcement of rules secured.