

NEED OF AUTOLAWS
WHAT IS BEING DONE.

Mr. Terry Says Demand for
Uniformity Is Growing.

By Charles Thaddeus Terry.

A widespread demand for uniformity in automobile legislation is growing throughout the country. The necessity for more satisfactory legislation has been apparent in many sections and to the more active workers in the field of motoring for several years. The American Automobile Association, through its legislative board, early recognized the necessity for national automobile legislation, and what will be the biggest obstacle lesson ever shown in America toward this end will be seen in Washington next month when the national legislative convention will be held on February 15, 16 and 17.

The American Automobile Association has been working for several years toward securing uniformity in automobile laws whereby touring from one state to another would be made possible without the necessity of securing additional registration and paying extra fees. To a certain extent considerable success has been accomplished along these lines, mainly state legislative efforts to induce the various state legislatures to enact uniform laws.

It has remained, however, for this national legislative convention to crystallize the efforts made in various sections of the country into a grand national demonstration to secure not only what motorists regard as their rights, but which will be a practical illustration of the growing sentiment for uniformity.

The automobilists of the country are thoroughly aroused upon this subject. In every state the attention of the Congressmen is being directed toward the subject of automobile legislation, and the point is being insisted upon that it is one of the most important subjects that will be brought to the attention of the national legislators this session. The enormous expansion of the automobile industry demands, it is believed, federal recognition of its importance, not only from a commercial standpoint, but to the thousands of motor car users who have given such a wonderful impetus to long distance touring from state to state, thereby arousing to a large degree the necessity for better roads, which has made itself manifest during the last season by many national and state conventions for good roads.

A hearing on the merits of this bill will be arranged during the next session of the Senate in session in Washington, and every effort will be made to secure favorable action upon it. In fact, the main object of this convention is to secure the passage of this bill and also to bring more clearly before the delegates the necessity for the enactment in their respective states of the uniform state motor vehicle law, the main provisions of which have already been enacted in several states.

As a preliminary to the national convention Mr. Terry has called the first meeting of the new year of the legislative board at national headquarters, No. 47 Fifth Avenue, on January 12.

Mr. Terry has recently announced the members of his legislative board for the coming year. Every state in the Union is represented. Among some of the well known members who have taken an active part in automobile legislation are: T. E. Bryan, Florida; H. O. Smith and Edgar Apperson, Indiana; S. D. Waldron and C. H. Chapin, Michigan; F. T. Staples and C. H. Gillette, Connecticut; Frank C. Barry, Georgia; David Besoroff and Sidney S. Gorman, Illinois; Francis A. Huxford, Jr., Robert C. Cannon, Jr. and P. C. Coghlin, Massachusetts; Frank M. Joyce and C. H. Kohler, Minnesota; Dr. W. A. Richardson, Bert Van Tuylie, H. A. Mel-drum, Oliver A. Quayle and Frank G. Webb, New York; Paul C. Wolf, Robert V. Hooper and Powell Evans, Pennsylvania; C. C. Crosby and H. A. Cannon, Virginia; James T. Drought, Wisconsin; G. Gordon Nest and F. T. Sholes, Ohio.

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ONE OF MANY TESTS FOR AN AUTOMOBILE.



SOME CHALMERS-DETROIT CHASSIS, WHICH GET A ROAD TEST UNDER AN INSPECTOR BEFORE GOING TO THE PAINTING AND FINISHING ROOMS.

KEEN EYES AT TRAPS.

Good Scores Abound on Larchmont Range.

The gunners of the Larchmont Yacht Club were favored with excellent conditions yesterday for their weekly shoot, and some good scores were made in all of the five matches contested.

The leg for the January cup was won by Stuart Scott, with a full score of 25. Sixteen shot in this match, and the same number in the one for the Sauer cup, which was won in a shoot-off by R. L. Spotts, who had tied with J. G. Batheson.

The leg for the accumulative cup was won by Batheson with a full score. W. D. Hinds was the winner of the ten target scratch contest, and F. W. Moffett of the fifteen target match, under the same conditions.

The summaries follow:
JANUARY CUP—25 TARGETS—HANDICAP.
S. Scott, 25; C. Stears, 23; J. Robinson, 21; H. L. Spotts, 20; W. D. Hinds, 19; W. E. Benin, 18; J. G. Batheson, 17; H. H. Hooker, 16; W. D. Hinds, 15; W. E. Benin, 14; J. G. Batheson, 13; H. H. Hooker, 12; W. D. Hinds, 11; W. E. Benin, 10; J. G. Batheson, 9; H. H. Hooker, 8; W. D. Hinds, 7; W. E. Benin, 6; J. G. Batheson, 5; H. H. Hooker, 4; W. D. Hinds, 3; W. E. Benin, 2; J. G. Batheson, 1; H. H. Hooker, 0.

SAUER CUP MATCH—25 TARGETS—HANDICAP.
S. Scott, 25; H. H. Hooker, 23; J. Robinson, 21; H. L. Spotts, 20; W. D. Hinds, 19; W. E. Benin, 18; J. G. Batheson, 17; H. H. Hooker, 16; W. D. Hinds, 15; W. E. Benin, 14; J. G. Batheson, 13; H. H. Hooker, 12; W. D. Hinds, 11; W. E. Benin, 10; J. G. Batheson, 9; H. H. Hooker, 8; W. D. Hinds, 7; W. E. Benin, 6; J. G. Batheson, 5; H. H. Hooker, 4; W. D. Hinds, 3; W. E. Benin, 2; J. G. Batheson, 1; H. H. Hooker, 0.

ACCUMULATIVE CUP—25 TARGETS—HANDICAP.
S. Scott, 25; H. H. Hooker, 23; J. Robinson, 21; H. L. Spotts, 20; W. D. Hinds, 19; W. E. Benin, 18; J. G. Batheson, 17; H. H. Hooker, 16; W. D. Hinds, 15; W. E. Benin, 14; J. G. Batheson, 13; H. H. Hooker, 12; W. D. Hinds, 11; W. E. Benin, 10; J. G. Batheson, 9; H. H. Hooker, 8; W. D. Hinds, 7; W. E. Benin, 6; J. G. Batheson, 5; H. H. Hooker, 4; W. D. Hinds, 3; W. E. Benin, 2; J. G. Batheson, 1; H. H. Hooker, 0.

TEN TARGETS—SCRATCH.
S. Scott, 25; H. H. Hooker, 23; J. Robinson, 21; H. L. Spotts, 20; W. D. Hinds, 19; W. E. Benin, 18; J. G. Batheson, 17; H. H. Hooker, 16; W. D. Hinds, 15; W. E. Benin, 14; J. G. Batheson, 13; H. H. Hooker, 12; W. D. Hinds, 11; W. E. Benin, 10; J. G. Batheson, 9; H. H. Hooker, 8; W. D. Hinds, 7; W. E. Benin, 6; J. G. Batheson, 5; H. H. Hooker, 4; W. D. Hinds, 3; W. E. Benin, 2; J. G. Batheson, 1; H. H. Hooker, 0.

FIFTEEN TARGETS—SCRATCH.
S. Scott, 25; H. H. Hooker, 23; J. Robinson, 21; H. L. Spotts, 20; W. D. Hinds, 19; W. E. Benin, 18; J. G. Batheson, 17; H. H. Hooker, 16; W. D. Hinds, 15; W. E. Benin, 14; J. G. Batheson, 13; H. H. Hooker, 12; W. D. Hinds, 11; W. E. Benin, 10; J. G. Batheson, 9; H. H. Hooker, 8; W. D. Hinds, 7; W. E. Benin, 6; J. G. Batheson, 5; H. H. Hooker, 4; W. D. Hinds, 3; W. E. Benin, 2; J. G. Batheson, 1; H. H. Hooker, 0.

OLDFIELD SETS NEW MARKS.
Makes World's Circular Track Records for Four Distances.
Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—Barney Oldfield, driving his Benz racer over the Asote Park mile track to-day, broke the world's circular track records for two, three, four and five miles. His time for the five miles was 42:15. The previous record, of 42:25, was held by Ralph De Palma.

ANSON-M'KAY MATCH PLANNED.
Notwithstanding the showing made by William McKay in his match with Frank Hoppe at Doyle's last week, "Pop" Anson, of Chicago, is still the opinion that he is the equal of the veteran. A match has been arranged to take place at Doyle's the latter part of this week. Anson will play there every afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, meeting some of the local crack players, in order to get in shape for the McKay match, which will be played on Thursday and Friday.

TRAFFIC MIRROR USED ABROAD.
Perhaps adopting the suggestion of a British inventor, who not long since proposed the installation of mirrors at all highway crossings, the English town of Woodbridge, Suffolk, is blessed with just such a safeguard to the traffic about one of its busy street corners. The mirror is placed in such a way that motorists and drivers of other vehicles when approaching the danger point are enabled to see the nature of opposing traffic and to govern themselves accordingly.—Motor World.

WHEN TONNEAU DOORS RATTLE.
Tonneau doors which develop an annoying tendency to rattle should not be repaired by the tinkers' expedient of wedging bits of leather between the door and its frame. Instead of eliminating the evil tendency, this only tends to accentuate it in the course of time, since it is caused by the relaxation of some portion of the body framework. Wedging, under the circumstances, only serves to increase the spread of the parts. Generally speaking, an expert body maker can remedy the evil for all time, if given a chance to go to work before it is too late.

FRONT WHEEL BEARINGS TEST.
When the front wheels are being tested for play in the bearings, a wedge of some kind should be inserted between the steering knuckle and jaw, so that any lost motion in the latter, and which usually is present to a varying degree, will not manifest itself and cause much unnecessary adjusting before the true situation is discovered. Sometimes the mode of adjustment is such that it will not permit the bearings to be adjusted as finely as is desired, and in such cases, if there is a choice between a snug fit and a slight amount of play, the latter should be given the preference.—Motor World.

HOSPITAL STAFF MASQUERADES.
The nurses and internes of the Kings County Hospital held a masquerade ball on Friday evening in the ballroom of the Nurses' Home, at Clarkson and Albany avenues, Flatbush. This is the first ball of the kind ever given at the hospital. Nearly two hundred persons were present, including several physicians from Bellevue and St. Mary's hospitals. One of the features of the ball was the presenting of a diploma to Dr. Samuel Fisher, who was graduated earlier in the day.

STUDENT HELD FOR VACCINATING.
Harry Brown, twenty-eight years old, who said he was a medical student from Chicago, was arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Smith, in the Long Island court, and held in \$500 bail. The complainant was Dr. J. H. Barry, who has charge of the Health Department in Queens. Brown was arrested on Saturday while making a tour through physicians from Bellevue and St. Mary's hospitals, where it is alleged, he represented himself as from the Board of Health, and vaccinated everybody who would give him 50 cents. Brown told the court he was fully competent to vaccinate.

Botelers and Clubs All Square

Ties Top Individual and Team Lists in Athletic League Contests for Season's Honors.

Ties for the leadership in both the team and individual contests make the Athletic Bowling League race more interesting than ever. As the matter now stands, Newark Bay shares first honors with the Elizabeth club team, with a standing of 13 games won and 5 lost each, while among the individuals Vreeland and R. West have the same average to a fraction—192.9.

A lively series is scheduled for to-night between Roseville and New York on the latter's alleys. Thus far neither side has rolled up to form, but they promise to turn over a new leaf from now on.

Montclair will go to East Orange to-night in another series, while on Wednesday Newark Bay will go to Jersey City and Elizabeth to North End. The following night Passaic is booked for Columbia, and on Saturday evening Jersey City and New York will meet here in their postponed series. The Jersey City-Elizabeth date has been changed from January 24 to January 25.

Table with columns: Individual Averages, Standing of the Clubs, and Ten Targets—Scratch.

YACHT CLUBS MEET. LECTURES ON CHESS.

Install and Elect Officers for Coming Season.
The Colonial Yacht Club held its annual meeting at the clubhouse, Hudson River and 138th street, Saturday night, and installed the new board of officers.

House committee—Albert Robinson, R. P. Robinson, Charles F. Holland, Charles T. McGilone, John B. Linderman, H. S. May and Joseph H. Bashore.

Regatta committee—David Crow, Ernest Vallent, James Wallace, E. K. Vandenberg and Nathan Salomonsky.

Law committee—Frank E. Hipple, James E. Donegan and S. C. Immerstick.

Auditing committee—W. B. Russland, P. Walker Morrison and Frank Poole.

Membership committee—Irving T. Warren, E. D. Knowles and Warren C. Reed.

The annual vaudeville entertainment and dance will be held at the Harlem Casino on January 27.

At the annual meeting of the New York Motor Boat Club, held in the clubhouse, Hudson River and 147th street, the following officers were elected for 1910:

Commodore, Frank D. Green; vice-commodore, A. T. S. Clark; rear commodore, E. E. Barney; treasurer, C. F. Chapman; secretary, C. H. Douglas; member of the board of governors, Arthur Bradley, jr.

Ninety-nine new members were enrolled in 1909. To take proper care of its annual growth, the club recently acquired the lease of an additional one hundred feet of water front on the Hudson, adjoining the present grounds.

YACHTING NEWS AND NOTES.
The annual meeting of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club will be held tomorrow night at the New York Yacht Club, No. 29 West 46th street, and the annual meeting of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club at the Hotel Astor.

All yachtsmen are invited to attend a meeting of the Waterways League, to be held to-morrow night at No. 8 Nevins street, Brooklyn, when officers for the year will be nominated. The league's membership now exceeds eight hundred.

Commodore Arthur Curtis James of the New York Yacht Club has reappointed Franklin Plummer fleet captain and Dr. George A. Dixon surgeon of the club for 1910. The commodore's new bark rigged auxiliary yacht Alamo, building at Quincy, Mass., is to be launched next month.

Captain John Barr, nephew of Captain Charles Barr, has been appointed sailing master of Morton F. Plant's new 55-foot sloop, rapidly nearing completion at Herreshoff yards, at Bristol, R. I. Captain Barr was mate of the yacht Atlantic when she won the ocean race for the German Emperor's cup.

Henry C. Pearson, of Columbia University, is having a 60-foot schooner built at East Boothbay, Me., from designs by Morgan Barney, of this city. The yacht will be equipped with a 25-horsepower engine.

Colonel Robert M. Thompson, of the New York Yacht Club, who made a long cruise in 1908 in the converted steamer Mincola, has chartered the Duke of Sutherland's steam yacht Catania for an extended cruise abroad. He and his family are now on the Nile.

COURT HOLDS RAYMOND DUNCAN.
Eleni Sikelianos and Andrea Bevaris, of No. 172 West Houston street, who were arrested on Saturday at 64th street and Broadway while walking with Menalkas Duncan, the scantily clad four-year-old nephew of the former, were released by Magistrate Herbert in the West Side court yesterday. Menalkas was turned over to his father, Raymond Duncan, by the Children's Society late Saturday night, and yesterday Mr. Duncan appeared in court to say that he alone was responsible for the way in which his child was clothed.

At the request of an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children a charge of "endangering the health of a minor" was entered against Mr. Duncan, and he was released in \$200 bail for examination to-morrow.

"NOT A CITIZEN."

Senator Dick Reiterates Charge Against Barber.

Akron, Ohio, Jan. 9.—Another letter in the series being written by Senator Charles Dick and O. C. Barber, head of the match trust, as the result of Barber's challenge to Dick to debate the latter's merits as a United States Senator, was issued by Senator Dick yesterday. It is addressed to Mr. Barber and is in part as follows:

I challenge your statement that you are a citizen of New York and demand the proof. I charge that you never voted in that state and that you are no more a citizen of New York than you are a citizen of Ohio, and not being a citizen of any state, it follows you are not a citizen of the United States.

The statement that you want to debate public questions with me is disproved by the vituperation, insinuations, slanders and baron abuse with which your letters abound. What you want is a row—not a debate. You said, "Senator Dick talks like an ass." Your saying so doesn't make it so. Now, I shall not reply to you, Mr. Barber, in kind. Besides, I have too much respect for the ass to put you both in the same class. Furthermore, the ass is of some use in the community with a net amount of value to his credit. Again, if you really think "Dick talks like an ass," why do you want to debate with him?

I would not charge you with eavesdropping, but you confess it. You say you overheard all I said over the telephone to my secretary at Washington about my letter to Senator Aldrich, and your eavesdropping—you've got it all wrong. Next time, Mr. Barber, come up to the house and put your ear to the keyhole.

You say the reason you wrote Senator Aldrich was because you preferred to deal with the principal rather than with the clerk. Now the fact is, I received two letters from you, now in my possession, asking that I would not charge you with eavesdropping. You've increased 50 per cent over the rates in the Dingley law. Perhaps you were right about it, but I am amazed at your audacity in now posing as a tariff reformer, demanding revision upward, or free trade, having so recently urged an increase in

HELD UP BY LASCARS.

Their Fear of Cobras Hinders Bronx Importations.

Because of the objections of ships' crews to seeing snakes for weeks at a time, it may be that the efforts of Assistant Customs Inspector of Bronx Park, to bring back a dozen or more cobras direct from India will soon meet with some obstruction. It is cheaper and more convenient to have the snakes sent direct from Calcutta to New York than by way of England and then reshipped. But as many of the boats running direct have Lascar crews, and the natives are so superstitious about having snakes aboard, they will have to come, possibly, through more devious channels.

Although negotiations have been under way for some time, so far no direct line has offered any encouragement. Other than having them aboard in some time-trouble, for the snakes are boxed up and do not need any attention whatever. It is the possibility of their getting out which excites the Lascares most.

The number of this variety of cobras at the reptile house in Bronx Park has not been reduced in some time. Many of the cobras have lived for nine years in their cases, and how much older they are is not known. Most of them were obtained from snake charmers in India.

COREY'S CHAUFFEUR LOCKED UP.
Albin Anderson, who says he is employed by William E. Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, was arrested in an automobile, after a chase of nine blocks, at 6th street and Lexington avenue yesterday, and locked up in the East 51st street station, charged with speeding at thirty miles an hour.

The motorcycle policeman said Anderson refused to stop at his signal, but got out to him, "You can't catch me," and then put on more speed.

HOUSES BURNED TO DEATH.
Twenty-three Perish in a Destructive Bronx Stable Fire.
Twenty-three horses were burned to death early yesterday morning in a fire which destroyed a large frame stable at Watson Lane and 174th street, belonging to James P. Green, of No. 2125 Park avenue.

The building, about 200 feet square, was entirely consumed, with practically all the wagons, surreys, hay and the like which it contained at the time. There were thirty-seven horses in all in it when the fire occurred, but fourteen were saved at great risk, due to the frenzy of the animals in their fright.

The fire had made such progress by the time the firemen, under Chief Francis Gray, arrived with three engines and two trucks that it was decided there was nothing to do regarding the building and its contents but to leave them to their fate, and in an hour they were reduced to utter ruin. The police placed the loss at \$11,000.

AID FOR DESTITUTE FAMILY.
The Tribune received yesterday an anonymous letter containing a \$5 bill intended for the relief of William Higgins and his family, of No. 160 53rd street, Brooklyn. Higgins has been out of work for some time in now posing as a tariff reformer, demanding revision upward, or free trade, having so recently urged an increase in

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Advertisement for 'THE TENTH NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE SHOW AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN JAN. 8th to 15th 1910'. Includes the name 'A. L. A. M.' and 'AN EXHIBIT OF AMERICAN CARS'. Text describes the show as 'THE latest models of standard manufacturers of Gasoline, Electric and Steam pleasure vehicles will be exhibited.' and 'All gasoline cars shown are manufactured under SELDEN PATENT LICENSE.' Includes an illustration of a woman.