CLERKS' BANNER YEAR

Departmental League Season Most Successful.

CLOSE RACE FOR THE PENNANT

Treasury, Interstate, and Commerce and Labor All Contenders for First Honors a Week Before Close of the Season, Money Counters Finally Landing Title After Stirring Race.

The season which closed Thursday has been the most successful in the history of the Departmental League. Larger crowds have been in attendance at the games daily than ever before since the inception of the organization, and the quality of ball has been as high, if not higher, than any ever displayed by Uncle Sam's clerks.

An explanation of the large crowds that have thronged the Ellipse each day is readily found in the exciting race the teams furnished.

The game between Interstate and Treasury last Monday, which decided the pennant, was witnessed by nearly 5,000 persons, which is a substantial and reliable criterion of the hold amateur baseball has on the public of Washington and a direct tribute to the popularity of the games on the White Lot.

Good Crowds the Rule.

The crowd attending the deciding contest, while the largest of the season, was not by any means an unusually big gathering, as many of the important games preceding it drew more than 2,000 spectators.

The players profiting by the experience obtained in the past four years of the league, have put up first-class baseball, and the fast exhibitions which have been pulled off have had much to do with the placing of the league at the head of the amateur organizations in the District.

Up to the beginning of last week the probable winner of the banner was in doubt, and all indications pointed to a double or triple-headed tie for first honors. Treasury, Interstate, and Commerce and Labor were contenders and were closely bunched at the head of the list.

Laborites Took Slump.

Commerce and Labor, however, experienced a disastrous slump near the fag end of the schedule and lost five successive games, which put it out of the running.

Treasury became champion of the league by defeating Interstate in a close and exciting game, the series between these two teams up to that time having resulted in a game a piece and three tie contests.

Much interest is being manifested in reference to the post-season games suggested by The Washington Herald to decide the amateur championship of the District, and the Departmental winners are assured of the support of all Departmental fans in the struggle for supremacy with the leaders of the other amateur leagues.

R. R. Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE,

Coach Yard Is Defeated by Shopmen. Score, 10 to 4.

Monday's game—Trainmen vs. Car Department, at Fifth street and Florida avenue northeast.

Through their inability to hit Rupert, the Coach Yard met defeat at the hands of the Shopmen, at Fifth street and Florida avenue northeast, yesterday, by 10 to 4.

Besides pitching well, Rupert excelled at the willow, with three bingles, while his teammate, Dechard, showed up well with two doubles.

Sullivan's work at short for the losers was worthy of comment. Score:

Shopmen.	R	H	O	A	E	Coach Yard.	R	H	O	A	E
Robey, c.	1	2	0	0	0	Higins, 1b.	0	1	9	0	0
Sullivan, ss.	1	2	3	3	0	J. Sullivan, ss.	1	0	3	4	0
Meredith, rf.	2	1	0	0	0	Watson, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Dougherty, c.	1	2	10	2	1	Callow, lf.	1	0	0	0	1
Rupert, p.	1	1	3	2	0	Anderson, rf.	0	0	1	0	0
W. Turner, 1b	1	2	9	0	0	Jerman, cf.	0	0	0	0	0
Smick, 3b.	2	1	3	0	0	McDonald, p.	0	1	1	3	0
Rider, 2b.	0	0	0	3	1	Edwards, 3b.	1	1	2	0	2
Dechard, cf.	1	2	0	0	1	Camalier, rf.	0	1	0	0	0
Totals.	10	15	27	11	3	Totals.	4	5	*23	16	5

*Dougherty out; hit by batted ball.

Shopmen	2	2	0	0	4	0	2	0	x	—10
Coach Yard	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	—4

Left on bases—Shopmen, 3; Coach Yard, 5. First base on balls—Off Rupert, 1; off McDonald, 2. Struck out—By Rupert, 11; by McDonald, 3. Three-base hit—Meredith. Two-base hits—Dechard, 2. Sacrifice hit—Smick. Stolen bases—Sullivan (3), Meredith, Rupert, Turner, Smick (2), Camalier. Double plays—J. Sullivan to Callow to Anderson; McDonald to Edwards. Hit by pitcher—By McDonald, 1. Passed balls—Anderson, 2; Dougherty, 1. Umpires—Messrs. Showalter and Miller.

MARQUETTE LEAGUE.

St. Paul's Forfeit to St. Vincent's. Latter Wins Exhibition Game.

STANDING OF TEN TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Marines	15	4	.789	St. Paul's	8	7	.533
St. Joseph's	15	5	.128	Turnerites	7	7	.500
St. Vincent's	10	7	.588	Vigilants	6	8	.429

Monday's game—Turnerites vs. St. Vincent's at Thirteenth and D streets northeast, at 5:30.

St. Paul's failed to put nine eligible players on the diamond on scheduled time yesterday, and lost to St. Vincent's by forfeit, 9 to 0.

An exhibition game was played between St. Vincent's and a picked team, which the former won by 3 to 2. Score:

St. Vinc'ts.	R	H	O	A	E	Pckd. team.	R	H	O	A	E
Miller, ss.	1	0	2	6	0	Becker, 1b.	0	1	2	1	0
Walter, 1b.	0	1	10	0	0	Brewer, c.	0	0	5	1	0
Broome, c.	1	1	1	0	0	Farrell, 2b.	1	1	2	2	0
Daly, cf.	0	0	1	0	0	J. Dugan, cf.	0	1	1	0	0
Connors, 3b.	0	0	0	2	0	Buebler, ss.	0	0	3	0	0
Symmonskie, lf	0	1	0	0	0	Cleveland, 3b.	0	1	1	2	1
O'Hill, 2b.	1	1	2	0	0	L. Dugan, lf.	0	1	0	0	0
Dove, rf.	0	0	0	1	0	Vogelsen, rf.	0	0	2	0	0
Carroll, p.	0	1	0	2	0	Merrill, p.	0	1	1	1	0
Totals.	3	5	15	13	0	Totals.	2	6	15	7	1

St. Vincent's	1	0	0	0	2	—3			
Picked Team	0	0	0	2	0	—2			

Three-base hit—Farrell. Stolen bases—Brewer, Cleveland, Miller. Double plays—Cleveland to Becker; Connors to Miller to Walter. Hits made—Off Merrill, 3; off Carroll, 6. First base on balls—Off Carroll, 1. Struck out—By Merrill, 5; by Carroll, 2. Left on bases—St. Vincent's, 5; Picked Team, 4. Time of game—55 minutes. Umpire—Mr. Watson.

TEAM TWICE BLANKED.

Winchester's Winning Streak Gets Hard Jolt at Hagerstown.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., July 25.—Winchester's winning streak was given a severe jolt here this afternoon, when Hagerstown shut out the visitors in both games of a double-header, the first by 6 to 0 and the second by 4 to 0, the first time Winchester has been shut out this season. Russell and Miller were both at their best to-day, while Montgomery and Cantwell each experienced an inning when Hagerstown hit the ball good and hard, making a total of three home runs. Fast fielding by both teams was a feature, Dalton, of Winchester, and Sentze, of Hagerstown, both making sensational catches. Scores:

First game—		R.	H.	E.
Winchester	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0	4	2
Hagerstown	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 4 x—6	8	2

Batteries—Winchester, Montgomery and Duffey; Hagerstown, Russell and Hanks. Umpire—Mr. Brown. Time of game—1 hour and 35 minutes.

Second game—		R.	H.	E.
Winchester	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0	4	0
Hagerstown	0 0 0 0 0 4 x—4	8	2

Batteries—Winchester, Cantwell and Mabry; Hagerstown, Miller and Hanks. Umpire—Mr. Brown. Time of game—1 hour.

BUNTS AND STUNTS OF THE DIAMOND

Wheeling has lost thirteen games in succession.

Cantillon shook up the batting order, but it did not have the desired effect.

Keep an eye on the Chicago Cubs during the Eastern series. They are not out of the race.

Bob Unglaub drove in both of the Nationals' runs. He also played a good game at second base.

Rube Waddell had the Nationals under his wing, while Smith's one bad inning put Washington out of the game.

"Long John" Anderson is still suffering from "charley-horse," and Fielder Jones has decided to give him a rest.

Hank O'Day, Harry Pulliam's veteran umpire, is at Mount Clemens, Mich., recuperating from an attack of lumbago.

"Stoney" McGlynn, of the Cardinals, likes to put on the big mitt and go behind the plate. "Stoney" is said to desire to be a catcher.

Jimmy Kane, of Cincinnati, is the lightest man in the National League. He weighs 122 pounds, but is as fleet as any fielder in the game and he can stick nicely.

Sandow Mertes, the former Giant, is playing semi-professional ball in Chicago. He was released by Toronto because his contract was about the biggest thing in Toronto.

"Cy" Young maintains that the Boston Americans play fifty per cent better baseball away from home than at home. They certainly are given to upsetting the talent in most unexpected quarters.

The Cincinnati Reds will surely have a great string of young pitchers on hand next spring. They have already signed about a dozen, the latest being Russell Ford, of Atlanta, in the Southern League.

Jack Powell is having a special pair of shoes made for himself. John says that his lack of speed has been due entirely to the fact that his shoes have not properly supported his instep.

Brandon, of Kansas City, has won 13 and lost 6 games in the American Association. Marquard, of the same club, has fallen off in his work, having lost 10 and won 20 games up to date.

Dutch Sterzer, the former Technical High School boy, has won eleven out of fourteen games for Grand Rapids, and it has been largely through his clean pitching that the club is leading the Central League.

Few of the local fans have ever seen Billy Murray, the aggressive manager of the Phillies. He sits in the coop and passes up the side line gags. He has never been known to fly from the bench at an umpire.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

In Chicago the Giants have a hunchback for a mascot. He is the exclusive representative of the New York team, for he disdains to mascot any of the other thirteen big league outfits that visit Chicago. He's good luck for the Giants, evidently.

Clarke Griffith witnessed the game at the Polo Grounds yesterday afternoon. His hair is beginning to turn black again, and he has gained twenty-two pounds since he quit managing a major league baseball club.—New York Telegram.

It is accepted by fans and players that the Connecticut League is better balanced now than it has been for years. The season should be a hummer for the box offices. Two years ago it was claimed Springfield was drawing larger crowds than it ever did, but the word is passed out that 1908 crowds are even larger.

Joe Laughlin, who was catcher on the Cumberland team and later went to Frostburg, has been the mainstay behind the bat for St. Paul this year. He leads the American Association in batting, with an average of .339. He has played in thirty-seven games this season. He once played with McKeesport, his home being in Woodstock, Va.

Larry Schlafly, who was recently appointed manager of the Toronto club, in place of Mike Kelly, has shifted himself from second base to the initial station, and Jake Gettman, who has been covering first base, is back at his old position in center field. Billy Phyle, who has been performing in the outfield, has been brought in to cover second base.

President Quinn is having his troubles with the players, managers, and magnates of the Ohio State League. He insists, however, that he will run the league as it should be run, and that rowdyism and prizefighting on the field will not go. Pleadings and protests will not go, and his fines and punishment on offending players and managers will stick, so long as he is president.

The fans and players all over the American Association circuit sympathize with Buck Freeman in his misfortune, and hope that his injury is not so bad as reported. It appears that the Minneapolis slugger, while sliding to the home plate, Wednesday, hurt his right shoulder, and the physicians now say that a bone is broken and that he will be out of the game for the remainder of the season and possibly permanently.

Though he has his hands full just now trying to win this year's pennant, Manager McGraw is looking ahead to another season. He is already lining up some talent for 1909, and one of his first captures is Shortstop Fletcher, of the Dallas team, of the Texas League. Fletcher caught McGraw's eye when the Giants were in Dallas last spring. He is a young East St. Louis boy, who had never played league ball before, but his fielding was wonderful.

Triss Speaker, the Boston Red Sox player with Memphis, is hitting the ball hard and has an average of .358 for eighty-four games. He is only one base behind Rickert, who leads the Southern League in stolen bases; has made fifty-two runs, also a Southern League record, and has thrown almost twice as many runners out on bases as any other Southern outfielder, and is credited with being the sensation of the Southern League circuit.

Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Americans, has the proper appreciation of "Cy" Young's services to baseball and has very generously offered to send Harry Davis, Jimmy Collins, Jack Coombs, and Schreck to Boston to play on the picked team which will line up against the Bostons on "Cy" Young's day," August 13. These men are not only high-class players, but drawing cards as well, and if the other American League managers make contributions of players of anything like equal caliber the success of the occasion is assured.

Most of the Western ball players who have recently been in Boston are enthusiastic over the future of Walter Johnson, the Washington pitcher. Bill Dineen says he has perfect action and pitches as if it was no work at all. Manager McAleer, of the St. Louis team, tells me that Johnson has a jump ball very much like that which made Charley Nichols so effective, but that Johnson goes Nichols one better, inasmuch as he has a low ball as well as a high ball with a jump to it.—Boston Herald.

The rooters of the Detroit Americans are congratulating themselves over the possession of Eddie Willetts by the Tigers' pitching staff, for from a green, untried boy, who had a lot of different deliveries, but didn't try to perfect any one of them, Willetts has developed into a steady, reliable twirler, and in the course of another season should be able to make other teams sit up and take notice. As it is, he is at present fourth in the list of averages for American League pitchers this month, as he has won nine games out of the twelve he has played. He has paid attention to the cultivation of his rise ball, which was taught him by Joe McGinnity, and now has it down fine enough to make lots of trouble for opposing batsmen.

Jones, of Montreal, is said to be the best pitcher in the Eastern League.

Columbus on Thursday broke Milwaukee's winning streak. The Brewers had won seven straight games.

There never was a twirler so successful in the minors and so unsuccessful in the big league as the side-wheeler, "Doc" Newton.

The New York Americans have purchased a young pitcher named Billiards. They ought to sign Eddie Pools now for a running mate.

"Hurry Up" Yost, the famous Michigan football coach, who is quite a baseball fan, picks Detroit to repeat its feat of last year and cop the flag.

The release of Pitcher "Doc" Newton by the Yankees to Newark, N. J., does not come as a surprise. He had been on the ragged edge for many weeks.

It is doubtful if Elberfeld will be able to get into the game this season. The spiking received at National Park has weakened his leg, and he is unable to make quick enough turns.

Freddie Parent, shortstop of the Sox, has discarded the hideous headdress to protect his jaw from being hit by a pitched ball. Freddie seems to have regained his old nerve.

Charley Dooin, of the Phillies, was the first man in the National League to wear shin guards, but he wore them beneath his stockings and few knew he had them on.

Wagner, of the Pittsburg club, drives to the game behind a brown pacing mare or in his motor car. He usually brings a friend with him, who drives the great Honus through the gates and then beats it for the stand.

The story in The Washington Herald yesterday telling of the free-for-all fight in the Cubs' clubhouse explains why the Chicago club is not leading by many points. It seems a pity such a grand aggregation should be wrecked by internal trouble.

"With 'Lefty' Leifield in his old-time form again, Pittsburg's chances for landing the 1908 pennant are extremely bright, and the fans are rejoicing over the great exhibition, not only of pitching, but of general all-around work put up by the big Pirate southpaw," so says a Pittsburg dispatch.

Connie Mack is worried about his pitching staff. "I though I had things so prepared this season with my twirlers," says Mr. Mack, "that I would be ready for any emergency. Now they have got me guessing. It's mighty hard to get a good pitcher at this period of the race. This time last year Bender was in the greatest form of his career, but this year he doesn't appear to be going right, and his failure to take his regular turn on the rubber has been a big handicap."

Manager McGraw, of the Giants, said before leaving for the West that he would be satisfied with an even break in the Western games, and as his young men won eight and lost seven games on the trip, he may well be contented. After taking the opening game in Cincinnati, the Giants were able to get only half of the four games played in Hermann's town. The team also got an even break in Pittsburg and Chicago, ending the trip with two victories out of three games at St. Louis.

The Brooklyn Giants, one of the strongest colored professional baseball teams in the East, will play a series of four games at National Park this week. The first game will be played to-morrow, when the dusky visitors cross bats with the Eastern Buds, who several weeks ago held the Philadelphia Giants, world's colored champions, to a 6 to 4 score, and on Tuesday will have as their opponents St. Stephen's Institute. These games will begin at 5 o'clock. On Wednesday the Rockville's, who recently won the colored championship of Washington and vicinity, will try to take the visitors' measure in a double-header, the first set to beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

The New York Mail arises to say: "Kid Elberfeld has been telling us that he cannot get good men to fill the gaps in the ranks of the Yankees. He hands us the talk about the other fellows being unwilling to sell anything that is good. Still, we hear that the Cleveland club goes out and buys up Pitcher Falkenberg and Infielder Altizer, paying $10,000 for this pair. What we want to bring out is this: If Cleveland can go out and buy up such valuable men as Altizer and Falkenberg, why can't Frank Farrell do the same thing? Incidentally, this pair would have filled in nicely on our Yankee team. It is all wrong to say that the Yanks cannot go out and purchase plays. If Cleveland can do it, so can the New York club. If Frank Farrell believes that the present Yanks will do he is not in accord with the views of the people, who want to see the Yankees in a prominent position. The present Yankee team won't do."

President Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, denies that Tim Jordan has been traded to Pittsburg.

John Glaze, the Dartmouth pitcher, was let go by Trenton, as the club was falling behind financially.

The Pirates and New Yorkers are already banking on their respective teams for the National pennant.

Cincinnati has obtained an option on Outfielder Kustus, of the Evansville club, who is the leading batter of the Central League.

Otto Kreuger, until recently with Kansas City, and once a Pittsburg player, is making good at Denver and playing high-class ball. His arm was too weak for the American Association.

Wally Woods, the Jersey City veteran, is leading the Eastern League third basemen in fielding, with an average of .963. Jimmy Casey, of the Montreals, stands second, with a mark of .950.

Mike Donlin, of the New York Giants, has been notified that the cup offered by a Chicago newspaper to the most popular ball player had been voted to him by a tremendous majority of the Windy City fans.

There were seven double plays in the Newark-Marion game Wednesday, in the Ohio State League, and Ketter, playing center for Marion, made a record of getting eleven put-outs in the twelve innings the game lasted.

To date 117 home runs have been made in the Eastern League, of which number Phyle, of Toronto, has made eight. Phyle's record is a remarkable one, when it is taken into consideration that he has played in but thirty-two games, which makes his average one for every four games.

John M. Ward, who started the Players' League in 1890, has sent word to a Boston friend that he will more than likely attend the meeting on August 12 of the old-time baseball players at Peddocks Island, and enjoy the raising of the pennant won by the Boston Brotherhood team.

James Potter, formerly president of the Phillies, and still a stockholder and director in the club, is bitterly opposed to the "spitball." Mr. Potter says: "I shall certainly use my influence next winter at the meeting of the National League to have the 'spitball' legislated out of existence. It has no place in the national game."

GAITHERSBURG, 0; MARINES, 0.

Pitchers Rieler and Diamond Hook Up in a Drawn Contest.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Gaithersburg, Md., July 25.—Before a large crowd this afternoon, the United States Marines, of Washington, and the Gaithersburg Athletic Club played a no-run game replete with sensational fielding by both teams.

Both Diamond and Rieler were in good form, allowing but three hits each. The fielding of Moyer and Diamond, Ward and Marshall were features. Score:

G. A. C.	R	H	A	E	U. S. M.	R	H	A	E
Plumer, lf.	0	0	0	0	Burlick, 3b.	0	0	0	0
Moyer, ss.	0	0	2	0	Kane, 1b.	0	0	0	0
Zirkle, 1b.	0	0	0	0	Dowd, cf.	0	0	0	0
H. Diamond, cf.	0	1	0	0	Meagher, c.	0	1	0	0
Erwin, c.	0	1	1	0	Ward, ss.	0	0	2	0
Marshall, 2b.	0	1	3	0	Snyder, rf.	0	1	0	0
E. Diamond, 3b.	0	0	1	0	Jenkins, lf.	0	1	0	0
Griffith, rf.	0	0	0	0	O'Connor, 2b.	0	0	2	0
D. Diamond, p.	0	0	1	0	Rieler, p.	0	0	1	0
Totals.	0	3	7	0	Totals.	0	3	6	0

G. A. C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Marines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

First base on balls—Off Diamond, 3. Struck out—By Diamond, 4; by Rieler, 4. Two-base hit—Jenkins. Stolen base—H. Diamond. Umpires—Messrs. Tooney and King.

MONEY FOR WISCONSIN CREW.

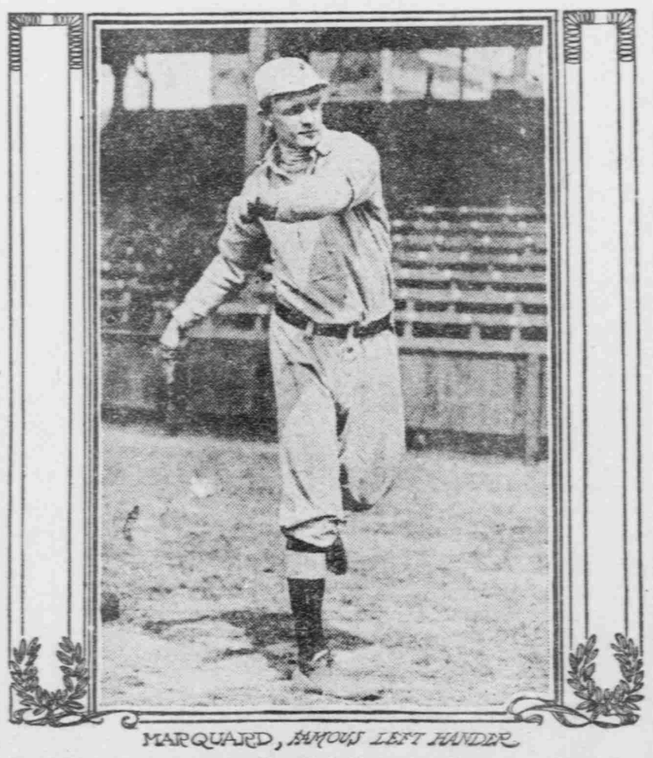
Financial System Will Insure Fund to Send Oarsmen to Poughkeepsie.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 25.—The Wisconsin crew will go to Poughkeepsie next year to race with Cornell, Syracuse, and other crack Eastern eights. This has been decided, through the formation of a new athletic management system which will give Wisconsin's athletic fund $15,000, of which $3,000 will go to pay the crew's expenses to the Hudson races.

The Wisconsin crew is not discouraged at the loss of the race last month, but the Wisconsin fighting spirit is fully aroused, and there will be such an outburst of enthusiasm the coming year as the old school has never seen before.

The business men of the capital city alone offer to raise the needed funds to send the shell and oarsmen East, but their assistance will not be needed with the system to be used in the university, by which each student will buy a $5 ticket, good for all the year's sports, and thus give the athletic treasury the money early in the year to carry athletics through the year.

COST NEW YORK GIANTS $11,000.



MARQUARD, FAMOUS LEFT HANDER

Indianapolis southpaw for whom New York Nationals paid record-breaking price.

New York, July 25.—Pitcher Marquard, the southpaw of the Indianapolis Club, for whom the Giants paid $11,000, is a lanky six-footer, nineteen years old, and a regular "rube" in appearance, chin whiskers alone being needed to complete the picture. He is credited with remarkable speed and curves, and from what has been said of him will surely make good. Out of twenty-two games this season he has lost four; average hits per game, 4.3; average bases on balls, .255.

This is Marquard's third year in professional baseball. He played around Cleveland lots for a number of years, and then went to the Waterloo (Iowa) team, but jumped them and went back to Cleveland. This was in 1906. Last season he joined the Indianapolis club, but was later loaned out to the Canton (Ohio) team, and rejoined Indianapolis this spring. Marquard has a peculiar pose of the head, which is a natural one, due to a small defect in his right eye that makes it necessary to carry his head on one side.

Catcher Meyers, whom the Giants bought with Marquard and paid $8,000 for, is an Indian, weighs 190 pounds, and is six feet tall. He has a great arm, and has been batting .300 this season. He was a student at Dartmouth College and played football there. The Giants have broken all records of prices in this deal. Cleveland held the former high mark. They paid $6,500 for Heinie Berger and got a gold brick.

GOSSIP OF THE AUTOS

Roads for Grand Prize Race Speediest in World.

SPORTING EVENTS CONCLUDED

Few Races or Contests Likely to Be Held Until Fall—No New Developments in the International Race Discussion—Yankees Entered in Cycling Events in Berlin.

The roads over which the Grand Prize race will be run at Savannah will undoubtedly be the finest and speediest course used for an automobile race. There will be several straight stretches nearly four miles in length. The cars will start in front of the grand stand on Estill avenue, about one mile from the first turn and within the city limits. After making a left turn on to the White Bluff road, there is a straight-away course of 20,900 feet.

In the next six miles there will be five turns, then a stretch, practically straight, of 20,600 feet, over the new road which is now under construction. The next long stretch is along Ferguson avenue, a distance of 18,750 feet; then, after several turns around the Isle of Hope to La Roche avenue, 16,000 feet; a turn follows around the village of Thunderbolt, into the home stretch, which is 16,700 feet long.

The total length of the course is 26.73 miles, and no steam railroad track crosses the course at any point. Where the trolley line crosses the course the tracks will be bridged over, and neither passengers nor cars cross. Experts who have examined the course are loud in its praise, and state that there is no other road in this country which is its equal. It is expected that the road-beds will be in perfect shape by October 15, and will then be opened for practice by the cars entered in the race.

With the holding of the Glidden Tour and the convention which preceded it at Buffalo, the American Automobile Association again holds the center of the stage. How far-reaching the advertising it has received will prove to be in helping that organization to take the position which it aims to occupy is still a matter of conjecture. The Automobile Club of America appears to insist on being considered and a dignified statement defining its position in the racing field has been issued. In the racing problem, the club seems at present to have slightly the better of the argument.

Trade conditions have been rather dull during the past week. The announcements of early delivery of some of the 1909 models continue to have a depressing effect on the sales of the remaining 1908 cars. After a careful review of the plans for 1909, it seems to be clear that there will be no radical change from present models in most instances.

With the close of the Glidden tour, there comes a cessation in the list of sporting events, although a number of races and other scheduled contests have been planned for the fall. There is still some talk of a transcontinental race, but definite information is not forthcoming. Another race meet on or about the 1st of September at St. Paul is spoken of as a probability. A twenty-four-hour race is also said to be in the formation, to be held at Brighton Beach track early in September. A road race at Long Branch and time trials at Wildwood, N. J., are also announced. It is possible that there may be another track meet at Elkwood Park.

In the international race discussion there is little new since the announcement that the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers had backed the American Automobile Association in its stand to maintain control of the racing situation. It is now said that the representatives of the latter association, who were abroad recently, did not attempt to induce the Dieppe conference to accept the association as a member. This report, which is on good authority, does not accord with the published newspaper reports. But more has been written on both sides of the squabble than strict fact would seem to dictate.

Boston, the hub of the universe, has seen the Gyroscope car, and after careful, critical, and scientific investigation has pronounced it good. There has been so much discussion as to the value of the gyroscopic action of a horizontal fly wheel on a motor car, that A. L. Kull accepted the invitation of the professor of physics of a college in Massachusetts and drove over to Boston to have the car tested. It was conclusively shown that, even at fast speed around curves, it is almost impossible to overturn the car.

It will be recalled that the Gyroscope car, which went down the twenty-five foot embankment near Easton, Pa., was not overturned. The car, which Mr. Kull took to Boston was run about that city for two days. Although the Gyroscope is not built for speed, still the return to New York was made in twelve and one-half hours.

When Lancia, the race driver, decided to go into the manufacture of cars he threw into the business a technical knowledge which few manufacturers could claim. The value of his experience is forcibly shown in the product of his Italian factory. The first of the Lancia cars to be seen in America, which is now in the hands of C. H. Tangeman, of the Hol-Tan Company, has been the subject of close inspection by many motor experts during the past week, and the verdicts of these wise ones would have made the genial Lancia blush with pride, had he been where he could have heard them. On all sides it is admitted that the Lancia car is one of the most compact, quiet, and satisfactory propositions ever seen in the United States. The 16-20 horsepower chassis is believed to be one of the best for town purposes ever imported.

E. W. Nicholson, sales manager of the Midland Motor Company, who has been looking over agencies in the East and attending to the many details of the exploitation of the Midland car, has returned to the Moline factory, where there is a rush to keep up with deliveries. The new Midland has made a great hit in many localities, where it has been shown, and the agency demand is spirited, while sales at last hands have been heavier than the manufacturers expected for a car which has been less than a year before the buying public.

On July 30 and August 2, in Berlin, the world's professional cycle championship races will be held at the Steglitz Sport Park, under the auspices of the Verband Deutscher Radennbahnen. America will probably be represented in sprint championship by Charles Sherwood, and it is likely that this country will also be represented in the motor-paced championship by Robert J. Walthour and Menus Bedell.

Agitation against the open muffler by motorcyclists themselves may be said to have originated in Los Angeles, where the largest motorcycle club in that city took radical action against those members who persisted in the annoying practice. Now comes the Chicago Motorcycle Club, which announces that the closed muffler is a matter of policy with that organization, and in order that none of its members shall offend in the future, the club purposes to fire bodily all members who shall willfully offend in the future. At a recent meeting of the club it was voted that a member reported for having his muffler open and violating the rule three times shall be expelled from the club.

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JOHN H. ANDERSON.

It was largely through his efforts that Departmental League season was so successful.

ST. ELIZABETH'S BREAKS EVEN

Wins and Loses in Double Bill with E. J. Murphy Team.

The Government Hospital for the Insane and the E. J. Murphy teams split even in a double-header at St. Elizabeth's yesterday.

The opener was a walk-over for the home aggregation, the visitors barely escaping a shut-out. Priddy, the hospital southpaw, was at his best, and held the visitors safe throughout the contest.

Burch was no puzzle to the asylum boys, and his twisters were pounded with ease. An error by Smith in the ninth inning gave the Murphy team their only run. Score:

FIRST GAME.

G. H. I.	R	H	O	A	E	Murphy.	R	H	O	A	E
Willett, lf.	1	2	1	0	0	Lawson, lf.	0	0	0	0	0
Bartlett, 2b.	1	0	2	1	0	Schaefer, 3b.	0	0	4	1	1
Pickett, ss.	0	0	1	2	0	White, 2b, rf.	0	0	2	4	0
Thrall, 3b.	2	0	0	0	1	O'Brien, cf.	1	1	2	3	0
Wilkins, cf.	1	2	3	2	0	Sullivan, ss.	0	0	1	0	1
Smith, rf.	0	0	0	0	1	Vanneman, c.	0	0	2	0	0
Jones, 1b.	2	1	8	1	0	Grey, 1b.	0	1	10	0	1
Moore, c.	0	2	2	3	0	Birch, p.	0	0	0	4	1
Priddy, p.	0	0	2	1	0	Roscoe, rf, 2b.	0	0	0	5	1
Totals.	9	9	27	10	5	Totals.	1	2	24	14	7

G. H. I.	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	—9
E. J. Murphy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—1

Earned runs—G. H. I., 2. First base by errors—G. H. I., 5; E. J. M., 2. Left on bases—G. H. I., 5; E. J. M., 5. First base on balls—Off Priddy, 5. Struck out—By Priddy, 5; by Birch, 2. Home run—Wilkins. Three-base hit—Moore. Sacrifice hits—O'Brien, Pickett. Stolen bases—Roscoe, Birch, Pickett, Sullivan, Thrall (2), Wilkins. Passed balls—Vanneman, 2; Moore, 2. Umpires—Drs. Schwinn and Hummer. Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes.

The second was a more interesting exhibition, in which the Commercial Leaguers turned the tables. Wildness on the part of Wilkins caused him to give way to Moore in the second inning, after the Murphys had registered three tallies. Moore was also unsteady, and the visitors clinched the game in the fifth, when five runs crossed the plate.

"Dolly" Gray pitched good ball for the Painters, fanning eleven men and allowing but seven safeties. Score:

SECOND GAME.

G. H. I.	R	H	O	A	E	Murphy.	R	H	O	A	E
Willett, lf.	0	2	0	0	0	Lawson, lf.	2	0	1	0	0
Bartlett, cf, 2b.	0	0	0	1	0	Schaefer, 3b.	1	0	0	1	0
Pickett, ss.	3	2	1	1	1	White, rf.	0	0	0	0	0
Thrall, 3b.	0	0	1	0	0	O'Brien, cf.	1	1	0	0	0
Wilkins, p, rf.	0	1	1	0	0	Sullivan, ss.	0	0	3	0	0
Smith, rf, c.	0	1	9	1	0	Vanneman, c.	0	0	7	3	1
Jones, 1b.	0	0	8	1	0	Gray, p.	0	0	0	4	1
Moore, c, p, cf, 2b	1	0	0	0	2	Burch, 1b.	1	0	9	0	0
Priddy, 2b, p.	1	1	1	3	0	Roscoe, 2b.	1	0	3	0	0
Totals.	5	7	21	6	4	Totals.	8	1	21	8	3

G. H. I.	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	—5
E. J. Murphy	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	—8

Earned runs—G. H. I., 1. First base by errors—G. H. I., 1; E. J. M., 3. Left on bases—G. H. I., 5; E. J. M., 4. First base on balls—Off Gray, 1; off Wilkins, 1; off Moore, 4; off Priddy, 1. Innings pitched—By Wilkins, 1; by Moore, 3 2-3; by Priddy, 2 1-3. Hits made—Off Wilkins, 1. Struck out—By Gray, 11; by Moore, 5; by Priddy, 2. Three-base hit—Priddy. Two-base hit—Wilkins. Sacrifice hits—Schaefer, Thrall. Wilkins. Stolen bases—Willett (2), Pritchett (3), Priddy, Lawson, White, Vanneman, Burch, O'Brien. Hit by pitcher—By Gray, 2; by Wilkins, 1. Passed balls—Vanneman, 4; Moore, 1; Smith, 2. Umpires—Drs. Schwinn and Hummer. Time of game—1 hour and 10 minutes.

CATCHER PAYNE'S SCHEME.

Tiger Would Prevent Teams Playing for Time When Behind.

Freddie Payne, the Tiger catcher, who is home with still another broken finger, was watching the score come in Wednesday afternoon. When the fourth came and it was announced that the game was probably off because of rain, Freddie gave vent to a few remarks as a ball player, that, if taken up by the league officials, might be of material benefit. Anyway it is interesting dope, says the Detroit News.

"Why," he asked, "is it that when, after four innings of play have been gone through, it is declared no game if rain comes? Why is it that the runs made and the hits made count for nothing? Here Cobb and Schaefer have made three hits apiece and now that the rain has stopped play they will not get credit for them. It's not fair.

"What they should do, I think, is to let the score stand just as it is and then instead of playing another game on the next day or whenever it is played off, just start in where left off and finish it up, the score remaining just as it was.

"The main benefit would be that it would stop all stalling around and playing for time. As soon as rain threatens now the team behind begins to stall and loaf, wasting as much time as possible in the hope that it will be declared no contest. If they realized that it did count, they would hurry their play and the spectators would be better satisfied.

"Say, for instance, two teams have