

PATHFINDER TRIP STARTS TO-MORROW

Clarence Barnard Will Make Run to Gettysburg.

CLOVER LEAF EVENT PLANNED

An Unusual Amount of Interest Manifested in the Endurance Test. Three-day's Route, with Start and Finish Each Day in Washington. Numerous Entries.

The sanction for the "Four Leaf Clover Run" to be given under the auspices of the Automobile Club of Washington, May 15-18, inclusive, has been favorably acted upon by the contest board of the American Automobile Association.

From all indications there will be a larger number of machines participating in this run than in any other event of this kind ever held in Washington.

First Trip To-morrow.

Monday morning Clarence Barnard and his Stoddard Dayton '50' will start out on the first pathfinding trip. Gettysburg, Pa., will be the objective point of the first day's run.

Details Arranged in Advance.

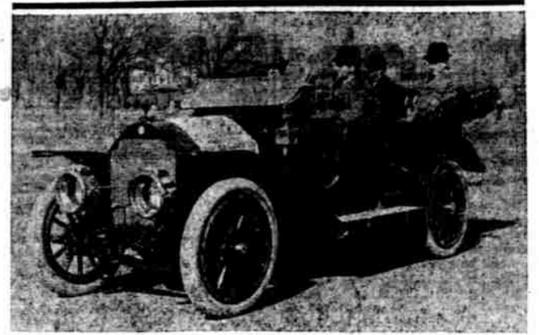
Though the run is almost two months off, the pathfinding trip is being made at this time so that all who may care to participate will be afforded plenty of opportunity to study the route and go over it if they may care to do so.

KEEP YOUR AUTO WELL LUBRICATED

Important Facts for Owners to Bear in Mind.

The most important feature of the automobile in proper lubrication. If the oil system fails completely the motor will not run. Should the carburetor lose its adjustment, supplying no gas to the cylinders, the same is true.

PATHFINDER FOR RUN.



Stoddard-Dayton '50' with Clarence Barnard behind the wheel, which starts to-morrow morning laying out the route for the "four-leaf clover" event to be held May 15 to 18.

AUTOMOBILE NEWS AND GOSSIP

W. S. Duvall, president of the Automobile Club, is to be the Washington representative of the contest board of the American Automobile Club of America.

John Pister, one of the oldest and best known automobile men of Washington, yesterday signed a long term lease for the old National Automobile Company's garage at 111-13 Fourteenth street northwest.

The Commercial Auto and Supply Company has delivered an E-M-P touring car to Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, and an E-M-P demitonneau to G. W. Struble.

J. H. Ebersole, local representative of the Marion, leaves this morning for a visit to the factory at Indianapolis, Ind. He expects to return about the middle of the week.

Theo. Barnes has delivered Pullman '30' toy tonneau cars to John P. Smith and William E. Newman.

"We shall enter at least one Washington car in the Golden tour, which starts from this city June 15 and, perhaps, two," said A. Gary Carter, president of the Carter Motor Car Corporation, yesterday.

A Marion '30' four-door roadster has been delivered to George O'Donnell and a Marion '30' touring car to Wilton J. Lambert by J. H. Ebersole, local agent for the car.

Excursion motor cycles have been delivered by Miller Brothers to L. Gill, R. D. Cox, C. A. Lowe, T. H. Johnston, William Quinter, P. H. Gibrath, the Washington Cadillac Company, and the Department of Agriculture.

The United Motor Washington Company has sold model AB Maxwells to Dr. W. S. Grafton, Dr. G. C. Oiler, Dr. Yates, A. H. Sommers, and J. E. Kitchner; a Maxwell runabout to A. K. Guilford; model I touring cars to S. A. Cannon, E. L. Myers, J. H. Johnson, and Mrs. Castle, and a model Q touring car to Dr. L. H. Jamison.

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T. S. Johnston, captain of the Automobile Club of Washington, accompanied by his wife and a party of friends, leaves this morning in a model B Buick for a trip to Gettysburg, Pa., and return.

Howard Piek, well known to the local automobile trade, who has been ill for some time past with an attack of typhoid fever, has so far recovered that he is able to sit up for a few hours each day.

An order for 50,000 tires has just been placed by the United States Motor Company with the United States Tire Company. This is the largest single order ever given for tires.

The Imperial Motor Company, agents for the Ranch & Lang electric and the White gas and steam cars, are the latest to open a showroom. They have fitted up the premises at 1113 Connecticut avenue.

The automobile laws of several States—the Callan law in New York State, for instance, which requires the driver to be eighteen years old and pass an examination as to fitness to operate—have given many people the impression that it takes an expert to drive an automobile.

The Washington Herald reporter tried to show through the crowd, but there was nothing. Nobody heeded until they got their pay, and they went happily away.

WHY THE AUTO IS CALLED "SHE"

An Enlightening Conversation in Massachusetts Ave.

"There's something wrong with her carburetor," announced the man with the milk lined coat. When in doubt he always blamed the carburetor.

"No, unless it is that they are so deuced uncertain," answered the man in the honest-to-goodness-milk coat, still keeping an ear trained on the cylinder that was mistaking "her" perhaps for "he" because they are such a blamed expensive luxury," he added.

"You see, it's like this," continuing the man forgetting for a moment the obstreperous motor. "All the while you have to be getting new and improved equipments. The styles of automobile accessories change about as fast as Paris milliners conceive new ideas for hats, and they are about as expensive. Just when you think you have the swaggiest thing in trappings, along comes the last whisper from the maker and right away your kit is relegated to the 'has-beens'."

"Or you go down to the factory and you see a clipper of a looking car, one of those rakish models that look like a college campus on dress parade day. That's a bully looking car, you say to the salesman, as you picture yourself believe he has a real automobile."

"Wouldn't advise you to take it," he confides. "It's built for the cheap trade, all the value on the outside. They've gone and doped a cheap machine all up to fool some chap who wants to make a bet on the automobile."

"Right there the car stopped and the fur coated man climbed out to size up conditions. Finally George-on-the-front-seat succeeded in inducing the motor to behave and continue itself to doing the things expected of it."

"I'll tell you why we call an automobile 'her,' he said, as he climbed down. "It's because she makes you feel a hard fight and won over great odds. It's because it takes a mighty good man to run one and run her right."

"I'm so glad I asked," said the girl.

Johnson holds the money-making record for athletes at the present, but if any driver lowers Barney Oldfield's existing record of 2.2 for the mile at the Jacksonville beach races, winning the speed king crown and the \$1,000 prize, this title will be returned to the white race.

The man who beats Oldfield's mark will be forced to complete the mile in 2.2 seconds flat, as this is practically as close as he can stand the mark. Increasing a bank account at the rate of \$1,000 for 2.2 seconds means at the rate of \$22.26 a minute, or the enormous amount of \$13,356 each hour.

Speaking of the Ford output for this year and where it goes, Claude Miller, of Miller Brothers Auto and Supply Company, local representatives of the Ford, said yesterday: "Our factory is exporting more than 100 cars a week. The destination of these machines is varied. They go to Japan, Europe, Australia, and Africa."

Spare castings should always be carried in a carrying case which should be dark in color, as sunlight has an injurious effect on rubber. Spare tubes should never be carried loose in the tool box, where the tools are liable to chafe them or oil come in contact with them.

Plans are under way for the formation of an automobile race drivers' organization, a meeting for that purpose having been called. The idea of a drivers' association has been approved by such stars of the wheel as Robert Burman, Louis Dabrow, Ralph de Palma, Harry F. Grant, David L. Bruce-Brown, Joseph Matson, and others.

One of the matters that the drivers will take up is that of allowing novice drivers to take part in important contests. They are not opposed to the introduction of new drivers, but they feel that their experience should be gained in minor events rather than in big races, where a great deal is at stake and in which every one is inclined to take the greatest chances in order to win.

A drivers' organization has long been urged by George Robertson, who has now retired from racing, owing to an accident prior to the last Vanderbilt race. Messrs. Dabrow and Matson are active in formulating the plans for the projected body.

FOUR BUILDINGS BURNED.

While Office Is Being Destroyed Judge Lipscomb Is Stricken. Manassas, Va., March 25.—Manassas was again visited by a disastrous fire last night. It originated in the second story of the building lately occupied by the mercantile firm of Waters, Wright & Hickey, and now occupied by the receivers for the firm.

The following buildings were entirely destroyed: Building occupied by receivers of Waters, Wright & Hickey, insurance office of W. N. Lipscomb, residence and restaurant of J. C. Reid, and tenement occupied by Jenks Thomas.

At the moment W. N. Lipscomb was notified his insurance office was about to be burned, a messenger reached him with word that his father, Judge W. E. Lipscomb, had just suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Placed. Mrs. Harper's Weekly. Mrs. R.—Is she a Mary of the vineyard cottage? Mrs. M.—No, a Martha of the rubber-plant flat.

and reduce the expense of any transportation system as a whole. Horses and hand trucks have been in use for so many years that it is hard to consider the problems of transportation under new conditions. Transportation experts, however, are solving the problem by studying the conditions of each firm's business and their present delivery systems. Having familiarized themselves with this they have set to work to keep a minimum number of trucks running, carrying a maximum load the greater portion of the time. In addition to solving the delivery problem of one man or firm these experts are also doing a public service, by relieving congested traffic conditions. Formerly where half a dozen heavily loaded slow moving teams went to pass a corner, now one motor truck taking up just a little more room than a team and wagon does but moving with much greater speed perform the task.

EAST IS SEEKING MINORITY LEADER

Based on Theory that Cannon Does Not Want Place.

Elbowed aside for many years by combinations of delegations from the Middle and far West, the Eastern Republicans are about to make a bid for the leadership of the House of Representatives. With this idea in view, they have practically effected an alliance with two big Western delegations, which they claim gives them a majority of the Republicans of the next House. Three Eastern Republicans aspire to the minority leadership. They are Seneca E. Payne of New York, Martin E. Otmsted of Pennsylvania, and John W. Weeks of Massachusetts.

Representative Weeks is taking the lead in the movement of Eastern Republicans to capture the House leadership. He has made a canvass of the situation, and it is understood claims that eighty-three Republicans of the new House are favorable to the selection of an Eastern man as minority leader. The delegations that are said to be favorable to the plan are those from New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

The campaign of the Eastern contingent is based on the theory that Uncle Joe Cannon will neither seek nor accept the place as minority leader. It is known, of course, that Mr. Cannon has no ambition in this direction. He wants the honor to go to some regular Republican. While it is generally believed that Uncle Joe favors Representative James R. Mann, of Illinois, doubt is expressed that the former speaker will take sides, inasmuch as all of those who will be given consideration are his friends.

The argument of the Eastern contingent is that it is time that a man section had been accorded recognition by the Republicans of the House. Since the retirement of Thomas H. Reed, of Maine, the West has controlled the Speakership.

MAXIMUM LOADS AT MINIMUM COST

Problem Which Motor Truck Makers Are Solving.

How best to handle his goods with the least outlay is the problem every business man is trying to solve. Rates of transportation are constantly increasing and the price of the goods remains the same. Trade conditions in the large cities are becoming more congested day by day. Cities are constantly growing and goods must be delivered at a greater distance. Horses have been performing this work for years but are gradually giving way to the motor truck which it is believed will offer the only solution possible to the transportation problem.

Motor trucks in the first place not only handle larger loads than is possible for a horse-drawn vehicle but do away with much unnecessary handling of the articles in question. A large portion of the expense attached to the transportation of goods is due to the cost of the handling of the articles at the terminals. There are two axioms, however, which are recognized in every delivery service. First, the efficiency of a transportation system is limited not by its carrying capacity but by its terminal facilities, and second, the essential factor in transportation is not the cost of hauling the goods but the expense of handling at the terminal stations.

Now owners realize the importance of these facts as applied to their own installation of motor trucks and to the facilities which they have for loading their trucks and also of unloading them with the least possible delay.

The motor truck is not to be considered as a substitute for so many horses; but a new unit of transportation which can be made to greatly improve the efficiency of the delivery service.

New York, March 25.—Arrived: Campania, from Liverpool; March 19, La Savoie, from Havre, March 18. Arrived out: Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, at Ham.

Sailed from foreign ports: Mauretania, from Liverpool; La Location, from Havre; Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, from Bremen.

SENATORS OF BOTH PARTIES SEEKING NEW LEADERSHIP

Interesting Fights Will Take Place Soon After Congress Meets on April 4.

Caucuses of United States Senators of the two political parties will be held within the next two weeks. Analysis of the complexion of the Senate and predictions as to Republican and Democratic leaderships are already being made.

Disregarding the Senate vacancies from New York, Iowa, and Colorado, where the legislatures are deadlocked, the Democrats will outnumber the regular Republicans in the next Senate, by thirteen insurgent Republicans the balance of power on all questions of legislation. The number of Democratic Senators will be forty-six, while the regular Republicans will be forty-two Democrats and fourteen insurgents in the Senate.

The thirteen insurgents, who will wield the balance of power, and whose votes will be decisive in matters of legislation, are Borah of Idaho, Bourne of Oregon, Brewster of Kansas, Brown of Nebraska, Clapp of Minnesota, Crawford of South Dakota, Cummins of Iowa, Dixon of Montana, Gronna of North Dakota, La Follette of Wisconsin, Poindexter of Washington, Townsend of Michigan, and Weeks of California.

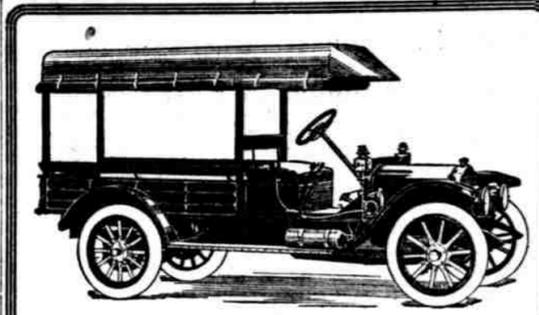
There will be leaders of the two wings of the Republican party in the Senate. For the regulars, Senators Murray Crane and Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts,

Edith Root of New York, Boise Penrose of Pennsylvania, the new chairman of the Finance Committee, and Sutherland of Utah will be the controlling voices, while La Follette of Wisconsin, Borah of Idaho, and Cummins of Iowa will take the lead for the insurgents.

There are four Democrats prominently mentioned to meet until after April 4, when the committee on committees is to be chosen. The chairman of the caucus, following a precedent of long standing in the Senate, will be the Republican Senator with the longest service to his credit.

The committee on committees, as constituted in the last Senate, was composed of Senators Aldrich, Keam, McCumber, Crane, Flint, Sutherland, Curtis, Borah, and Dixon. Three members of the old committee, Messrs. Aldrich, Keam, and Flint, are no longer members of the Senate. It is not to be assumed that all the old members of the committee will be reappointed.

There are four Democrats prominently mentioned for leadership. They are Senator Bacon of Georgia, who is the oldest Democrat in point of service in the Senate with the exception of Senator Martin of Virginia, Senator Silvery of Indiana, the vice chairman of the caucus; Senator Stone, of Missouri, who took the lead among the Senate Democrats in the last days of the second session in the fight against the tariff reduction bill, and Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, who was for a number of years the minority leader in the House.



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What Started It. From the Chosen Past. Politely the serpent offered Eve an apple. "Try that, madam," he said. "You can raise 600 barrels of them to the acre on one of our irrigated orchard farms in the Beesley Valley. Your husband can purchase a forty-acre tract on easy payments."

Shortly afterward the family moved from Eden to seek the new home.