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NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A rumor that America may be represented this year in some of the big automobile races abroad, preferably the French Grand Prix, has recently been started on its annal rounds. It has, however, failed to elicit any enthusiasm and, indeed, after the disastrous showing of the Christie car, which made an effort to uphold the prestige of the American motor industry last season over the Dieppo course against the best productions of France, Italy and Germany, American motorists are apt to regard any statement that an attempt will be repeated this year with considerable doubt.

In other words the American manufacturer who essays to represent this country in Europe in any of the historic road races will have to show the lovers of motor sport at home that he means business and is seriously preparing a fast and reliable car.

There seems to be no possibility that America will take part in any of the big contests abroad this year. In the first place, the international rules, with their weight and cylinder bore limitations, are at variance with the racing rules adopted here for the Vanderbilt Cup. Perhaps it would be truer to say that the American rules are at variance with those abroad, for practically all of the European countries have agreed to the new racing code. America has agreed to the weight regulation of 2,424 pounds, but the cylinder bore limitation of 155 millimeters, about 6.2 inches, has not been accepted.

In view of this fact, which permits the American cup racers built for the race that was expected to be held last season to be overhauled for the event this year without extensive changes in the motors, there is no likelihood that American makers will build new racing machines to send abroad. In fact, with the growing interest in stock car races and the opportunities that are being offered for such contests this season it is quite apparent that the domestic makers will confine their activities to their own territory, relying upon the Vanderbilt Cup race to bring out the comparative speed properties of the foreign and American machines.

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CRISP NEWS FOR AUTOISTS.

Artists of five nations participated in decorating Madison Square Garden for the Importers' Salon.

The Russian war ministry has ordered a military automobile corps formed on the German model.

Chicago motorists are already moving to have the 1908 Glidden tour start from the Windy City.

Newcastle County, Delaware, has just issued \$100,000 worth of bonds to raise money for road improvement.

A company for the manufacture of automobile appliances in large quantities has been formed at Pittsfield, Mass.

A company has been formed to conduct an automobile passenger and freight business between Buffalo, N. Y., and Niagara Falls.

The best method of washing tires consists in passing a damp sponge or well-wrung cloth around the covers. Kerosene should never be used.

To make a farmer an automobilist is like "killing two birds with one stone," for to put an automobile into the hands of a farmer is to make him a good roads advocate.

A large number of cars are now being employed commercially by farmers in Sonoma County, California, one of the principal wine-growing districts of the Pacific coast.

The Good Roads Association of Brooklyn and Long Island has become incorporated, now having sixty-five life members, 100 yearly members and \$700 in the treasury.

At the recent Bourbon wedding in Europe one automobile concern alone furnished no less than fifty cars for the use of the guests. The cost of the service was more than \$12,500.

The chief novelty of the seventh Belgian automobile salon at Brussels was a military car with an ingenious arrangement for wireless telegraphy. The wireless "pole" was rigged up over the roof of the automobile, while inside was the sending and receiving apparatus.

The New Jersey Automobile and Motor

Club and the Automobile Dealers' Association, both of Newark, N. J., have joined forces in arranging for a show from Feb. 21 to 28.

Before assembling the rear axle, when taken off for cleaning, do not neglect to pack the differential and gear case thoroughly with lubricant.

According to figures furnished by the Government, the export business exceeded \$5,000,000 during 1907. Three years ago the figures barely reached \$1,000,000.

Fifty foreign machines, either chassis or complete cars, valued at \$300,000, arrived at New York one day recently. Most of them were destined for the Importers' Automobile Salon.

So rapidly has the British demand for American steam cars grown of late that one manufacturer has been obliged to establish additional branch houses at Manchester and Edinburgh.

A sanction for a long-distance stock car race and other events during the third week in March has been granted the Automobile Club of Savannah by the American Automobile Association.

A drunken man who now attempts to use a motor car in Delaware is liable to be arrested and fined \$100, or imprisonment for thirty days, or both, under the state's new motor vehicle law.

The Automobile Club of Hartford, Conn., was so well pleased with a design on the fourteen gold medals awarded in its hill-climbing contest that it has been adopted as the club emblem.

Too much cooling in winter is just as harmful to an engine as not enough. Some drivers even assert that many cars would run better if the fan belt were removed during the cold weather.

Danville, Ill., boasts of a resourceful farmer who uses an automobile for hauling corn. The machine holds much more corn than the ordinary wagon. This curtails the number of trips to the crib.

Contemplated amendments to New Jersey's automobile law, if approved by the Legislature, will deprive Assistant Secretary of State J. B. R. Smith of a \$1,500 job as state motor vehicle commissioner.

TWO TIE FOR HIGH PARRY LEADS FIELD

BERNER AND CLARKE ROLL 224 HIGH AT LOCAL GUN CLUB

Elks League Bowlers Find the
Head Pin With Regularity—
Thirteens Capture Two. No Big Scores Made, as Dazzling
Whiteness of Snow Interferes
With Shooters' Judgment.

Billy Berner, last year's city champion, and Clarke, his team mate, tied for individual honors in the Elks Bowling League yesterday, both smashing the maples for scores of 224. Kriete of the Lambs, shot 211 in his third whirl at the pins and landed in second place by a comfortable margin as the next best score was 206, rolled by both Crooke of the Thirteens and Schmidt of the Lambs. They tied for third place with Kuhn of the Koshers, and Quill of the Comas, bringing up the rear with totals of 203.

High team score honors fell to the Lambs, as their 883, which they posted in their third game, was easily high. They also bettered their standing by showing their heels to the Comas in two games. The Shamrocks were unable to stop the rush of the Thirteens, leaders, and dropped two to the top notchers. The Rooters, shy four men, Mettler being the only member to show, did not have a ghost of a chance with the Koshers and contributed all three to their opponents. The Comas were completely outclassed by the Koshers in a postponed series and failed to bag a game. Scores:

The beautiful weather of yesterday afternoon enticed a large group of shooters out to the Gun Club, many of whom have not been seen at the firing line for several weeks past. The climatic conditions were as near perfect for target shooting as is ever had on a winter day. The dazzling whiteness of the snow upon the ground reflected the sunlight in such manner, however, as to interfere with the shooter's judgment, with the result that no big scores were hung up by any of the participants.

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A number of French cars are virtually finished for the next Grand Prix, and the fact that the Brasier concern has prevailed upon Thery, who twice won the Gordon Bennett Cup with the Brasier cars, to re-enter the racing game indicates the keen desire of France to regain the trophy. Six big concerns are now preparing teams of three cars for the race—the Panhard, Renault, Brasier, Clement, De Dietrich and Motabloc. The C. G. V. is planning to enter one or two and the Braquet is building two six-cylinder machines.

The Italian autolists are also showing activity. Nazzaro has been experimenting with his new car for some time. Three Fiats, three Italas, three Isottas, besides those from one or two other Italian concerns, are being built for the 1908 races. Belgium has made bold to name the first three official entries for the Grand Prix, a team of three Germans having been entered.

Germany will be represented by the Mercedes, Benz and Opel cars. Hemory again being seen in a Benz car which he drove last year. The Ariel cars of England are the only ones actually assured thus far from that country, but two or three other makers are likely to be represented. From this early resume of probable entrants there are now fifty-three prospective starters assured, and this is likely to be somewhat increased instead of reduced.

Last year the Grand Prix had thirty-four entries, and as the starters this year will be very nearly twice that number the keen interest in road racing abroad is clearly apparent.

BUICK MOTOR COMPANY OPENS A LOCAL BRANCH

Popular Car Will Be Exhibited in This City—R. H. Losey to Have Charge of Agency.

The Buick Motor Company, with factories at Flint and Jackson, Mich., has opened up a branch at 415 Massachusetts avenue, formerly occupied by the Boyd Automobile Company, under the name of Buick-Losey Company. R. H. Losey, manager. Losey, in addition to managing this branch, is liquidating the business of the Boyd Automobile Company.

Until recently he has been connected with the Buick people at Buffalo, N. Y., and says that he sees no reason why Indianapolis should not prove to be one of the best selling points for Buick cars in this country.

They now have on exhibition their 1908 Buick cars, which consist of six models, ranging in price from \$900 to \$2,500 f. o. b. factory. They will also carry a complete line of Buick parts, so that customers will not experience delay in receiving any parts they may need.

FLETCHER BUYS 2 NATIONALS.

Local Banker Purchases Big Limousine and Six-Cylinder Runabout.

Stoughton A. Fletcher, president of the Fletcher National Bank, purchased a big National limousine recently of the Fisher Automobile Company as a Christmas present for his wife, and also a six-cylinder National runabout for himself. The limousine is one of the largest and most sumptuously equipped motors in existence, seating nine persons with perfect comfort. It is upholstered throughout in goatskin, and the dash, frame for the wind shield and roof over the driver are of solid mahogany. The limousine is equipped with electric lights, a mahogany buffet and folding table, ice chest and toilet arrangements.

WOMAN STOPS WRESTLING GO.

Mrs. Frank Singleman Jumps Into Ring and Makes Her Son Quit.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 15.—A dispatch from Huls in Wis. says: Before a crowd of persons here today Mrs. Frank Singleman stopped the wrestling match between her son Frank and a young Miller of St. Paul. She then wrestled fifty minutes with the young man, and won.

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Thorne...	159	106	134	Mettler...	165	150	138	
Wetzel...	171	166	128					
Kuhn...	165							
Balz...	164							
Pearce...	158	146	109					
G. Colter...	102	104						
F. Smith...	139	99						
Totals...	815	659	674					
Thirteens.			Shamrocks.			Totals...		
C. Smith...	173	156	190	Berner...	176	224	181	
Bowsher...	164	121		Clarke...	149	160	224	
Daniels...	128		136	Nathans...	103	145	115	
A. Colter...	169	165	170	Ferris...	125	120	142	
Crooke...	206	187	184	Diener...	153	176	139	
Malden...	133	175						
Totals...	880	762	855					
Lambs.			Comas.			Totals...		
Krlete...	163	146	211	Petersen...	165	150	157	
Bretzman...	120	140	143	Rosenberg...	118		148	
Schmidt...	168	165	206	J. Quill...	134	136	111	
Haysett...	188	159	169	Gundinger...		113		
Fleming...	140	146	164	L. Quill...	184	203	182	
				McGaul...	166	164	178	
Totals...	775	756	884					
Koshers.			Comas.			Totals...		
F. Smith...	160	197	172	Petersen...	194	195	185	
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Pearce...	131	169	141	J. Quill...	125	144	124	
G. Colter...	107	129	132	Rosenberg...	181	114	158	
C. Balz...	168	155	179					
Totals...	789	787	770					

ENGINEERS ROLL 821.

The Engineers and the Auditors No. 1 were the big winners in the Central Union Telephone Bowling League yesterday, taking their respective opponents, the Generals and the Auditors No. 2, into camp in three games. The Engineers hit the pins for a count of 821 in the third game, which was high. The Westerns and the Auditors No. 3 also gained by bagging two games from their respective foes, the Traffics and the Divisions.

Wilber of the Engineers did the best individual work, his score of 196 being high. Scores:

TURNER ALLEYS.									
Auditors No. 3.					Divisions.				
Shanahan	186	191	113	Gregg...	99	144	149		
W. Smith	141	127		Lewis...	127	154	139		
Fletcher...	137	133	105	Wayne...	112	73	110		
Leonard...	124		125	Shagheeny...	182	127	139		
Richardson...	144	129	128	Corra...	115	117	144		
Peterson...	155	147							
Totals...	672	735	619	Totals..	635	615	681		

WASHINGTON ALLEYS.

Engineers.				Generals.			
Bates...	145	167	134	Kelley...	145	161	133
Wilber...	138	143	196	Bowsher...	131	131	140
Forbes...	160	177	146	Conrad...	136		
Atwood...	134	148	168	Brooks...	158	138	180
Totman...	136	120	174	Rickenbach	123	144	161
				Redmund...	116	86	
Totals...				761	755	821	
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MARION ALLEYS.

Westerns.				Traffics.			
McNair...	119	152	117	DePeyerster	146	174	153
Johnson...	181	142	171	Kingman...	149	133	146
Bierma...	130	158	127	Allen...	114	91	133
Klatberg...	128	138	...	Holmes...	134	158	123
Hunt...	157	180	151	Fosdick...	124	149	173
Barnard...	104				
Totals...	715	770	670	Totals...	667	705	733

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Revise Old Habits.

Others who during the recent hunting season had accustomed themselves to dwell long in their aim realized ere the afternoon had passed that some of the habits they had acquired in field shooting would have to be revised somewhat before they could again hang up good scores in target shooting. However, the very perplexity of these many problems was a source of enjoyment to those who engaged in several events of the afternoon; and, despite the fact that the spirit of earnest rivalry among the contestants, which as all well know is the predominating feature in all shooting enterprises, was singularly lacking, yet the afternoon was well and pleasantly spent by all who participated.

The scores by events are as follows:

	Targets.											
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
Parry	18	19	17	15	17	16	16	14	10	11	8	84
Hawk	15	15	18	14	18	13		12	10	9	8	80
Nickle	17	15	16	19				8	6	7	7	80
Martin	13	14	18	13	18	17	14	10	10	7	7	77
Southern	16	14						4	3	7	5	75
Anderson	12	15	17	16	13	15		12	8	7	7	73
Bell	19	16	12	11				8	5	7	7	72
S. H. Moore	18	15	11	14	16	17	15	14	10	11	7	72
Short	10	14	15	14	17	15	14	10	10	7	7	71
B. H. Moore	18	17	13	14	12	9		12	8	7	7	67
Wanda	12	11	12	14				8	6	7	7	61
Platt	10	15	15	18	7			10	6	7	7	60
Wilson	11	14	11					6	6	7	7	58
Stuel	19	9	18	11				8	6	7	7	57
Neighbors	7	13	11	11	11			10	6	7	7	55
Ott	12	7	7	11	8			10	6	7	7	45
Ray	9	7						4	6	7	7	40

BRONSON CLUB IN HOT BATTLE

Retains Perfect Percentage in Local Amateur Polo League.

CITY AMATEUR LEAGUE.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Bronsons	2	0	1.000
Nelsons	1	0	1.000
Springdales	1	0	1.000
Kellars	0	1	.000
Gold Medals	0	1	.000
Armory	0	1	.000

The Bronson Club and the Springdales were the victors in the City Amateur Polo League last night, defeating their respective opponents, the Kellars and the Gold Medals, in interesting games. The score of the first contest was 2 to 1; the last, 4 to 0.

CASES GO OVER FOR ONE WEEK

Western Prize Fight Promoters Ask to Have Indictments Set Aside.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 18.—When the case of the prize fight promoters, accused of bribing supervisors to secure permits for pugilistic contests, came up in Judge Dunne's court today a motion was filed to set aside the indictments against James Coffroth, Eddie Graney, William Britt and E. E. Schmitz on the ground that they were invalid.

The cases were continued until next Saturday. The case of Abraham Ruef on a similar charge also went over for one week.

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WABASH SQUAD

Track Athletics Pro

ly at "Little Giant"

Weak in Pole

CRAWFORDSVILLE.

Track athletics are progressing at Wabash College, and the week of training at the end of the first year, which generally early training. Athletics M. Cayou has charge of and he is decidedly enthusiastic about prospects of turning out a championship aggregation to win both indoors and year.

At this early stage of hard to predict whether as evenly balanced as represented the "Little Giant '07 champions had a dual especially, owing to least one good man was on the program. Judge who have reported to date this year will be Both of last year's pole graduated and up to the one has showed up in worthy of mention for The pole vault was points on the team last

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Will Be Handled Locally.