

# Value of Racing as Seen By Will H. Brown of the Overland-Marion Automobile Company

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## WHY HE RACES MARIONS

"Perhaps one of the largest question marks in the automobile future is, 'How long will the racing game last?' This question was asked many years ago, and one man of my personal acquaintance resigned as manager of Barney Oldfield because he figured the sap was all gone out of the plum. Now he is back into the game and regrets the loss of several years' profits," said Will H. Brown, vice-president of the Overland-Marion Automobile company.

"Just now conditions seem to indicate that, but for Indianapolis made cars, racing would be in a sorry shape. This was shown at the Atlanta events. Does this signify anything, and if so, will it hurt the manufacturer?"

"If the bottom drops out of racing, as some pessimists predict, it will not injure us in the least, because the Marion cars we are now racing are stock cars pure and simple. They are exactly the same car any man buys. Racing is a good school to send them to. It shows us wherein they are strong and wherein they need a little improvement. It teaches the engineer who designs them intimate knowledge of his craft when seen under continued stress and strain. This is the reason we race. The car thus improves and the buyer profits. Of course we test our cars under difficult conditions before they are put on the market, but in a race there is more excitement and more competition and incentive to urge the car and get every ounce of power out of it. Racing is a great big fascinating game. It is distinct from horse racing, because it does not depend upon gambling. It creates a peculiar thrill of interest in the minds and hearts of the spectators, makes a brand new kind of heroes of the pilots and benefits every man interested in motor cars.

There is another side to the racing question that I like. Take, for instance, the Brighton Beach 24-hour race. We entered a little Marion stock car weighing only 1,870 pounds, and with a piston displacement of 255 cubic inches, against enormous foreign cars. Here was a chance for me to get comparisons. In many of the endurance runs of the country the entry list has been packed with cars that we consider inferior to ours. What credit then

to have defeated them? Then, too, had we won there would most probably have been a nasty wrangle for several weeks after the tour to decide who had a perfect score. In racing it is different, a victor is proclaimed the second the race is done. We have seen our car in action against worthy foes and superior higher priced ones. Thus I believe in racing as long as it is conducted on a clean basis for benefit of buyer and builder."

## WRESTLING BOUT TO BE HELD ON LATER DATE

CHICAGO, May 14.—The Zbyszko-Gotch wrestling match for the world's championship, which was to be held here on Decoration day and was called off by order of Mayor Busse, will be held some Saturday afternoon in June if the plans of the Empire Athletic club, which is promoting the match, are carried out. A meeting of the club was held Friday night and an effort to adjust matters was made. As soon as Gotch and Zbyszko are heard from negotiations will be taken up to hold the match at a later day.

## SHANK AT RACES.

LOUISVILLE, May 14.—Mayor L. W. Shank, of Indianapolis, was a guest of Mayor W. O. Head Friday afternoon at the races.

## CITY LEAGUE OPENS WITH TWO CONTESTS

The City league opens its season at South-side park Saturday with two games. The first game will be called at 2 o'clock. Overland vs. Marion Motor; the second game at 3:45, Atkins-Sheffield vs. Waverley. The Marion Club and Printers' Union teams will not play Saturday, as the Printers will play the Machinists at Washington park.

## CUBS MAKE TRADE.

CHICAGO, May 14.—The Chicago National league club Friday traded outfielder Miller, a recruit from San Francisco, to Boston in exchange for Pitcher Ritchie.

# BOOST FOR THE NEW \$10,000 Indianapolis National Athletic Club

Formerly the Washington Skating Rink. The first and only national athletic club in the state of Indiana. Club opens to members on the 5th of May. It will pay you to call and see Bert Ritchie, general manager and instructor. Membership \$5.00. Includes first month's dues. Dues thereafter \$1.00 a month. Manager's office old phone, Prospect 2199. Office open daily from 9 a. m. till 10 p. m.

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