

Notwithstanding this they and their customers come, and the cars are sold. At this show we estimated about 200 of our friends would be present, and we thought this would be a good time to give them a taste of the manner in which we get at the very heart of our factory and keep in touch with heads of departments and foremen, in giving a regular monthly dinner with a general discussion following as to factory conditions; so we started out to invite these agents and their subagents and were surprised to find 400 present at the La Salle Hotel. Some very apt speeches were made and far from its being a convivial occasion, all left feeling that we had learned something from each other, and the great harmony of our organization was proven beyond a doubt.

Give Free Discussions.

This gathering being so much of a benefit, it was deemed advisable to call a midday meeting the next day, and a more full and free discussion followed with practically the same crowd and more present, and as we closed the show with orders for practically 3,000 cars taken there, we can but feel that with the cars showing themselves the automobile game is now a business, or rather an industry, and we unite with our brother Indianapolis factories in congratulations to Indianapolis for its most remarkable showing at the most remarkable automobile show ever held.

That the people of Indianapolis and Indiana are alive and awake was not only shown by magnificent display of all their factories, but in the attendance of her individual citizens. It seemed that wherever one went he met some one from home, and a Chicago citizen's remark that "this looks like one big picnic from Indiana," certainly contained more truth than poetry.

So we are glad to be home tired and happy.

BOSTON AUTOISTS GET BUSY.

Plan to Boom Bay State A. A. for Coming Season.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 19.—An important meeting of the committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Bay State Automobile Association to discuss the welfare of the club was held recently. Although nothing was given out for publication because the propositions are to be presented to a special meeting of the club early next week, it is understood that the committee has some very interesting ideas for the betterment of this club, ideas which, if carried out, will stimulate the interest and greatly increase the membership.

It was the opinion of those at the meeting that Boston and suburbs had enough motorists to make this one of the strongest clubs in the country and with the proper spirit and harmony this end can be accomplished. The date of the special meeting of the club has not been set. The new measures to be proposed by this committee will doubtless be acted upon favorably.

The financial affairs of the club are in a flourishing condition and all that it needs is a little more activity in motoring circles to give it prestige among the other clubs in the country.

CHAMPS WILL COMPETE

ROBERTSON FACES DE PALMA

TWO HEROES OF AUTO RACE GAME
SIGN AGREEMENT TO FIGHT IT
OUT IN A BATTLE OF
CYLINDERS.

Of the automobile races scheduled for the early spring that which is attracting its share of attention is the \$5,000 track championship match between Ralph De Palma with his Flat Cyclone and George Robertson with his special track racing Simplex. This event is to take place the latter part of April or the second week in May and promises to be one of the most talked of matches of the year.

De Palma holds the present mile track championship with his many world's records, including that of a mile in 50 4-5 seconds, made at St. Paul; ten miles in 8:49 3-5, made at Grand Rapids, and 25 miles in 23:35. His cyclone has been rebuilt and is faster than ever. He has entirely recovered from the accident at Danbury, Conn., which smashed his car and sent him to the hospital for seven weeks. And he is going to defend his title against all comers.

Robertson is king of the American road and endurance race drivers. He has long coveted the sprint championship and to win it he has had the Simplex Company build him a car that is almost a duplicate of the Cyclone—only with a larger engine and what he considers a more perfect track driving frame.

Engine Is Powerful.

The engine develops 110-horsepower, the wheel base is ninety-nine inches and it is driven by double chains, with left side steering wheel.

During the Mardi Gras meet Robertson had to forego a meeting with De Palma through breaking a crankshaft. He was despondent over this mishap and offered all kinds of wagers that he could beat the Italian star. After much heated argument Homer C. George, manager of the Mardi Gras meet, offered to arrange a match between the two, with their track cars. The question of terms was difficult to decide, until Mr. George offered a \$5,000 purse for three to five mile heats, which is to be divided \$1,000 each for appearance with \$3,000 additional to the winner. Both signed articles of agreement upon this basis and Fred J. Wagner was secured to start the match.

The track over which the race will be run will be announced within a few days. The match will be in connection with a two-day meet and will be the star event of the first day, the three heats being decided in one afternoon. The match has international interest, as De Palma represents Italy's best and Robertson America's best.

Motor Car Lic

The following automobile obtained licenses from the during last week:

The People's Light and Overland.
W. R. Stewart, 2439 Broad
E. L. Paine, 29 North H
Bulck.
W. W. Critchlow, 1915 N
street, Waverley and Premie
House of Crane, Randolph.
C. M. Griffin, 2459 Nort
Jackson.
J. D. George, 1515 Park a
J. H. Greenberg, Hudson.
H. R. Bliss, 2905 North
Marmon and Waverley.
Brunson & Wright, 231 W
street, Bulck.
Polk Sanitary Milk Compe
Rapid.
O. C. Lukenbill, 1902 Ea
street, E-M-F.
J. Steiner, 2436 North Ne
Bulck.
Airless Tire Company, 811
ton street, American.
George R. Sullivan, 1525
street, Premier.
William F. Kuhn, 1404 Br
ley.
T. F. Gibson, 301 Massac
Cadillac.
L. J. Drake Jr., Bulck.
Hearsey-Willis Auto Com
Mitchell, Hupmobile and W
Mrs. F. J. Willis, 2517 No
street, Hupmobile.
Hugh J. McGowan, 1805
street, Hupmobile.
American Motor Car Com
Hugh Dougherty, 550 M
street, Waverley and Mar
Edwin King, 1559 South
Overland.
D. Jillson, 1424 North
Packard.
W. M. Jillson, 1424 North
Stevens "D."
A. D. Thomas, 654 Middle
Place, Marmon.
W. E. McCain, 1710 Le
Ford.
John R. Kingan, Bulck.
C. H. Morrison, 1420 No
street, Premier.

HUPMOBILE PLOW

Makes Best Time in 200
Test Powers

San Francisco automobile motor enthusiasts planned and contest Feb. 14 which tested endurance and power the anticipated.

The run carried the first over 200 miles of roads de through conditions not to be other season.

Among the contestants which came through with a perfect score, but with the fast as well. The fact of the Hupmobile won a perfect score the 200-mile run without mechanical trouble. The car's time for the 200 which meant an average of about twenty-seven miles per