

ceed at nominally 8 miles an hour in Central Park, New York city, where the afflux of visitors is certainly much greater in proportion to area than in any of the Memphis parks, and actually at a considerably faster speed before an arrest is made. In some other cities even higher speeds are allowed in the parks, though 8 miles an hour is probably the average limit in the parks of large cities. The 4 mile limit is impossible, and so slow a gait, instead of preventing the shying of horses would tend to increase it, as the machines have to be run on a low gear, which increases both noise and vibration, important factors in the frightening of horses. Hence, if the rules of the park board should fail to have the desired effect, it will probably be because they are too drastic as to speed.

### Serious Charge Against Automobile Driver.

Arthur Anson, of Cincinnati, seventeen years old, has been placed under arrest on a charge of murder alleged to have been committed with an automobile. On the evening of June 17 Anson drove a medium weight runabout belonging to his employer, A. L. Rich, when at the crossing of Blair and Sidney avenues the car collided with an aged woman, Mrs. Mary Niemeier, inflicting serious injuries, from which the victim died the next day. Anderson was at first placed under a charge of reckless driving and released under \$1,000 bail, but upon the death of Mrs. Niemeier he was rearrested charged with murder. Anson's employer states that the former at the time of the accident was running the machine for his own pleasure and without his (the owner's) consent. It is also alleged that shortly before the accident a police officer had made an ineffectual attempt to cause the accused man to slow down, and that the latter did not possess the required license to operate an automobile. Anson has been an inmate of the House of Refuge, where he was sent at the complaint of his mother, who was unable to control him.

Seven miles in the business district and 12 miles in the residence district have been decided upon by the council of Omaha, Neb., as the speed limits per hour for automobiles.

Cottagers on the ocean drive at Newport, R. I., have organized again to prevent overspeeding of automobiles on that thoroughfare, and have subscribed a fund to prosecute offenders.

William A. Fuller and Victor Paget, the young automobile operators who were charged with having caused the death of Daniel J. Crowley in Boston, Mass., on May 18, have been released after a hearing.

The city council of Nashua, N. H., have adopted an ordinance which provides that automobile and motor cycles shall carry lighted lanterns after dark. Another ordinance has been introduced limiting the

speed of automobiles and motor cycles to 6 miles an hour.

John H. Robinson, the chauffeur of C. G. Norton, of Milwaukee, Wis., was fined \$25 on June 17 for using a horn instead of a bell on his automobile.

The equalization board of Fremont, Neb., has adopted a resolution to list all automobiles which were in use in the county prior to April 1 of this year at \$50.

The Memphis, Tenn., city council has been petitioned by automobilists to pass an automobile ordinance limiting speed to 12 miles an hour in the old city districts and to 15 miles an hour in new districts or suburbs. This ordinance will be acted on at the next council meeting in July.

The Judiciary Committee of the Connecticut Legislature has favorably reported a bill providing that "except for the transportation of agricultural machinery, no motor vehicles shall be used on any highway for the purpose of drawing or propelling other vehicles loaded with freight, merchandise or property."

At a recent meeting of the common council of New Rochelle, N. Y., it was decided that the speeding of automobiles in the Boston post road through the city must stop, and the police commissioners were directed to enforce the ordinance. It is proposed to place gates at each end of the city to head off violators of the laws.

John C. Wright and E. F. Claypool have started a fight in the city council of Indianapolis, Ind., against John B. Cockrum's proposed automobile storage plant, to be constructed on East Vermont street, and have had introduced an ordinance preventing the construction of an automobile plant within the district where they are heavy property holders.

Mansfield, Ohio, has passed an automobile ordinance which provides that no automobilist may drive his machine within the corporate limits at more than 10 miles an hour; that he must be duly registered with the city auditor and given a number which he must display conspicuously on his machine; that he must keep one lamp burning in the night season; that he must provide himself with a whistle or bell, and that he must stop when signaled to do so by the driver of a horse conveyance. The penalty for violation is not more than \$100.

The House Committee on Ways and Means of the Massachusetts Legislature has reported that the automobile bill as re-committed ought to pass. The new draft is regarded as a compromise measure. The speed limit is fixed at 15 miles in the country and 10 miles in city limits; violations are punishable by a fine of not exceeding \$50 for the first offense and of \$100 for subsequent offenses and for operating an automobile after a suspension or revocation of a license by a fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment not exceeding ten days or both. The suggested license amendment permitting owners accompanied by someone who has a license to operate a machine is omitted.



In our recent description of the Phelps touring car we failed to mention that it is furnished with a detachable tonneau.

The Doctor of Science degree was conferred upon Peter Cooper Hewitt, inventor of the Hewitt mercury vapor lamp, at the commencement exercises at Columbia University recently.

On the latest types of Darracq cars with honeycomb radiator, in which the water spaces between the tubes are very narrow, distilled water is used to prevent filling up of the spaces with lime.

A. J. Kindall, of Bluffton, Ind., is building a 10 horse power steam machine for a piano delivery wagon and will make two seats, to be placed on the rear part of the wagon, to enable him to carry six passengers.

The Century Motor Vehicle Company, of Syracuse, N. Y., is reported to be considering an offer from the New Haven Cash Register Company to build a factory in that city.

The Baldwin Automobile and Cycle Chain Company have recently extended their business and are now making special and standard chain sprockets and are preparing to do gear cutting for automobile and other purposes.

Charles J. Glidden and Mrs. Glidden, of Boston, Mass., started on June 16 on an automobile trip to Christiania, Norway, and northward within the Arctic Circle. They carry the colors of the Massachusetts Automobile Club.

Barney Oldfield lowered the track record for one mile to 59 3-5 seconds on an elliptic track at Indianapolis on Saturday, June 20, and also reduced the time for five miles. The record was made in a pursuit race with Tom Cooper in his "999" racer, and the performance netted Oldfield \$1,200 from the race management.

E. T. Fetch, of Jefferson, Ohio, and M. C. Krarup, New York city, started from San Francisco, Cal., on Saturday, June 20, for a trip across the continent in a 12 horse power Packard car. The itinerary mapped out is as follows: San Francisco, Sacramento, Placerville, Carson City (Nev.), Reno, Wadsworth, Winnemucca, Salt Lake City (Utah), Green River, Glenwood Springs, Denver. A camping outfit is carried, the machine is geared specially low and an extra fuel tank has been fitted.

The Howard Automobile Company, 67 Dock street, Yonkers, N. Y., will shortly place on the market three styles of touring cars, viz., a two, a three and a four cylinder machine. The company has made arrangements with the Gas Engine and Power Company and Chas. L. Seabury & Co., Consolidated, Morris Heights, New York city, to manufacture the mechanical equip-