

Balloons

Thunder Storm
Ascension at

MILLIONAIRES TO WATCH CLOUD RACE

Will Attend the National Balloon
Event Here, Some Having
Entered Crafts.

PLANS ARE NOW COMPLETED

Every Entrant Is Expected Here
Within Twenty-Four Hours,
All Are En Route.

All now is ready for the national balloon races. It is the sport of millionaires and they are coming from many parts of the country to take part in their annual carnival of sport.

Altitudes is the all engrossing subject, while the predictions that this will be one of the greatest cities for aerial flight in the future have caused the Indiana Aero Club to spring up as by magic.

The roll of the Aero Club numbers more than ninety members, with new applications being received every day. The local club is now either the largest or the second largest in the United States and the indications are that the club will own more balloons than any club in the world inside of a year.

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*Pitcher Who Holds a
No-Hit, No-Run Record*



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Carl Fisher and Capt. G. L. Bumbaugh were prepared for a fly to Chicago, for, judging from the direction and rapidity of the wind, the vessel would easily have been carried there by daylight.

Several automobile parties were gathered at the Speedway watching the inflation and waiting to bid good-by to the night flyers, and the sudden interference from the weather man cast disappointment over the crowd of about fifty. Men and women, however, enjoyed the lunch prepared and promised to gather again tonight to see the postponed ascension.

The Speedway is an ideal place for aerial flight, with its splendid permanent equipment. Previous to this time when a balloon contest has been held the piping has been laid for just the single occasion, this, however, is the only instance in history that such is not the case, as the piping to the Speedway is permanent, and a hundred carnivals can be held as easily as one.

With the arrival of the pilots of the various crafts the interest has taken a decided move forward, while all of the noted aeronauts will be in the city ere the passing of the next twenty-four hours.

Forbes Gives Suggestions.

The local men are making many changes in their equipment since the arrival of A. Holland Forbes, who is perhaps the most noted aeronaut in the world. Forbes has made so many trips and under such various conditions that there is little about the game that he is not familiar with.

It is in the study of air currents and altitudes that the noted Easterner is the most celebrated. Government reports, statistics and careful observing of his aeronautical instruments (from a scientific point of view) is where the pilot of the New York will have his greatest advantage.

Most of the balloons, it will be noticed, will sail low, carrying all the ballast that they can hold, so as to maintain a long flight by unloading.

Forbes on the other hand will sail comparatively light, reaching for the high altitudes for the currents that he seeks, and with which he is so familiar, and it remains to be seen whether or not his predictions will come true that he does not search for them in vain.

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WALTER JUSTIS.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., June 2.—Local baseball fans are enthusiastic over the phenomenal work of Walter Justis, the crack no-hit pitcher of the Lancaster (O.) team, who is a Lawrenceburg product. In a recent game with Marion, in the Ohio State League, Justis permitted only thirty men to face him in nine innings and not a Marion player reached first after the second inning. Last season he pitched four such games for Lancaster and his friends in this city are rejoicing that his streak has not left him.

Justis first demonstrated his ability as a pitcher in the Manufacturers' League here in 1903, where he won seventeen out of eighteen games for the Bauer Cooperage Company team.

SEEK AUTO "JOY RIDERS"

TESTERS BECOME SLEUTHS

DRIVERS WHO "BREAK IN" NEW MOTORS FROM FACTORY FORM ORGANIZATION TO PROTECT AUTOISTS FROM "PIRATES."

Autoists who have been troubled by "joy riders" taking their cars and not returning them will now be protected by a new organization of detectives.

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He continued to rise for almost two miles before the monster settled, and then started the dangerous part of the affair.

The pressure forced most of the gas out of the bag, and when he did start down the drop was a rapid one.

As he came within 800 feet of the ground, however, he hit a strong ground air current, and this carried him clear of the woods to where there was a great clump of bushes.

Hand over hand he climbed up the netting as far as possible, and when the basket hit the brushes and crashed to the ground he dropped into it, thus breaking the fall.

He considers that the most narrow escape he ever had, and since then he has always impressed it upon the occupants of the basket that they must retain their places at all hazards.

The first race, the handicap, will start at 3:45 p. m., while the championship race will start at 4:45 p. m.

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OLDFIELD BEATS RECORD.

Signs Big Contract With Louisville Shriner Events Promoters.

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