

MAN SMASHING RACE TO-MORROW DEVIL MACHINE

Barney Oldfield to Do Some
Fast Automobiling.

Barney Oldfield Coming With
His Green Dragon.

EXHIBIT AT FAIRGROUND

Noted Automobile Driver Will Show Off
Saturday and Sunday—Local Auto
Enthusiasts Will Undertake to
Give Him an Audience—
His Record.

Barney Oldfield, famed for his daring as the king of automobile pilots, and his "two-miles-a-minute" Green Dragon, are slated to do many things in the space annihilating line at the fair grounds Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The announcement in yesterday's Capital of Oldfield's coming to Topeka, created much enthusiasm among the local automobilists who are co-operating to make the meeting a success. Barney Oldfield is known as the "dare-devil" because of his many daring drives of the modern juggernauts. Three years ago he caused sporting writers to smile derisively when he announced that a mile a minute on an automobile was possible.

It was not long afterwards that he made good his prediction by covering a mile on a circular course in 59 seconds, and in Florida last winter during the Beach races his "two-miles-a-minute" slogan was launched when the mile was covered by himself in the remarkable time of 32 4-5 seconds, or at a gait of nearly 120 miles an hour. Oldfield holds all the world's records for the automobile from one to fifty miles and has repeatedly defeated the speedy foreigners sent over for his scalp.

His right to the championship has never been questioned since he dethroned Henri Fournier, the Frenchman, several years ago. The successful piloting of a high powered racing car around a circular track is a sight that brings the audience to its feet in the attendant enthusiasm. Oldfield is at all times the complete master of the big cars and only three times has he crashed through the fence. Each time the accident was caused by a competitor.

His worst fall occurred in St. Louis last August, when blinded and choked by the dust and dirt thrown up by a competitor he was passing on the turn, he crashed through the fence and killed three careless spectators who had not heeded the warning signs, and crowded close to the track. Oldfield himself, was crushed and torn, with four broken bones. He was in a hospital for ten weeks, and announced his retirement from the racing game the day after the wreck. His love for the

Several Local Races Have Been Arranged—Track Is in Good Condition.

Barney Oldfield, the greatest of all the motor car drivers, who comes as the star feature of the big automobile meet scheduled for Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the fair grounds, is here with his three machines and corps of assistants. Few professional athletes have attained such an exalted position in their respective professions as has Barney Oldfield.

Three years ago Oldfield began the construction of a home-made machine that afterwards revolutionized the construction of racing cars. With his crude speed creation the champion met the foreign drivers and defeated them in short order, and then went



Barney Oldfield as he appears when driving the "Green Dragon."

after the world's speed records. He soon captured all the recognized marks and has never been defeated since. His nerve and daring in handling the giant automatons has made him the sensation of the automobile world.

Oldfield brings with him the famous "two-miles-a-minute" Green Dragon, the car with which he covered the record mile of 32 4-5 seconds straightaway on the Florida Beach, and the almost equally famous Red Rover, which is his favorite car for handicap races. In addition to the racing cars, Oldfield carries a monster touring car of forty-horse power.

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Reproduction of drawing from Chicago An St. Louis last August. Two were killed and twenty had crowded too close to the fence.

DAY OF AUTO RACING.

Six Events at the Fair Grounds Tomorrow.

Eight drivers and thirteen cars have been entered for the automobile races at the race track at the fair grounds on Saturday afternoon, the premier number of which will be attempt of Barney Oldfield, the world's most famous driver, to break the world's mile record of 1:14 for a circular track.



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The committee on arrangements, headed by Chairman Taylor, is arranging a program for local cars in addition to the Oldfield races. Oldfield will drive his Red Rover against some of the local machines and the Green Dragon in the time trials.

The local track is said to be one of the best in the country and will be put in the best of shape. Oldfield will attempt to lower all the marks for half mile racks. He broke four records of this class in Joplin last Saturday. Oldfield and the racing cars will reach the city today. The Green Dragon and Red Rover, with a monster touring car of forty horse power comprise the "stable."

Arrangements are being made for an illuminated parade Saturday night.



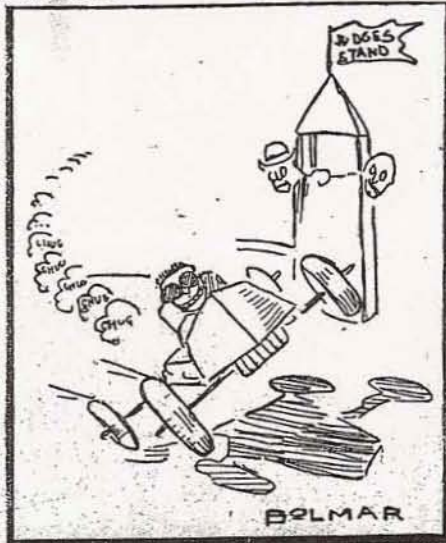
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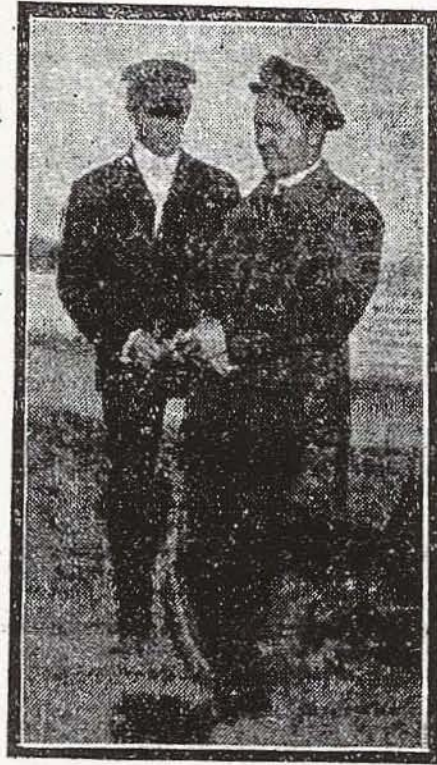
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There will be several races on the program in addition to Oldfield's record trials and races. The local drivers will be given an opportunity to display their talents and the committee in charge of these races will announce the entries soon. An illuminated parade is being arranged for Saturday night. The track is being put in the best of shape. The Green Dragon and Red Rover will be placed on exhibition on the streets tomorrow.



Barney Oldfield, champion autoist appears in Topeka at fair grounds.

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Kid McCoy and Barney Oldfield.

The entries are as follows: William Taylor, 3 Rambler cars; Mr. Woodward, 1 car; J. M. Padgett, 1 car; Mr. Swearingen, 1 car; Mr. Patterson, 1 car; Geo. Burghart, 2 cars; Mr. Matthews, 1 car; Dr. J. C. McClintock, 1 car; Barney Oldfield, Peerless Green Dragon and Peerless Red Rover cars.

The events for Saturday afternoon's program are as follows:

1. Two mile race for single cylinder machines.
2. Two miles free-for-all.
3. Two miles, start and stop.
4. Touring car novelty race.
5. Five miles handicap.
6. Barney Oldfield driving Peerless Green Dragon against world's record from one to five miles on one-half mile circular track.

The races will start promptly at 3 o'clock. The following officials have been chosen: Referee, William Taylor; judges, J. M. Padgett, E. D. Osborne, Frank Billings; timers, Chief of Police Goodwin, Charles Samson, Ralph Montgomery; starter, O. P. Updegraff; scorer, George Burghart.

Mr. Oldfield was on the track this afternoon and speeded several miles in his racing car, going the distance of a mile in 1:15, just a second more than the world's record. He says that the track is the finest of its kind in the west, and that he thinks that he can drive a mile on Saturday in 1:11. "I am sure that I can clip from three to four seconds off the record here in Topeka," he said this afternoon as he left the track.

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