

# AUTO RACES TO-DAY TO BE VERY FAST

Young Strang Negotiates a Mile in :56.

## SEVERAL GOOD STOCK RACES

Are on the Card, Ranging From Five Miles Upward—Strang Will Also Try for Five Mile Record Today After His Mile Trial.

Chris Christie Strang, driving his machine near the big Christie direct-drive racer, again lowered the local track record yesterday afternoon in practice by covering a mile in 56 seconds. Just previous to this mile, Strang had covered a fast mile in 57 seconds. The track was dusty and soft in spots, and the huge clouds of dust thrown up by the giant racer made the performance most spectacular. Several adjustments of the carburetor were made to make the use of a high test gasoline possible. This gasoline will increase the speed of the car on the stretches, and Mr. Christie said last night that Strang would cover a mile to-day close to 59 seconds. The track is being worked under directions from Christie, and the track superintendent promises this course will be lightning fast for the afternoon's races.

In addition to the Christie car several of the local drivers who are to compete to-day in the stock car races were cheered by enthusiasts who crowded the grandstand throughout the afternoon. Duncan Dorris, driving a Dorris car; John Green, driving Wm. J. Cummins' Oldsmobile; Newman Hill, driving his Pope-Hartford; and Edward Sweeney, driving his six cylinder Stevens-Duryea, all are fast.

The programme for the local races will be made up this morning, but entries will not close until past time this afternoon. There will be three or four stock races and the following cars are expected to furnish great and exciting finishes in events which will range in distance from five miles upward. Wm. J. Cummins's Thomas Flyer, driven by John Green; Ed Sweeney's Stevens-Duryea; Newman Hill's Pope-Hartford; W. F. Glenn Jr.'s Oldsmobile; Cleve Sumner's Ford; Joe Roler's Rambler; Duncan Kenner's Oldsmobile and a Dorris car, probably driven by Duncan Dorris.

The following gentlemen have been selected to officiate during the meeting. Referee—William J. Cummins; Judges—John T. Landis, W. H. Davis, C. Simms and Frederick Bailey; Timers—J. W. Russwurm, H. E. Palmer, James E. Chappell and Richard Yancey Jr.; Starter, and Announcer—Jack Prince, Clerk of the Course—Robert Raines.

The first race will start promptly at 4 o'clock but it will probably be a little after 4 o'clock before the drive by the Christie car will be made for the mile record. A five-mile record trial will also be made by the same car later in the afternoon.

### MEN YOU KNOW

Barney Oldfield, the famous auto racing champion, is in the city with his wife. He will go against his record at Cumberland Park tomorrow.

## TO RACER OLDFIELD IS ROASTED BY JUDGE

When 300 Braus avenue, was fined \$25 by Municipal Judge Newcomb for exceeding the automobile limit. Barney Oldfield, the racer, for automobile was not exceeding limit an hour. When the court expressed surprise Oldfield said he was not the machine, and his home is in

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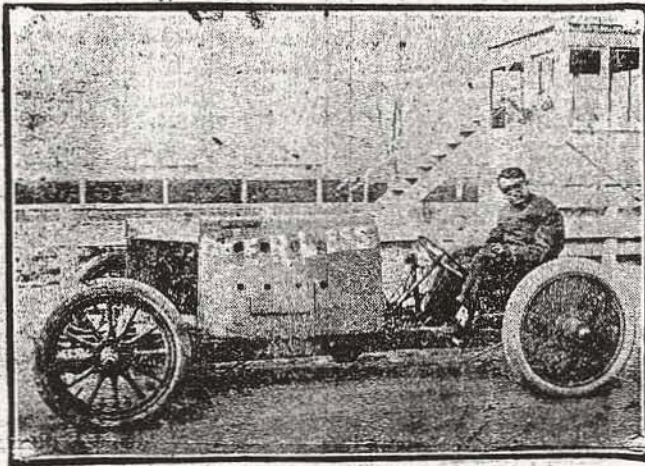
Barney Oldfield, the dean of dare devils, and one of the world's greatest automobile drivers, is arranging to come to Nashville on the same day that the President of the United States is to pay his visit. The meet will take place on the afternoon of Oct. 22, and with the large crowds of visitors who will be in the city at the time it should draw record attendance.

In addition to Oldfield and his Green Dragon, the car which holds all world's track records from one to fifty miles, Olive Savin, the young Southerner, will pilot his almost equally famous car, the Red Devil, in the events. There will be match races between the racing cars, best two out of three heats, open to the world.

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for a liberal purse, and Oldfield and Savin will also take part in record trial runs to establish world and track records. The free-for-all handicap will have one of the racing cars on scratch, while the local machines will be given long starts to enable them to fairly compete in this event.

The programme will consist of eight events in all, four of which will be for racing cars, while the other four, one of which will be the handicap in which one of the racers will be on scratch will be made up from the list of local machines. This will include a novelty race and a race for runabouts as well as special events for full equipped cars in their respective classes. In the derby of endurance there will be a \$150 trophy offered, while a special prize will be given to the driver in cash.

The entry blanks for the meet will be printed tomorrow. E. A. Moross, manager of Barney Oldfield, arrived in the city yesterday, and was much surprised to learn of the other meet advertised. In

## NEW RECORDS MAY BE MADE.

Good Programme of Auto Racing Has Been Arranged.

Final Appearance of Oldfield in Los Angeles.

Hanshue and Seibel to Meet in Big Motor Race.

This afternoon there will be a good programme of automobile track racing at Agricultural Park. The principal events are a fifty-mile Derby for touring cars, a race for blood between Harris Hanshue and Bruno Seibel, and the attempt by Barney Oldfield to low-

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On the last mile of the five-mile race last Sunday, Oldfield broke a crank shaft. He wired to Oldfield for a new one, but to avoid any delay he took the shaft from his big sixty-horsepower touring car and put it in the Green Dragon.

There is also the possibility that Dana Burke's "999" will be ready for racing to-day. A new engine has been put in the old car and when it is working good miles under a minute will be nothing unusual.

There will be in addition to the racing cars a number of classy stock car events. The free-for-all roadsters will race again and the fifty-mile race which aroused such interest last Sunday will be repeated today. Already half a dozen well known cars have entered and numerous bets have been made on the result.

The cupid-race should provide plenty of fun. A number of cars have been entered, among them Eddie Maires' Peerless. This is a speedy car and Mr. Mair certainly knows how to drive it to the best advantage.

The following is the complete program: Event No. 1—50 Miles. Runabout motor derby open to any fully equipped stock touring car carrying four passengers. Mufflers can be removed. Valuable cup to winner. Event No. 2—5 to 10 Miles. Open to stock roadsters, regardless of weight, horsepower or price. Trophy cup. Event No. 3—5-Mile Novelty Race. Open bet of \$100, and, irrespective of the outcome of the race, these three men will fight it out for the \$300 purse. Jeffreys has entered his Cadillac in this race to show the public what a single-cylinder car can do in an endurance contest.

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The contestants in the Cupid race, which will be five miles, are Eddie Maires' New Peerless, Jacoby's Thomas, which won the Cupid races last Saturday and Sunday; Smith's Elmore, and Don Lee's Cadillac. The management has decided to mark off the space in front of the grandstand in which these cars will come to a stop to take off their lady passengers. In case the car runs over the mark, it will have to come back. In case it should stop too soon, it will have to move up. It is expected that this rule will make the race a more even

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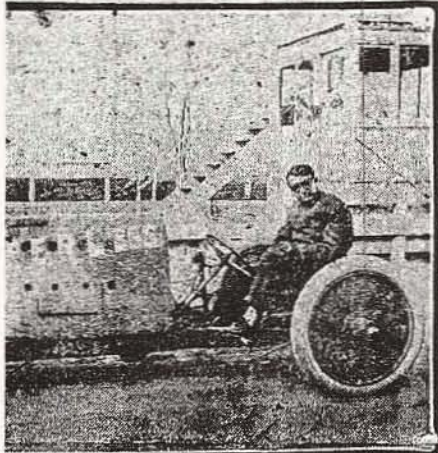
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"Savin has the reputation of being the only driver of a racing car who has lived through the accident of turning turtle. When in an event on the St. Louis track his front wheel broke off at the axle and the car turned with him, breaking both of his shoulders, his arms and one of his legs, as well as several ribs, the fact that he continued in the game after that was proof of his possessing the necessary qualities."

"Oldfield will arrive in the city this morning, while his cars will reach here Monday. Several of the local dealers, particularly the Southern Automobile Company, have stated a willingness to have several of their machines at the meet in which Oldfield will be the card, while the management will also try to arrange to have Christie remain over to take part in the sweepstakes events with Savin and Oldfield."

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Event No. 6—5 miles for 8-cylinder cars costing \$2000 or less. Cup to winner.

Event No. 7—Record trials open to racing cars.

Event No. 8—Race for 2-cylinder cars. Three miles. Fully equipped to cost less than \$2000. Cup to winner.

Oldfield has been working all week in repairing the damage to his crankshaft last Sunday, and reports his machine in fine condition. He spent all day yesterday on the track. His first event today will be a five-mile exhibition. This is Oldfield's last appearance in Los Angeles, and he wants to break the record which he made at Agricultural Park three years ago. He promises that his world's mark of 53 seconds for a mile on a circular track will be broken today.

A new race to be introduced today will be a three-mile novelty. Each machine will start with three passengers, run a mile, come to a stop within a designated space, drop its three passengers, start, run a mile, stop, pick up its three passengers again and finish.

The big event of the day will be the five-mile race between Oldfield in the "Green Dragon," Seibel in the "Red Devil," and Hanshue in the "Reo Bird."

The fifty-mile event will be started at 1:20 o'clock.

Machines and vehicles will be admitted to the enclosure before 1:30 o'clock and again after the end of the first race. After the second race has begun no more machines will be permitted to cross the track.

# OLDFIELD WAS ARRESTED

## Was in Car Which Is Said to Have Hit Buggy.

## Toledo Man Was Later Released—Owner of the Machine Was Held.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Barney Oldfield and two companions in a racing automobile were chased through the downtown streets by policemen in a large touring car yesterday and arrested after an exciting pursuit. Oldfield and a negro machinist were later released, but O. L. Wilson, owner of the machine, was held.

The police charge that Oldfield and his companions were driving north in Michigan avenue at a furious rate and that they ran into and demolished a carriage, throwing its occupants to the street.

A boulevard policeman sprang into another automobile and chased Wilson's machine several blocks before the racing machine was caught.

Wilson told the police that as he had not noticed the collision he had not stopped when ordered to do so. The occupants of the carriage were not severely hurt.

be on hand to do the speed stunts. Interest in the racing program will be keen among the dealers and their share of the eight events which go to make up the program, will be good.

A match race has been arranged between an Elmore, a Crawford and a Franklin, owned by A. J. Spith, Bliss Dudley and Ralph Hamlin, for a pool of \$300, said to be for real money. There should be nothing slow about this.

The balance of the program will be made up of a 50-mile endurance run for stock cars, an open race for runabouts, a cupid race, roadster race, speed trials by Oldfield, Seibel and Hanshue and probably some added events.

The first race, the endurance run, will start at 1:30.

Plenty of "I am making a car," said Barney Oldfield, "I'm the first man going to be lost about me just sh. They're jealous. I broke my own circular track at a few weeks ago, and me for running a that for machinery were proved false, good standing now. Oldfield says he' cause the life ins refuse him as too; had six narrow es and expects to get but that doesn't fea Mr. Oldfield is th tomobilist in the wled a mile on a : in thirty-two secon of nearly 120 mile He races today a He appeared in Sprague street trac and went from h where he was near tempt to make his fence.

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