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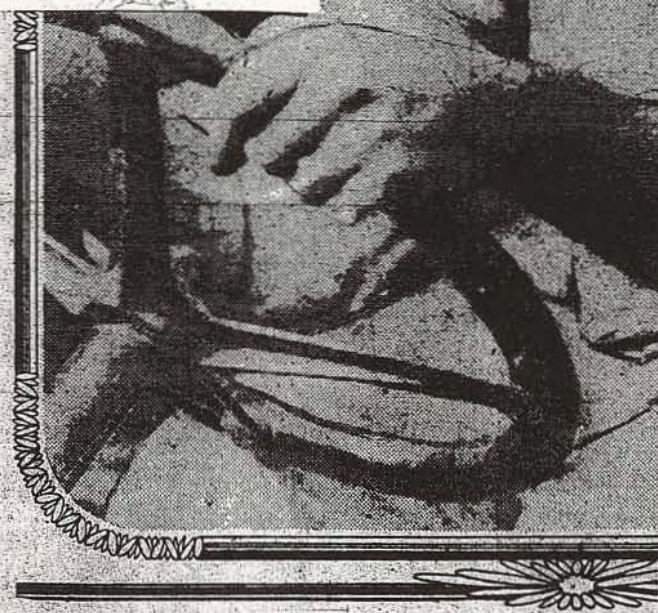
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This great speed autoist really does not know what his 100-horse car will do, as he has never given it a speed trial. He received it from the factory on the Saturday before he left Cleveland, and after a preliminary try-out on Sunday he started for Minneapolis. The powerful engines worked beautifully on the trip without a skip, but just how fast the car will go the driver does not know. He knows that the big racer is very speedy and that it will make the mile on the circular track well under a minute, but he will first have to try it out in actual

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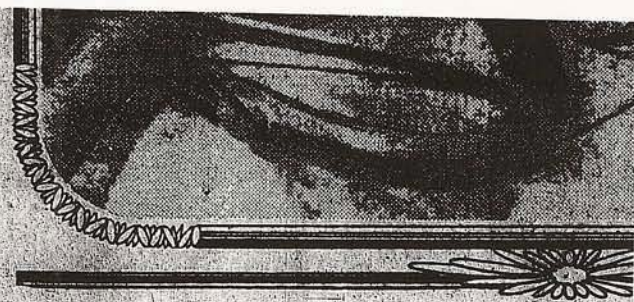
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Enthusiasts at San Diego, California, are promoting the construction of a \$25,000 straightaway automobile speedway at Coronado beach. The profits accruing from the Thanksgiving Day meet at which Barney Oldfield appeared, have been made a nucleus of the \$25,000 fund.



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San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 9—Now that it is certain that Barney Oldfield is to lend color to the first big race meet out here, the one that will be held on the Ingleside race track of this city on Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7, enthusiasm among the devotees of the motor car is more than high. The Del Monte automobile race meet was a notable one, but the coming meet will be one that will go down into coast history as more famous.

The committee having charge of the Automobile Club of California's meeting is leaving nothing undone to make the event the most successful ever held in Western United States. The following gentlemen have charge of the races: Samuel Buckbee, E. P. Brinegar, L. P. Lowe, E. Courtney Ford, N. T. Messer, Jr., and Charles W. Hawkins.

A week ago today Charles B. Shanks, of the Winton Motor Carriage Co., arrived here, accompanied by Mrs. Shanks. Tomorrow he will bid good-by to Frisco and leave for Los Angeles. From the southern city Mr. Shanks intends to journey direct to Cleveland. Mr. Shanks seemed exceedingly well pleased with the business being done on this coast with the Winton touring car and, in fact, was very well satisfied with automobiling in California in general. One day during his visit Mr. Shanks paid a visit to the Ingleside race track, where the events are to be run off. The track is 20 feet narrower on the stretch than is the Empire city track, and "of course those score of feet count," said the easterner. "Oldfield will not make as good time as he is accomplishing east," continued Shanks, "but I expect him to come close to the minute, as your track is easily as good on the surface as are ours."

"Should Oldfield not come," said Mr. Shanks, "one of the Winton company's other racing men will accompany the vehicles." Mr. Brinegar said that he thinks that Oldfield will appear and that in the course of a week it would be known definitely whether the American champion will come.

A petition has been filed in the probate court at Detroit, Mich., by William Shearer, asking to be appointed administrator of the estate of his son, Frank J. Shearer, who was killed by Barney Oldfield's automobile at the Grosse Pointe track on September 9. The object of the administration is to enable the petitioner to prosecute a claim for \$20,000 damages against the Winton Motor Carriage Co. on the ground of negligence. Aside from this claim the estate consists of nothing. The heirs are the parents, a sister and a brother.

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