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# FLORIDA AGAIN WILL BE SCENE OF RACES

Famous Speed Course on Ormond Beach Will Afford Excellent Sport.

MANY MACHINES WILL ENTER

Introduction of Motocycles, Marathon and Other Events Promises Successful Meet.

The famous Florida Beach races will be held after all. This, notwithstanding that preparations for the meet have been embarrassed by some very peculiar reasonings on the part of the contest boards of the American Automobile Association and the Automobile Club of America.

At the meeting of the Florida East Coast Automobile Association a full presentation of the facts in connection with the sanction dispute and the new rules to govern automobile racing were presented, having been sent by W. J. Morgan, who has always represented the association in New York and arranged the tournaments for the Ormond Beach, with the exception of last winter's events, which the Automobile Club of America undertook to arrange.

Morgan pointed out that the A. C. A. contest board had decided that a sanction was not necessary for the meet as long as the word "international" was omitted and explained a fact already known that all previous meets on the Ormond Beach have been highly international, and world's records from one to 300 miles under international rules have been made on the beach. The association evidently took a very humorous view of the sit-



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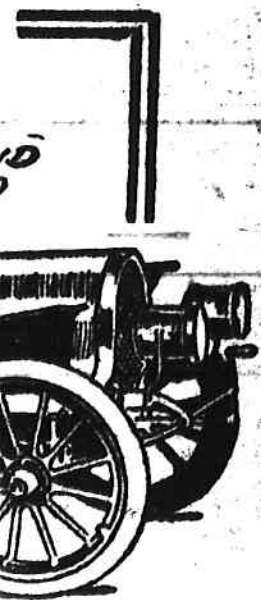
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The fact that the rules have not been formulated for the run, and it has already been sanctioned in an informal way by the A. C. A. contest board, further lends assistance to the belief that the aforesaid contest board is either highly humorous or believes that there is no humor in others.

#### Fitzgerald Pulled for Races.

Secretary Fitzgerald of the Florida East Coast Association spared no expense in the way of a telegram to the New York representative and told him to go ahead and pull off the races and that the association would stand solidly behind him, and if he thought the association should resign from the A. A. A. it would do so.

To this suggestion the representative has replied advising that it stick to the A. A. A. in order to await further developments and doings of the present contest board. On receipt of this news word was sent to all those interested in racing that the meet is on and that the \$4,500 in cash prizes was deposited in the Merchants Bank, Daytona, according to the new rules, and that everything possible will be done at Daytona to make the meet a grand success.

#### Should Be Successful.

The motorcycle Marathon and other races will surely be a great success, as half a dozen entries were made yesterday, comprising the Indian, Curtiss, F-N and other makes of two-wheelers. Joseph Fogler, the famous six-day bicycle rider, is to try for a world's bicycle record behind an automobile, and he thinks he can do faster time than has ever been done in the world on a bicycle. Chairman R. F. Kelsey of the board of control of the National Cycling Association has called on the Florida Beach meet representative and assured him of the entry of a dozen of the greatest riders in the United States, who will struggle for cash and medals at short distances in straight-away races on the famous speed sand course.

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#### NEW YORK, March

of a newly incorporated company called the Auto Report realized there will be an increase in this town. For them it will be or about 7 cents a day. The company agrees to employ a force of men to make daily reports to the public as to just what use they make of their absence.

The company in its

says:

"We propose to protect the owners against the unlicensed cars, otherwise called 'bat' cars. Our methods the waste of lubricating oil, wear and tear on the tires and tires will be obviated by the best possible service from the company. In many instances a disrepair, causing expensive repairs and destruction, will be avoided.

The protection afforded the chauffeur as to the car, renders the garage proprietor and his employes, liable to determine when to remove the car from the street if the chauffeur has finished his day.

Upon subscribing a member of the company is affixed a badge of the car, which will be valuable in acting as a deterrent to those who might be tempted to tamper with the car properly.

#### Have Competent

A number of competent men are employed to patrol the streets of New York and the vicinity, both day and night, and upon encountering a car without the company's device they will note the license number, time, place, and tails regarding the occurrence. As they may be able to identify the car and every case where such a device is made the company will be able to identify the car, in a plain and simple manner as follows:

New York

Subscription No. 999.

Car seen at Coney Island on March 12, 1909; time 10:30; occupants, chauffeur, woman; license marks, woman wore red hat.

Appropriately enough, the company is a "Bat."

Nor is the protection

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