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OPENING OF BOARD MOTORDROME NEAR LOS ANGELES, CAL., PROM-ISES TO DRAW ENTHUSIASTS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Reports from California state that automobile thereabout are well pleased with the announcement that many star drivers have signed entry blanks for the opening meet of the new board motordrome at Playa del Ray, near Los Angeles. Although the "great planked dish" opening is three weeks off, being on the schedule for April 8, motor car enthusiasts of the far coast are already speculating on what meeting will bring forth. The signed entries of George Robertson, Ralph Palma, Frank Lescault and Caleb Bragg, as well as the tentative entry of Edward Hearne, the Chleago amateur, boomed the races to no small extent.

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Ray, where the new board track is located, that he has been obliged to close up the entrances to the gaucer entirely.

Motorists are indeed curious to see the new course, and while they will be most welcome to try it with touring cars or speed machines, when completed, the management has laid down a castiron rule to bar all cars from the "great planked dish" until the three subways are built and certain improvements recommended by Chairman Butler of the contest board of the A. A. A. and the management itself are finished.

Improvements to Be Made.

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Jack Prince, the designer and builder, is elated because surveyors who measured the track for the A. A. A. found the distance around to be 5,283.145 feet along the black line three feet from the bottom of the track, only three and a frac-This is tion feet off mathematically. most remarkable, as Prince made all his measurements when the ground was covered with weeds and when there was no landmark except the rod stuck in the center.

AUTO AIDS IN LION HUNT.

Follows Escaping Beast Until Driver Comes Within Range for Killing.