

OPENING OF MORRIS PARK.

Special Match Races and Speed Trials Arranged for May 20.

The well-known Morris Park race track, located in the Borough of the Bronx, New York City, will be thrown open to the public for the first time as an automobile race course on Saturday, May 20, this being the occasion of the first of a series of ten race meets scheduled for the season under the auspices of the Morris Park Motor Racing Club. The main track is 1 5-16 miles in circumference, and in addition there is an inner course of one mile, and a straight-away 100 feet in width and three-quarters of a mile in length. The average width of the home stretch on the main track is 100 feet, while that of the back stretch averages 125 feet in width. The turns have been well banked and oiled, and the entire course has been rolled hard and smooth, making the surface ideal for automobile racing.

In addition to the list of events as previously announced in these pages, there will be a match race between Barney Oldfield, driving the Peerless *Green Dragon*, and Charles Basle, who will drive H. L. Bowden's *Flying Dutchman No. 1*, the Mercedes racer with which Mr. Bowden covered the mile at Ormond last January in 32 4-5 seconds, the fastest mile recorded for an automobile.

It was originally announced that Oldfield would appear against H. W. Fletcher, in the De Dietrich car, in which he lowered the world's one-mile road record in Cuba last February, but some doubt was expressed as to his being able to have the machine in shape in time for this meet, so Basle and the *Flying Dutchman* were substituted instead. Oldfield is now in Cleveland, where the *Green Dragon* is being overhauled and "tuned up" for this event. In addition to his match race, he will endeavor to lower the mile track record now held by himself.

Major C. J. S. Miller has entered his 30-horsepower Renault, and will drive the car in the amateur class. This car, it will be remembered, with Joseph Tracy at the wheel, scored second in the recent Cuban road race. Hollander and Tangeman, of New York, have entered a 90-horsepower F. I. A. T.; William Wallace, of Boston, has challenged Major Miller for a race at ten miles for a suitable cup, or a side bet of \$1,000, and if such a race is arranged Mr. Wallace will drive his F. I. A. T. racer.

In addition to the cars mentioned, a number of new racing machines will be seen in public for the first time at this meet, among them being R. E. Old's *Reo Bird*, a White steamer, which has been entered for the Vanderbilt cup race, and a Franklin mid-dleweight car, the property of E. H. R. Green.

The races are scheduled to start promptly at 2 o'clock p. m., and, judging from the number of fast machines and prominent drivers entered, if favored with good weather, present track records should be broken.

EMPIRE TRACK RACES.

List of Events for Opening Meet on Decoration Day.

The Empire City Club, under whose auspices a number of automobile race meets will be held during the season at the Empire City track, Yonkers, has announced the list of events for its opening meet, to take place on Tuesday, May 30, Decoration Day.

The list of events, which includes six separate events, and provides for several

types of cars from stock runabouts to racers, is as follows:

Diamond Cup race, five miles, free-for-all, flying start—Trophy awarded manufacturer whose car wins it three times.

Dealers' Handicap, two miles—Cars to be regularly listed models, with full catalogue equipment; cars listed at \$3,500 to be placed on scratch, others to be allowed 30 yards for each \$100 decrease in price. Cars subject to sale at prices named. Prize, \$100 cup.

Yonkers Cup, five miles, free-for-all—First prize, \$100 cash or plate; second prize, \$50 cash or plate.

Empire Cup Handicap, five miles, free-for-all—First prize, \$100 cup; second prize, \$50 cup.

Mount Vernon Cup, three miles—Cars weighing 881 to 1,432 pounds. Prize, \$100 cup.

Westchester Cup, three miles—Touring cars costing \$2,500 and less, equipped per catalogue specifications, except that lamps, baskets, tops, mud guards and mufflers need not be carried. Each car to carry three passengers in addition to driver. Cars to line up with dead engines and with all passengers aboard. At starter's signal engines are to be started and race begins. First prize, \$100 cup; second prize, \$50 cup.

The entries will close with Frank J. MacKain, secretary, 390 Washington street, New York City, on May 22.

WORCESTER HILL CLIMB.

Officials Named—Two Additional Events Provided—Many Entries Received.

Special Correspondence.

WORCESTER, May 15.—The hill climbing committee of the A. C. of Worcester met at the Bay State Hotel on Saturday afternoon, and after the meeting the following officials for the contest to be held on Dead Horse hill on May 25 were announced: Referee, Elliott C. Lee; judges, S. M. Butler, Lewis R. Speare and James Dorr; starter, Asa Goddard; clerk of the course, Frederick E. Frost; assistants to clerk, H. P. Bagley and O. M. Savels; umpires, G. O. Draper, Carl H. Paige, W. B. Clark and Ira P. Smith; scorer, James Murphy; checkers, H. C. Goulding and William A. Chaffin; marshal, Sergeant Hill of the police department.

It has not yet been determined what timing apparatus will be used, though the committee is negotiating with the Boston Chronograph Club and the McMurtry people.

Dead Horse hill was surveyed last week, and was found to be just one mile long. There is a 200-yard down grade stretch just before the starting line is reached, and the mile drive shows a gradual rise of 325 feet. That portion of the hill which comes under the jurisdiction of the Worcester street department has been repaired and put in good condition, and the Leicester officials will commence work at once to put in shape the remainder of the course.

A number of entries have been received from New York and Boston owners. Hollander and Tangeman on Saturday entered a 90-horsepower F. I. A. T. and the Grout Special steamer, which climbed the Pecowsic Hill in 34 seconds during the recent contest of the Springfield Club, has also been entered.

Kalamazoo is becoming metropolitan in its way. Automobile drivers are being arrested and fined for driving their machines beyond the speed limit.—*Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette.*

NATIONAL RACING CIRCUIT.

A.A.A. Announces Dates for Championship Series—Sanctions Granted.

The Racing Board of the American Automobile Association has announced through its chairman, Robert Lee Morrell, plans for the National Automobile Racing Circuit and method of determining the track championship for 1905, which will be decided by a point score. The provisions are as follows:

In order to become eligible for this championship series, an entrant must obligate himself to compete at all circuit meets as long as his point score places him first or second position in the championship table.

There will be added to the cost of a regular sanction \$25, and the entire amount obtained in this manner will be expended in the form of a special trophy, to go to the owner of the car scoring the greatest number of points during the series.

The free-for-all championship race will be open to machines of all recognized types and weights, with the first prize not less than \$150 cash, or plate, at the option of the winner. The distance shall not be less than five, nor more than ten miles. The winning car will be credited in the point scoring with 4 points, the second with 2 points, and the third with 1 point.

Circuit racing dates as at present arranged are as follows:

June 10, Morris Park, New York City.

June 16, 17, Hartford, Conn., A. C. of Hartford.

June 21, Baltimore, Md., A. C. of Maryland.

June 24, Philadelphia A. C. of Philadelphia.

June 28, 29, Pittsburg, Pittsburg A. C.

July 3, 4, A. A. A. Meet, Morris Park, New York City.

July 22, Empire City track, New York City.

August 1, 2, Grand Rapids, Mich.

August 4, 5, Detroit, Motor Club of Detroit.

August 11, 12, Cleveland, Cleveland A. C.

August 18, 19, Buffalo, A. C. of Buffalo.

August 26, to be granted.

September 4, Boston, Boston A. C.

September 9, Providence, Rhode Island A. C.

September 23, Morris Park, New York City.

September 29, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

September 30, Empire City track, New York City.

The board has granted sanctions for the following meets:

May 20, Morris Park, New York City.

May 25, Worcester Hill Climb, Worcester, Mass., A. C.

May 27, 29, 30, Chicago, Chicago A. C.

May 30, Boston, Bay State A. A.

May 30, Empire City track, New York City.

June 3, Brighton Beach, New York City.

June 17, Empire City track, New York City.

July 4, Columbus, Ohio, Columbus A. C.

July 6-8, St. Paul, A. C. of St. Paul.

July 15, Morris Park, New York City.

July 20, Morris Park, New York City.

RENE DE KNYFF INJURED.

A cablegram from Paris reports the serious injury to Chevelier Rene de Knyff and his companion while making a trial run over the Gordon Bennett Cup course last Sunday. While traveling at a high rate of speed his car ran into another vehicle and the machine was overturned, its driver sustaining several broken ribs and injuries about the head, while his companion was also considerably hurt.