

Three Days' Events in Chicago.

Special Correspondence.

CHICAGO, May 27.—Racing for the season of 1905 in Chicago began to-day when the first day's events of the three-day meet were held at the Harlem track, ten miles west of the City Hall. The weather was fine, and 5,000 spectators were in attendance, comfortably filling the grandstand and parking 175 automobiles

in the *Green Dragon*, in 5:10, Carl Fisher finishing in second place. In the final Oldfield finished in second place.

The final was a hard-fought battle between Webb Jay and Oldfield, Jay taking the first lap in 59 4-5; Oldfield took the second in 2:02, and at four miles had gained a lead of one-sixteenth of a mile. But in

with Chevrolet for \$500. This match race was arranged because Chevrolet's entry for the \$1,000 open was received too late.

The second heat for the Thomas cup will be run Monday between Chevrolet and Jay.

RAIN SPOILS MONDAY'S PROGRAM.

CHICAGO, May 29.—A thunderstorm this afternoon at 4 o'clock brought to an inglorious end the second day of the Harlem meet. Rain at an early hour this morning made the track muddy, and it was thought at first that there could be no races at all to-day. Bright sunshine and a fair wind all forenoon, however, rapidly dried the track surface, and the first race was called at 3 o'clock. After a few of the stock car events were run off, Louis Chevrolet, Oldfield, Dan Canary and Earl Kiser went around the track once each and reported that it would be suicidal to attempt to make any time on the muddy track.

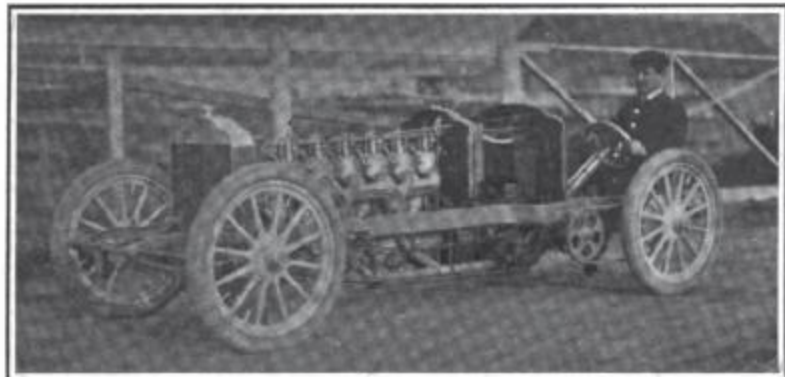
About 4 o'clock the rain began falling again, and the crowd started home after being informed that the rest of the program would be run off Tuesday.

The attendance to-day was about 2,500. The races which were run were devoid of excitement, and ordinarily would be considered tame, but the crowd was patient.

The first race called was the five-mile for cars listed at \$3,000 or less. The starters were C. A. Coey, 40-horsepower Thomas; J. H. McDuffee, 24-horsepower Stoddard-Dayton, and Arthur A. Devlin, 28-horsepower Acme. Coey won easily, leading the Stoddard-Dayton a quarter of a mile at the finish, with the Acme on the opposite side of the oval. The track was in such bad condition that the drivers were afraid to let the cars out. Coey's time was 6:45.

The second event a two-mile novelty race for cars carrying driver and three passengers, in which the passengers were to dismount at each quarter, had five entrants. Only one, the 16-horsepower Premier, complied with the conditions of the race, all the others being disqualified because they did not stop at the points indicated.

In the owners' handicap, ten miles, the entrants were J. A. Ellis, 45-horsepower



DAN CANARY IN 60-HORSEPOWER THOMAS "TORNADO."

in the field. Not the slightest accident marred the occasion, and the officials are jubilant over the success of the day and the prospects for next Monday, and especially Tuesday, Decoration Day.

While practicing on the track yesterday, Dr. H. E. Thomas, in attempting to avoid colliding with the Harroun car, crashed through the fence and a heavy scantling rammed through the radiator of his car and pinned the doctor to the ground. Although the car was badly damaged, Doctor Thomas's only injury was a cut on the leg. He was unable to attend the races to-day, however.

The first event of the day was the three-mile novelty race for cars carrying four passengers, run in two heats and a final. The first heat was won by George Soules, in the Pope-Toledo, in 4:08 1-5. "Jerry" Ellis took the second heat in an Apperson in 4:40. In the final Soules defeated Ellis, winning in 5:02 1-5.

W. F. Winchester captured the five-mile race for cars weighing 881 to 1,432 pounds in 6:16 4-5, with R. W. Harroun second with the Harroun Special.

Walter Christie, representing the Automobile Club of America, won the first heat for the H. E. Thomas inter-club trophy with his Christie racer in 5:10, from Carl Fisher, representing the Chicago Automobile Club, who drove a Pope-Toledo. The fastest mile was made by Fisher—1:02 1-5.

The first heat of the ten-mile open was won by Webb Jay in the White 15-20-horsepower racer in 11:36 2-5, "Ollie" Savin running second with a Pope-Toledo in 11:58 1-5. Barney Oldfield won the second heat, which was run at five miles,

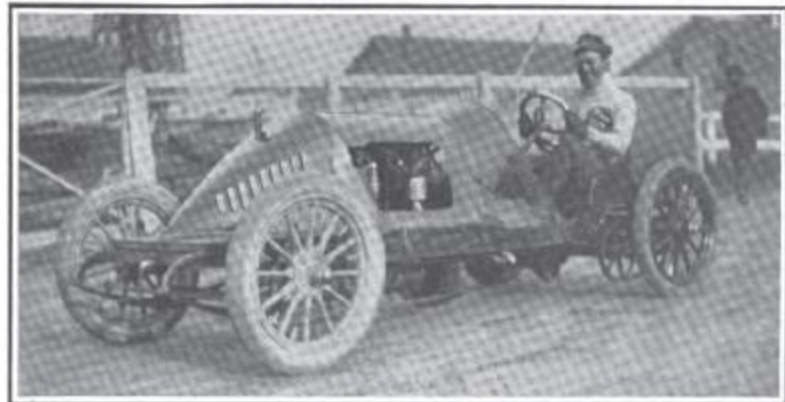
the sixth mile Jay overtook the *Green Dragon* again and won in 10:22 1-5. Oldfield's time was 10:31.

The Chicago Dealers' Handicap went to Joseph McDuffee, in a Stoddard-Dayton, in 6:19 2-5 for the five miles; George Soules ran second with a Pope-Toledo.

Webb Jay, W. F. Winchester and Carl Fisher started in the first heat for the ten-mile open for \$1,000 cash prize. Jay won with the White in 10:20, Fisher running second with the Pope-Toledo. Jay covered the last five miles in 4:58.

Louis Chevrolet drove a two-mile exhibition in Major C. J. S. Miller's Fiat, breaking the track record in the second mile, which he covered in 58 4-5. His time for the two miles was 1:57 4-5.

On Tuesday Webb Jay, winner of the \$1,000 open race, will declare a special race



CARL FISHER IN 50-HORSEPOWER POPE-TOLEDO RACER AT CHICAGO.

Apperson, and H. M. Dailey, 30-horse-power Pope-Toledo. Ellis won in 13:21 2-5

The next event was a special five-mile match race between Coey and McDuffee, Coey making the distance in 6:22, and McDuffee in 6:47 1-5.

FAST COMPETITION ON TUESDAY.

Special Telegram.

CHICAGO, May 30.—A brisk wind all night and this morning put the track in fine condition, and the sun came out this afternoon, making the day perfect. Five thousand persons attended the races, which were called at 2 o'clock sharp.

There were five entries in the ten-mile open, which was won by Webb Jay in the White racer in 10:45, with the *Gray Wolf* second, and Dan Canary third with the Thomas *Tornado*, 50 horsepower.

Oldfield won the second heat of the \$1,000 cash race, the first heat of which was won by Jay last Saturday, in 10:20. Oldfield's time in the second heat was 10:30 for the ten miles. J. A. Ellis was second with the Apperson in 11:11 2-5.

The final of this race was fast and furious, Jay winning by sixty yards from Oldfield in the *Green Dragon*. The time for the White steamer was 9:49 2-5, more than a mile a minute for the full distance.

The five-mile race for cars regularly listed

at \$2,000 or less went to J. H. McDuffee, in the 24-h.p. Stoddard-Dayton, in 6:46 2-5, with George H. Bird second, in the 18-h.p. Premier.

A special match race at five miles between John E. Fry, with a 40-h.p. Apperson, and C. A. Coey, with a 40-h.p. Thomas, was won by Coey in 6:16 2-5.

Louis Chevrolet won the second five-mile heat for the H. E. Thomas inter-club cup in 4:54 4-5, passing Webb Jay, in the White, in the fourth mile. Jay's fastest mile was made in 55 seconds.

The Grand Handicap, ten miles, went to the 24-h.p. *Gray Wolf*, driven by Jesse Ellingworth, in 10:29, Earl Kiser running second with a 60-h.p. Tincher in 10:36 4-5, and Dan Canary third, with the Thomas *Tornado*.

Webb Jay won the special five-mile race for \$500 from Chevrolet twice during the afternoon. In the first trial Chevrolet had trouble with the engine of his 90-h.p. Fiat, and, though Jay claimed the race, the officials made him run it over. After a delay of half an hour, during which the crowd waited patiently, Jay consented.

The White had an easy victory in the runover, leading from the start, and winning in 4:58. Chevrolet's tire went flat in the fourth lap.

The last race was run at 6 o'clock.