

A SEVERE TEST.

JOHN D. DAVIS AND HIS WIFE TO CROSS THE CONTINENT

In an Automobile—Started From the New York Herald Building Saturday—They Will Have to Travel Thirty-Seven Hundred Miles to Make the Journey.

New York, July 1.—Across the continent in an automobile! Mr. and Mrs. John D. Davis started from the Herald Building, this city, in a motor carriage bound for San Francisco today. It will be the longest automobile run on record, and besides requiring endurance, skill and nerve, it will be a test of an American-made self-propelling vehicle, over the worst of American roads.

Nothing to be compared with the trip has ever been attempted in this country, where the sport termed "automobilism" is yet in its infancy. In Europe the longest run that has been made was 621 miles over roads equal to the parkways in American cities.

To go from ocean to ocean Mr. Davis will travel about 3,700 miles. He will travel over the Rocky Mountain, and cattle trails used by the Forty-niners across the plains. He will have to ford and rocky ravines to traverse that may lay the mischief with pneumatic tires.

Mr. Davis succeeds in reaching his destination according to programme he believes that his trip will demonstrate the possibilities of long distance touring, even in the absence of good roads, and should be a strong argument in favor of the improvement of the main highways of this country. Mrs. Davis will have the distinction of being the first woman to make a long tour in a motor carriage.

Mr. Davis is an enthusiast on the subject of automobiles. He recently purchased one that is described by the makers as a "continental touring car." It has been built in Stamford, Conn., by the National Motor Company for the trip to San Francisco. Its parts are stronger than in the same type of vehicle made for use on good roads, and everything has been done to ensure safety and comfort for so long a journey.

A gasoline motor concealed in the box beneath the seat furnished the power. Sufficient fuel can be carried to run 240 miles. Mr. Davis expects to have no difficulty in replenishing the supply of gasoline in the cities and more important towns through which he will pass.

The carriage has three gears, giving three different speeds of ten, twenty-five and thirty-five miles an hour. It is said to be able to climb a twenty-five per cent grade at the rate of five miles an hour. Mr. Davis expects to maintain an average speed of fifteen miles an hour for the entire distance, doing better in the east than west of the Mississippi.

The start will be made in front of the Herald Building, in this city, as stated, and the finish will be at the San Francisco Building. In choosing the route good roads have been the first consideration, and so little is known here of the condition of roads west of Denver that Mr. Davis may change his plans when he reaches the Rockies. From this city he will run up the Hudson River to Albany, where the road turns to the west, following the course of the Mohawk river, and passing through Utica, Syracuse and Rochester. The route then leads around the south shore of Lake Erie, through Cleveland and Toledo and across Indiana to South Bend and thence to Chicago.

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LIBEL CHARGED

AGAINST A YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS A KING'S COUNTY TEACHER.

Hamilton M. McManus Now In This City with a Warrant Looking for Miss Luella J. Cross—McManus Is the Complainant and Charges Defamatory Libel.

There is trouble in the upper section of Kings county and a case for defamatory libel is the outcome. A TELEGRAPH reporter last evening met an ex-policeman, Mr. Hamilton M. McManus, who was a member of the force before the fire, and who is now post master at Roxburgh, P. O., Albert county, on the border of Kings, also mail carrier between Roxburgh and Fenobiquis. He is also a provincial constable, and it was learned that his visit to St. John was in connection with this latter position but also involving his character as a mail carrier. In reply to his question, Mr. McManus, surprised the reporter by saying he was the complainant in an action for defamatory libel against a young woman, a school teacher at South Branch district, Kings county. His story was that in performance of his duties as a mail carrier he goes from Roxburgh to Fenobiquis via Mechanics' Settlement, Cleveland and South Branch districts. He passes the school house of the latter place.

Some time in March he was informed that a story injurious to him had been set on foot. He had been seen while driving near the South Branch school house to cut open one of the mail bags. The girl pupil of the school told this story to their teacher, Miss Luella J. Cross, adding that they found on the road the envelope of the letter they said he abstracted from the bag. This was addressed to Edmund I. Lockhart, a carpenter at the Mechanics' Settlement school.

Mr. McManus says the school teacher wrote a letter to Lockhart stating what her pupils had told her and adding that she thought Lockhart should know it. This note was delivered to Lockhart and made public by the Mechanics' Settlement school.

Mr. McManus says he then called on Miss Cross and she acknowledged writing the letter, also that she had acknowledged since that the letter was incorrect in that it was not written by her, but second one stating this to Lockhart. This second letter, Mr. McManus says, was written in Mechanics' Settlement and delivered to Mrs. Long, assistant official at the post office, and was forwarded without being post paid.

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WATER SPORTS.

FINE PROGRAMME CARRIED OUT ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

By the Neptune Rowing Club and the Haymarket Square Polymorphians—Ten Thousand Sightseers Throng the Hills About Lily Lake.

The citizens turned out on mass Saturday afternoon at Rockwood Park to witness the regatta and water sports given by the Neptune Rowing Club and the Haymarket Square Polymorphians. It is estimated that there was in the vicinity of 10,000 at the park and the hills and banks around Lily Lake were crowded with people, who greatly enjoyed the excellent programme of sports.

A number of picnic parties went to the park in the morning and about noon lunch was spread among the trees and these people had the choice of places to witness the racing.

The Victoria Bink's Own Band was stationed on a hill on the southern side of the lake and played a choice programme during the progress of the sports.

The first event was the first heat double sculls (wherry). This was called on at 2:30 o'clock. The contestants were Clark and McMichael vs Baird and Dr. W. L. Ellis. The crews started at a rapid pace and the race was an even thing to the turning buoy, both turning together. After the turn Clark and McMichael jumped ahead slightly. Their opponents quickened their stroke and gradually gaining won the race by two lengths.

In the second heat for double sculls (wherry) the contestants were H. Brennan and J. B. Ellis vs J. M. Robinson, Jr. and Ned Cornwall. This heat like the former was hotly contested but Brennan was holly contested by Cornwall and a half length. Their stroke was more staid than the other pair and they were victorious by about two lengths, although Baird and Dr. W. L. Ellis were victorious throughout the whole distance.

There were four entries in the single scull race, but only two started—Ned Cornwall and Dr. Day. The race was a pretty one and Dr. Day was the victor by about a couple of lengths. In double sculls pleasure boats with oarsmen proved very interesting and was rowed by Polymorphians in company with the crews of the Beavers, John McMichael, Miles Carroll, and James F. Carney; armored knights, Oles Upper and Lower, G. Griffin, Moore, Chas. Proctor and Andrew Rigland; E. Barber, Bud Wilkins and John Bos. The race was won by the armored knights with the best start. The crew of the Beavers, Baird and Dr. W. L. Ellis, were second.

The tug-of-war was paddled in punts between the Neptunes and Polymorphians. The crews were: Neptunes—John McMichael, J. M. Robinson, Jr., Polymorphians—McHale, Moore, Ross and Barber. The Neptunes proved to be the victors by a couple of lengths, and the contest was brought to a quick finish by the punt paddled by the Polymorphians and throwing the crew into the water.

In the double canoe race the starters were J. M. Robinson and Corvath Day and Robertson vs Frith and Emerson. Robinson and Corvath won by a couple of lengths, when Day and Robertson set shortly after the start and did not finish.

In water Derby there were four starters—Jones, Postwick, Blizard and J. M. Robinson. Jones and Blizard were the victors. They were supposed to paddle sitting on barrels, but being unable to stay on the barrels, swam with them to the finish. Postwick winning, with Blizard second.

In the stink tournament there were two boats and a final. In the first bout Jones and Blizard won from J. M. Robinson and Robertson, and in the second bout Baird and Blizard won from H. B. Robinson and Porter. In the final, Baird and Blizard won from H. B. Robinson and Porter. The stinky pole event was open to all comers and was won by Harris McManley.

The hurry scurry race in canoes had six starters, viz., Blizard, Baird, Day, Jones, J. M. Robinson and Corvath. The race was a nice one. The first gun was a signal to start paddling on both knees; second, paddle standing erect; third, gun; fourth, and swim with canoe; fourth, get back into canoe and finish on gunwale. J. M. Robinson won, with H. B. Robinson second.

There were four starters in the swimming race, Day, Charles McMichael, H. B. Robinson and J. M. Robinson. McMichael won, with Day second.

The officers of the day were Douglas Sutherland, starter; John McKeivie, referee, and T. T. Lantian judge at finish.

Dreyfus' Nerve Still Good.

PARIS, July 2.—Captain Coffiers de Nordeck, commander of the Captain cruiser Sfax, which brought Dreyfus back to France, says in an interview published today that he was struck by the immense power of self control displayed by Captain Dreyfus during the voyage. He merely said: "I have no ill-will towards anybody. I shall be glad to re-enter the army, which I have never ceased to love."

He did not allude to the subject again during the voyage. Most of the time he passed in reading.

PARIS, July 2.—Mar. Dreyfus had a third interview with her husband this afternoon. She found him much better. He received her with smiles instead of tears. Over doses of quinine while on the Isle of Devils left him with a serious indigestion. He expressed himself convinced that he will be acquitted.

Fatal Trolley Accident at Yarmouth.

YARMOUTH, N. S., June 30.—Frank Van Home, a bricklayer, was killed at 5 o'clock this evening by being run over by an electric car. He was riding a bicycle, which slipped and went over just as the car was passing, throwing him beneath the wheels, which crushed his life out. No blame is attached to any person. He was a married man; his wife was a Miss Messenger, of New Brunswick. He was much respected. The accident caused quite a sensation in the town.

Moncton News.

MONCTON, June 30.—A young man named John Besser, clerk for E. Balser, restaurant keeper, and a well known local boxer, died this morning quite suddenly of heart trouble. He was 24 years of age.

The city schools closed today for the summer holidays. Mr. Brittain, who has resigned from the High school staff, was presented with an address, accompanied by a souvenir, by the school at the close of the exercises.

Moncton Has a Steamer.

MONCTON, June 30.—The steamer Nyasah, which is to run between Moncton and Hopewell Cape this summer, arrived here this morning from Hanport. She will commence carrying freight on the river at once.

SECOND HAND

Machinery for Sale.

One Locomotive Boiler, HOSS POWER, 40  
One Upright Boiler, 8  
One Engine, Automatic, 40  
One Engine, Automatic, 25  
One Newspaper Press, Ho make, 7' x 28"  
One Adams Job Press, 12' x 28"  
One Sturdevant Brewery, 30' x 2'  
One Dynamo, 7 Lights, 110 Volts.

Agents for Gilbert Wood Split Pulleys.

Compressed Steel Shafting and Hangers in stock.

W. F. & J. W. MYRRS, Waterloo Street, St. John, N.B.

JUST RECEIVED.

Tea in 8, 10 and 20 lb. pkgs. Coffee in one pound stone jars. Oats, Bran, Feed, etc.

PRICES LOW.

JAMES COLLINS, 208 and 210 Union St., St. John, N.B.

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CRIME AND ACCIDENTS.

Between the Two Lovell Has a Rather Interesting Day—Greeks Beat Policemen—Whiskey Bottle Thrown Through a Church Window.

LOWELL, Mass., July 2.—Sunday was a great day for crime and accidents in Lowell.

Some time near the break of day, three vagabonds, 27 years old, a carpenter, fell 35 from the window of his sleeping room, in the old City Hotel and was instantly killed. Vaughn had been mar-

ried but a few weeks and his wife was to be in the room from which he fell but did not know of her husband's fate until the officer who found the body called her at 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

Near noon James Donnelly, aged 70, pushed Maggie Maguire from the piazza of his house in Shanahan's court after a quarrel. The woman fell a distance of 15 feet and was removed to St. John's hospital unconscious. She will recover. The old man was arrested. The Donnelly admitted that drinking was going on at the house Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Saturday evening Officer John Walsh, in attempting to clear a crowd of Greeks from the sidewalk on Market street, near the railway, was set upon and badly beaten by them. They took his revolver and Billy. He was knocked down, beaten with stones and unmercifully kicked about the head. William O'Leary, who came to his assistance, was also badly beaten. Officer Walsh was taken to St. John's hospital unconscious. He will recover.

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