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A DOUBLE ATTRACTION

Sept. 9 and 10 at 2 P.M.

Race Track

FRED J. WISEMAN
The Famous Aviator

FLYING
In the Wiseman Biplane

DRIVING RACES
Under the Auspices of the
California Horse & Stock-Breeders' Association

3 Races Each Day 50 Entries

ADMISSION - 50c
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AVIATORS READY FOR EXHIBITION

Machines in Tune and Great Flight in Rarefied Air Is Feature

AUTOS WILL ALSO SPEED

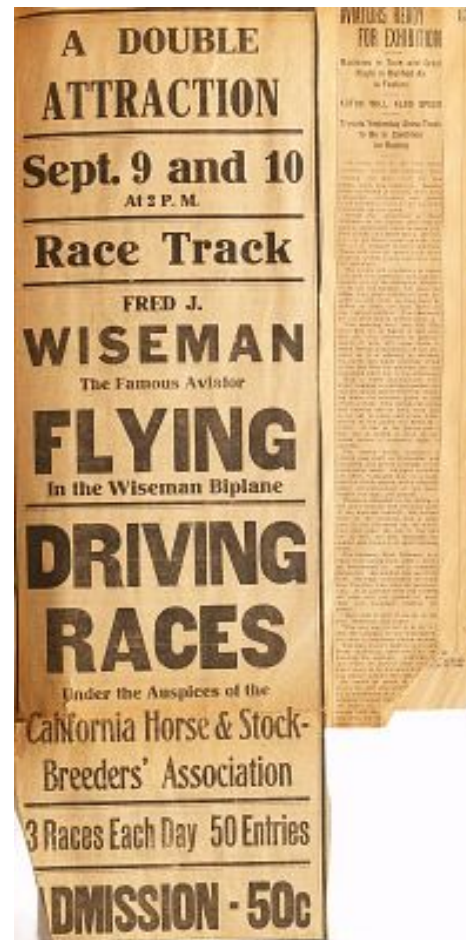
Tryouts Yesterday Show Track to Be in Condition for Racing

All roads lead to the race track yesterday, where the birdmen were "setting up" their "car" for the flights today and tomorrow. Besides those interested in aviation there were automobile enthusiasts and motor cycle speeders present to try out their machines on the track.

Besides the exhibitions of Fred Wiseman in his biplane there will be match automobile races between Col. Bert Lundy and Ernie Mack, the former in his Dorris racer and the latter in a stripped Stearns machine. There will also be motor cycle raises between several youths here who own the machines.

The events will commence at about 2 o'clock this afternoon, and will terminate late in the afternoon. Whether or not the birdmen will open the affair with their exhibition will depend on the wind, as they may fly before or after the auto races, as the weather permits. The admission fee has been placed at fifty cents.

This morning early they will take their first try at flights in this rarified air. The elevation of approximately a mile will cause them to make certain adjustments on the machine as it is affected by altitude. No assent was made yesterday owing to the fact that the machine was not assembled until late in the afternoon.



Half a dozen machinicians were busily engaged in putting together the various canvas planes yesterday morning when the advance guard of the crowd arrived. Tiny thread-like wires and delicate bits of hardwood had to be put in place and every intersection of the panes was fitted to a nicety. If any of the planes are a hair out of plumb, it must be adjusted before a successful flight is possible.

The motor which sustained a broken cam shaft on Wednesday was unpacked, and proved a delight to the mechanical mind. Its eight cylinders are offset, V-shaped, four on a bank and the whole engine, which develops about 100-horsepower at sea level, weighs less than 200 pounds.

Wiseman attended to the fitting of the more delicate and essential parts of the machine himself. He worked most of the morning and a large part of the afternoon on the elevators that caused the car to rise and fall at will. He also inspected the engine and found it in good running order.

The birdman, Fred Wiseman, is a small wiry young man, with a forceful determined air, and a confident expression. He handles the car while aloft, although occasionally he takes Don Prentice with him as mechanic. It is possible that the rarified air here will not permit of more than one passenger making the ascent.

"How does it feel to be up in the air #?" Wiseman was asked.

"The best way to tell is to try it," said the birdman to his interrogator, who was a handsome young woman.

Wiseman doesn't hesitate a minute about answering questions and explaining his machine, although he
[[missing words torn off]]
said when he arrived here that [[he?]]
didn't want to be bothered with [[?]]
fool people around his camp."

He seems as proud of [[?]]
as can be, and may well [[?]]
his achievements in it. [[?]]
attempts cannot [[rank?]]
the dozen or [[?]]
names hold the [[?]]
this time, he [[has??]]
amateur that [[has?]]

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