

The winner of the half-mile handicap swims in fine style, a clean, smooth, easy, steady over-arm side stroke, and deserved his prize. At 300 yards Neumann had overtaken five of his seven opponents and worked into third place, but sheered sharply to the west, went 50 yards out of his way before he could be made to understand his error, touched the buoy in advance of three of the competitors, and started off for the return journey, but stopped at 500 yards and climbed into a boat. He stated that he was not accustomed to salt water, or to such an open course, that the salt water hurt his eyes and partially blinded him, and that he could not see the turning buoy. In this matter the doctor would have been the better for a little Yankee ingenuity and quick perception. It was a handicap race. The two men who finished first and second had 50 seconds start from the doctor, and he could not hope to catch them until somewhere on the way back from the turn. These men had pilot boats and

swam a straight course, and two of the other contestants swam on their breasts and of course made a straight cut for the buoy, Dr. Neumann did not need to worry himself about the course and the turning buoy. All that was necessary for him was to follow his leaders, swim as fast as he could, and trust to them to show him the right course.

100 yards straightaway, across a slow tide—L. H. Parry, Knickerbocker Athletic Club, 1m. 19 1-5s.; P. Neumann, Chicago, Ill., Athletic Association, 2, by 8ft; F. A. Wenck, New York Athletic Club, 3, by 4ft.  
200 yards, with one turn, novices—W. Reuss, K. A. C., 3m. 5 3-5s; J. Caffrey, St. Bartholomew Athletic Club, 2, by 25 yds; A. Newton, Sayville, L. I., 3, by 8 yds.  
100 yards, with two turns; handicap—P. Neumann, C. A. A., scratch, 5m. 42s.; F. A. Wenck, N. Y. A. C., 5s., 2, by 2ft.; W. B. Kugler, National Swimming Association, Philadelphia, Pa., 8s., 3, by 10 yds.  
Half-mile with one turn; handicap—W. A. Christy, N. S. A., 50s., 14m. 40 3-5s; W. Reuss, K. A. C., 50s. 2, by 6 yds.; F. A. Wenck, N. Y. A. C., 10s., 3, by 40 yds.; P. Neumann, C. A. A., scratch, quit at 500 yds.

W. B. CURTIS.



#### AMATEUR TRACK RACING.

AT the National Circuit Tournament, held on the Waverly, N. J., track, August 14th, under the auspices of the Atalanta Wheelmen, of Newark, several excellent amateur events were run, including the one-third mile amateur national championship, the final of which was won by E. W. Peabody, of Chicago, with C. M. Ertz, of New York, second, and E. M. Blake, of Keene, N. H., third. In the one mile open, amateur, I. A. Powell beat his club mate, Ray Lawson, by inches, G. H. Collett finishing third. Summaries of the amateur events:

One-mile handicap—Charles Schlee, 60 yards, first; W. L. Darner, 60 yards, second. Time, 2m. 11 3-5s.

Third mile national championship—First heat, E. C. Hausman, first; Ray Dawson, second. Time, 42 4-5s.

Second heat—E. M. Blake, first; W. H. Fearing, Jr., second. Time, 42 1-5s.

Third heat—G. H. Collett, first; I. A. Powell, second. Time, 42 4-5s.

Fourth heat—E. W. Peabody, first; C. M. Ertz, second. Time, 44 1-5s.

Final—E. W. Peabody, first; C. M. Ertz, second; E. M. Blake, third. Time 44 1-5s.

One mile open—I. A. Powell, first; Ray Dawson, second; G. H. Collett, third. Time, 2m. 17 1-5s.

Two-mile handicap—W. A. LaDue, 60 yards, first; W. F. Wahnenberger, 90 yds., second. Time, 4m. 42 1-5s.

The annual meet of the Albany, N. Y., Bicycle Club was held at Ridgefield Athletic Club grounds on August 21st, at which time two State amateur championships were decided. By a singular coincidence, Mr. C. M. Ertz, the amateur mile national champion, failed to finish first in any event in which he was entered. Summaries:

Mile novice—G. A. Graves first; Claud Whalen, second. Time, 2m. 20s.

Half mile open—W. A. LaDue, first; George Reith, second; C. M. Ertz, third. Time, 1m. 5s.

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Third-mile State championship—Earl Rovee, first; G. C. Tunnicliffe, second; George Reith, third. Time, 47 2-5s.

Mile for track record—George Reith, first. Time, 2m. 16 3-5s.

Mile open—Earl Rovee, first; J. B. Speyers, second; W. A. LaDue, third. Time, 2m. 14 2-5s.

Two-thirds mile State championship—O. V. Babcock first; C. M. Ertz, second; G. C. Tunnicliffe, third. Time, 1m. 20 1-5s.

Mile handicap—Bernard Schmidt, 70 yards, first; D. S. Cooper, 110 yards, second. Time, 2m. 24s.

The amateur competitions, at Willow Grove track, Philadelphia, on August 21st, resulted as follows:

Mile novice—L. Brunner, first; Charles Liddle, second. Time, 2m. 26 1-5s.

Mile open—Charles Krick, first; A. Bateman, second; J. B. Clitt, third. Time, 2m. 33 1-5s.

Mile handicap—J. F. Chalfant, 60 yards, first; G. B. Van Hest, 60 yards, second; Hamilton Crisp, scratch, third. Time, 2m. 15 1-5s.

Five-mile handicap—J. P. Rogers, 75 yards, first; C. W. Krick, scratch, second; H. G. Gardiner, scratch, third. Time, 12m. 25s.

A feature of the afternoon's sport was the exhibition mile of J. W. Parsons, the Australian champion, which, with fair pacing, was covered in 1m. 47 4-5s.

A number of events for amateurs were on the programme at the Buffalo, N. Y., Athletic Field, on August 24th, including the one-mile tandem championship of the city, with results as follows:

Mile, open—E. Dennison, first; W. E. Temple, second; E. D. Stevens, third. Time, 2m. 10 3-5s.

Half-mile handicap—A. A. Kaliska, 35 yards, first; Ray Duer, 25 yards, second; R. A. Miller, scratch, third. Time, 1m. 1 3-5s.

Mile tandem, city championship—Goehler and Miller first; Duer and Finn, second; Hayes and Kaliska, third. Time, 2m. 15 2-5s.

At the Charles River track, Cambridge, Mass., on August 25th, these amateur events were contested:

One-third mile open—J. Urquhart, first; C. M. Bly, second; C. H. Drury, third. Time, 41 4-5s.

Mile handicap—Dana Hanchette, 110 yards, first; H. B. Hills, scratch, second; John S. Johnson, scratch, third. Time, 2m. 10 2-5s.

Mile tandem handicap—Edwards and Sanderson, 90 yards, first; Clarke and Clarke, 45 yards, second; Quinn and Jacobs, 110 yards, third. Time, 1m. 56 2-5s.

## THE QUILL CLUB MEET.

The annual meeting of the Quill Club Wheelmen, of New York, was held at the Manhattan Beach track on the afternoons of September 4th and 6th (Labor Day). Several excellent amateur events were scheduled, including a "pursuit race" between Buffalo and New York teams, which was won by the former in 10m. 11s. The summaries:

One-mile open—I. A. Powell, New York, first; A. B. Goehler, Buffalo, second; C. J. Miller, Buffalo, third. Time, 2m. 12s.

Half-mile handicap—George Reith, New York, 10 yards, first; E. D. Stevens, Buffalo, scratch, second; A. B. Goehler, Buffalo, scratch, third. Time, 1m. 5 3-5s.

Team Pursuit Race—Buffalo vs. New York—Rambler's Bicycle Club, Buffalo, A. B. Goehler, C. J. Miller and E. D. Stevens, first; Greater New York team, C. M. Ertz, I. A. Powell and O. V. Babcock, second. Time, 10m. 11s. The Buffalo team caught the New Yorkers at 4 miles 1 1-2 laps.

Quarter-mile dash—I. A. Powell, first; J. P. Hutcheon, second; F. W. Richt, third. Time, 34 4-5s.

Half-mile handicap—J. P. Hutcheon, 15 yards, first; A. S. Jinking, 50 yards, second; B. L. Hunter, 40 yards, third. Time, 2m. 13s.

Five-miles Metropolitan Championship—I. A. Powell, first; P. W. Richt, second; J. Jasper, third. Time, 1 1m. 26s.

## RACING-BOARD MATTERS.

Racing men and meet-promoters, unfamiliar with the details of the rules governing cycle competition, should send to the Chairman of the Racing Board, Mr. Albert Mott, Park Heights, Baltimore, Md., for a printed copy of the rules. Especial attention should be given, by the amateur, to pages 34 and 35, wherein the limitations attached to "match," "invitation" and "special" events generally are set forth. Anything other than an open competition, record trials included, requires the consent of the chairman in addition to the regular sanction for the meeting. A permit from a member of the board to exceed prize limits does not carry with it the consent of the chairman for the special event. Permits for such, or to exceed prize limits, will not be given when either conflicts in interest or date with the National Circuit; the chairman to determine. Before engaging in a "special event," racing men, for their own safety, should ask to be shown the special permit for it, and the prize connected with it. Every "special event" must be announced on the entry-blank, programme or score-card, and the prize therefor named or described.

There has been considerable complaint from handicappers to the Racing Board that long-mark men, both in road and track events, frequently ride easily and do not take advantage of their handicaps. Handicappers and other race-meeting officials are directed to report such instances with names and addresses of the offenders, detailing all the circumstances. Already competitors have been disciplined for not "riding to win," as they are expected to do, no matter from what mark they start. No one can be permitted to start in a handicap, not even on scratch, who has not been officially handicapped. Entries must contain some information to guide the handicapper; and where the form is left blank, or in any way incomplete, and the handicapper has no knowledge of the ability of the entrant, he is instructed to throw out the entry altogether.

It is the practice of the Racing Board not to allow permits for multicycle pacing in open competitions. In "match and" invitation" events, where the contestants do not exceed four, it is customary to give permission for multicycle pacemaking when application is properly made. In trial heats, pacemakers cannot qualify for finals unless they start from scratch and finish over the tape.

These amateur track records have been accepted:

One-third mile, competition, standing start, un-paced; time, 40 4-5s., by J. G. Heil, Denver, Col., June 19, 1897.

One mile against time, flying start, un-paced; time, 1m. 46 3-5s., by H. M. Sidwell, Cincinnati, O., July 17, 1897.

Two miles, competition, standing start, un-paced; time 4m. 06 1-5s., by D. W. Smith, Waltham, Mass., July 17, 1897.

Half-mile tandem, competition, un-paced, standing start; time, 2m. 2-5s., by Victor E. Ekberg and John T. Casey, Cambridge, Mass., June 23, 1897.

Half-mile tandem, against time, flying start, un-paced; time, 55 3-5s., by Fred Caruthers and B. B. McReynolds, Colorado Springs, Col., July 1, 1897.

One-third mile tandem, against time, flying start, un-paced; time 34 4-5s., by Carruthers and McReynolds, Colorado Springs, Col., July 1, 1897.

Ten miles, against time, flying start, un-paced; time, 24m. 19 2-5s., by A. G. Kluefer, Racine, Wis., July 2, 1897.

## MANY RAILROADS YIELD.

The past summer was quite notable for a vast extension of the territory within which bicycles are carried free as baggage. Therefore all of the principal lines south of the Potomac had charged for the machines of their passengers as excess baggage, and the measure before the Georgia legislature, calling for their free transportation, had failed of passage. The first important Southern system to yield was the Seaboard Air Line, which not only directed that bicycles should be checked without charge when no other baggage was presented, but cautioned its employees to handle them with "carefulness and precaution" as befitting a mechanism of delicate and fragile construction. This action was soon followed by similar action on the part of other Southern roads, particularly the connections of the Seaboard Air Line; and it is probable that the custom adopted by them will become general in the Atlantic Coast States before the end of the present year.

By far the most important point in the classification of bicycles as baggage, however, was granted late in May, when the Passenger Committee of the Trunk Line Association decided to check the machines presented by passengers without extra charge whenever the beginning and end of the Journey were in different States.

THE PROWLER.

## BICYCLE COASTING CONTEST.

The second annual coasting contest held under the auspices of the Associated Cycling Clubs of New York, occurred at Cedar Grove, N. J., on Saturday, August 28th. The course was down hill for about a mile on the Pompton turnpike, from a point just south of the Cedar Grove Centre post office. A short level stretch and an abrupt rise in the road toward the end of the route formed an obstacle which was



W. A. SHOCKLEY COASTING ,467 FEET.

insurmountable by quite a number of the contestants. The competition attracted considerably over a thousand cyclists from New York City and vicinity, who lined up on both sides of the road and cheered the competitors as they glided down the long hill. The conditions of the contest differed materially from those which have heretofore governed such affairs. Instead of the men starting off in batches of half-a-dozen or more, as formerly, on this occasion they were pushed off singly at intervals of one minute, the committee in charge deeming this arrangement safer on account of the narrowness of the road and the traffic thereon. The match was run off in three heats and a final, there being twenty-three starters in the first, twelve of whom qualified for the second, six men trying in the third, and three leaving the starter's hands in the final round. The longest distance covered was 6,476 feet, which was accomplished in the second heat by H. A. Woodward, champion of the New York Athletic Club, and last year's winner, who was expected to win again,

but failed on account of a punctured tire in the final round. The winner was W. A. Shockley, of the Boston Athletic Association, who negotiated 6,467 feet 1 inch, in the final, beating the second man, William Firman, by 15 feet.

There was also a contest for tandems, but only two machines materialized, the winning machine, ridden by W. A. Whelpley and William Holt, accomplishing only 5,358 feet, about 1,000 feet behind the winning single wheel. In this connection it is of interest to note, that in last year's contest the winning tandem coasted on the same hill 6,334.4 feet, and winning single machine (Woodward's) only 6,237 feet. The summary follows:

First heat—Won by J. E. Whittlesey, of Brooklyn Bicycle Club, 6,449ft.; second, H. A. Woodward, N. Y. Athletic Club, 6,444ft.; third, William Firman, Chicopee Falls, Mass., 6,442ft.

Second heat—won by H. A. Woodward, 6,476ft.; second, W. A. Shockley, Boston A. A., 6,458ft.; third, J. A. Whittlesey, 6,455ft.

Third heat—Won by H. A. Woodward, 6,461ft. 7in.; second, W. A. Shockley, 6,443ft. 11in.; third, William Firman, Oxford Club, Chicopee Falls, Mass., 6,433ft. 5in.

Final heat—Won by W. A. Shockley, 6,467ft. 1in.; second, Wm. Firman, 6,442 feet; no third. H. A. Woodward, who started, punctured his tire a quarter mile from the start.

Tandems—Won by W. A. Whelpley and Wm. Holt, of Greenwich Wheelmen, N. Y., 5,388ft.; second, Edmund and A. Frankenstein, of New York, 5,270ft.

Dr. L. C. Harrison, of Riverside Wheelmen, was referee; M. L. Bridgman, of Kings County Wheelmen, held the watch at the starting point; Edward Gerbereus, Chairman of A. C. C. Race Committee, was starter; W. E. S. Edwards, Century Wheelmen, was scorer; Adolph Stahl, Greenwich Wheelmen, was clerk of the course, and G. R. Ball, of Quill Club Wheelmen, was official measurer.

The following tabulated statement shows the weight of the riders who qualified for the several heats, the weight of wheels, gear, etc.; also the distances covered:

Name of Competitor.	Weight of Rider.	Weight of Wheel.	Make of Wheel.	Gear.	First Heat.	Second Heat.	Third Heat.	Final Heat.
W. A. Shockley.....	171 lbs.	25 lbs.	Victor	77	6,441	6,458	6,443.1	6,467.1
William Firman.....	215 lbs.	25 lbs.	Victor	70	6,442	6,431	6,443	6,442
H. A. Woodward.....	204 lbs.	26 lbs.	Humber	78	6,444	6,476	6,461.7	....
J. E. Whittlesey.....	154 lbs.	24 lbs.	Victor	77	6,449	6,458	6,434	....
E. P. Bent.....	187 lbs.	24 lbs.	Victor	70	6,447	6,431.1	6,439.1	....
R. A. Green.....	172 lbs.	24 lbs.	Victor	77½	6,416	....	....	....
F. E. Halley.....	187 lbs.	24 lbs.	Stearns	70	5,400.4	5,458	....	....
Joseph Leach.....	....	....	Victor	80½	5,302	5,320.4	....	....
J. Colony.....	....	....	Victor	77	5,294.8	5,402.1	....	....
Thos. J. Bryan.....	148 lbs.	24 lbs.	Rutherford	73	5,257.9	5,260.7	....	....
J. L. Cunningham.....	168 lbs.	24 lbs.	Victor	70	5,259.6	5,301.9	....	....

A. H. GODFREY.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. C. P., Dowagiac.—The best place to get those canoes is St. John, New Brunswick. They can be got at Bar Harbor, but cost more extra there than the duty amounts to. A first-class one costs \$30 in St. John.

R. W. H., Hill City, Tenn.—Nobody keeps swimming records of 9-year-old girls. It is im-

possible to give any useful opinion on the performances, because you did not state how fast the current was. There are many rivers in which the current runs more than 2¾ miles in 55 minutes, and, consequently, a person remaining in the water for 55 minutes would cover 2¾ miles without swimming a stroke.