

CYCLING.

WORLD'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

THE annual race meeting of the International Cyclists' Association was held at Vienna, Austria, on September 15th, 16th and 17th. At this tournament, marked throughout by splendid weather and large attendance, the world's championships for 1898-9 were decided, for the fourth consecutive time, without any amateur representation from the United States. The world's amateur championships were two, the one-mile and the 100 kilometer, both paced. The former was won by Paul Albert, of Germany, in 2:13, after a terrific sprint throughout the last quarter. The latter went to A. J. Cherry of England, who defeated Griebenow, Bourke, Graben, Listernow, Pease, Hunck, Peschke and Dworzak. Cherry was paced by the famous Dunlop team and proved vastly superior to his competitors. He lowered all Austrian records from one to 100 kilometers, covering the latter distance in 2:12:23 4-5. In the last third of the international amateur two-mile handicap the contest narrowed down to a grand tussle between Van Wichelen, of Belgium, and Summersgill, of England, the latter finally finishing first in 4:21. The international team race resulted in a tie with 11 points each, between the representative England and Denmark. In this event teams from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Ireland also competed. The special race runs at the close of the tournament, between the winners of the other championships, amateur and professional, was won by the world's amateur champion, Paul Albert, of Germany.*

AUTUMN ROAD RACES.

The third annual road race of the Associated Cycling Club, of California, was run on September 23d, over the San Leandro (Cal.) twenty-mile course. The clubs participating in this event entered five men each, who were started in five different bunches, the times of the winner in each bunch being averaged to determine the club winning the event. Only three teams

entered, the Olympic Club Wheelmen and the Bay City Wheelmen, of San Francisco, and the Acme Club Wheelmen, of Oakland. The five men of the Olympic Club team covered the distance in the aggregate time of 4:26:58, while the aggregate time made by the Bay City Wheelmen was 4:34:18, and by the Acme Club Wheelmen, 4:32:49. The individual average time was, for the Olympics, 53:22 4-5; for the Bay City, 54:51 3-5; for the Acmes, 55:09 4-5. Wing, of the Olympic Club Wheelmen, made the best individual time of the race, covering the course in 52:37.

Lester Wilson, starting from the one-minute mark, won first place and barely lost the first time prize in the Pittsburg, Pa., annual road race, 25 miles, on October 1st. Frank Mountain, from the seven-minute mark, won second, and C. H. Burson, who finished third, from scratch, in 1:14:15, reduced the former record for the course by two seconds. The third time winner, A. Sanguigni, finished fourth, from scratch in 1:19:17. The winner's time was 1:14:20; second man's time, 1:14:25. Wilson mowed down the handicap men in good style, passing Mountain, the last man to beat, very near the tape. Burson broke his handle-bar at the turn, but obtained another machine without loss of time, finishing strong.

RECORDS OF THE MONTH.

E. A. Bozio, of the Olympic Club Wheelmen, of San Francisco, on September 21st lowered the Pacific Coast record for ten miles to 22:04, or over two minutes less than the previous record.

Everett Andrews, of Atlantic City, N. J., on September 28th, covered the distance between Philadelphia and Atlantic City, 60 miles, in 2:47:00. The previous record of 2:47:00 was made a short time ago by J. Matlack, of Camden, N. J.

Fred R. Goodwin, paced by a motorcycle, rode 428 miles in twenty-four hours, in England, on September 30th. He missed E. Gould's twelve-hour record, 2261/2 miles, by 11/4 miles.

The Prowler.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

West Point.—Each soldier carried a Springfield rifle and shelter tent, blanket, extra clothing, and one day's rations—weight of equipment forty-one pounds, which, with twenty-four pounds for the bicycle, made an average total weight of sixty-five pounds. Instructor Davidson organized the expedition to test the effect of the trip upon the young students.

"Cit."—The Court held that when there is an ordinance prohibiting the use of the sidewalks, cyclists have no right to violate the same by reason of the streets being obstructed, either

* It is provided by the rules of the International Cyclists Association that, at the close of the annual race meeting of that organization, one or more special competitions may be sanctioned and run between holders of the amateur and professional championships at the same meeting. As a member of the I. C. A., the L. A. W. becomes a party to this license. —Ed.

on account of pending improvements or a crush of traffic. It has been ruled a number of times by courts that when a street is impassable, cyclists have a right to use the sidewalks so long as they are careful of the rights of pedestrians.

E. A., Boston.—Motor cars have recently taken the place of the ordinary four-horse omnibuses on the St. Ouen line in Paris, while motor-driven deliver wagons are gradually substituted for horse-drawn vans in those and continental cities where well-paved and smooth streets abound.

U.—If lady cyclists would use only the ball of the foot for propelling the bicycle, instead of the instep—which latter practice is very common among novices—pedal slipping would be a rare occurrence.