

CYCLING.

CHICAGO CHAT.

THE INTENSE HEAT SUBDUING ALL WESTERN ENTHUSIASM.

Trade Quiet and the Clubs Deserted.—The Waukesha-Milwaukee Contest—Unfair Handicapping—Track and Road Races.

CHICAGO, July 30.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—It's hotter than hell, and there is little riding, except for those whose enthusiasm surmounts all obstacles.

The cycle trade has been more than ordinarily quiet as a result, and clubs have been deserted for the alluring park shades or the cooling waters of Lake Michigan.

Interest has rather centered in the annual Waukesha-Milwaukee century race, in which fifteen Chicago men compete next Saturday. Among the number are Van Sicken, George Thorne, J. B. Bliss, C. P. Root, and W. B. Young.

ROBBING CHICAGO

An instance of Milwaukee's wish to do the city by fair means or foul was shown in the Pullman race, when Andrae told Miles Sanger should receive six minutes and Schmidbauer nine minutes.

Saturday, Aug. 13, at Parkside track, the Cook County Wheelmen give their second annual race meet. Eight races will be run this year, two of them open events, one and five mile handicaps.

The Cook County Wheelmen were the first to give an exclusively club race meet in this city, scoring quite a success. The following Saturday, Aug. 20, the Lincoln Cycling Club's annual ten-mile handicap road race occurs.

The sympathy of his many friends is extended to George K. Barrett this week, owing to the sudden death of his estimable wife. George will hardly be seen on the racing path this season, and may never be seen again.

The professional six-day rider, Albert Schock, has a touch of the TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR FEVER and says he will ride a grand ordinary probably at Peoria some time in the fall.

INSIDE THE AMERICAN RECORD. Steele starts for it again this Saturday, when he is confident the figures will be placed even lower.

The Chicago Colored Cycling Club's four-mile handicap race last Monday at Cliverson Park had twelve dusky starters. Truebill won, Hagan second, and Sadler, the scratch man, third.

The Garden City Wheelmen, Chicago's latest cycling organization, has secured a fine thirteen-room club house at 1349 Michigan avenue.

Last Monday evening W. H. Schaefer defeated Harry Potwin in a match contest on Parkside track for a fifty dollar trophy. Potwin, a mere lad, was overtrained and could not ride a little bit.

Twenty-one miles in the hour was accomplished by George Thorne last Sunday at Parkside in training for his try for the 100-mile record. Thorne finished easy and was anxious to go farther.

One hundred and seventy-three miles in a day is a good day's ride accomplished last week by L. Tagholm, of the Columbia Wheelmen.

The Lincoln Cycling Club's annual championships occur at Parkside track Sept. 3. The one mile safety and one mile old men's will be augmented by a five mile safety and the one mile ordinary will be stricken from the list.

Aroused to a sense of its backwardness on the track and road, the Illinois Cycling Club has decided to hire a trainer to put its men in trim for fall work on the road and path.

Employees of the Spooner-Peterson Co. and Thorton & Cassidy are arranging for a team race in the fall.

Bachelors' quarters are kept by seven members of the Oak Park Cycling Club, who have named their pretty home, nestling among the trees on a pretty green lawn, the Manor House.

The grand annual century run is now under discussion. Probably a thousand riders will join in this year.

THE WAITING GAME AGAIN. Hillier on the Art of Pace-Making in Cycle Racing.

It is excruciatingly funny to read the nonsense written about the men waiting in the championship finals. Every practical man knows that any one of the three left in would have certainly lost had he paced.

The busiest man in the city for about three minutes was a bicyclist near the noon hour at the corner of High and Long street, Columbus, O., one day last week.

In a running race last week H. A. Heath waited for seven and a half laps upon Kibbwhite, and the athletic authorities who have fits of indignation over a waiting race

in cycling said nothing. These same gentlemen abuse the cyclists who wait to win, who would if they chose rope by pacing—and yet which with calm complacency a one mile flat handicap in which a couple of dozen men could win easily, and in which the scratch man never has a ghost of a chance.

despite the abuse of persons who know absolutely nothing of the sport. An artistic rider who lost to suit a "bookie" by running himself to a standstill in a lap and a half, would earn the plaudits of the critics above alluded to, and would be held up as a pattern of an amateur and a sportsman.—Dr. News.

FROM THE PACIFIC.

A Jolly Touring Party—The New California Association—Runs and Rides.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Last Wednesday evening a jolly party of peddlers as ever rode on wheels arrived in this city after a ride of several hundred miles. They were J. F. Ewing, B. B. Craig and A. H. Greeley, of Fresno, and L. J. Bernheim, of Santa Cruz.

Before leaving Fresno the boys requested A. C. Banta, a bono companion, to send their Sunday-goto-meetin' clothes to this city, so that they might attend the Alcazar and see if George Osborne could act as well as he could raise raisins.

THE CALIFORNIA WHEELMEN'S ASSOCIATION. The directors of the San Francisco Bicycle Club held a meeting at their club rooms on Saturday evening for the purpose of appointing three delegates to represent the club in the new California Wheelmen's Association.

THE COMING ROAD RACE. It will be hard to pick the winner, as some of the club's new members are very fast. Young Clark and Bernard Jr. are training hard early and late and both have secured racing machines.

NOTES. The Pacific Road Club had a most enjoyable run to Redwood City yesterday, starting at 8.15 from the club rooms on Van Ness avenue with the following members in line.

The roads were excellent, as was also the dinner. On the return the scorcher got in their five wark. Hancock and Huff reached home first.

The Pacific Road Club will hold a handicap road race for members on Aug. 21, the course to be once around the San Leandro triangle. There will be a time prize and two others.

The spectacle of a tall rider in knickerbockers riding a safety down Market street, with one disengaged hand led another pneumatic, to which was strapped several bundles, each as big as a roll of blankets, attracted considerable attention.

The Capital City Wheelmen have received the elegant trophy won from the Oak Leaf Wheelmen in the relay race between the two cities. It was presented by the Stockton Mail.

The Capital City Wheelmen will move into their new and elegant club house at 910 Eighth street, Sacramento, on Aug. 1. All visiting wheelmen will be welcome.

A few days ago Frank Waller, of the Aces, rode from Fruit Vale avenue to Haywards in 26 1/2 m., establishing a new record.

The Eureka Bicycle Club is becoming one of the institutions of Humboldt county. Preparations are being made for a relay race between Los Angeles and San Diego.

A STORY WITH A MORAL.

A Young Man Riding From Chicago to Saratoga on a Bicycle. SARATOGA, July 30.—Said District Attorney Hamilton to a newspaper reporter:—"As I was sitting alone in my office this morning a young man bounded in through the open doorway, flashed an empty tomato can in my face and, rapidly adjusting a simple device to the can, showed how by a twist of the wrist a can could be neatly opened.

When the young fellow first burst into my presence I was disposed to use one of the many revolvers captured in criminal cases, and which were lying about the room, as I am impatient of itinerant peddlers. But instead I laid down a quarter and took the can opener. Then, glancing up, I saw that the peddler was a respectable-looking, well-dressed young man.

On questioning him I learned that he had ridden from Chicago on his bicycle, and was telling these ingenious little instruments at a profit of about fifty per cent., and that his sales amounted to from \$3 to \$5 a day. The young man's face was browned by the sun, he looked the picture of health, and he said he was having a jolly good time. Moralizing upon the story, the District Attorney said, as he picked up the can opener:—"If more young men would imitate this one's example and weave business with pleasure, there would be fewer criminals to keep the courts busy."

The busiest man in the city for about three minutes was a bicyclist near the noon hour at the corner of High and Long street, Columbus, O., one day last week. The bicyclist was coming south, the street was crowded with vehicles going in each direction and the roadway was just a little difficult to traverse because of recent improvements on the street car tracks.

The rider mounted his wheel and began to reel off lap after lap around that red-hot track until I perspired out of pure sympathy with him. It is due to the rider to say he perspired, too, but the cause for his perspiration was not sympathy, it was the heavy woollens he wore and the fierce heat of the July sun.

NEW YORKISMS.

ARANZA GRIEVES OVER A. A. ZIMMERMAN'S RETURN.

Farewell to the Champion Copy Supplier of the Age—She Wanted Advice—Cause and Effect in Racing—He Would Thinner be—Racers Must Lie Low.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—Deep down in my heart I am sorry Mr. Arthur A. Zimmerman has returned home. When I stood on the upper deck of the steamer his friends had chartered to meet him, tears were in my eyes and in my soul no gladness came.

Just a few little incidents of the grandest reception ever given a cyclist, and reluctantly and sorrowfully I will lay aside the grandest source for copy-grinding my good fortune has ever brought to me during the twelve years I have posed as a writer upon cycling.

THE CRYSTAL STREAM looked like a pug dog barking at the heels of an elephant as she steamed alongside of the great City of Paris. The band played, the wheelmen cheered, the pilot blew the boat's whistle, and everything was done to let all in the neighborhood know who we were and what we wanted.

In the midst of all this enthusiasm and hubbub a towering, floating grain elevator slowly forced her way between the reception stow and the Atlantic liner, and as we were compelled to rest our eyes upon her we read in letters a foot high, her name—"Columbia."

Uncle Sam was not altogether unmindful of the creditable performances abroad of his son, and it is to the credit of the elderly gentleman who wears chin whiskers and high-water pants that he did the very best he could for Zimmie.

RECORD BROKEN. 55 Punctures and Not a Leak. THE SPRINGER. LUBURG MFG. CO. PHILA. PA.

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By this time I had become interested enough to institute an inquiry as to the name of this cycling martyr, and who do you think I learned it was?

No one else than George Bidwell. Good living, prosperity and success had begun to rob him of his proper form, and he had gone into training to take off thirty pounds of superfluous adipose which he thought he could well dispense with while the thermometer indulged in its present high-kicking antics.

After all, there are some advantages in being only a scribbler upon cycling topics. One never gets the gout, nor becomes too fleshy from high living and an easy life, as he might do if he was a manufacturer. I endeavored to induce Mr. Bidwell to change places with me upon this theory, but for some reason he failed to see the force of the argument I offered, and declined the proffered exchange with thanks.

I cannot find out who is going to be blown up by all of this threatened Racing Board dynamite, and when I try to learn something definite I am met with mysterious nods and winks, and am bidden to just listen and I'll hear something drop.

I've listened many a long year to hear something drop in this direction, and perhaps now my long waiting is to be rewarded. In case it is not, though, then my advice to the dynamiters is that they drop on themselves, for I'll take my oath things have come to such a pass in racing that they are more than "gammy"—they stink!

HEAVY MILEAGE. Three Lancaster County Wheelmen Ride 1200 Miles in Twelve Days. COLUMBIANA, Pa., Aug. 1.—Samuel Braddi, John Hamilton and John B. Hutchinson, of the Columbia Wheelmen, of this place, have just finished a remarkable run on their wheels.

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