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OUR MAIL VOTE.

We are now taking a mail vote of the entire League membership that is larger than any of its predecessors, in fact, its proportions are nearly double those of any mail vote the League has ever had, for there have been sent out by the Corresponding Secretary, 3,598 ballots, at an expense to the organization of about \$65, although these figures are a mere estimate, suffice it to say we have figured as closely as possible, and will give the actual cost in our April cash statement.

The advantage of a mail vote is that it is supposed to reach every individual, and that each one can act his own independent pleasure as to candidates or motives, surely this end is attained in so far as it is possible for those in charge to direct.

At this time especial care has been used that every party should receive a blank ballot accompanied with an envelope properly addressed, and yet we presume that of the membership, at least 100 will fail to procure them through some unaccountable reason; to all such we repeat our request of the week previous, viz.: drop a postal to the Corresponding Secretary, and he will cheerfully send you the needful, and yet, if you choose, you may very easily prepare your own ballot, or cut out this slip, and vote on it as you wish, it will be accepted and counted by the committee in charge.

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN.

Annual Elections, 1884.

State of.....
For Chief Consul.....
Residence.....
For Representative.....
Residence.....
Signature.....L. A. W., No.....
Address.....

It has occurred to us that our present system of conducting a mail vote is cumbersome, and of greater expense to the general body than it should be. These Spring Elections are certainly Division affairs, and should be handled by the Divisions themselves, under the general direction of the Corresponding Secretary of the main body, and this is the method we would suggest:

The Corresponding Secretary should have a sufficient number of ballots printed to cover the entire membership, and should send

direct to the Secretary of each Division, and to all unattached members, a sufficient number to meet their wants; this would insure a regularity in style, as also in time of voting. The Division Secretary should then communicate with the various Councils under his supervision, sending them such a number as they request, the Council could then distribute them to the Secretaries of Clubs, and to all non club members direct, resident within his district.

This method would lead to the appointment of new Councils, make them more deeply interested in their work, and lead to a better and more intimate acquaintanceship among neighboring Leaguers. Each member could then look to his own headquarters for ballots, instead of to a distance.

In our estimation, this would prove the "Ideal Mail Vote" in every sense of the word, while, under the present arrangement, all State or Division officers must stand one side, and see their constituents act around them, as it were.

Another system, more reliable far than the one now prevailing, although not so satisfactory to the writer, is this:

Have our ballots issued in proper form by the parties publishing our Organ or Gazette, and inclosed with same, thus its receipt by each member is much more certain than at present attempted. Or have the ballot printed in our editorial, as above, accompanied with suitable instructions.

If this last device could prevail, it would save a raft of work and much expense; and yet there are objections, and one serious one, which is, that the great body of Leaguers care very little about a mail voter anyhow, the majority not even enough to attach a two-cent stamp to the envelope sent them, to say nothing of cutting out a ballot from a paper, filling it, and then writing, oh, so much!

After all our work, we shall feel surprised if we receive twelve hundred ballots properly filled; i. e., thirty-three per cent., and, gentlemen, if we do, we will thank you, and most humbly bowing, acknowledge our error. Try us, now, please, and make us eat our own words.

W. V. GILMAN,
Cor. Sec'y pro tem.

NASHUA, N. H., March 3, 1884.

THE OFFICERS' MEETING.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5, WHEEL OF MARCH 7, 1884.)

MR. EGAN:—As I understand from the Racing Board, it is not their plan to draw any funds from the treasury. We have any

amount of medals and other property of the League. Now it has been by the Racing Board considered that at Washington we will have probably the largest and very likely the last League meet that we will hold, and that the people there will all go to the races, and I cannot see why, with the assistance of the national organization and the racing men all over the country, it cannot be a pecuniary success and turn money into the League rather than take it out. What in likely considering the advancement of racing and the increase of members, and the large League meet which we will hold in Washington, it is very probable that a surplus will be turned into the treasury over and above the \$200.

MR. GILMAN:—It seems to me if this appropriation is not made, the League will not hold its own championship races. Now, the Amateur Athletic Association has theirs, and the Springfield Club has theirs, and I think some other club has one, and it seems to me much better that the League should run its own championship, and I don't think that there is any doubt whatever that those race meets will put money in the treasury of the League, and I should be very much in favor of this appropriation; it is simply a fund for the race board to work upon.

MR. SCRIBNER:—It is my conviction that if the League meeting is held in Washington, it will not be at all necessary to draw any money out of the treasury, but rather to put some in. We are getting up quite an interest in racing down at Washington, and I have not the slightest doubt that with proper management on the part of the gentlemen controlling the races, that we shall have a larger attendance at our race track than we have ever had before.

Motion carried.

PRESIDENT:—The next matter of business that we will bring before the board will be the consideration of where we shall have the next meeting. We are open for bids.

MR. SCRIBNER:—I move that the Fourth Annual Meeting of the League of American Wheelmen be held at Washington. I believe that the Secretary is in receipt of a communication asking the League to hold their meeting there. I would say that the date of holding the meeting was passed upon a time when we could get the race track. I have been informed that we could not get the track unless we took it on the 19th and 20th of May, and I beg to say as a member of the committee, in behalf of the Washington Cycle Club, that we invite the Board of Officers very cordially to Washington. I therefore

nominate Washington as the place of the next annual meet.

MR. GILMAN:—I would like to inquire of Mr. Scribner, if he knows positively what days of the week come upon the 19th and 20th of May.

MR. SCRIBNER:—Monday and Tuesday.

MR. GILMAN:—I have the following official document from the Washington Cycle Club:

THE BOARD OF OFFICERS,
LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN.

Greeting: At a regular meeting of this club held February 4, 1884, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of Three, of which the Chief Consul of the L. A. W., for the District of Columbia, shall be Chairman, be appointed to visit New York on the 22d inst., for the purpose of personally requesting the Board of Officers of the L. A. W. to select the city of Washington, D. C., as the place for holding the Fourth Annual Meet of that body.

Pursuant thereto, the following named gentlemen, were appointed as that committee: William C. Scribner, Frank H. Pelouze, Edw. T. Pettengill.

Fraternally yours,

AMOS W. HART,

President W. C. C.

Attest,

E. T. PETTINGILL, Secretary.

MR. TORRENS:—At the suggestion of the Trojan Wheelmen, I would offer the name of Saratoga Springs as the place for the next League meeting. We held a meeting in which the majority of the members requested me to bring this matter up here, and requested me to state that they would desire to have the League meeting held at Saratoga Springs.

MR. EGAN:—As I understand it, the holding of the League meeting in any city is not a matter of honor nor a labor of love, but a matter of the greatest amount of work for which there is no adequate compensation. Now, for us to accept Saratoga Springs, it seems to me it would hardly be courtesy for one city to suggest another city, for us to hold our meeting in, when the officers of the League have not even received the courtesy of an invitation. I do not see how there could be any consideration of such an offer as that. I do not see that there is any invitation before the meeting, except to Washington, which is in due form.

THE PRESIDENT:—I believe there is a motion before the house that we accept the invitation extended to us by the Cycle Club of Washington. I believe that one of the objects in having the meeting on Monday and Tuesday was that business gentlemen could have Sunday to travel in; they wished to allow gentlemen from a distance to reach Washington without interfering with the business portion of the week.

MR. SCRIBNER:—It was urged by those we had conversation with about the matter that Sunday would give them an opportunity to get there. As far as Monday and Tuesday are concerned, it makes very little difference to the Washington Cycle Club.

MR. HILL:—If I remember correctly, our last League meeting was held on Monday.

MR. KIDDER:—I would say that from Elmira the members would have to leave there by the Northern Central, and they would have to leave there Saturday morning in order to get there Saturday night, as the Northern Central do not run trains on Sunday.

MR. EGAN:—As I understand it, Monday is more particularly to be devoted to the meeting of the officers; those who come on Monday night, or Tuesday at the latest, will receive all the benefits that usually attend the League meetings. Therefore it seems to me that Monday will be the best day, as it will enable us to get through with a great deal of business; so I can not see but what Monday and Tuesday are the days.

MR. SCRIBNER:—I would say that the Washington Cycle Club have taken it for granted that their invitation would be accepted, and therefore some discussion has been held as to the programme. I will state that their programme was that the business meeting should be held in the morning, and the parade in the afternoon, of the first day, and the banquet in the evening, so as to enable those coming from a distance, whose business would not permit them to remain two or three days, to go home; that was our object, and then devote the second day to the races. If the Board of Officers accept our invitation, and have any suggestions to make, we will be very glad to carry them out.

MR. EGAN:—I believe in all the conversations that I have had among the officers of the League they have come to the conclusion that it is not justice to ourselves, nor to the cause that we attempt to represent, to manage the business of an association of three thousand men and rush it through in less than half a day. Where we hold a business meeting in the morning, at ten o'clock, and the parade at two o'clock, the business is rushed through to the detriment of the cause, and the detriment of the Association. We do not do either ourselves or the Association justice. I think that a whole day should be devoted to the business, and that would prevent any obstruction being carried out which was manifest in our last meeting. It seems to me that the first day should be devoted to the consideration of business matters.

MR. COLEMAN:—I think that the programme could be arranged so that the first day could be devoted entirely to L. A. W. business, and hold the parade in the morning of the second day, the races in the afternoon, and the banquet in the evening.

Motion carried.

MR. JOHNSON moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Trojan Wheelmen for their kind invitation to Saratoga Springs.

Motion carried.

MR. COLEMAN:—At the proper time I want to present an idea. Where did you ever see a military company turn out in parade without having first gone through a course of drill? Now, wherever we have had our League meets we have had a lot of riders tagged on to the rear end of the parade; some could ride and some could not; they were tumbling around against good riders. I would very much indeed like to see our League meets sifted of such, and have only uniformed riders and members of the L. A. W. in good standing ride in the parade.

MR. EGAN:—As I understand it, we have now adopted to go to Washington. Now, it seems to me that while the suggestion presented by my friend, Dr. Coleman, is a good one, don't you think it would be rather a bad slap at the Capital Club, after they had worked and labored in this thing, that we should say to them they could not ride? Now, it seems to me, if a motion of that kind is to be brought before the meeting, it should be in a shape not exactly to look as though we ruled them out. It is a proper thing, but I don't see, under the circumstances, how we can very well do that without giving offense to the Washington Club—the Capital Club. I think, though, no men not members of any club should be admitted to the parade.

MR. SCRIBNER:—As a member of the committee I would say there is a desire to bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Officers at this meeting. I will say that there

has been quite a feeling of indifference to the League in Washington heretofore. Washington has had a League club who withdrew from the League. The League, perhaps, would have been invited to Washington before this if they had had any League club or any representation there. The Washington Cycle Club was organized eleven months ago with a membership of five; now they have thirty, and they are just that sort of temperament that if everybody is going to be admitted free of charge they can not see any necessity for paying one dollar to join the League, if any outsider can enjoy the same privileges without becoming a member. I do not believe I would join the League myself if I could enjoy its benefits for nothing.

THE PRESIDENT:—You have decided on Washington as the place of the next meet. It will be necessary for you to elect a Commander for the parade, and I would suggest, as my idea of the thing, that the Commander should be elected from one of the committee in charge of the meet in Washington, and that committee be empowered to make such arrangements as regards who should parade as they may see fit. I think the matter can be very safely left in their hands, and I presume they will be able to adjust it better than we can. We are open for nominations.

MR. GILMAN:—I nominate as Commander of the League for the meeting to be held at Washington, May 19 and 20, as I understand it, Dr. N. Malon Beckwith.

THE PRESIDENT:—Gentlemen, this is really a matter which I would not ordinarily speak of, but I think it is only due to the gentleman with us to-day that if there is any honor in this thing that we grant it to him. I am very well satisfied that Mr. Scribner will perform that office with credit to himself and the organization, and so far as I am concerned I should be very happy to see you elect Mr. Scribner as Commander of the parade to be given in his city, and I think he is fully entitled to it.

MR. SCRIBNER:—While I would be most happy to serve the League in any capacity I have the ability to, I should most positively decline in favor of Dr. Beckwith. I think Dr. Beckwith could do it with more credit to the League than I could.

THE PRESIDENT:—If you feel so inclined, Mr. Scribner, that you positively decline, of course I have nothing further to say, but it is certainly my preference that you should fill the position, and I should be glad to have you do so, and I shall be happy to do anything I can to assist you, if you will reconsider your decision.

Mr. Scribner still declining to act, Dr. Beckwith was elected Commander of the League for the meeting to be held May 19th and 20th.

The report of the Membership Committee was read and accepted.

[On motion of A. D. Clafin, seconded by L. H. Johnson, the report was adopted without discussion, Mr. Frank Egan voting in the negative.—ED.]

MR. TERRY:—I would make an additional report as Chairman of the Membership Committee, and that is, that I have from time to time during the past six months, or since the last meeting of the Board of Officers made decisions upon minor matters as they have occurred, and these decisions, whenever adverse to anybody, have been published in the official organ.

MR. TORRANCE:—Some time ago there was a party living in Troy named Albert Edmans, who participated in a race at Hoosic Falls; he was paid a certain amount of

money to go there and take part in the race. He applied for admission to the League, and the application was protested, and the protest sustained. Thereafter Mr. Thiessen and Mr. De Golier applied for application to the League; a protest was sent in charging these gentlemen with having participated in the race with Mr. Edmunds, and also with having participated in a race where a prize of \$25 was offered. This protest was sent to the proper officers of the League, and, as I understand it, was referred to the Membership Committee. The League men in Troy were ready to furnish affidavits and the necessary evidence to sustain their protest. They wrote to the proper officers asking how the matter was progressing, and stating that they were ready to furnish the evidence, and received no reply until just before the matter was decided by the Membership Committee, and then one of them received an answer to their letter, stating that the matter was considered, and they decided to accept Mr. Thiessen and Mr. De Golier. The men at Troy were not afforded an opportunity to sustain the protest. There certainly has been some carelessness on the part of somebody; I do not think the Membership Committee is in any fault in the matter. Our club is the only League club in Troy; we have a membership of some fifty, and this is the only thing that I know of that interferes with the good feeling towards the League. Some of the members felt grieved at the action of the committee in not giving them an opportunity to furnish this evidence.

And another matter I will also mention at this time is in regard to an application that was sent in for a member of our club, Mr. Frank S. , to the Corresponding Secretary about October 4th, 1883; an appeal was sent to the Corresponding Secretary, and not hearing from the matter at all, or seeing his name published in THE WHEEL, they endeavored to correspond with the Secretary, and received one letter from the Secretary, stating that the man's name had been published in a certain number of THE WHEEL, but we have not been able to find it, and he never received a ticket, and does not receive THE WHEEL. If there is any way of finding out if the man is a member of the League or not, we should be glad to do so, and to be informed of the fact.

THE PRESIDENT:—Mr. Torrance, if you will make a motion expressing your wishes in regard to the reconsideration of the cases mentioned, I think we will reach it in that way very quickly.

Moved that the action of the committee in admitting to membership Mr. Thiessen and Mr. De Golier, of Troy, be reconsidered.

MR. TERRY:—I would like to ask whether under the Constitution a person having been regularly approved, and having received our approbation, is not a member?

MR. TORRANCE:—I was afraid that he was, but I was informed to-day that this Board had power to supervise and overrule the action of any committee.

MR. TERRY:—My object was not that I was myself personally unwilling to make any reconsideration; that is not the point; the question is, suppose it was referred to us, what power have we on it? I wish that the gentleman had written me before he came here that he wished to bring this matter before your consideration, and had he done so I would have endeavored to refresh my memory upon the facts, in relation to this particular case; I may be somewhat dull upon them now, because it is a number of months since they were decided, and we have had a

good many matters, and it is difficult to remember all the details. I would say that, so far as Mr. Edmans was concerned, Mr. Edmans raced at Hoosic Falls, N. Y., I think a year ago last fall sometime, and that he was not then a member of the League, and in fact was a mere boy, thirteen or fourteen years old, something like that; he was proposed for membership to the League, and protest was made, and he was declared ineligible by the former Membership Committee, of which I was not a member, and of course I am not familiar with the reasons which governed them, and the reasons which may have governed them in his case; at any rate, however, he was decided inadmissible to the League some time last spring. These races in which Messrs. De Golier and Thiessen raced with Edmans, although they were subsequent to the Hoosic Falls race, were long before any protest had been made against Mr. Edmans, or before he had been declared ineligible to the League, or formally declared to be a professional. Now, if my impression serves me right, it is this, that when Messrs. De Golier and Thiessen made an application, that protests were made, and reasons assigned against them from certain gentlemen in Albany, and that those reasons were given full consideration, and there was no question made but what the facts as alleged by them were true. If there had been any question as to whether or no the statements made in the protest were true or not, so far as the allegations made were not true, it did not seem to us necessary to go further, and consider that they had some other facts which they did not state to us. One of such facts was that this race at Hoosic Falls was made under the special auspices of Mr. Thiessen; we did not know it. I do not remember just precisely, but the Edmans case was a very close case; whether or not it would have been decided just as it was by the present Membership Committee, I am not able to say, because I have not examined the evidence upon which the former Membership Committee decided it. But when you come to consider the fact that he was a very young man, and that the amount of money which he received was exceedingly small, and as I understand was claimed for him, was simply in lieu of expenses; now I may be in fault, but yet my impression is there was some \$25, divided between some three or four or five people to go up there. Well, now you see under such circumstances as that, Mr. Edmans made no appeal from the Membership Committee, and if he had, and the question had been brought regularly before the Board of Officers, we should have an opportunity to decide upon that. But certainly this Membership Committee were of the opinion that admitting all the facts claimed, they could see no reason why Messrs. De Golier and Thiessen should not be admitted to the League.

MR. TORRANCE:—There is a gentleman, who is a member of our club, who is a very fast rider, and we wish to enter him for the coming races, and we are afraid that if he does enter into these races he will be protested by some party and barred out of the League, and we would like to have this matter settled one way or the other. I cannot see how you can draw the line between one and the other, knowing the fact that Edmans was a professional, and that he had received that amount of money, and members of our club had cautioned Mr. Thiessen that by so doing he would become a professional.

MR. TERRY:—In regard to the matter of Mr. Edmans, I do not wish to be under-

stood as making any reflection whatever upon the decision of the old Membership Committee. I do not know what all the evidence was that they had before them; they were to decide it, and I am not going back of their decision; but when it comes to other cases, we have to decide each case upon its own individual merits, and it seemed to me certainly we had a right to pass upon the Edmans case, to show it was so close a case, and so close upon the boundary line that Messrs. De Golier and Thiessen might have raced with him, no protest being made or having been made upon the question having been passed upon by any properly constituted body, without rendering themselves liable to have us say of them that they competed with a person whom they knew had violated the amateur rule; there certainly was no violation of it in spirit.

THE PRESIDENT:—I think the motion made by Mr. Torrance is out of order.

TO THE BOARD OF OFFICERS,
LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN.

Greeting: At the regular meeting of this club held February 18, 1884, the following was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The practice of fraternizing with all wheelmen, regardless of their tenets or relations to the L. A. W., on the occasion of its meets, is contrary to all order and precedent in similar bodies and organizations, and

WHEREAS, We thus only tend to sustain the indifference of non-League men, who are ever ready to share the pleasures and privileges, but not the labors, of the L. A. W.,

Be it Resolved, That this club, through its Representatives to the meeting of the Board of Officers in New York, Feb. 22, 1884, propose and do all in its power to gain the establishment of a law debarring non-League men from all privileges, rights, pleasures, etc., of the L. A. W., and that we adopt the close-communication sentiment of "L. A. W. benefits for L. A. W. members only."

Fraternally yours,

E. T. PETTINGILL,
Secretary.

MR. EGAN:—There is presented to this Board of Officers, by the Washington Cycle Club, a series of resolutions, which I will read. (Read same.) Now it seems to me that the Washington Cycle Club, to whom we are indebted for our forthcoming visit to Washington, should certainly have all the glory. Throwing aside my own personal motives, I think that League affairs should be for League men only. It seems to me unjust to the club that honors us with the compliment of an invitation to their city, that this resolution should be allowed to be tabled without a vote taken on it, I think it should be adopted for the forthcoming meet, if not for the future, and I move that the resolution be adopted as read.

Motion seconded.

MR. ADAMS:—Do I understand that this is to go simply for the next meet, or for all time?

MR. EGAN:—I am only asking for a vote for the next meet; I should like to see it continued for all time, but I am willing to accept a vote for the next meet.

MR. SCRIBNER:—I will state that it is the object of the gentleman who drew up that resolution to have it embodied in the Rules of the League of American Wheelmen for all time and he begged me to state to the Board of Officers that he is very desirous for its adoption. He is a minister, the only minister we have in the District of Columbia, and I think that is sufficient evidence of his disinterestedness. As far as I am concerned, I hesitated to present it, although it is not the offspring of mine; I simply present it, but I shall undoubtedly get the blame of it.

MR. HILL:—It seems to me this is putting the League of American Wheelmen in a very delicate position, for certainly as the matter

stands now, and as it stands in those resolutions of the Cycle Club, it is merely a question between the Cycle Club and the Capital Club. Still we have the evidence that the Capital Club approve the League enough to offer to assist them, and it certainly seems to me, if we adopt such a rule as proposed, it will be simple courtesy in us, in return for their offer of assistance, that we ask them to join our parade.

MR. EGAN:—In making this motion, and in presenting this resolution from the Cycle Club, I wish it distinctly understood that there is no intention of driving at the Capital Club. This is a League affair for League men only; we do not make any drive at the Capital Club; therefore I ask you to adopt that motion and make it broad enough to say, not only in the forthcoming meet, but in all time; but if we are not good enough to be co-members with the Capital Club, we certainly are not good enough for them to dine with, or parade with, or to be seen with.

MR. SCRIBNER:—I would simply state that the resolution was not presented as a drive at the Capital Club at all. The relations existing between the clubs are the most friendly, yet the gentleman who drew it up could not see the benefit to be derived from a membership in the League if its privileges are to be extended to any outsider simply because he rides a wheel.

MR. EGAN:—I agree with Mr. Scribner there, and I have also had it called to my mind that the Capital Club glorifies in not being members of the League. Now, I cannot see why they should derive the same amount of benefit from this affair as the Washington Cycle Club, and I do claim to think that a member of the League should have something in some respects for his money.

MR. TERRY:—Mr. Scribner has said that he intended no drive at the Capital Club, and I hardly think that he did; yet it puts us in the position of rather assisting one. I think the objection to non-League men attending parades—there has been as much reason for it in our former parades as there is in this one; I think if we had such a rule and had it enforced at our last meeting, we would have been rid of the rag-tag and bob-tail that followed us up through the park. But the whole force of it falls upon the Capital Club, and it seems to me, although the rule is a good one, and I thoroughly agree with it, it would be well for us to defer action upon it until after this parade, so that no club can say that the rule was made to apply specially to them.

MR. SCRIBNER:—What will be the effect upon any local club residing in the city where the Board of Officers had decided to hold the meet? We were instructed to present this resolution without regard to what action the Board of Officers took in reference to the invitation to come to Washington.

MR. EGAN:—Make the motion not to refer to the forthcoming meeting, but to all time. Now, Mr. Hill has remarked that in the past we have really needed this rule and haven't had it, therefore I think now is a fitting time to draw the line. It is very likely that the next meet will be the last meet the League will have, and it certainly seems to me that the last League meet should be for League men only, and it is beyond my comprehension why the Washington Club should be picked out as the club that we are driving at. I, as the maker of the motion, make no drive at the Washington Club. I respectfully ask again that the motion be accepted not to

pertain to the forthcoming League meet, but all meets hereafter.

MR. HILL:—Mr. Egan very kindly alters his motion so that it shall not refer especially to the coming League meet, but to all successive League meets, and then informs us that he does not intend to have any more League meets.

MR. EGAN:—I said, in my opinion, I did not think there would ever be another League meet, but my opinion does not decide the matter; there are some in the League who think so.

MR. HILL:—I beg your pardon. I understood you to enforce that by saying you should oppose any further League meet.

MR. ADAMS:—I think this resolution is entirely too strong in its scope; it covers too much ground. I do not see why the Capital Club or any other club should parade with us unless they are invited. I have an idea that if these clubs are not invited, why should they join us? Our constitution is a broad one, and I find right here in the second article "its objects are to promote the general interests of bicycling." If you were to put such a resolution as that in our constitution, I think it would certainly go against the spirit of our constitution, therefore I hope the resolution will not be passed; I shall object myself. I do not see any use for it, and, as I said before, if the clubs are not invited, I do not see why they should join us.

MR. TERRY:—As I understand it, there are a number of the members of this organization who are members of the Capital Club, and they should not be excluded by the passage of the law, and I do not see any reason why a vote of this kind should be considered a slap at anybody; any more than it is that we should not want to parade with the Hibernians or any other society.

MR. SCRIBNER:—I should like to say that I am afraid that if that resolution is not adopted it will dampen to a considerable extent the ardor of the Washington Cycle Club; I think it will have its effect upon me, and I think it will upon the whole club; and I think if you are going to insist on inviting people who are not connected with the League, and who do not affiliate with the League, I think there is hardly any use in the League coming to Washington.

MR. EGAN:—It will be a much more direct insult to any club in any city to hold a meet so prominent as the League is, and utterly ignore them; you have got to give some excuse for that.

MR. BURCH:—As I understand it, it is a resolution not to go into the Constitution, simply a resolution to go into the Board, and does it affect the Constitution? As I understand it, it is simply a resolution of this Board, and to pass it I think it will certainly have a tendency to make new members for the League.

Motion adopted.

MR. COLEMAN:—I suggest that the clubs who participate in the League meet at Washington pay more attention to drilling, especially riding many wheelmen abreast; we do not drill enough together as clubs.

THE PRESIDENT:—I heartily agree in the remarks made by Mr. Coleman, and I have no doubt, inasmuch as you have elected me Commander for that day, I shall issue some orders which I shall hope to have executed, and I congratulate you upon the passage of this resolution.

MR. TERRY:—We have passed a vote now, having reference somewhat to the good appearance of our organization and our meet, I mean by good appearance, securing

only good-looking men, and why wouldn't it be a good plan now to go further, and decide that those members who do not appear in the uniform of League clubs should, if they appear at all, appear in the League uniform. It seems to me you do not get rid of one trouble, and that is, having a lot of men in all kinds of uniforms, and it seems to me, if a person appears in the parade, unless he appears with a club as a member of a regular League club, that he ought to appear with some uniform that we would know, and that is the uniform prescribed in our rules.

MR. COLEMAN:—The idea advanced by Mr. Terry would greatly improve the appearance of the parade; but, in all the meets except the Newport meet, which the League has ever held, I doubt if I have ever seen more than five League uniforms in all those meets, and it really seems to me that we would lose a very large percentage of those who are not connected with League clubs. I hope that this suggestion will not prevail.

THE PRESIDENT:—There is no motion before the house. I have allowed a little indiscriminate remarks. If the Secretary will please read the proposed amendments we are ready for their consideration.

The Secretary read the same.

MR. TERRY:—In regard to the resolution consolidating the office of Secretary and Treasurer, as read by Mr. Gilman, if I recollect right, there is also a proposition to amend the Constitution. Article 4 of the Constitution provides what the officers shall be, and it will be folly for us to amend our rules about the Secretary and Treasurer, it seems to me, so long as our Constitution remains as it is.

MR. GILMAN:—I stand corrected; there was a motion made to amend the Constitution in that respect, and I should have read it.

MR. TERRY:—Is a motion to amend the Constitution in order, Mr. President?

THE PRESIDENT:—Not at this time; no, sir.

MR. TERRY:—Wouldn't it be well to defer any action upon the motion to amend the rules until such time as the Constitution has been changed? In other words, it does not seem to me that this Board of Officers has any power to amend the Constitution, and so long as the Constitution remains as it is, there is no use for us to change the rules; so it seems to me that we had better not waste our time upon the further consideration of those amendments at this time. There was an excellent suggestion made in the report of the Secretary that the matter of changes in the Constitution and Rules should be referred to a special committee to report at the annual meeting of the League, and it seems to me that until that time we had better leave our rules as they are, and, inasmuch as we cannot adopt the rules relating to consolidating the offices of Secretary and Treasurer without changing the Constitution, and, inasmuch as it seems it would be folly to increase the membership fees to \$1.50, and leave the initiation fee at \$1.00, as provided in the Constitution, in view of these premises, I move that the further consideration of the amendments be indefinitely postponed.

BY THE PRESIDENT:—Mr. Terry would you like to incorporate in that motion that the matter be referred to a committee?

MR. TERRY:—I think it would be better to bring that up separately.

Motion carried.

MR. TERRY:—Mr. President, we have got, it seems to me, an executive committee on

rules and regulations. I don't know whether they have very much to do or not, but I don't apprehend that they are overridden with work. I therefore move that the matter of the amendments to the Constitution and Rules of the League of American Wheelmen be referred to our regular standing committee on rules and regulations, to report at the next meeting of the League, such amendments thereto as in their judgment would be advisable for the League to adopt.

Motion carried.

THE PRESIDENT:—I believe that disposes of the amendment question; is there anything else, Mr. Secretary? Has any member of the Board of Officers any business which they wish to bring before the Board?

MR. CLAFLIN:—In view of the Treasurer's report, I think the discussion of the official organ of the League should come up, and it seems to me it would be a good plan to appoint a committee of three or five to examine into the whole question so as to have a good foundation to report upon at the annual meeting of the League what they think best in the matter of the League organ.

MR. JOHNSON:—I would move that a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive proposals for an official organ of the League, and report at the annual meeting, and I should like to say that I am quite sure that it will be possible to get a League organ at 25 cents per member, and of course it rests with the League whether they will adopt it or not.

MR. TERRY:—I am in favor of the idea of this motion, except that my own idea about it, whether in bi-monthly or monthly form, and I do not know why a monthly publication would not be sufficient, and it seems to me it would be a good plan to authorize this committee to also receive suggestions and make recommendations to this Board, and if the power would accept some such suggestion as that, I would move it.

THE PRESIDENT:—Will the mover please restate the motion with the suggestion made?

MR. JOHNSON:—The motion is that a committee of five, to be called the League Organ Committee, be appointed by the President from the Board of Officers, whose duty it shall be to obtain proposals and estimates for an organ for the ensuing year at a cost of not more than 25 cents per name, such committee to report at the regular meeting of the League in May next, and I accept the amendment which has just been made.

Motion carried.

THE PRESIDENT:—I will name the committee a little later. Is there any further business? I may state, and it is right that I should, that I am in receipt of correspondence from gentlemen in different localities over the country, who are unable to be here, one from our Vice-President, Mr. Miller, who telegraphs me, and states that he has written me, which I have not received; also from the Chief Consul of Pennsylvania, Mr. Sanderson; business has detained him so that he is unable to be here. I am very much pleased to see so large a number here, and have no doubt if it were not for the long distance intervening, there would be more present. I will appoint on that committee L. H. Johnson, A. D. Clafin, W. H. Miller, J. R. Torrance, and W. C. Scribner.

MR. SCRIBNER:—Mr. President, I would like to suggest that you excuse me from serving on that committee, as the League meet will take about all the time I can devote to it.

THE PRESIDENT:—I think, Mr. Scribner, it will only be a matter of a little correspond-

ence; my idea is to distribute the committee among the different localities as much as possible; I think you had better hold over.

MR. GILMAN:—I have a telegram which does not pertain to any business before the Board, it is as follows: "Will you extend for us a cordial invitation to the officers to attend our annual this evening. Springfield Bicycle Club."

THE PRESIDENT:—If there is no further business, a motion to adjourn will be in order.

On motion, the meeting adjourned after passing vote of thanks to Mr. Simeon Ford of the Grand Union Hotel for the use of the parlor.



I have just seen a circular to the N. J. State Div., which claims to give the "regular nominations" for the State Board of Officers. Why this claim should be made, unless in favor of the present incumbent of the office of Chief Consul, I cannot discover. To show that it is such, and really the utterance of a minority, I would call attention to the signers thereof, as published.

The Hackensack club are *non League*, with only three *League* members. Essex club are *non League*. Brunswick club, sixteen *League* members. Orange Wanderers show seven *League* members in Orange, including two ladies. Now, what I want to know is, what claim such signers can make towards issuing a "regular" ticket? What I should consider a "regular ticket" would be the one endorsed by the following *League* clubs, representing an aggregate of about 105 *League* members, i. e.: Plainfield, 17. Camden, 27. Hudson Co. Wheelmen, 20. Monmouth Co. Wheelmen, 12. New Jersey Wheelmen, 29.

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Unattached—3:

531—H. D. Crocker, 175 La Salle street, Room 33, Chicago, Ill.

533—Benjamin J. Shockley, Box 567, Decatur, Ill.

534—Harry R. Todd, care R. A. Cutter & Co., Peoria, Ill.

Washington Cycle Club—add 1:

532—T. Albert Newman, 3136 Bridge street, Washington, D. C.

INDIANA DIVISION—1.

535—J. A. Gleason, Tipton, Ind.

KENTUCKY DIVISION—1.

Falls City Bicycle Club—add 1:

536—Princey Wells, Louisville, Ky.

MICHIGAN DIVISION—1.

537—Arthur T. Slaght, Caro, Mich.

NEW JERSEY DIVISION—1.

538—P. L. Tyler, 62 Clifton place, Jersey City N. J.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION—1.

Rockingham Bicycle Club—add 1:

539—Augustus H. King, Portsmouth, N. H.

MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION—2.

Unattached—2:

540—E. L. Coolidge, Kimball's Drug Store, Lowell, Mass.

541—Fred J. Bradley, P. O. Box 1008, Springfield, Mass.

OHIO DIVISION—5.

Unattached—3:

545—Frank M. Smith, Portsmouth, Ohio.

543—Charles B. McQuigg, Ironton, "

542—Newton J. Worley, Standard Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Forest City Wheel Club—add 1:

546—John O. DeKlyn, 41 Euclid avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Youngstown Bicycle Club—add 1:

547—David E. Davis, care of The Arms & Bell Co., Youngstown, Ohio.

CONNECTICUT STATE DIVISION—7.

Unattached—2:

548—George B. Thayer, Vernon Depot, Conn.

549—Thomas G. Buddington, Stamford, "

Stamford Wheel Club—add 2:

550—William H. Sanford, Stamford, Conn.

553—Charles L. Hoyt, "

Meriden Wheel Club—add 3:

556—Edward L. Gregory, 40 Crown street, Meriden, Conn.

318—F. F. Ives, 22 West Main street, Meriden, Conn.

554—F. W. Pease, 9 Queen street, Meriden, Conn.

PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION—7.

Unattached—7:

555—Alfred L. Billfield, 1915 Spring Garden street, Philadelphia, Pa.

557—G. M. Street, 1347 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

558—Henry J. McArdle, 1513 South Tenth street, Philadelphia, Pa.

559—Joseph H. Lehman, care above address.

562—Erwin Spain, 1728 Ingersoll street, Philadelphia, Pa.

563—Fred H. Colvin, 3512 Wallace street, Philadelphia, Pa.

560—Ezra G. Shire, Mauch Chunk, Pa.

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Unattached—9:

564—Charles G. Kerby, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

565—Wm. M. Cunningham, 204 West Forty-fourth street, N. Y. city.

566—C. Unger, Jr., 23 East Thirty-seventh street, N. Y. city.

567—James R. Meeker, 767 Herkimer street, Brooklyn.

568—J. M. Barton, Rome.

569—Frank B. Rawson, 143 Main street, Hornellsville.

570—Fred E. Kennedy, 149 Main street, Hornellsville.

571—Albert F. Peck, care P. J., "Unio," Port Jervis.

578—George H. Clark, 57 Lake avenue, Rochester.

Cortlandt Wheelmen—add 1:

580—Robert S. Hasbrouck, Jr., 91 Liberty street, N. Y. city.

Unattached—1:

587—Amos G. Draper, Kendall Green, Washington, D. C.

MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION—3.

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I deem it a fact worthy of mention, that this is the largest representation on the Board of Officers from any single State since the organization of the League, and may be regarded as a subject of congratulation by the L. A. W. members at large, as indicative of the growth and importance of the organization.

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MR. W. V. GILMAN, Cor. Sec'y L. A. W.

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HAMMONTON, N. J., Feb. 23, 1884.

MR. W. V. GILMAN, COR. SEC'Y L. A. W.

Dear Sir: I hereby resign from the League of American Wheelmen.

Very respectfully,

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WASHINGTON, March 4, 1884.

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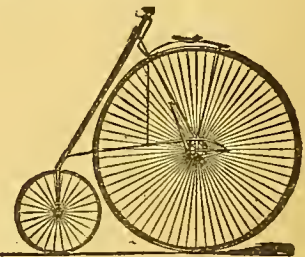
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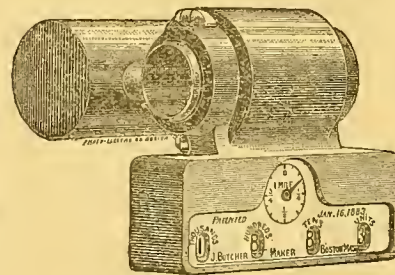
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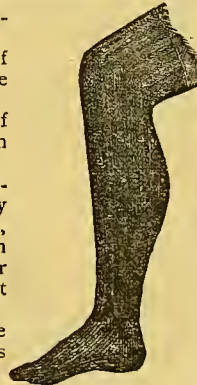
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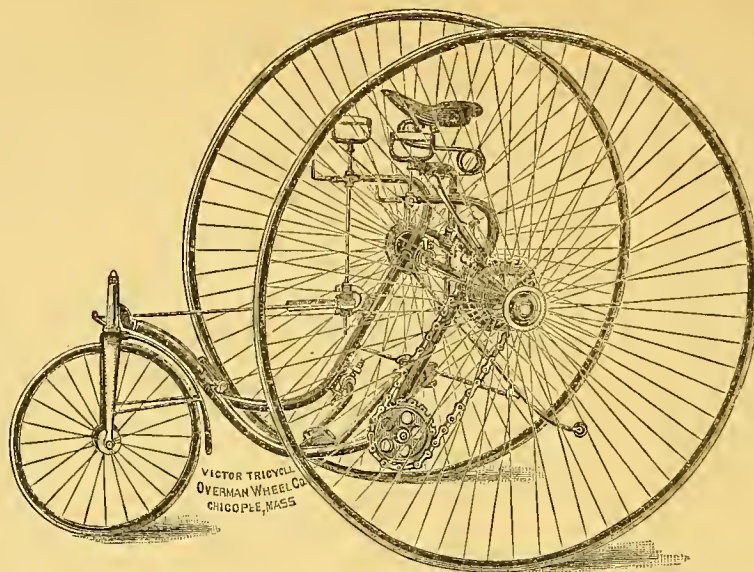
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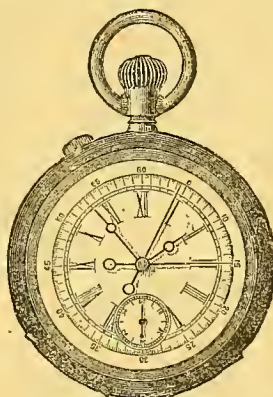
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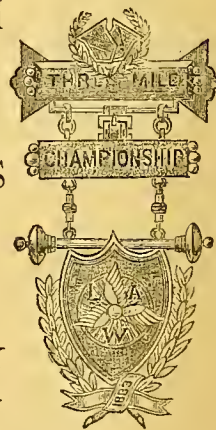
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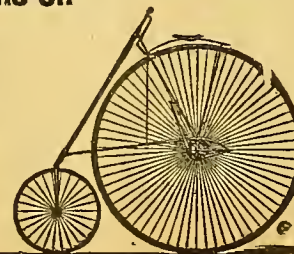
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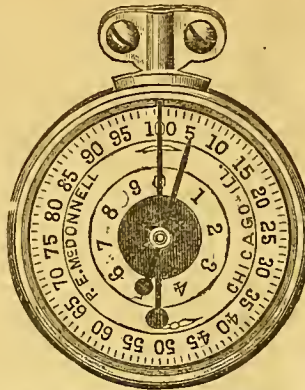
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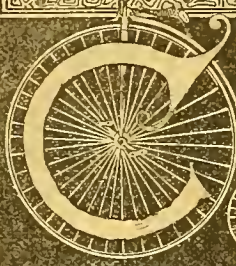
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