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### WHEEL GOSSIP.

Sis—boom—ah!!!

Did you have a good time at the Meet?

If not, it was hardly the fault of the New Yorkers.

How were the roads in the Park and Riverside Drive?

And the barrel of lemonade in front of Citizen Dunlap's Institution.

And all the pretty girls on General Viele's lawn?

And the banquet at the Metropolitan?

And the speeches which we will soon publish?

And, in fact, the whole arrangement?

We found one man who grumbled. Said man sent a postal-card saying he "was coming," but neglected to state by what route or at what hour. Arriving at the tent he leaned his wheel against the pole, to prevent it—the tent—from falling, and waited three hours for the Hotel Committee to escort him down town with a brass band. And yet some people are never satisfied.

Mr. Pach, the artist, informs us that all three of the plates are perfect, and promises one of the finest bicycle pictures ever produced. Orders can be sent to Capt. Will. R. Pitman, 64 White street. We understand that the proceeds of the sale will go to the New York State Division treasury.

Mr. Charles E. Pratt was the man at the wheel at all times, especially when acting as toast-master. His long familiarity with public life and men eminently fitted him for his arduous duties.

Now that the Meet is a thing of the past, it becomes every League member to hand his little dollar to Mr. W. V. Gilman, the Treasurer, Nashua, N. H., and receive his renewal ticket for the year 1883-4. Nothing shows the interest of League members so much as promptness in the payment of dues. The amount is nothing, and we hope by next week to be able to print a great many renewals in our list.

"Ye President" Egan had a letter for Mr. Cross in his possession, and at the dinner tried to find him. It was useless, as not a cross man could be found.

Ex-Vice-President Parsons "looked happy," as did every one.

The new Committees are not as yet made up, but will probably be published next week.

The New York *World* says that Dr. N. M. Beckwith rode the largest wheel, and Campanini Newman, the smallest. Also that Ex-Secretary Sholes was the handsomest man in the parade.

New Jersey has a State Division; now let Maryland, Rhode Island, and Connecticut fall into line.

The issue of the *Cyclist* of May 16th, and the *Official Gazette* of the Cyclist Touring Club each contain a lengthy article in regard to standing of the League with its present amateur rule, and the resignations of both Messrs. E. R. Ship-ton and H. Stunney. In view of the proposed change in the amateur rule, we are inclined to think the action rather hasty, and while we are sorry to lose our English members we hardly think it will effect the League to any considerable extent. The statement that the C. T. C. is gaining at the expense of the League, is false, as nearly every new member of the former association retains his membership in the latter. The gain in the C. T. C. membership in this country is accounted for by the popularity of the Chief Consul, we are inclined to the opinion that if such a hard-working man as Frank Weston represented the League in England, there would be little cause for complaint regarding members there. The C. T. C. is a social organization in this country, and any one joining it for actual benefits, apart from social intercourse, will find that he will be disappointed.

Three competent counters, stationed at the commencement of the line, give the number at 876, which is the official count. This is the largest gathering of wheelmen ever assembled in this country.

### FROM THE CLUBS.

[Club secretaries and other wheelmen are requested to furnish for this department announcements of coming races, meets, runs, periodical business, social meetings etc., etc.]

#### FIXTURES.

- JUNE 8 and 9—Race Meeting, Morristown, N. J.  
" 11 and 12—Fourth Annual Race Meeting, Capital Club, at Washington, D. C.  
" 9—Annual Encampment of Champion City Club.  
" 9—Ten Mile Race, Druid Hill Lake, 7 A. M., Baltimore, Md.  
" 12—Annual Meeting Citizens' Bi. Club.  
" 15—Races at Lancaster, Pa.  
" 20—Races at Detroit, Mich.  
" 23—Annual Race Meeting Kings County Wheelmen on Grounds of Williamsburgh Athletic Club.  
" 30—Fourth Annual Tour of the Milwaukee Bi. Club, starting from its headquarters, for a run through Waukesha County, extending to July 4th.

JULY 1—Tour in Canada by the Chicago Bi. Club.  
SEPT. 18, 19, and 20—Three days' camp and tournament at Springfield, Mass.

#### CLOSING OF ENTRIES.

JUNE 9—Entries close for 2 mile bicycle race, handicap. To L. E. Myers, Secretary Manhattan A. C., 8th avenue, corner 56th street, New York. Games, June 16th, on new grounds, 8th and 9th avenues, between 86th and 87th streets. \$15 orders to first, \$5 to second.

### WILLIAMSBURG A. C.

This club held their annual Decoration Day Games on May 30. Day cloudy. Management good. Track poor.

Two mile bicycle race—R. G. Rood, Ix. Bi. C. (scratch), 1st, time, 1 mile, 3 minutes 36½ seconds; 2 miles, 7 minutes 17½ seconds; W. H. Austin, W. A. C. (140 yards), 2d, time, 7 minutes 31½ seconds; R. F. Foster, Baltimore A. C. (160 yards), 3d; J. M. Austin, Brooklyn (200 yards), stopped. Although Rood was troubled by the sharp curves, still he had little trouble in winning, and the race, altogether, was rather uninteresting.

### INTER-COLLEGIATE GAMES

Last Saturday, May 26th, occurred the eighth annual meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, on the Manhattan Polo Grounds, New York City. With the exception of the strong wind the day was all that could be desired, but the wind was an exception enough to spoil fast time in the sprint runs, hurdles, etc. It blew directly in the faces of the men in the dashes and interfered with them in the longer runs. It hindered the jumpers, vaulters, etc., and in the case of the high jump the wind seemed to come from every point of the compass, as it skurried around the grand stand and was deflected every which way.

The track, the field of which is used for base ball, was hard in some places, soft in others, and firm and springy in few or none. It is a third of a mile in circumference which necessitates the starting of almost every event in a different place which is annoying to the time-keepers.

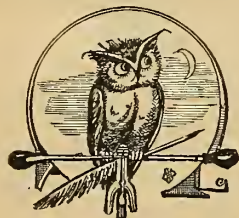
Two-mile bicycle race—C. A. Reed, Columbia, '84, 1st, time, 6 min. 53½ sec.; F. T. Howard, Columbia, '86, 2d, time, 1 mile, 3 min. 28½ sec.; 2 miles, 6 min. 54½ sec.; W. Maxwell, Yale, '85, 3d; L. B. Hamilton, Yale, '86, 4th; R. G. Rood, Columbia, '84; M. Maverick, Harvard, '85; B. Searle Lehigh, '84. This was the saddest affair, and the only serious bungle of the day. The men were started in two rows, five in front and two behind. Each man had a starter who pushed him off. Maverick and Rood ran into each other at the start and both took headers, which resulted in the breaking of a few spokes in Rood's wheel. To add to the confusion, Hamilton and Searle ran into the starters of the front row, and the mixture was indescribable. Indeed, of the seven starters, only Howard and Maxwell started safely. Reed immediately mounted and gave chase. Hamilton followed suit, but was too far in the rear to hope to win. The audience, who were greatly exercised over the start, hissed, and shouted for the unscathed



ones to come back, but they did not hear, and a fine race ensued. Howard was ahead at the mile, in 3 min. 28½ sec., when Reed passed him. On the last lap, Howard went by him only to be passed, when near the finish, by Reed, who was cheered vociferously by his college-mates.

The race should have been run off in heats. If such a course had been pursued such an unfortunate affair would not be likely to happen.

The best college record is 6 min. 48 sec. by Rood, on May 11th, last. This record would have been lowered, were it not for the accident.



It is over, and the Third Annual Meet is a thing of the past, though ever will it remain with many pleasant remembrances in the hearts of the New Yorkers and their guests.

Did you order a picture of the Meet?

Consul Sumner, of the Pequonnocks, of Bridgeport, Conn., reports the loss of his diamond L. A. W. badge.

Harry Jones still awaits the arrival of that machine. He has, however, moved up town, and now graces the desk of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where his smiling face will always greet the weary bicyclist who wanders there.

After the dinner many wheelmen adjourned to resorts further up town, and the question that has since agitated them is, "Who occupied the private box?"

The Ixions claim that every man in their club was in line in the parade.

The Citizens' turned out the largest number, each with a full beard—the distinctive mark of their club.

With our new State League and the tidal wave of bicycling that must needs sweep over New York as the effect of the Meet, it will surprise me if within the next twelve months we do not lead all other State Divisions.

The genial face of Frank W. Weston, C. C. C. T. C., greeted me on Sunday evening at the Grand Union. He had a face as brown as an Indian, from his tour here through Connecticut. He expressed the belief that while sand and water might be all well enough in the manufacture of mortar, yet when it came to using the former for road and the latter for drinking purposes, he, for one, was in favor of declining the pleasures thus offered.

How pleasing it is always to hear a report from an official that you are daily placing handsome balances to your credit in the bank. This was particularly noticeable when Treasurer Gilman rendered his annual report to the meeting.

Doctor! accept my sincerest well wishes, and may your career of usefulness be as long, and as able, and as far in excess of others, as is thy own long length of limb over the average pedal-pusher. I cannot say more,

Pres. Ducker and Sec. Fennessy received the congratulations of their very many friends, with that proper feeling of pride that their earnest efforts in the cause was deserving thereof.

Shame, Bostons! that you, the oldest, the largest, and heretofore the leading club of the

country, should show so little interest, and so little courtesy that you could not ride in your wonted place at the head of the line in a parade that would have done you full honor. Is this the example we must expect from you? Is this what age, influence, and wealth begets in a club?

#### THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by President Miller at 9:45 A. M. There were present, from the Board of officers, President W. H. Miller, Vice-President A. S. Parsons, Corresponding Secretary Sholes, Treasurer W. V. Gilman. Chief Consuls—George Sanderson, Pennsylvania; H. S. Livingston, Ohio; E. K. Hill, Massachusetts; N. M. Beckwith, New York; L. H. Johnson, New Jersey; A. A. Hathaway, Wisconsin; C. H. Lamson, Maine. Representatives—Frank A. Elwell, Maine; Mr. Douglass, New Jersey; J. S. Weber and F. P. Kendall, Massachusetts; A. Meinecke, Wisconsin.

Moved, seconded, and carried, that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with except at the general meeting.

Secretary Sholes was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem*. Nominations for President were in order, and Mr. Parsons proposed Mr. W. H. Miller. The gentleman declined the honor, owing to pressure of business. Mr. Hathaway then nominated Mr. Parsons, who declined. Mr. L. H. Johnson and Mr. E. K. Hill were both nominated in turn, but declined to run. An informal ballot was then taken, on motion of Mr. Parsons, and resulted in Mr. Miller being unanimously elected. A second ballot was taken and resulted in twelve votes for Mr. Miller and two for Mr. Beckwith. The officers then retired, and, after a third declination from Mr. Miller, on nomination by Mr. Parsons, Dr. N. Beckwith, Chief Consul New York State was elected. Dr. Beckwith regretted Mr. Miller's action, but accepted the position after thanking the Board for their courtesy.

Mr. Livingston then nominated Mr. Parsons as Vice-President, but that gentleman declined in favor of Mr. W. H. Miller, who was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. A. S. Parsons, Mr. Fred Jenkins was elected Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer instructed to cast one vote for him, which was done.

Mr. Angus S. Hibbard, of Milwaukee, was elected Recording Secretary by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Sholes was directed to cast one vote for W. V. Gilman as Treasurer, which was immediately done.

The meeting then adjourned to the main hall, and was called to order by President Miller.

President Miller:

Gentlemen of the League: I suppose, under the order of business, a report from the President is required; but, in making that report I can't see how I can make a report in detail without taking away the honor from our Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. I could merely have a repetition of their reports. The President, of course, in making a report, can speak only about his own work, and I do not care to blow my own bugle too strongly. I will merely say that, as far as my own work is concerned, I believe I have done everything I could do for the League, and to make a report in any other way would be to usurp the rights of the Secretary and Treasurer; so we will come right down to business, and as the Board of Officers have just adjourned and have elected a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, for the ensuing year, I will now appoint Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Livingston to escort your new President, Dr. Beckwith, to the chair. [Applause.]

Dr. N. M. Beckwith, President elect, then addressed the League:

Gentlemen: I fully appreciate the high compliment you have paid me in my election to the chief executive office of this order, and I assure you that my utmost endeavors will be to promote its interests in every particular. There is an immense amount of business before us considering the length of time in which we have to transact, and without further remarks we will proceed to business. [Applause.]

The first order of business is the reading the minutes of the last meeting.

On motion of Mr. Pratt the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

President Beckwith:

The next order of business is the report of the President; as that report has already been made, the next order of business will be the report of the Corresponding Secretary.

The report was accepted as read.

President Beckwith:

The next order of business is the report of the Treasurer.

Mr. Parsons:

It seems to me it might be well, in order to expedite matters for the chair, at this time to appoint a committee on credentials who shall retire and pass upon the credentials while the Treasurer's report is being read.

On motion, the President appointed a committee of three to pass upon credentials.

Treasurer, Mr. W. V. Gilman, then read the following report, which was accepted as read:

Mr. President, Officers, and Members L. A. W.:

During my term of office it has been my earnest endeavor to be able to present to you at this time a report of our financial standing at least as satisfactory as that exhibited at our Chicago Meeting, and for a moment we will examine both reports that we may see how they will compare.

Our balance in treasury, May 27, 1882..	\$516.38
We now have.....	\$1,196.97
Our receipts from membership dues, 1881-2,.....	925.00
This year we have received from this source.....	1,083.00
Admission fees, 1881-2.....	622.00
During this year.....	693.50

The increase in this particular is most gratifying, and will surprise many when we take into consideration the heavy drawback we have labored under from the fact that entire club memberships have been admitted at half-rates.

On the other hand the expenses of the office of our Corresponding Secretary have been reduced more than... while those of the Treasurer, never large, appear in smaller figures.

A great saving this year is detected in the expense of our annual race meeting, the same having been reduced nearly.....

A slight improvement in interest account.....

Last year it furnished us.....

Great strides have been made in the right direction, viz., towards bringing the League into much closer relationship with each individual member, so that to-day each member has a voice in the management, and is to that extent personally responsible for its acts, and may therefore feel elated at its success.

We have never been so strong financially as to-day.

Our membership roll has never looked so well, for we now number 2,100 paid-up, active members, a number we have all the year desired.

Our influence was never more potent. Our prospects never better, and that our incoming executive board may find all as they would wish, is the sincere desire of

Your, most obedient servant,  
W. V. GILMAN.



## L. A. W.

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

CASH.	Dr.
To amount received of D. Wistar, June 1, 1882.....	\$516.38
To dues of members, 1882-3.....	1,083.00
To admission fees, 1882-3.....	693.50
To badges .....	48.04
	<u>\$2,340.92</u>
CASH.	Cr.
By expenses of Corresponding Secretary	\$265.40
By expenses of Treasurer.....	145.01
By salary of Treasurer.....	250.00
By salary of Corresponding Secretary..	250.00
By rebate, Kingman N. Putnam.....	19.50
By 3,500 membership tickets.....	33.25
By expense of reporting three business meetings.....	96.00
By expense of Fall Race Meeting, Beacon Park, Boston.....	29.05
By expense of miscellaneous account..	25.50
By expense of J. Fred Adams' Haverhill suit.....	50.00
By balance in treasury, at close of business hours, May 21, 1883.....	1,177.21
	<u>\$2,340.92</u>
Balance accounted for as follows:	
Deposited with New Hampshire Banking Company.....	\$500.00
Deposited with Mechanics' Savings Bank.....	500.00
Deposited with Second National Bank,	171.21
In money drawer.....	6.00
	<u>\$1,177.21</u>
Accrued interest on deposits.....	19.76
Total cash assets, May 21, 1883.....	1,196.97
All the above expenditures have been made either in accordance with a vote of the officers, or with the approval of the Finance Committee.	
Respectfully submitted,	
W. V. GILMAN, Treas.	

## Mr. Sholes:

In regard to the Treasurer's report, it will be noticed by any one who can compare the figures that the comparative expenses of the Corresponding Secretary between last year and this are much greater. It has all been done in accordance with the vote at the last officers' meeting, which gives the Corresponding Secretary permission to issue circulars and print copies of the constitution of the League, and I believe every cent of those expenses—which certainly have been much larger than last year—has certainly been to the good of the League, and will in future bring in dollars where cents have been expended now.

Upon request, the President called upon the Secretary to read a list of officers who had been elected for the ensuing year, and the Secretary did so, as follows:

President, Dr. N. M. Beckwith; Vice-President, Mr. W. H. Miller; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Fred. Jenkins; Recording Secretary, A. S. Hibbard; Treasurer, Mr. W. V. Gilman.

## President Beckwith:

The next order of business is the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

## Mr. Miller:

Mr. President: The Committee on Rules and Regulations have but a small amount of matter to report; the only thing we have is a communication which is of a good deal of importance to the League, and one that will help the interests of the League in many ways by introducing a rule that has long been needed by the League, and, to cut the matter short, as we have got lots of work on hand, I will read it to the League. [Reading the letter of Oliver & Jenkins.] In view of the communication the Committee on Rules and Regulations have made the following report:

## Mr. Gilman:

The report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations has already expressed the wish of the officers that there be some official organ through which to reach every member of the

League at regular stated intervals. For a long time we felt the need of some such organ, not only as a saving of a great amount of clerical labor, but also a saving of expense in postage. Moreover, we need some publication in which all League matter shall be a matter of first importance, and where we shall not feel that we are crowding out news of another kind. While it is the intention to give you a crisp and newsy paper, which will be of interest to you and full of reading matter of interest to every League member, nevertheless a matter of first importance will be League notices and League news of every description. Then again we wish an organ that will be entirely under our control, as the mouth-piece for the sentiments of the officers and members of the League. We wish an organ which is entirely our own, where we can speak just as we choose without any misrepresentation; and for this reason, Mr. President and gentlemen of the League, it gives me great pleasure to move that the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations be accepted.

## Mr. Whiting:

I wish to ask one question, that is, if the Committee contemplate raising the dues of the organization in order to sustain the additional expense of taking this paper, or does it come out of the present assessment of one dollar? I understand the League is to pay fifty cents for each paper so sent.

## The President:

There is now a resolution offered and published in both the official organ and the WHEEL to the effect of raising the dues of the League to \$1.50.

## Mr. Whiting:

Mr. President, it strikes me that this is putting the cart before the horse; you have not raised your dues to \$1.50 and yet you are about to take a paper at fifty cents per number, and it strikes me you should first raise the fee to \$1.50 and then take the paper. Do not buy the paper first. I move that the report be laid on the table till we settle the question of membership fees.

## Mr. Gilman:

It was the original intention of the officers of the League to have secured this paper as the official organ of the League upon the basis of one dollar annual assessment. The subject has been thoroughly canvassed, and even if you do not raise our fees to \$1.50, we are amply able to pay the subscription of fifty cents; therefore it is not necessary that this report be laid on the table.

## Mr. Williams:

Did I understand this motion to be to accept the report, and not upon the recommendation in the report? If so, I see no objection to accepting the report, and then afterwards the motion may be made to lay this matter upon the table till a later sitting.

## Mr. Pratt:

I hope the motion to lay on the table will not prevail, because the time of this convention is so short and the time consumed in preliminary motions of this sort will amount to considerable in view of the shortness of the time. I think it quite desirable for the League to decide first whether it desires to have an official organ; if it does, then it can consider the matter of providing the means afterwards, quite as consistently as it can consider it before. The best excuse for raising the League dues to \$1.50 which has been suggested in the papers or otherwise is the excuse of expending the additional fifty cents for means of communication between the Board of Officers and other members of the League, through a League organ, and not depending upon the un-

certain and unsatisfactory system of the voluntary subscriptions of the members to bicycle publications. It seems to me the first question is whether there shall be an official organ provided to every member, and then if it is decided to do that, then find the means of doing it. If it is not decided to do it, then it may simplify the question as to raising the dues.

## Mr. Whiting:

The question, as I understand it, before the convention is the adoption of the report; and, as it stands now, that is the only question, and unless the Committee change their report, I will not vote to adopt the report as it now reads.

## Mr. Williams:

I ask for the decision of the chair as to whether the motion was on the acceptance or on the adoption of this report? I understand it to be on the acceptance.

## Mr. Whiting:

It strikes me as a very strange and extraordinary thing that we cannot stop the adoption of the report. If you adopt a report, or if you accept it, you adopt it. Common custom carries the two together in most legislative bodies. If the gentlemen here wish to accept that report without adopting its recommendations, I am perfectly willing to withdraw my motion to lay on the table. I wish to say, in addition, that this motion is not to throw any obstacle in the way of adopting an official organ. If the chair so rules that the acceptance of this report is not an adoption, I will withdraw the motion to lay on the table.

## President Beckwith:

The motion before the meeting is on the acceptance of the report of the Committee.

Mr. Whiting withdrew his motion to lay on the table; whereupon a vote was taken upon the acceptance of the report, which was decided as carried by the chair, whereupon a division was called for.

## Mr. Parsons:

It does seem to me that the gentlemen don't understand this question. It is upon the acceptance, which carries no adoption with it.

[At this point the speaker was called to order by a member of the League, whereupon a motion was made and carried that Mr. Parsons be allowed to proceed with his remarks.]

## Mr. Parsons (continuing):

Mr. President: I have no wish to proceed at all. I would simply say that before the division is taken, I desire to explain what it seems to me is misunderstood here. That vote carried no adoption of the report; it is simply to accept the report. It seems to me that matter should be perfectly understood before the division is taken.

## Mr. Whiting:

As I understand, you have accepted the report now?

## President Beckwith:

Yes, sir.

## Mr. Whiting:

I move now that the report be laid on the table.

## Mr. Pratt:

I don't understand why the report should be laid on the table.

The point of order was here raised that the question was not debatable.

## President Beckwith:

My understanding is that a motion to lay on



the table is not debatable. That is my decision.

Mr. Pratt:

I shall not appeal from the decision of the chair; but this is the first time I have ever heard that a motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

President Beckwith:

I beg the gentleman's pardon. I think I am in error on that point. I think a motion to adjourn is not debatable; on that score I would be correct, but, asking the gentleman's pardon, I will call on Mr. Pratt to take the floor.

Mr. Pratt:

I do not wish to say anything here when it is the desire of the members that I should not be heard, and I do not wish to take up any length of time on this question, but it does seem to me important enough that an offer of this kind has been made and that the offer has been referred to a committee, which has examined it and sent in a report favoring it, and that it has been brought before this convention in this way; that indicates importance enough for the consideration of the question, at least, by the convention. Now what can be gained if the motion to lay on the table be carried? Simply that we defer it now and expend more time afterwards in taking it from the table and considering it, unless it be the object of the gentleman making the motion, which would be perfectly allowable and legitimate, to obstruct the consideration of it now by debate and delay, till after the hour of adjournment; assuming that that is not his intention, but that that possibility might arise, I wish to draw the attention of the convention for a moment to the reason why that subject should be considered at this time. It is not a question of newspapers at all. It is not a question of competition between two bicycling papers, for both of which wheelmen have a large amount of respect. It is not a question of asking us simply to take the organ ship from one of them and give it to another, but it is a more distinct, broader, and larger question than that. It is that the League shall accept an offer when it is made to them of an official publication which shall contain matters which members want to know and which the officers find it desirable that the members should know, and that they should have it promptly every week, and should have it without paying for it, except through the annual dues to the League. Now, whether this offer can be carried, or whether there is any reason why it can be carried out, it is premature to say without looking carefully into it; but there is certainly in that to be considered and for it to claim the attention of this convention for a few moments, without a motion to have it laid on the table being carried. Now, one other point: the question of raising the League dues is to come up, as suggested. What are the League dues to be raised for? That we should have a larger fund that we can do something with it that we are not now doing? Any of these reasons and kindred reasons to these may be urged for raising the League dues. Of course, there will be an interest to have the League dues kept as low as possible, on the ground that low dues make more members. Now, we do not want to increase the dues unless there is some reason for it. We don't want to have money to spend unless there are objects to spend it for, and I think before we take into account the sufficiency of the present League rates we should see what we want to do in the coming year that we have not done in the past year, and that is one of the things that will be considered when this comes up. Therefore the logical sequence is to consider this now, before the other question does come up. The Treasurer has also stated to us, in answer to an inquiry, that the present condition of the League

Treasury is such that if the convention should desire it to be so that the expense of this offer and the furnishing of the official gazette at an expense per annum of fifty cents per member can be provided for without an increase of the dues. If the League want to consider the question of raising the dues intelligently it wants to consider what is to be done with the increased funds.

Mr. Miller:

As a framer of that resolution just offered, I would say that if any member of the association here should take a position of an officer, as I have during the past year—Mr Gilman and your Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Sholes—and hold that position for one week, he would be perfectly willing to vote on the adoption of that resolution. You elected your Corresponding Secretary, your President, and your Treasurer through your Consuls and representatives, as they have been this morning; you expect those gentlemen to come here from all over the country, at an expense of money and time, and it is no small job, I assure you. I have been through it for a year, and I know what it is, and think any measure that is brought before this convention that will relieve those officers of even a portion of their work at so small an expense ought to be adopted without a question.

It is not a personal matter with me at all. I have been through the mill, and I know what it is. It is a large contract for your President that he is taking charge of, and I would therefore ask that this question be brought up to a vote without any further argument.

Mr. Whiting:

I think there is one thing that you overlooked in this matter, and that is, in so much as our friends of THE WHEEL offering the paper, there is only one offer. Now it might be that the *Wiggletown Gazette* might come in and make the same offer for twenty-five cents; now, what I object to is, the Committee coming in with only one paper. I take THE WHEEL, and I like THE WHEEL. I have THE WHEEL, and I have the *World*, and I am not going to say which I like best; but I don't want THE WHEEL to come in and monopolize everything without a question. That is the reason I want this thing to get near the members of this meeting, and not come in simply through the officers. We have excellent officers here, and I have every confidence in them, but we must have this thing discussed, and not say at once that we will have this paper. We want to see what paper we will have. If you, gentlemen, say we will have THE WHEEL, very well; I am done. I shall take THE WHEEL, and that shall be my official organ.

Mr. Pratt:

I am not one of the officers, so I shall reply to the gentleman who just has sat down. I am a plain, simple member of the League, and I speak here on the floor as a member of the League, and with the same interest in it at heart as every other member has. I shall make just one reply to the gentleman who has taken his seat. Now is the time when we have got to consider this matter; we have not time to go out and find the *Wiggletown Gazette*, and find if they will furnish it at forty-nine cents instead of fifty. We have only the time remaining till the hour of the parade in which to consider it, and this being the only offer made, and it being so far below any reasonable, profitable compensation, it is not probable that anybody else will make the offer; however that might be, it has never been made before, and when a friend of the League comes forward and makes a generous offer—offering a sacrifice on his part for the sake of helping the League, and taking a risk for the sake of helping the League—I don't

think we want to watch and see if somebody else won't come in and bid for priority, when he has got the same opportunity, and has had it for a long time.

Mr. Williams:

This question has got to be discussed some time, and now might as well be the time; and because we have not got but an hour to do it in is no reason why it should not be taken up at once. The question is not whether we must take THE WHEEL or *Bicycling World*, as an organ, by any means. I do not mean to say which paper I prefer; I read them both. But I do say this, that we are not confined to either of those papers, and there is no reason in my mind why we should not consider the idea of issuing our own paper. We have got to have an organ some time—we want to have it our own organ—but we need not decide in half an hour whether we will have THE WHEEL or the *World*. But it might turn out, if a committee were appointed to consider the matter, that it was just as cheap for this League to publish its own paper. I do not believe in rushing this thing through too quickly. A gentleman who has been publishing a paper in Springfield said that they could publish their paper very cheaply, because they get advertisements and pay for the paper in that way. I don't know why we could not do the same thing. I do not advocate that step now, but I do favor looking over this matter very carefully and thoroughly.

By a Member:

Is not the *World* the official organ of the League? I always understood it to be, and there never has been any charge made to League members.

President Beckwith:

I believe that is the case.

A vote having been taken upon the motion to lay the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the table, the motion was declared lost, and a division called for.

Mr. Pratt:

The motion to lay the matter on the table, not having prevailed, I understand that this proposition presented by the vote appended to the report of the Committee, is pending before the meeting, and is open for discussion, and if there are reasons why it should not be adopted, they can be presented. If there are better schemes for the provision of an official organ, which shall be not only fairly issued, but which shall be carried to every member of the League, then they can be brought forward. If there is any other paper here ready to make a proposition which shall seem to be more desirable than that already presented, it can now be heard. And I take it this convention now would like to know what there is to be said against the proposition, and in favor of it, that has not been said by the Committee, and I hope that the matter will be frankly discussed, and that it will be decided, with reference purely to the interest of the League of American Wheelmen.

Mr. Whiting:

I wish to ask for a count of that vote. The chair did not give us an opportunity to have it. I imagine he overlooked it, and I wish to ask for a rising vote on that question. I doubt the correctness of the decision, and I ask it as a courtesy of the President and of the convention that we have a rising vote.

Mr. Pratt:

I think the objection might as well be met now as at any time against having a rising vote. There is a Committee on Credentials which has not yet reported, and I think there should be a



vote taken according to the numerical strength of the society, and I therefore move to amend the present motion so that the report of the Committee on Credentials be received, and that this vote, when taken, be taken by representation, and not by rising vote.

The amendment was accepted, and motion carried; whereupon the Committee on Credentials made their report.

Mr. Williams :

It is perfectly evident Mr. President, that as it is now nearly, if not quite, twelve o'clock, it is impossible for us to finish our business to-day, and it is also evident to my mind, if not to that of other members of the League, that if we rush any motion through this meeting, whether this one or any other, we shall be liable hereafter to be charged by some one that it was done unfairly and by partiality. I have a motion now to this effect, to refer this matter of a League organ to a committee with power to report, say to-morrow, to investigate this whole subject, take bids from other papers, if they can get any, and so on. But that committee will have no time to attend to this unless we have another session to-morrow; and to bring that motion before the house, I amend the present motion, so that when we adjourn, we adjourn until to-morrow at nine o'clock.

This motion was amended by substituting ten o'clock instead of nine.

President Beckwith :

I think the hour of ten would be much better, as a call has been made for a State convention to-morrow at nine o'clock, and I think the business can be accomplished within the hour.

The motion as amended was carried.

Mr. Williams :

I move that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to consider the subject of a League organ, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

An amendment was offered to increase the committee to five, three to be elected by the meeting, and two to be appointed by the chair, so that the whole question might have a thorough investigation.

Said amendment was accepted.

President Beckwith :

The question before the house now is, whether there shall be a committee of five appointed to consider this question.

Mr. Parsons :

I hope that this motion will not prevail. This is a meeting of the League of American Wheelmen. We are here, a pretty good number, perhaps more than ever before, and we are here to do our business to-day, make our parade and go home. Now it is impossible that this same number of gentlemen will be here to-morrow morning. I hope we shall finish this important matter to-day, and not leave it to the small number of gentlemen who will be able to stay over until to-morrow. Now one word in regard to the motion which has been offered to refer this matter to a committee. It has been referred to a committee, and they have reported. You all know the gentlemen, and know they have not sprung a trap here. They have made a fair and square report, and have given their reasons, and I think we are able right here to settle this question, whether we are willing to accept this proposition, or to stave it off to another time. Let us accept it or reject it upon its merits, and not stave the matter off to think of it again.

Mr. Williams :

The last words of Mr. Parsons impressed me

about not staving the matter off, to think it over again. When was the first time we thought it over? Who referred it to the committee? This committee consists of able men, but they are not appointed by this meeting. It is this meeting that must consider the question, and I think, in perfect fairness to the League, and to the members present, and to those who will remain until to-morrow, we should let this thing lie over, and give this committee a chance to digest the matter, and then no one can say we did it hastily.

A vote having been taken, the motion was declared lost.

Mr. Parsons :

I beg leave to appeal from the chair, and move that a vote be taken by roll call of delegates.

The motion having been put, was declared lost. The decision of the chair was appealed from, and a standing vote called for upon the question of having a vote by delegates upon the motion to refer the matter of a League organ to a committee. The standing vote having been decided in the affirmative, a vote by delegates was then taken upon the original motion, which was declared lost.

By a Member :

My understanding of the object for which the League of American Wheelmen has been called together, is for the purpose of having a parade. I think that if we remain in session any longer, the success of the parade will be imperiled. I move to adjourn.

Motion lost.

Mr. Pratt :

Mr. President : I call for the question before the house.

President Beckwith :

The question now before the house is on the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

By a Member :

As I understand it, if we adopt the report of the committee, we adopt the offer of THE WHEEL, to be the official organ of the League. I second the motion.

Mr. Pratt :

I would like to suggest that the chair state the question. My recollection of the reading of it is, that the recommendation of the committee is that the offer of the publishers of THE WHEEL to furnish THE WHEEL to every League member at fifty cents each per year, and that THE WHEEL be made the official organ, and that the officers be requested to carry out the contract with them be accepted.

The President :

That is very nearly the words used in the report.

A Member :

There is one item omitted by Mr. Pratt. I think that the League is to pay the fifty cents a year for the members, and it is not to be a subscription of each member for THE WHEEL, at fifty cents. Is that correct?

The President :

That is correct.

A vote having been taken by the roll-call of delegates, the unattached riders, and members of clubs without representation, the motion was declared carried.

A Member :

Before this convention adjourns, I do feel we ought to pass a vote of thanks to our President, Mr. William H. Miller, for the very able manner in which he has performed the duties of that office during the last year.

Amendments were offered and accepted, to include the name of Mr. Sholes, the Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. Gilman, the Treasurer, and also the retiring Vice-President, Mr. Parsons, whereupon the motion was unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to the chairman of the Railroad Committee, Mr. B. B. Ayers.

The convention then adjourned to Tuesday, May 29, 1883, at ten o'clock in the morning.

NEW YORK, May 29, 1883.

Meeting having been duly called to order by the President, and a count taken, it was found that there were not a sufficient number of members present to constitute a quorum.

President Beckwith :

I believe, according to the rules, we are required to have fifty members present to constitute a quorum. We have now waited over an hour, and have no quorum, and as there does not seem any probability of obtaining one, I will declare the convention adjourned, and will state that if there is any business before the League which is necessary to be transacted, we will call a convention of the League to meet in some central locality, and will dispose of any such matters.

Mr. Whiting :

I wish to offer a motion, which I think you will all indorse. I move that the members of the League now present offer a vote of thanks to Mr. Elliott Mason, for the gratuitous use of his rooms, and for his kind endeavors to accommodate us, and for all the many kind attentions which we have received from him.

Mr. Pratt :

I would like to suggest an amendment. It, perhaps, is not known to all of the members present that Mr. Mason is now lying very ill, at his house, or we would probably have received much more of his kind attention. I suggest that an expression of sympathy for Mr. Mason be included in our vote of thanks.

The amendment was accepted, and the motion, as amended, was unanimously carried.

On motion of Mr. Whiting, the convention then adjourned.

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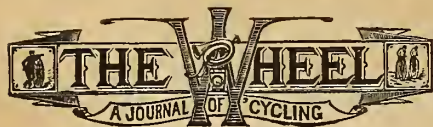
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#### THE GREAT MEET.

After six weeks of hard work the committees, clubs, and riders of this city can congratulate themselves upon the success of their exertions. New York can now claim the honor of the largest and most successful meet of wheelmen in this country, and its direct benefits here will, no doubt, be apparent in many ways. The fact that over eight hundred riders were taken through the avenues of Central Park, pass spirited horses without a single accident, is a lesson that has been taught to the public and the Park Commissioners. The press are almost without exception friendly to the riders, and we shall no longer need to battle with prejudice unaided.

One important lesson has been learned, and that is that the League cannot successfully cope with the necessary amount of business in one day, and that at future meets it will be necessary to appropriate two days—one for business and one for pleasure. The fact that a quorum was not present at the meeting, Tuesday morning, proves pretty conclusively that business must come before pleasure. Two theories have been advanced—one lack of interest, and the other the exhilarating effect of the dinner. We are inclined to the latter, and think we must hold Mr. Bryant responsible. Perhaps the League members were saddened at the parting song by Mr. Oliver, or, more probably, followed the advice of the photographer, and were "broken up." At

all events, considerable unfinished business remains over, and some of it of vital importance to the League.

We refer chiefly to the amendments of article III. and IV. of the constitution making the initiation fee uniform to both club-men and unattached, raising the dues 50 per cent., and also the amendment providing for State Divisions. The Rules were amended at Worcester, and, with the exception of the "amateur rule" and "track measurement," take effect immediately. There are also several new amendments that were to have been acted upon by the Board.

Regarding the constitutional amendments, the matter will be put before the members by a mail vote at the earliest opportunity. This will be done as soon as the membership roll and books reach the hands of the Secretary. Of course, to us the result of the convention was satisfactory, but we sincerely regret that so much business remained unfinished. We thank the members of the League for their confidence, both in our journal and the editor, who is to be your Secretary, and we hope that the great Meet will have the effect of uniting its members by nearer and more intimate ties, and that THE WHEEL will be the means of preaching the gospel of the League in the wilderness, where it has never gone before.

#### THE LEAGUE MEET IN NEW YORK.

Friday, May 25th, was a lovely day in New York, and the beauties of nature were appreciated by the anxious wheelmen as the great event of the year drew nearer and nearer. In the evening, the Reception Committee met in the Citizens' Club rooms, at 2 East Sixtieth street, and received their assignments of positions at depots to receive the expected visitors. All day Saturday the men began to arrive. The Committees of Arrangements took up their headquarters at the Grand Union Hotel, and the weary faces brightened as the new arrivals began to report at headquarters. In the afternoon the gathering clouds had a threatening look, and the fall of rain in the evening a depressing effect; but, when Sunday shone out bright and clear, all New York entered into the spirit of the affair. The New York papers, which had been loaded up with contributions from the Press Committee, now began to seek information, and the headquarters presented a lively and bustling appearance. Rumors of all kinds were floating around regarding some very material and startling changes in League matters, and the amount of electioneering and log-rolling was alarming. Here and there were little knots of wheelmen eagerly discussing the prospects of the Meet, the Springfield Tournament, and the plans for the morrow.

Clubs were arriving rapidly, and the men, eager to try the roads, came up by the boats and cars, and many tried the Belgian blocks which abounded. At the storage tents all was life and activity. A careful system of checks had been arranged, and no difficulty was experienced in handling the machines, although upwards of 450 were stored there at one time just before the parade. Not many used the barges Sunday, but on Monday they were liberally loaded. Sunday was spent in quiet runs in and around the city, many going to Yonkers and High Bridge. Others walked around town enjoying the sights, and many inspected the Brooklyn Bridge.

Monday morning dawned bright and clear, and at half-past nine groups of wheelmen were to be seen *en route* for the Riding Hall, which had

been tastefully decorated by Mr. Mason, who, unfortunately had been assaulted Saturday, and was confined to his bed. We publish the stenographic report of the business meeting, which no doubt will be read with interest. Immediately after the meeting, a rush was made for the storage tent and the headquarters, where the orders for the formation were rapidly being given.

The Seventh Regiment Band arrived, and took up their station at the entrance of the Park, and soon the crowds began to arrive. It is estimated, on good authority, that over 15,000 people lined the Avenue and the entrance to the Park. Along the drives in the Park, a line of carriages were drawn up, and throngs of people cheered the wheelmen as they passed along. At the Dakota, a bouquet of faces, together with the many-colored hues of spring bonnets, made a brilliant scene. The parade was quickly formed on Fifth Avenue, with the right of line at Sixtieth street. The order of parade was as follows: First came the two pace makers, Messrs. Frank A. Egan, Ixion Bi. Club, and E. Y. Webber, of the Lennox Club. Then came Commander Beckwith, Citizens' Club, followed by Fred. Jenkins, Adjutant, and Edwin Oliver, Bugler. The staff was composed of ex-President W. H. Miller, Buckeye Club, Columbus, O.; Col. Albert A. Pope, Massachusetts Club, Boston, Mass.; Charles E. Pratt, Boston Bi. Club, Boston, Mass.; Treas. W. V. Gilman, Nashua, N. H.; ex-Secretary Fred. T. Sholes, Cleveland, Ohio; Chief Consul E. K. Hill, of Worcester, Mass.; and Frank W. Weston, Chief Consul Cyclist Touring Club.

The First Division was in command of Fred. G. Bourne, who had for his aids, Geo. H. Day, Connecticut Club, of Hartford, Ct.; Arnold E. Fauquier, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; W. R. Reynolds, of New York; and A. A. Hathaway, of Milwaukee, Wis. Following him was the New York Club, under command of Howard Conkling; Massachusetts, New Haven, Philadelphia, Essex, Germantown, Yonkers, Connecticut, Brooklyn; Ohio delegation, consisting of representatives from the Buckeye, Cleveland, and Cincinnati Clubs, Albany, Milwaukee, Pittsfield, Pequonnock, Thorndike, Scranton, Mt. Vernon, Cortland Wheelmen, and Orange Wanderers.

The Second Division was in command of Capt. Will R. Pitman, Ixion Bi. Club, and was led by the Springfield and Holyoke Clubs, followed by the Rutland, who combined with the Hudson and Trenton delegations, Mountain, Brunswick, Marietta, Hackensack, Boston Ramblers, Lowell, East Bridgewater, Citizens', Greenfield, Binghamton, Ixion, Elmira, Meriden Wheel, Alpha, American Star, Hudson County, Lennox, Manchester, Pennsylvania, Smithville, Poughkeepsie, and Long Island Wheelmen.

The Third Division was in command of Geo. R. Bidwell, Kings County Wheelmen, who had as his aids H. G. Sagendorf, Hoboken; Harold Serrell, Plainfield; Mr. Mienecke, Milwaukee; F. H. Douglas, Kings County Wheelmen, and M. E. Graves, Watertown, N. Y. The Capitol Club led the van, followed by the Buffalo, Providence, Kings County, Pawtucket, Frankford, Troy, Harlem Wheelmen, Rochester, Newburgh, and New Britain.

Mr. Sam. T. Clark, of Baltimore, headed the unattached, which numbered many.

About a quarter of three, the commander and his staff reviewed the line, the men standing in company front along Fifth avenue, with rear wheel resting against the curb. It was certainly a beautiful sight, and one not soon to be forgotten. On the return of the staff, the line formed into twos, and, after making the circle at the entrance of the Park, moved slowly up the avenue to 116th street, through to Seventh avenue



to Central Park. Four mounted policemen cleared the way, and well they worked. Arriving at the Park, the West Drive was taken. The roads had been scraped and rolled, and were as hard as a floor. The trees protected the riders from a severe wind that blew in the faces of the riders on the avenue, and threatened to break up the parade; the sun shone brightly, the birds sang, and it seemed like a Paradise indeed. We do not doubt but that there were many who wish with us that we could always enjoy the beauties of the Park. Down the broad roads the procession moved slowly, the crowd gradually increasing as the parade neared the gates. The distant strains of the band, stationed at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, drew nearer and nearer, and, as the turn was made, the Park entrance seemed swarmed with people. Back again, through to Seventy-second street, was but a short ride; the slight hill was easily mounted, and the head of the line soon passed the great Dakota apartments. Down to the Riverside Drive the great line of wheels rolled, the residence of General Viele was reached, and, after passing in review, the line returned to Mount Tom, where the parade disbanded. To assemble the wheelmen in a body on the side of the gentle hill was but the work of a few minutes, and, after a short wait in "looking for the bird," the group were photographed.

General Viele was received with cheers, and the air shook with applause when the Captain of the Park police joined the group. The band were stationed at the top of the Mount, and enlivened the scene by choice selections. After the photographs, the wheelmen returned to the tents and headquarters.

#### NOTES OF THE PARADE.

Comparatively few accidents marred the pleasures of the day. There were a few falls among the unattached and in the clubs, but none serious enough to cause comment.

Capt. Will R. Pitman was in his element, and looked and rode the veteran that he was at the head of his division.

The handsomest machine in line was that of Mr. R. V. R. Schuyler, Citizens' Club, whose ivory handles, and gold and silver plated trimmings, showed the resources of art as applied to bicycling.

The placing of a line of carriages along one side of the drive was a thoughtful act on the part of the commissioners, as it must have demonstrated pretty thoroughly that the steel horse is harmless, and not calculated to frighten the animals.

It is rather a hard thing to say, but we certainly think that the unattached division could be successfully omitted. We do not refer to League men, but there were many others in the parade, who, by not riding according to orders, coasting, and other pranks, did much to place the parade in the light of a burlesque. Commander Clark did well, and tried hard to keep his end up, but the proper material to work with was wanting.

#### THE DINNER.

In the evening, the wheelmen began to enliven the corridors of the Metropolitan, and knee breeches were plentiful. Here and there dress suits were to be seen, but they were somewhat of a rarity. The menu was excellent, and everyone appeared in a good humor. All things considered, it was the most successful bicycle banquet ever given, and the enthusiasm displayed during the speeches was more than enough to make converts of the non-riders present. The Seventh Regiment Band discoursed sweet music the greater portion of the evening. The utmost good order prevailed, except where a few noisy ones added the sound of their caliope to the

music. Speeches were made by many prominent people present, including Gen. Viele, J. C. Wetmore, Isaac H. Bailey, A. H. Curtis, Rev. T. McKee Brown, C. K. Munroe, Kingman N. Putnam, W. H. Miller, Fred. G. Bourne, Fred. T. Sholes, Col. Pope, and others; a full report of which we hope to publish later. Mr. Chas. E. Pratt, of Boston, Mass., filled the position of toast-master in a most satisfactory manner, and it was a late hour when the last guest departed. The entire management of the affair was in the hands of Mr. W. A. Bryant, who deserves great credit for his exertions, in successfully handling such a large undertaking.

#### NEW YORK STATE DIVISION.

A meeting was held on Tuesday, May 20th, at the Grand Union Hotel, for the purpose of forming a State Division. Chief Consul Beckwith presided. The amendments to the constitution not having been brought before the convention the previous day, prevented any future action than the election of a Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Benjamin Sanford, Continental Bank, New York, was elected Secretary, and Lewis H. Brown, Elmira, N. Y., Treasurer. After a short discussion on ways and means, the meeting adjourned.

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WORCESTER, June 1, 1883.

To Members Mass. Div. L. A. W.:

There will be a general meeting of the Division Membership, Wednesday evening, June 13, at 8 o'clock, at the Headquarters—New Marlboro Hotel, Boston.

The business to receive attention at this meeting will be the adoption of by-laws, election of officers, and appointment of committees.

There will also be brought up for your consideration and action the following subjects:

Appointment of Railroad Committee.

An Annual Meet.

An Annual Race Meet.

Appointment of Racing Committee.

Establishment of State Championships.

The importance of this meeting is evident, and you are requested to make earnest effort to be present.

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Week ending May 31, 1883.

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3398—James A. Murphy.....Clarion, Pa.  
3399—Col. E. E. Thompson.....Clarion, Pa.  
3400—Myer M. Kaufman.....Clarion, Pa.  
3404—Charles V. Reid.....Clarion, Pa.  
3406—Ambrose B. Reid.....Clarion, Pa.  
3405—Joseph Murphy.....Clarion, Pa.  
2591—Fred. B. Burt.....Woonsocket, R. I.  
2586—A. S. Pease.....Woonsocket, R. I.  
2596—E. P. Miller.....Woonsocket, R. I.  
2589—S. G. Smith.....Woonsocket, R. I.  
2590—George E. Hope.....Woonsocket, R. I.  
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doth see,  
Hath larger rolled with God from all eternity.  
Wheel is so swift a thing that twinkling it can  
fly  
Down from the highest hill-top in the twinkling  
of an eye.  
Fair is Aurora's face, but on the wheel more  
fair,  
When, with arising sun, man riseth there.  
With horse-car, or by steam, we take the shortest  
route;  
The way bicycle leads is a gay roundabout.  
Let big wheel be my sun, and little one my  
moon,  
Then will my dullest times be made as bright as  
noon.  
And dost thou cry for health? the fountain here  
may'st see—  
Wheel, so thou topp'st it off, runs with salubrity.  
Soul riseth, too, with body the hours you ride on  
high,  
And, hour by hour, to both a better life thereby.  
Ill fares the man to bodily ails a prey,  
Whose gold accumulates, and joys decay.

## QUAKER CITY NOTES.

*Editor of The Wheel:* No news of any inter-  
est in the wheel line has been stirring here for  
some time; it is with no small avidity, therefore,  
that I seize upon one event on which to expend  
some pent-up wind, or, more strictly speaking,  
some of Stephen's "blue black." This event is no  
more, or no less, than a social night. Not much  
in itself, some will say; but if what others tell  
me is true, it was the most successful as well as  
the most enjoyable piece of business we could  
wish for. Pennsy's, as I told you before, has  
changed her cruising ground, and it was only last  
Thursday evening that we were in a position to  
let decent and respectable people—like our  
"Germantown" and "Philadelphia" friends—  
show their noses inside the big, double door that  
affords ingress and egress to the machine-room.  
However, by dint of perseverance and an extra-  
ordinary expenditure of muscle, we got things  
rigged-up a little by Thursday, 17th inst., and  
the morning of that day saw the last paint-pot  
and varnish-can consigned to the lower regions;  
and when members began to arrive towards  
evening, they found the machine-room ready for  
its tenants, and the reception-room abounding in  
a profuse display of flags and like decorations.  
By eight P. M. a number of members arrived,  
and before nine the rooms were alive with "Penn-  
sy's" boys, in their black uniforms, "Germantown-  
ers," "Philadelphians," and representatives  
from "Haverford College," while even Mary-  
land showed up.

Between sixty and seventy riders altogether  
traveled up and down from the big machine-  
room to the big meeting-room, and there was  
ample space for as many more. After a sufficient  
number of members had arrived, a very pretty  
effect was made in the machine-room by turning  
down the gas and lighting and reversing the  
lamps on the machines, which were hung in two  
lines along the room. The lamps, all being lighted,  
threw a bright gleam on the middle of the room,  
and looking down the room, the different colored  
lights glinting through the brightly-polished  
spokes of the wheels, showed up to perfection.  
As good an effect could be produced by letting  
the lamps hang in the usual manner, and allow-  
ing the light to reflect back from the room  
walls. Some of the handsomest machines were  
brought up to the reception-room, where little  
knots of admirers gathered round them, dis-  
cussing their several points of beauty or of  
merit. Some eager riders, and fully as eager  
talkers, gathered round one of the primary ex-  
perts, comparing it with a sister machine of the  
improved pattern close by—the new back-bone  
standing out in its nickel garment, solid-looking  
and graceful, giving the machine the look of  
what a beau-ideal bicycle ought to be. Right  
opposite stood a superb British challenge of the  
latest pattern; close by was the new Sanspareil  
roadster, also, in the resplendency of nickel, and  
big with the dignity of its back fork. At the far

end of the room, by itself, stood "the sombre  
wheel" erstwhile dubbed "the Texan Steer,"  
alias "Peggy." Peggy is a light Harvard, who  
rejoices in a jet-black dress all over, with silver  
trimming, and will, no doubt, carry its owner—  
Pennsy's first captain—at the League Meet.  
Towards nine o'clock refreshments of a non-  
intoxicating kind were the order of the evening,  
the Executive Committee, guided by the general  
wish of the members, ordaining that, as the rule  
for the occasion; so cakes, lemonade, fruit, and  
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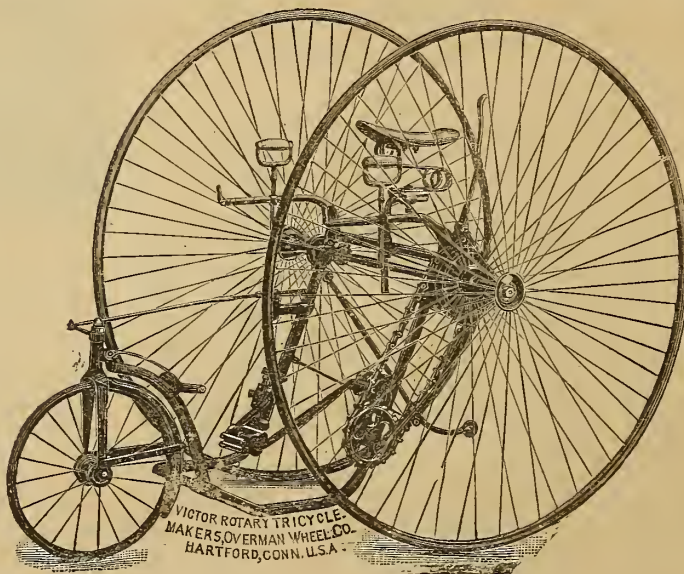
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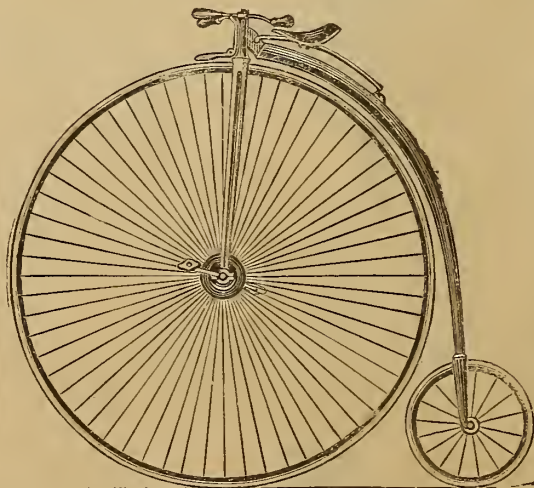
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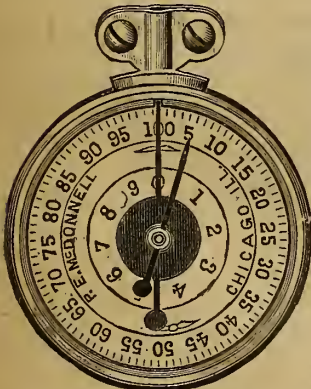
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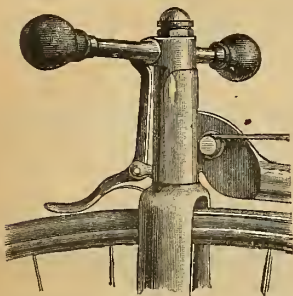
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