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### EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

We hope to see you in Philadelphia,

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THE WHEEL has offered a L. A. W. gold pin as a prize in a consolation race of a mile.

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We give considerable space to the L. A. W. meeting in this issue. Although not the "Official Organ," we wish to show wheelmen that we are alive to their interest, and that our journal contains full accounts of all events of interest

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Long distance riders who are anxious to enter a six day contest, are requested to send their names to T. Alfred Steimer, of the *Turf, Field and Farm*, who has the matter in charge.

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Mile. Louise Armaindo and W. J. Morgan are in town, after a successful trip through the country, giving exhibitions at county fairs. They talk of a trip to San Francisco.

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The Kings county wheelmen will have a run to Orange on election day. Why not all combine in the Third Annual run to Yonkers of the New York clubs, and help make a large gathering in this city.

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By a courteous invitation of the League officers, ex-president Pratt was present part of the time at their meeting in Boston, and made some suggestions worth attention upon the amateur

question. His presentment of the matter of teaching, and what constitutes professional teaching, or such teaching as should make one a professional under the rule, is one which commends itself especially to American wheelmen.

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His suggestion of a course of sermons on the text, "Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," is a good one. If he doesn't find a pulpit in which to preach them, perhaps some one else will.

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The production of a new pattern bicycle in America being still something of an event, we chronicle the fact that the Pope Manufacturing Company has built a "Columbia Racer," the first of which we have seen on exhibition. It has graceful lines and substantial stock well combined, and weighs (with saddle and pedals ready to ride, and full nicked) thirty-two pounds. In general style it resembles the "Expert," but differs in details. It has ball-bearings all around, rat-trap ball pedals, and very narrow tread. We understand that these racers will be placed on the market during the winter and spring, and their appearance will apparently answer the questions so often heretofore raised—why don't Americans make racers? and can the American makers produce light machines?

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We were a little delayed in this issue, on account of the lateness of the stenographer's report, which reached us late Tuesday morning, our usual time of going to press.

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The first race between Myers and George will be held on the 4th of November. Distance, one half mile.

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"Cyclos," usually a sensible writer in the *Bi. World*, wades out of his depth in the matter of racing rules. Starting with the open confession that he is "against racing," he might truthfully state that he knows nothing about it. His suggestion of a flying start is ridiculous. Suppose six men in a line ride towards the scratch. One holds back; but, on nearing the line, spurts and crosses it with the others, and having the advantage of considerable more momentum, is

well under way before the others are off. Would that be fair? You could not say he crossed the line ahead of the others, as he did not; but that such a rider would have a decided advantage over his competitors is plainly to be seen. The object of a standing start is to place competitors on an equitable basis. Again, to compare our records with foreign ones, we have adopted the foreign standard of track measurement, and certainly we ought to adopt the same rules in regard to the start. A flying start may look very pretty; but records made under such circumstances are not allowed to stand.

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In the matter of class handicaps, it might answer if the entries were very numerous; but our largest race meetings have rarely more than ten starters. We rather favor time handicaps, as then all competitors ride the full distance, and it permits all to make a record; besides, it aids in forming a basis for future starts. What the league needs is an official handicapper, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of every race and every racing man. Such a thing is done in athletic circles, and why not in bicycling, which promises to outdo the highest point athletics has ever reached.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

*Editor of the Wheel—Sir:* The remarks of "Chang" in your issue of Oct. 18, under the heading "To Whom are We Indebted?" are, I think, in some respects correct and in some incorrect.

He is correct in saying that "if we are to have a simon-pure bicycle built entirely on American ideas, we should have to ride a rubber tire almost entirely alone."

I must respectfully contend that he is incorrect in saying that "In November, 1868, an American, C. K. Bradford, gave them the suggestion of the rubber tire;" and I would say to your correspondent "Chang" to "give honor to whom honor is due."

A man who has an idea or gives a suggestion of something and afterwards substantially locks it up in his safe, is not an *inventor* or public



benefactor in fact or in law; but a man who not only has an idea or gives a suggestion, but reduces the same to practice by first making a drawing of his idea, then building a model, and then obtaining a United States patent for his invention, is the man to whom honor belongs; and so far as the bicycle rubber tire is concerned, or, in other words, "the round rubber tire in the rounded groove of a wheel for velocipedes," this was invented by one L. W. Serrell, about February 1st, 1869, and patented by him by letters patent bearing date March 9, 1869, No. 87,713, and this patent is now owned by the Pope Manufacturing Company of Boston.

In support of my assertion, the state of the art, into which I have had occasion to go very fully, shows that years before 1868 rubber tires for vehicles were known and used in England, but these were either flat tires fastened on the flat felloe of the wheel by mechanical contrivances, or round, hollow rubber tubes filled with water or other "similar substance," and mechanically fastened in or to the felloe of the wheel and even tied on with cords. All of these devices, as can readily be seen, were signal failures.

The bicycle rubber tire, or, as I have heretofore expressed it, "the round (solid) rubber tire in the rounded groove of a wheel for velocipedes," was not known in this country before the issue of the aforesaid patent, and it was not known or used in England before the autumn of 1871, as your correspondent has been informed upon good authority.

The thing the inventor probably deplors most is that he either did not know enough of, or sufficiently foresee the importance of his invention to patent it in England and thereby reap a golden harvest from the hundreds of thousands of bicycles there in use. FAIR PLAY.

RUTLAND, VT., Oct. 20, 1882.

*Editor of the Wheel—Sir:* Bicycling is booming here; we have twenty wheels in town, and one club of nine members. Out-door riding is about over for the season, but we have a hall for winter practice.

A word in regard to nickel plate. The general opinion is that if a machine is nickel plated it is rust proof. This is erroneous. Nickel itself will not rust it is true; but if it be examined closely with a microscope it will be found slightly porous; the moisture gets to the steel through these pores, and rust showing itself through the outside of the nickel is the result. It is the steel under the nickel which rusts, the rust showing itself through the pores, and it will rust, no matter how good the plating is, unless the utmost care is used. The Weed Sewing Machine Company have made some experiments in this matter. They took a plate of steel and deposited a coating of nickel on it three-fourths of an inch in thickness. This was polished and placed in a damp place. In one month rust began to show on the nickel, and in three months the nickel was entirely covered with it.

The best way to take care of a nickeled machine is to go over it occasionally with a cloth or chamouis on which there is a little sperm oil (not

enough to take off the gloss). This seems to penetrate the pores and keep the steel from rusting.

Now, fellow-wheelmen, don't let us blame the makers of our machines when in reality it is our lack of care which causes the rust instead of poor quality of plating. Respectfully,

NICK L.

TORRINGTON, CT., Oct. 19, 1882.

*Editor of the Wheel—Sir:* Bicyclers of this town called a meeting and decided not to organize a club until next spring, for this reason, that it was pretty late in the season, and there promises to be more machines in this locality another year than there is now. When we organize I will give you an account of it. M. McNEIL.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 21, 1882.

*Editor of the Wheel—*In answer to Mr. L. E. Welle, in WHEEL of October 18, would say that the race was not decided in Mr. Welle's favor, and changed and given to Mr. Gregory, but the first and only decision of the judges was, Chas. H. Jenkins, first; W. F. Gregory, second; and L. E. Welle, third. Welle came in second, but passed Gregory on the inside when about 100 yards from the finishing line, and the judges wisely gave second place to Mr. Gregory, as it is positively against a rule of Kentucky Club for one person to pass another on the inside during a race, and gives the man so past a place over the one who passed him, and the judges so stated the rule, and gave fair warning before the races began. Mr. Welle says: "I think my statement as correct as L'Allegro's." I know it is not; the judges know it is not, and the entire membership, of the Ky. Bi. Club know it is not. The judges did see the race (Welle's statement to the contrary notwithstanding), and decided it upon their own responsibility and upon no one's statement.

At the last meeting of the Club, Mr. Welle's resignation as member of Ky. Bi. Club was tendered, which was gladly and unanimously accepted, as he has been a disturbing element in the Club ever since becoming a member.

The Ky. Club have engaged the track in the Exposition building for the winter, and will give a race every month or six weeks in connection with the skating rink. It is the same track with some improvements that the races were run on last winter. L'ALLEGRO.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 21, 1882.

The foregoing statement of L'Allegro, about the race for second place between Messrs. Gregory and Welle, at Ky. Bi. Club track September 12, is correct in every particular.

Judges, { W. B. SALE,  
          { W. L. VEIHIOFF.

FISHER LANE, Oct. 19, 1882.

*Editor of the Wheel—Sir:* Please notify all New York wheelmen intending to visit Philadelphia and participate in the 4th annual meet of wheelmen of Philadelphia, to take the 9:20 A. M. train, Pennsylvania Railroad, as it will stop

on October 26th, at the Zoo station within ten minutes of starting place of meet,

Yours, etc.,

JO. PENNELL,

Chairman Committee of Reception.

L. A. W.

## THE FALL MEETING OF THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN.

A meeting of the Board of Officers of the League of American Wheelmen was held at the Hotel Vendome, Commonwealth avenue, Boston, on October 20th, 1882. There were about 25 members present at the commencement of the proceedings; among whom were W. A. Miller, president of the League; W. V. Gillman, treasurer; A. S. Parsons, vice-president; F. B. Carpenter, of the Crescent Bicycle Club; F. S. Winship, Star Bicycle Club; E. M. Gillman, Nashua; Charles L. Clark, Boston Bicycle Club; J. S. Dean, Boston Bicycle Club; E. W. Gillman, Lawrence; A. J. Philbrick, Hawthorne Club, Salem; M. D. Cirrier, Lawrence Bicycle Club; Dr. A. G. Coleman; E. K. Hill, Worcester; C. P. Shillaber, of Boston; S. A. Marsden, of New Haven, Conn.; Fred. S. Pratt, of Worcester; C. H. Lamson, of Worcester; C. A. Hazlett, of Portsmouth; Geo. H. Day, of Hartford.

The President called the meeting to order at 10.30, and took the chair.

Chair.—I regret very much that there is not a larger attendance; but suppose it is partly owing to a misunderstanding on the part of Mr. Putnam, who should have sent out the notices calling the meeting at the proper time; but, unfortunately, this was delayed; and it is partly due to the fact that many of the representatives and chief consuls would have to come a considerable distance. I suppose a report is due from the corresponding secretary and one from the recording secretary; but I have no communication from them of that kind, and suppose that as their term had expired, and the election of fresh officers was so near, they thought it unnecessary to make one. Consequently I have now to proceed to the election of officers to fill the vacancies caused by resignations and non-elections. But I presume it is in order to first elect a recording secretary *pro tem.* in the place of Mr. Kingman N. Putnam, resigned, and would suggest the appointment of Mr. E. K. Hill to be the Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Motion carried.

STENOGRAPHER.

Vice-President Parsons—I move that a stenographer be engaged to report the proceedings of this meeting; and that he should make three copies of that report, to be given to any newspapers wishing for one—they sharing the expense.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Chair—Regarding the previous meeting, I have received nothing from Mr. Putnam, except in the shape of a communication, in which he states that there were on the membership roll last year, 2,550, and that since then he had received 781 applications for membership, which I suppose have been favorably considered by your committee, adding that several protests have been received, and are still before your committee; and regrets that he had not been able to attend to the correspondence as he would like to have done.

Vice-President Parsons—It seems the most important business before the meeting is to fill the vacancies in the Board of Officers; and, if in



order, I move that we fill the vacancies by vote, and take the printed list and go through the States in the order they are printed.

Chair—I have received letters of resignation and declination from Charles L. Frye, declining to represent Massachusetts; Max Hansman, resigning office of chief consul for the District of Columbia; Charles S. Howard, declining office of chief consul; J. Fourdrinier, of Boston, repeating non-acceptance of office; Charles Beltz, tendering his resignation as chief consul for Pennsylvania.

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

Chair—For California two ballots have been cast—one for Geo. H. Strong, of San Francisco, and one for Columbia Waterhouse.

Treasurer Gillman—I move that Columbia Waterhouse be elected representative for California.

Motion carried.

Treasurer Gillman—In the District of Columbia there was no election for chief consul, and as Mr. Philip P. Dodge has one ballot, and we have Mr. Max Hansman's place to fill, I propose that Mr. Dodge be accepted as chief consul.

Vice-President Parsons—I move that C. E. Hawley be elected representative for the District of Columbia.

Motion carried.

Treasurer Gillman—The chief consul for Illinois has been elected, and ballots have been cast for H. G. Rouse, of Peoria.

Vice-President Parsons—I nominate Harry G. Rouse, of the Chicago Club, one of the old directors of the League, for representative.

Treasurer Gillman—Is it known if the gentlemen nominated are members of the League?

Vice-President Parsons—Yes, they are so far, and already have votes; I have only nominated those who have votes.

Dr. Coleman—I would like to suggest, in place of Mr. Rouse, Dr. Byrne, President of Chicago Club.

Vice-President Parsons—My only object in nominating Mr. Rouse is, that we may have a representative in other portions of the State, and not all in the great city. If you elect Dr. Byrne you will have both representatives in Chicago, and it seems to me most important that we should have a representative in the western part of the State.

Treasurer Gillman—With regard to the candidacy of this gentleman, Mr. Rouse, I think Mr. Parsons has stated his reasons in a very satisfactory manner, and I believe Mr. Rouse would fill the position very acceptably.

Mr. H. G. Rouse was then elected.

Chair—The next State in order is Indiana. There was no election of chief consul; but two names have been suggested—Mr. Brandon Lewis, of Lafayette, and Mr. Harry Bates, of Indianapolis.

Vice-President Parsons—Both of the gentlemen named are well known as bicyclers, and would make good League officers; but I think Mr. Bates the more worthy man. We should also consider that, Indianapolis being the capital of the State, it would be well to have a chief consul there. I see that John O. Perrin, of Lafayette, was elected representative. The election of Mr. Lewis is open, therefore, to the same objection as Dr. Byrne, and I move that Harry Bates be elected chief consul for the State of Indiana.

Motion carried.

Chair—The resignation of Mr. Fourdrinier creates a vacancy for representative.

E. S. Winship—Should not the man that receives the next number of votes receive the nomination for the position caused by the resignation of Mr. Fourdrinier? and as Mr. J. S. Dean

received the next number of votes, I beg to nominate him as successor to Mr. Fourdrinier.

Vice-President Parsons—I beg, as an amendment, to nominate Mr. J. W. Williams, and request him to accept the office. Regarding the right of the man who receives the next number of votes to the nomination, I do not think that will work very easily. If there were two tickets in the field, the man with the next number of votes might be the least desired to represent the State; and besides, it would give the majority the right to name a successor. Mr. Williams is probably known to you all here as most remarkably fitted for the office—a business man, and amateur, and of great ability in legislative affairs; and, in fact, I know of no better man in the State better fitted for our representative. (Applause.)

Mr. Clark—I think well of the bicyclers named; but think Mr. Williams would make a first rate representative. I favor his nomination very much.

Chair—The name before the meeting is Mr. Harry Williams, nominated by Mr. Parsons, for Massachusetts' representative.

Motion carried.

Mr. Clark—I make another motion, that Mr. Dean be elected in the place of Mr. Frye.

Vice-President Parsons—I move as an amendment, that Mr. C. K. Ferry, of Springfield, which is in the western part of the State, secretary of the Springfield Club, which has just carried through one of its bicycling tournaments so successfully, be elected. In making this nomination I recognize also the minority. Mr. Frye was candidate on the ticket, and in the minority, receiving 33 votes, and the western part of the State feels a little cross.

Chair—I am requested to take a rising vote.

The motion being put, resulted in 4 "Ayes" and 4 "No's," the chair deciding that it was a tie.

Mr. Marsden moved that the vote be taken by ballot. This will settle the matter conclusively.

Motion carried.

Chair—I do not claim much executive ability in legislative matters, but so far as my duties as president go, I do my very best to make a good president. I don't ever expect to be a parliamentary man, but I have lots of enthusiasm and attend to all matters pertaining to my office myself.

Vice-President Parsons—I believe I am in order in saying a few words in favor of my candidate, Mr. C. K. Ferry, while the ballot is being taken. He is a gentleman recognized in the western part of the State, which feels very much aggrieved that they have no representative, as we, of Boston, should feel aggrieved, at the action of the League, if we had no representative. No one comes better fitted for the position, or more full of push and energy. Mr. Dean is a good man, and I have nothing to say against him; but I think Mr. Ferry more desirable for the position.

The Treasurer concurred in the last remarks of the Vice-President.

Mr. Hill—I am aware that there is considerable feeling in the western part of the State at not having a representative, and I shall vote for Mr. Ferry, who is an excellent man for the post.

Mr. Carpenter—I think Mr. Fourdrinier was elected from the eastern part, and, therefore, the successor should be from the eastern part of the State, in order that the vacancy might be filled and Mr. Dean is well able to fill it.

Chair—Sixteen votes have been cast, and the number necessary for a choice is 9; Mr. C. K. Ferry has 7 votes, and one incorrectly filled up. Mr. J. S. Dean has 6 votes, and two incorrectly filled up.

After considerable discussion the result of

the ballot was declared a tie, and a fresh ballot taken.

Chair—Mr. J. S. Dean has seven votes; Mr. C. K. Ferry eight. The latter gentleman has received the majority of votes, and I declare him elected.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Chair—We have a vacancy to fill, caused by the resignation of Charles Beltz.

Vice-President Parsons—I make a motion that this State be passed over for the present. I have received a communication from them relative to the report of the Committee on Rights and Privileges. I have written them, and asked for a telegram in reply. As this may influence the action of the meeting, I move that this State be passed for the present.

Motion carried.

## RHODE ISLAND.

Chair—There was a tie vote for representative.

Vice-President Parsons—I move that Ed. G. Farmer, Jr., of Providence, be elected as representative, and A. G. Carpenter to fill the office of chief consul, resigned by Mr. Howard.

F. B. Carpenter—I move that A. G. Carpenter be elected for chief consul.

Motion carried.

Mr. Marsden—I move that J. A. Cross be elected representative.

Motion carried.

## KENTUCKY.

Treasurer—But the State of Kentucky has no representative.

Ballots were received, but they came too late. I should like to see this State placed on our list.

Vice-President Parsons—I would nominate Horace Beddo for chief consul for Kentucky, and C. W. MacLean, of Louisville, as representative.

Motion carried.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

Treasurer—So far as I know, we have no party in this State attached to the League; but if there is, I should like to know his name.

Mr. Gardner—I would suggest L. M. Beebe, Jr. I am acquainted with him through correspondence.

Mr. Carpenter—I move that Mr. L. M. Beebe (with whom I believe I am somewhat connected), be elected chief consul for South Carolina.

Motion carried.

Treasurer—I move that the president be requested to correspond with Mr. Beebe, with a view to selecting a suitable colleague as State representative.

Motion carried.

## ONTARIO.

Mr. Clark—I nominate for chief consul of the Province of Ontario, Canada, Mr. H. M. Blackburn.

Vice-President Parsons—Is he a member of the League?

Treasurer—The name sounds familiar, but I cannot tell you for certain.

Mr. Clark—I will amend the motion: The president be instructed to correspond with chief consul Tibbs, with a view to obtaining the name of the most proper person.

Vice-President Parsons—I would amend the last amendment so that it read: "The president be instructed to correspond with H. S. Tibbs and S. W. McMichael, with a view of obtaining the most suitable person as representative of the Province of Ontario."

Amendment carried.

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### LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP.

One thing in the report we have of the L. A. W. officers' meeting in Boston last week, deserves some comment. It appears that the number of old members who have paid up their dues, and are, therefore, strictly speaking, in full membership this year, is eight hundred and seventy; whilst the number of new members added during the year, is five hundred and thirty-eight, making a total of fourteen hundred and eight members in good standing on the treasurer's books.

If our recollection and information be not at fault, the highest total membership of the League last year was about twenty-seven hundred. We should be inclined to say, therefore, on general grounds, that the membership ought to appear now as over thirty-two hundred. We doubt not it is expected by the officers and those interested in league matters that this limited showing of the treasurer's account is largely due to dilatoriness, and that many of the delinquent members of last year will yet hand in their dollar and keep their membership good.

We do not forget the little unpleasantness on the part of a few in Washington, and Worcester, and Boston, and possibly a smaller few in other places, unpleasantnesses which it seems to us are likely to wear away in a short time, and which will not leave any permanent or considerable deduction from the league membership or league usefulness.

It cannot be that any great number of wheelmen who have any spirit of comradeship, any generous regard for bicycling interests, broadly speaking, will much longer refrain from coming to the support of the league. The organization seems to have taken on with its essentially new board of officers and its considerable changes in rules, new life and enlarged activity. It is the mites that make the much which is necessary to make any such organization successful, and able financially, to accomplish the objects it has undertaken or would undertake.

Surely no one can begrudge a dollar to the treasury of the national organization, even though his personal return for the dollar may be very small. So far as our influence can extend,

we wish to encourage every wheelman to make his contribution to the treasurer of this largest American Association, in the hope that the membership and the treasury will in due time become large enough to command that respect, and to enable the league to fulfill the mission, which have been so enthusiastically expected. Probably what is needed in most cases is the good word by way of reminder. It is so easy to defer or to forget our little duties, that frequent nudgings to good work are seldom misplaced.

It would seem that one good thing which consuls might do would be to actively solicit membership for the league. Of course any league member might well bear this in mind, and as occasion offered, obtain recruits of new members; but the consuls are supposeably chosen for their activity, central location and acquaintance with wheelmen, and it might be one of their pleasantest and most productive duties to make a special point of asking additions to the membership.

### FALL MEETING L. A. W.

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Mr. President, and Officers of the L. A. W.*

In presenting to you this my first report, it is a matter of especial pleasure to me to make mention of the repeated favors I have received from my colleagues of the executive board, as also from our esteemed ex-president, Dillwyn Wistar, of Philadelphia, who most cheerfully and materially aided me in assuming the duties of treasurer of our beloved institution. To corresponding secretary Kingman N. Putnam I am under deep obligations for friendly advice and assistance; and where is the officer with whom he has had any official connection who will not bear similar testimony? May the day be far removed from us when this strong bulwark of the League will be separated from us. Upon whose shoulders can the burden fall? His honor, president W. H. Miller, and your genial and smiling ex-president, A. S. Parsons, have at all times cheered me with their friendly letters, always breathing a sentiment of sympathy and kindness that can never be forgotten. Let them feel assured that one more friend has been added to their already lengthy and daily increasing list. That fine fellow, A. S. Hibbard, our efficient recording secretary, whom it was my good fortune to meet in Chicago in May, has, by force of circumstances, been far removed from us. He is well known to you, as these other gentlemen of the executive board, to all of whom I desire to express heartfelt gratitude.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

CASH.	DR.
To balance received of D. Wistar, 1881-2.....	\$516 38
" Dues of members, 1882-3.....	870 00
" Admission Fees, .....	329 50
" Badges. ....	2 00
Total. ....	\$1,717 88

CASH.	CR.
By office expenses of corresponding secretary....	\$94 82
" Office expenses of treasurer.....	32 36
" Salary of treasurer, as per vote of Directors.....	250 00
" Salary of corresponding secretary.....	250 00

" Money repaid K. N. Putman.....	19 50
John Ritchie, reporting business meeting....	64 00
Allen, Lane & Scott, 3,500 members cards.....	33 25
Balance in treasury Oct. 1882.....	973 95

Total.....	\$1,717 88
On Deposit at Second National Bank Nashua.....	\$973 95

#### Summary of treasurer's office expenses:

Postage.....	\$19 25
Stationery.....	4 77
Printing.....	5 85
Sundries.....	2 49
	\$32 36

#### Treasurer's office now contains:

Letter stamps, 3c.....	\$1 89
" " " ".....	07
Postal cards.....	2 12
Printed stationery.....	5 00
	9 08

Regarding the credit items, will say that they were all made either in accordance with a vote of the official board, or as approved by the finance committee of the league, with the single exception of my own office expenses, a detailed record of which has been furnished for your inspection.

#### Treasurer's report, May 27th, 1882:

CASH.	DR.
To balance on hand May 27 1882.....	\$218 56
" Dues of members, 1881-2.....	925 00
" Additional fees.....	622 00
" Badges disposed of.....	377 25
" Returns of officers as per report.....	229 35
" Sales of Notebook.....	56 84
" Interest on deposits....	12 92
	\$2,441 92

CASH.	CR.
By expenses of corresponding and recording secretaries'... ..	\$388 02
" By badges, consular "C," and engraving... ..	421 25
" Salary of treasurer, as per vote of directors.....	250 00
" Expenses of N. Y. races to K. N. Putnam....	305 00
" Expenses of Boston entertaining committee.....	105 00
" Notebook G. P. Putnam's Sons, 620.....	199 40
" Consular and hotel certificates, 6, C. Hodges.....	48 25
" Overpaid dues returned..	53 30
" Office expenses of treasurer.....	156 32
Balance on hand.....	515 38
	\$2,441 92

In comparing these reports you will observe, gentlemen, that our dues are not yet up to the standard attained last year. Admission fees are considerably smaller, due in a great part to the action of the league clubs in taking advantage of the privilege granting them their members membership in our organization for fifty cents instead of one dollar. While we continue to welcome the unattached, especially where there are no club organizations, yet it is a matter of especial congratulation to us that our membership is much more rapidly increasing among the clubs; this is most emphatically the New Hampshire idea as strongly expressed on the formation of



our state league, and in all of our correspondence.

Eight hundred and seventy members have during the past four months paid their dues, while 538 have joined us, making an active membership of 1,408, as our books indicate.

A simple and yet practical proof of the approximate correctness of the figures will be found in the fact that we purchased 3,500 membership tickets, of this number 2,076 now remain on hand, the balance can be accounted for by considering the necessity of some corrections owing to change of residence and other similar causes. Only two have been destroyed.

During my term of office thus far, two badges have been sold, and those of the cheaper pattern. Will the officers instruct me as to the better method of procedure regarding these badges now on hand? Shall we longer hold them or dispose of them to the advantage of our treasury?

Badges in treasury June 10, 1881. Received of D. Wiston, treasurer:

Two boxes directors' badges, silver	18
Four " regular " "	44
Three " " " plated	30
One " directors " "	4
Old badges of all description,	9

Total received,	105
Sold during present year,	2

Now in treasury,	103
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Last year we received \$12.92 as interest on deposits. Our money is now lying in the Second National Bank of Nashua where it is drawing no interest. As a member of the financial committee I have written to my colleague for advice on this subject, offering myself to accept any sum and allow therefore six per cent. interest, or deposit in some savings bank at four per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

W. V. GILMAN, Treasurer.

Vice-President Parsons—I move that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Motion carried.

Memorandum report of K. N. Putnam, Mr. Hill read.

Vice-President Parsons—I move that the resignation of the corresponding secretary be accepted.

Chair—I have heard from Mr. Putnam in which he makes the following communication: "I tender my resignation as corresponding secretary; kindly present same at the meeting of the board of officers on the 20th inst. My reasons for taking this step you will find good." This letter comes to me, and I think he accompanies his resignation with a sort of provisor, and I think we had better not act immediately on Mr. Putnam's resignation, but try to make him hold over.

Vice-President Parsons—I move that we do not act upon this at present, and in making this motion I would like to say that it seems to me that the league could hardly have got along without him. It would be a great advantage to the league if he would continue his office for the remainder of the year, at any rate.

Treasurer—I heartily second the remarks of Mr. Parsons. I certainly can testify to the great value of Mr. Putnam to the league. This year we had four new officers in the executive board, Mr. Parsons being the only old officer who remained over with us, and I am sure, without his assistance it would have been difficult for us to solve the questions brought before us. I second the motion.

Motion carried.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

##### COMMITTEE ON RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

Vice-President Parsons—The duty of this committee has been to consider the votes for candi-

dates which were sent in, and we have endeavored to faithfully, justly, and fearlessly perform this duty. We have been censured, somewhat, perhaps, but we had to be careful how we established a precedent which might cause trouble in the league, and are willing to be forgiven our mistakes. Still, we think we have treated everybody justly and have only done our duty in throwing out irregular votes, which will prevent in the future careless voting by members of the league. And in any case their decision was made after the result of the ballot was known, and, did not, therefore, affect that result.

Our other duty as regarding the rights and privileges of bicycles on highways, roads, etc., on which we have a heavy correspondence. We have letters from all parts of the country, and considerable inquiry regarding the use of sidewalks for bicycling, and several to know if they are liable to fines and damages. In all such cases we send them a copy of the decisions, and the result in several cases has been the withdrawal of the suits.

Quite a number of instances were given of suits for damages or fines for riding on sidewalks, which had been abandoned after the "decisions" had been read.

F. S. Winthrop—It appears that all the horses that get frightened at bicycles are valuable ones.

Vice-President Parsons—There has never been a case for damages pushed right into the courts, and it is largely through the influence of the League that such is the case.

Dr. Coleman—It is important that wheelmen should know what has been decided relative to rights to the roads and public highways, and I shall be pleased to give copies of the decisions for distribution.

Vice-President Parsons—I was going to move at the proper time that the committee on rights and privileges should be authorized to publish on a quarto sheet some of ex-president C. E. Pratt's Rights of Bicycle Riders for circulation amongst League members throughout the country. The finance committee have already given their approval of the scheme, and I think it cannot fail to be productive of much good.

President Miller—I know of a case where the decisions did good; in the city of Hamilton, about 30 miles from Cincinnati, a suit for damages was brought that looked serious; but as soon as the decisions were received, it was closed entirely.

Vice-President Parsons—I will also state another case which occurred at the city of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Action was taken under an old law forbidding velocipedes on the highways. The decisions were shown the city counsellor, and he ruled that the city had no case whatever, and the old law could not be enforced for a day.

Chair—Next in order will be motions, votes and resolutions.

Mr. Clark called for a report from the committee on badges.

Mr. Lamson—The committee have held no meeting, nor have they had any instructions in the matter, or demand for the new badges for the League. On the new badges the meeting at Chicago gave the committee considerable latitude, but we have delayed making them until there should be some demand. As regards the old badges, it would be well to turn them over to Mr. Richards, as old silver. I think they are worth about a dollar, and the proceeds of the sale could go towards the new badges.

Treasurer—If it was generally understood that these new badges were to be issued, there would be a demand for them, as there now exists a feeling of uncertainty regarding them. And I wish also to take some action with regard to the old badges in the treasury.

Mr. Lamson—I suggest that the new badges replace the old ones. They lie in the treasury and are of no special value, and seeing they

have been rejected by the League, there they will probably remain. How many silver and how many nickel are there?

Treas.—Received from D. Weston—

2 boxes directors' badges, silver.....	18
4 " regular " " .....	44
In all 62 silver badges.....	
3 boxes regular, plated .....	30
1 box directors' " .....	4
Old badges of all descriptions .....	9

Making a total of.....105  
Of this number two have been sold, and they were plated ones.

Vice-President Parsons—How much are the dies for these badges?

Mr. Lamson—About \$60. There are no dies made for the new badges yet. As I understand it, the nickel badges are valueless, and the others would be worth \$62. Not being in the jewelry business, I simply suggest.

Treasurer—Why not instruct the treasurer to dispose of these badges to the best advantage?

Mr. Shillaber—I move that the treasurer be instructed to dispose of the badges as he thinks best to the advantage of the League, and that the money be turned into the treasury.

Motion carried.

#### DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.

Treasurer—There was a question asked in the treasurer's report with regard to the use of our money. We have nearly \$1,000 lying in the Second National Bank of Nashua, where it draws no interest, and I would like you to instruct me whether you advise placing it where it will draw interest.

#### REPORT OF THE RACING BOARD.

Mr. Clark—I call for the report of the Racing Board.

President Miller—The old race committee have all resigned; not one member remained. The present committee consists of S. A. Marsden of New Haven, and Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Marsden—We have a very fine race for this afternoon, but the advertisements were late getting into the daily papers, and were too late for the weekly ones. Messrs. Frye, Tracy and Place have entered.

Mr. Clark—I do not think our race meeting was properly advertised. It was on this account that the New York races were not a great success.

Mr. Marsden—As soon as I heard of Mr. Johnson as an old member I wired him on the matter of the race, but he said he could do nothing on League matters for a month. When definite arrangements had been made, I wired the *Bicycle World*, but was one day too late to have an advertisement inserted. Still they put in a line notice, and I wired to have one put in the New York WHEEL, and have had 150 posters printed and put up.

Chair—The difficulty of getting a racing board has been very great, and consequently the present committee have had but little time to work up the race, and we still lack one member. There should be the number of the board, and there are but two.

Mr. Clark—Is it proper to fill the vacancy on the race committee?

Chair—I judge so.

Vice-President Parsons—The rules distinctly say that the president shall appoint the committee.

Chair—I did not appoint three men owing to the large number who declined to serve.

Vice-President Parsons—Why did Mr. Hathaway decline?

Chair—He positively declined to serve, and I have twelve letters altogether in reference to that.

Vice-President Parsons—It seems to me that we ought to be able to get three men for this board.



It has very large powers, and there should be men in the West as capable of serving on this committee, and I hope some man will be found to act.

Mr. Clark—I suggest that three additional members of this committee, with power to sanction races.

Vice-President Parsons—Rule 15 distinctly says the board may consist of six. The three appointed by the president having the power to appoint three more.

Mr. Clark—I move that we make the racing board consist of six members, and that we elect three at this meeting.

Vice-President Parsons—I nominate Mr. Shillaber.

Mr. Shillaber—I cannot serve on the board, simply because my business will prevent my giving it the attention required.

Mr. Clark—George D. Gideon of Philadelphia be appointed member of the board.

Motion carried.

Chair—We need three more to fill the board.

Mr. Hazlett—I nominate George H. Strong, of Oakland, Cal., as a member of the racing board.

Motion carried.

Mr. Shillaber—It seems to me that we especially need a representative in Boston, and move that Mr. J. S. Dean be a member of the board.

Motion carried.

Chair—There is one more vacancy; Mr. Livingston has been suggested, and Mr. Scholes, but neither of them will serve.

Mr. Marsden—I propose Alf Heeley.

V.-Pres. Parsons—Before the motion is put I wish to say that I don't think Mr. Heeley is a very active member of the League, and I propose that Burley B. Ayers, secretary Chicago club be placed on the Board.

Motion carried.

V.-Pres. Parsons—I move that the racing board be authorized to have the racing rules printed on card board, to be sent to every one applying for entry for a race, as nothing has been printed except in the pages of the *World*.

Motion carried.

Mr. Lamson—Has the Constitution of the League, and names of its officers been printed? and are there any to send to applicants, whether for admission or for racing? If not, I move that it be printed.

Mr. Marsden—I think it an excellent idea to have this printed.

Mr. Hazlett—I also think it should be printed, as the difficulty of wading through the report to find rules is very great.

V.-Pres. Parsons—I move that the racing rules be printed.

Motion carried.

Mr. Lamson—I also move that the present Constitution of the League and lists of officers be also printed in suitable form for distribution to members of the League.

Motion carried.

Mr. Marsden—Regarding sanction of races, frequently members want to have races, but don't know who to enquire for, and often the chief consul is away when there is no one to sanction races.

Mr. Shillaber—It seems to me that this power might be placed in the hands of some other parties. The chief consul, of course, is the proper man, at the same time it may occur that he cannot conveniently be reached. I would move to amend the rules so it should read: That each member of the racing board, each consul and each representative be empowered to give the League's sanction for any races.

Resolution carried.

V.-Pres. Parsons—I suggest the amended rule be put on the cards.

Mr. Clark—Bringing up this matter of amending the rules, I should like to know if the rule as amended, can be acted on here without pre-

vious publication or notification to each member?

V.-Pres. Parsons—I see your point; the amendment of the original rules cannot be acted upon without it is published; but I suppose it was a simple motion.

Mr. Marsden—So it was.

V.-Pres. Parsons—I will read the rule relating to amendments (rule 36 read).

Treas. Gilman—I understand that our ex-president is in the house, and I move that he be invited to be present. Carried.

V.-P. Parsons—I move that treasurer Gilman and Mr. Clark be requested to escort Mr. Pratt into the room.

Mr. Pratt was then escorted amid great applause to the room.

While the delegates were in search of Mr. Pratt, an informal discussion was held on the amended rule question.

Chairman—It appears that the rule just passed, is in conflict with the race rules, and is, therefore, null and void.

Mr. Lamson moved that the meeting adjourn until half-past seven.

Motion carried.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Pratt—I move that we now proceed to reconsider amendments to rules and by-laws.

Carried.

Mr. Clark—I make the following amendment to the racing rules, by making an additional section to rule 17, viz.: "The track shall be measured from a line drawn three feet from the pole."

Chair—There was something in the *Bi. World* about this some time ago. The English standard is three feet; but we measured the track at Columbus two feet distant from the pole.

Dr. Coleman—As regards horse tracks, the pole is an imaginary line drawn three feet from the fence.

Chair—Can the amendment be voted upon at this meeting?

V.-Pres. Parsons—The notice of the meeting as provided in rule 13 is sufficient publication that these matters would be considered. But I do not see why it should be added to rule 17, and not be made a separate rule.

Mr. Clark—I made motion for addition, in order to save making another rule, as we already have a great many.

The amendment was carried.

Mr. Lamson—I move, as our ex-president is with us to-night, that he be requested to aid us this evening in our business.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pratt—I thank you for your request, and if I can aid the members of the League, shall be happy to do so. Permit me, in the interest of the League, to move that the addition to rule No. 8 be added to the Constitution.

Motion carried.

Treas. (?)—I move further amendment to rule 8: That the consuls' term of office end on the first of July. At present there is a little time every year when there are no consuls, and it is important the office should be constantly filled. It has also the advantage that consuls would be prepared to vacate their office at the close of the term, and not have to wait or feel that they were dismissed by the president.

No action was taken on the amendment.

V.-Pres. Parsons—I move an amendment to rule 25—in regard to amateurs—in the last line but one, that the words "taught or," be struck out, and in this connection I would move that we strike out of rule 26, all after the first two lines. As amended the rule would read:

Bicycle manufacturers, importers, dealers and agents as such, are not to be considered as professionals.

Chair—Should like to hear expressions of opinions on amendment proposed by Mr. Parsons.

Chas. H. Pratt—Mr. President, I willingly take this opportunity to thank you and the officers of the League who invite me to be present, and to aid your deliberations. I don't know that I shall be able to aid you much, but in response to your request, I will try to speak on the subject, and express my views on the amateur question. If I were attempting to preach a sermon to wheelmen, I should take for my text a passage from one of the Psalms: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" This is the question of promoting unity—harmony of action. The question of differences of opinion and censure of their action is a very great one for the League to consider. We gentlemen here to-night, are all here engaged in the endeavor to promote the best interests of bicyclers. We are not seeking our own pleasure, but seeking to try and promote greater pleasure for others, endeavoring to ascertain how best to promote the cause of bicycling in the country, and particularly the cause of American League Wheelmen. The question of membership of the League is an important one in all its aspects. One point that came up last year, and was freely discussed by the board of officers was, "What right the committee of officers have to exclude amateur wheelmen from the League?" The objects of the League is at all times to promote unity of action, good-will and fellowship, to create and enlarge the family of wheelmen. Now, that being so, it seems to me when a person is a member of the League, it is incumbent upon the League officers to see that he is not neglected, and see that no injustice is done him, and to see that he is not deprived of his membership in the League, unless definite charges are proved against, sufficient to bar him out. It is difficult at all times to act rightly, but members of the League must not consider that they have a right—an inalienable right—to have their personal friends admitted to the League, nor must their friends think so. They have no more right than they have to be members of the Buckeye Club. It is a question of the pleasure of the League, and it remains for the members already in the League to say whether or no it is their pleasure that an applicant for membership shall be admitted. [Applause].

[To be continued.]

## WHEEL RACES

### LEAGUE RACE MEETING.

About one hundred persons assembled at Beacon Park in the afternoon, to witness the bicycle races. These were announced for three o'clock, but incomplete previous arrangements, and the long time occupied at the business meeting in the morning, combined to delay, and the first race was not started until four o'clock. This was the one-mile championship of the League, the title and medal of which was held by Lewis T. Frye, of Marlboro', won by him at the Polo grounds, in New York, last year. The medal must be won three times to be permanently held by the winner. Only three men entered, and these were Frye, George M. Hendee, of Springfield, Mass., and V. C. Place, of Greenville, Pa. These all got off well. Frye at the pole, and leading at the beginning of the second lap, but on the third Hendee put on a handsome spurt, and after a fine struggle down the course, passed Frye well ahead into the last lap, and soon got a lead the champion found it hopeless to regain.



although he bent to his work desperately, and pulled steadily away from Place in the effort. At the half turn of the final, however, both he and the latter gave up the contest and finished at ease, as the Springfield man rapidly distanced them, keeping up his ground to the end, and winning medal and title in the excellent time of 2m. 57½s. It should be stated, however, that, in accordance with recent private measurements, which made the course some ten yards longer than one-fourth of a mile, the men were started forty yards in advance of the scratch. The time, therefore, will not stand as a record until the track has been surveyed and its measurement certified to by a professional surveyor, which, we understand, will be done immediately.

The next and final event was a five-mile amateur open race for two silver cups; first and second prizes, respectively, offered by the *Bicycling World*. Messrs. Frye, Hendee, Place, J. W. Wattles, of Canton, and John Tacy, of Lawrence, were entered for this, but Frye and Hendee withdrew. The start in this was made from scratch, on the old basis of measurement, and the three men went away in good shape, Place taking the lead, Tacy second and Wattles last, and this order was maintained throughout, and the only feature of the contest which saved it from being monotonous, was the excellent and unexpected style and pace of Tacy, who was a new man to racing in this section, and also hitherto unrecorded, but he held his own finely in Place's rear, and finished but one and a quarter seconds later. Place is one of the phenomenal flyers of this season, having come suddenly into prominence by winning a number of well-contested races in the middle States, and recently the fifty-mile race of the Manhattan Athletic Club in New York. His time yesterday was 17m. 45¼s.; Tacy's, 17m. 46½s.; Wattles, 19m. 20s. The track was in fair condition, but the wind was quite strong, considering which, the time was better than was expected. The officials were: Referee, Charles E. Pratt, of Boston; judges, Fred. S. Pratt, of Worcester; Chas. A. Hazlett, of Portsmouth, N. H.; Dr. A. G. Coleman, of Canandaigua, N. Y.; timers, J. S. Dean, Edward W. Pope, Louis Harrison; scorer, William E. Gilman; starter, Frank W. Weston.

The State League run will start from Trinity square this morning at nine o'clock.—*Boston Advertiser*.

## FROM THE CLUBS.

**HARVARD.**—The first two-day run of the Bicycle Club has been arranged to start Saturday next. If a sufficient number of riders present themselves the run will be made to Portsmouth, N. H., a distance of about fifty-six miles. The roads are good most of the way, and an easy ride will bring the club to their destination by 6 o'clock in the evening. The Newburyport turnpike will be followed to Danvers, and thence the course will be through Wenham, Ipswich, Rowley, Newburyport, Salisbury and Hampton. All who can, are urged to start with the club, even though they feel unequal to a ride of two days' duration. Such members need go only as far as Ipswich, where all will take dinner, and while the others go on, they can turn back, reaching home by 6 o'clock Saturday evening. A ride of this sort is especially enjoyable, and will, besides, furnish excellent practice for the hare and hound chase the club expect to hold on the following Thursday.—*Herald*.

**MARBLEHEAD.**—The Marblehead Bicycle Club has leased the second story of the building on Hathaway's wharf, formerly occupied by John H. Keating, for its headquarters. A new floor is being laid, and other improvements are being made to adapt the rooms to the needs of the club. One room is to be fitted up as a riding hall.—*Messenger*.

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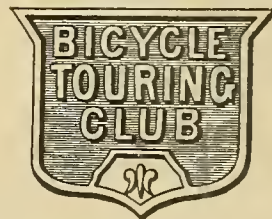
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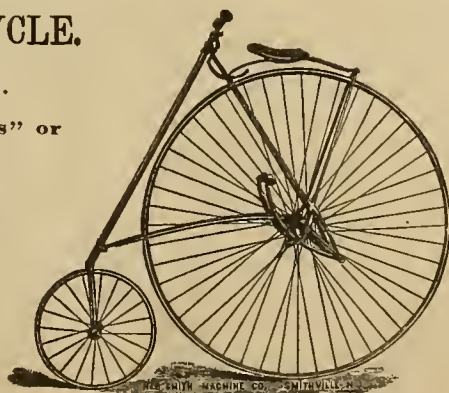
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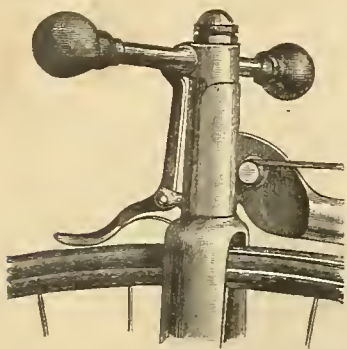
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