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ENTERED AT THE POST OFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER.

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PICKINGS AND STEALINGS

Now send along your subscriptions.

The latest—The Garfield Club on wheels. Who wants to join?

Have you seen the new hub lamp made by McKee & Harrington,

From Jersey—Say, Mister, where do you keep the key it is wound up with.

We were obliged to employ two policemen to keep our subscribers in line the other day.

Mr. Wm. M. Wright is now prepared to give away 5,000 bicycles. Be sure and get one, as they are going like hot cakes.

Those who are on the look out for a good machine will find a bargain in the 54 inch Harvard, advertised in another column.

Don't fail to go to the races at the Polo Grounds, 110th street and Sixth avenue, on Saturday, October 2, 1880, at 2:30 P. M.

It has struck us forcibly (in the vicinity of the left eye) that something should be done to the young rascals, who delight in throwing stones at wheelmen on Fifth avenue.

The last number of the *Bicycling World* contained the following: "Mr. Pitman took his usual gait in the New York press, and found a competitor too Manny for him." It was probably the Pratt-le of the *World* that settled him.

One of the wits of the day asks if the Prophet Ezekiel referred at all to the bicycle when he saw "one wheel with one cherub, and another wheel with another cher..b"—an interesting conundrum to the drivers of spirited horses in the parks.

Democratic political economists are urging Hancock to "go for" the oath on a bicycle, and thus illustrate the principle of thrift so strongly promised in election times. One hitch in the wished for success of the party will thus be dissipated—the horse one, and at the same time the fence can be dispensed with.

The members of the bicycle clubs always date their letters "B. C." This will astonish future antiquarians.

"Law me," exclaimed an old lady yesterday as the Bicycle Club wheeled past, "there's a lot of wheels running away with them young fellers."

A Cohasset bicycler leaned his bicycle against a hollow post containing a nest of bumble bees. After much trouble and some stings he recovered the machine with a rake.

In reference to the recent races at Worcester the *Evening Gazette* remarks that "Bicycle meets are likely to become a feature of agricultural shows. There were not a few men of experience; yesterday, who pronounced the races more exciting than horse trotting. The parade was picturesque beyond expectation."

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN.

A meeting of the officers and directors of the League of American Wheelmen was held in the Metropolitan Hotel, on Saturday, September 18. The league was organized in Newport, R. I., in May last, and a constitution was adopted. The meeting was chiefly for the purpose of deciding upon rules and electing standing committees. There were present, President Charles E. Pratt, of Boston; Commander C. K. Munroe, of New York; Corresponding Secretary Albert S. Parsons, of Cambridge; Recording Secretary J. F. Burrill, of New York, and Treasurer Hugh L. Willoughby, of Saratoga. The Directors present were Max Hausman, of Washington, D. C.; R. A. Fairfield, of Biddeford, Maine; S. T. Clark, of Baltimore; Fred. S. Pratt, of Worcester, Mass.; E. C. Hodges, of Boston; C. A. Hazlitt, of Portsmouth, N.H.; L. H. Johnson, of Orange, N. J.; A. Ely, Jr., of Cleveland, O.; and J. Pennell, of Germantown, Pa.

The first business done was to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors in the States already represented in the Board. The question of electing directors for new States was laid over until the next meeting.

The following is a list of officers and the Board of Directors for States as they now stand:

OFFICERS FOR 1880-81.

President—Charles E. Pratt, of Boston
Vice-President—Thomas K. Longstreth, of Philadelphia.
Commander—C. K. Munroe, of New York.
Corresponding Secretary—Albert S. Parsons, of Cambridge.
Recording Secretary—J. Frank Burrill, of New York.
Treasurer—Hugh L. Willoughby, of Saratoga.

DIRECTORS BY STATES.

California—George H. Strong and G. L. Cunningham, of San Francisco.

Canada—H. S. Tibbs, of Montreal, and S. McMichaels, of Brantford, Ontario.

Connecticut—S. A. Marsden, of New Haven, and T. B. Beach, of Hartford.

Dakota Territory—C. H. Cameron, of Yankton, and —

District of Columbia—E. T. Dodge, of Arlington, and Max Hausman, of Washington.

Illinois—A. McClure, of Chicago, and H. G. Rouse, of Peoria,

Indiana—Harry Bates, of Indianapolis, and F. E. Perrin, of Lafayette.

Kentucky—O. W. Thomas, of Louisville, and S. S. Griffith, of Shelbyville.

Maine—C. H. Lamson, of Portland, and R. A. Fairfield, of Biddeford.

Maryland—S. T. Clark and Clymer White, of Baltimore,

Massachusetts—Fred S. Pratt, of Worcester, and E. C. Hodges, of Boston.

Michigan—Dr. E. B. Ward, of Detroit, and J. W. Phelps, of Grand Rapids.

Minnesota—C. J. Adams, of Minneapolis, and —

Missouri—G. F. Shepley, of St. Louis, and A. Gifford, of Edina.

New Hampshire—C. A. Hazlitt, of Portsmouth, and Ernest F. Peevey, of Farmington.

New Jersey—L. H. Johnson, of Orange, and J. Y. Clark, of Trenton.

New York—W. T. Gullen, of Brooklyn, and J. G. Monroe, of Buffalo.

Ohio—A. Ely, Jr., of Cleveland, and A. S. Beiler, of Fostoria.

Pennsylvania—E. J. Waring, of Pittsburg, and J. Pennell, of Germantown.

Rhode Island—F. H. Richmond, of Providence, and J. Nelson Howard, of Newport.

Vermont—W. S. Underwood, of Brattleboro, and G. E. Styles.

Wisconsin—A. S. Hibbard, of Milwaukee, and Dr. Gifford, of Lacrosse.

The next order of business was the report of the Committee on Rules. In presenting it Mr. Pratt, the editor of the *Bicycling World*, read the following address:

To the Board of Officers of the L. A. W.

The committee appointed on the 31st of May last to prepare a draft of by-laws or rules, to submit at the September meeting, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and present herewith a draft of such rules as they think would be advisable for the Board to adopt. In the judgment of the committee the rules

should define the duties of the officers with some degree of particularity, should provide for suitable committees, by which the work of the Board may be distributed and facilitated; should define the privileges of members of the League, not only for other reasons, but also that the benefits of membership in the League may be apparent upon inspection of the rules; they also recommend the appointment of consuls in the various towns where bicycling prevails, for the better carrying out of the objects of the League, and for securing its benefits more readily to members.

There was considerable discussion as to Rule 9. The majority of the Committee of Rules were in favor of no proxies, and that every one must be present to have a vote. Mr. Parsons introduced a minority report allowing clubs to send delegates to cast their votes. The minority report was adopted. Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. PRATT,
 E. C. HODGES,
 ALBERT S. PARSONS.

RULES.

OFFICERS.—1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League and of the Board of officers, when he is present; shall appoint all committees not elected by ballot, may fill *pro tempore* any vacancy in any office or committee until the next ensuing business meeting of the Board; shall exercise a general oversight in the affairs of the League, and shall make a report at its annual business meeting next subsequent to his election.

2. The Vice-President shall preside, when present, in the absence of the President, at all meetings of the League or of the Board, and perform in such absence all the necessary duties of the President at the time; and in case of the death, resignation or removal of the President he shall be the acting President until the next annual election; and he shall appoint the judges at race meetings.

3. The Commander shall make, under direction of the Board, suitable arrangements and regulations for any parade, tour, excursion or race meeting of the League; shall take command of the same, and shall appoint such aids and staff officers as he may deem expedient; and shall make a report to the annual business meeting of the League next succeeding his election.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall receive, cause to be published and transmit to the Membership Committee all applications for Membership shall keep a register of all applications and action thereon; shall receive and answer any correspondence with the members of the Board of Officers, and any appropriate correspondence with non-members of the League, and of the Board, and not generally under direction of the Board or of the President; and shall submit a report at the next annual meeting of the League succeeding his election.

5. The Recording Secretary shall make and preserve appropriate records of all meetings of the League and of the Board of Officers; a list of all members and officers of the League, with notes of all the changes in the same: shall act as clerk to the Commander in respect to parades, tours, excursions and race meetings, and shall act (when present) as clerk of the course of the latter; and he shall report to the Board of officers at their business meeting next preceding the next annual business meeting of the League after his election.

6. The Treasurer shall receive and be accountable for all membership and annual fees and other revenues of the League, shall keep suitable books of account thereof and of all disbursements, and shall pay out of the funds of the League only upon order of the Finance Committee or any two members thereof; he shall give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties whenever required by vote of the Board of Officers; shall make report in abstract at each regular business meeting of the Board, and in full at the annual meeting of the League next succeeding his election.

7. The Directors for each State or District shall appoint a suitable person in each town or city therein where there are wheelmen to be consul for such town or city; and in any such city of more than forty thousand inhabitants they shall appoint two such consuls, and they may appoint one consul from each amateur bicycle club in their State or district, provided that any person so appointed shall be a member of the League, and shall be reported at once to the Corresponding Secretary; and they shall receive and transmit to such Consuls all appropriate notices, communications, information and other matters for circulation in the League, fill vacancies in Consulships, require such reports, information or aid as they deem meet, or may be authorized or required to by the Board. Each director shall from time to time report and make suggestions to the President of matters in his State or district, shall answer correspondence of other Directors or Officers, and furnish information as to routes, hotels, roads, laws and other matters to such officers or to consuls.

8. Consuls shall acquire and give information as to roads, hotels, laws and other matters of interest in their localities, to members of the League, calling upon them in person or by letter; keep their own directors informed from time to time by reports, perform such duties as the latter may require of him, and generally promote the interests of the League and its members.

MEETINGS.

9. There shall be an annual business meeting of the League on the 30th day of May in each year, or on the day following or preceding, if that occur on Sunday, at such place or hour as the Board of officers may determine at a meeting to be held at least two months previous, and of which general meeting at least one month's public notice shall be given. At this meeting the order of business shall be as follows: Reading of records of previous annual meeting; reports of President, Commander, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; communications from the Board of officers; reports of special committees; election of officers; motions, votes and resolutions.

Fifty members shall constitute a quorum, each member present shall have one vote on any question, and no proxies shall be allowed; but clubs whose entire active membership has joined the League may choose by ballot one delegate for each ten members of the club, on the membership roll of the League, to represent them at the meeting, and these delegates, upon the presentation of credentials signed by the President and Secretary of the club authorizing them to do so, may cast ten votes each, in all proceedings of the meeting.

10. At the date and place of the annual business meeting of the League, there shall be, at an hour to be previously fixed by the Board, a general parade, to be arranged and commanded by the Commander, in which all amateur bicycle clubs shall be invited to participate; in this parade the clubs belonging to the League shall have precedence in the order of their respective ages, then the unattached members of the League, then other clubs in the order of their seniority, and finally all unattached, not members of the League.

11. Once in the autumn of each year, at a time and place to be fixed at least two months previously, there shall be held a race meeting under the auspices of the League, at which only members shall be allowed to compete, except in some event set apart for professionals alone; at which meeting a suitable championship prize shall be offered, which shall be the property of the League until it shall have been won three times by the same competitor, who shall then hold it, if he so elect, and be debarred from competing for any League prize for the distance and championship.

12. Meetings of the Board of Officers shall be held quarterly, on the first Tuesday of July, October, January and April in each year; and special meetings after one week's notice may be, and at request of three members of the Board, shall be, called by the President at any time and place. The regular meetings of the Board may be held at any place fixed by vote at a previous meeting, or otherwise by the President.

13. The President and Corresponding Secretary may at any time submit any matter of business properly before the Board in writing, in the form of a vote or resolution to each member of the Board by mail, upon which the members may indicate their approval or disapproval; and when replies in approval shall be received from a majority of the members, the President shall declare such vote or resolution carried, and it shall be taken as the action of the Board as if done at a regular meeting; and at any business meeting of the Board of Officers when a minority greater than six shall desire to appeal from the action of the meeting, they may take an appeal to the full Board of Officers.

14. At all meetings of the League or of the Board, the established law of deliberative assemblies shall be observed in all cases not provided in the Constitution or in these rules.

COMMITTEES.

15. There shall be a committee on membership, a committee on rules and regulations, a committee on meetings, and a committee on rights and privileges, to be elected by the Board of Officers, from the members thereof at the first business meeting of the Board after its election, to serve for one year, or until their successors be properly constituted. Each committee shall consist of three members, and no member shall serve on more than two committees, and two shall constitute a quorum in each, and they shall report to the Board or to the President thereof within one month after reference of any matter to them by the President, or by the Board, or by these rules.

16. There shall also be a committee on finance, which shall consist of the President, the Treasurer and the Corresponding Secretary *ex officio*, to which all matters relating to revenue and disbursements, and League funds and investments thereof, not otherwise disposed of are

referred as they arise, and who shall report to the Board of Officers at each regular meeting.

17. To the committee on membership are referred as they arise, all matters relating to the admission, resignation, suspension or expulsion of members.

18. To the committee on rules and regulations are referred as they arise, all matters relating to rules of the League or of the Board, or for the direction of consuls and members.

19. To the committee on meetings are referred as they arise, all matters relating to the time and place and arrangement for all meetings of the League or of the Board not otherwise provided for.

20. To the committee on rights and privileges are referred as they arise, all matters relating to the rights and privileges of wheelmen in highways and public parks, and to legislation by towns or states, and to suits by or against members of the League, and to the conduct of members of the League in respect to such matters.

MEMBERS.

21. All applications for membership shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary, together with fees for admission, with such information as may be required.

22. Objections to the admission of any candidate for membership may be made to the Corresponding Secretary or to any member of the committee on membership within two weeks after the publication of the name of such candidate, and such objections may be, and remain confidential if so requested. Where no objection is made to the name of any candidate, the approval of the committee on membership shall be sufficient for election. Where objection is made to the name of any candidate, the committee on membership shall report it, with the fact of objection to the President, or the Board of Officers; and any rejected applicant may learn the grounds upon which his name was rejected by applying to the committee on membership through the Corresponding Secretary; and any candidate or member of the League may take an appeal from the action of any meeting of the Board of Officers, in the method provided for in Section 13, by depositing with the Corresponding Secretary an amount sufficient to cover the expense of such appeal.

23. In passing upon the eligibility of candidates as amateurs, the membership committee shall be guided by the following rule, and shall take proper pains to ascertain and determine the facts in any case where objection is made to a candidate on this ground, or when the question may arise on complaint of any five members of the League or otherwise, viz.:

24. An amateur is a person who has never competed in an open competition, or for a stake, or for public money, or for gate money, or under a false name, or with a professional for a prize, or where gate money is charged, or has never professionally taught or pursued bicycling or other athletic exercises as a means of livelihood.

25. No person shall be disqualified under the preceding rule on account of being or having been a member of a firm, or an officer or stockholder of a corporation carrying on any business connected with bicycling, or on account of carrying on or being connected with any agency or riding-school, or other branch of business related to bicycling, provided he be not otherwise objectionable under said rule.

(To be Continued.)

The question as to what constitutes an amateur bicyclist was warmly debated, for upon its decision depended the standing of one-third of the best and most widely known bicyclists in the League. When section 24 was reached, Mr. Pennell, of Germantown, Penn., said that one of his chief objects in attending the League meeting was to hear the views of the Directors on that mooted question. The clubs of Philadelphia had exhaustively discussed it, and had not reached a satisfactory conclusion. Mr. Pennell himself had come prepared and authorized as the representative of the Germantown Club to offer the following amendment to the section proposed;

"That we do not consider any manufacturer, dealer, agent, teacher or any other person, who may be connected in any manner with bicycling as a business or profession, to be an amateur."

A long discussion followed the remarks of Mr. Pennell. President Pratt said that if the amendment offered by the gentleman from Germantown were adopted one-third of the directors of the League and many of the most ardent lovers of bicycle riding would be rendered ineligible, simply because they happened to be engaged in the manufacture or sale of bicycles. Mr. Pratt would not feel

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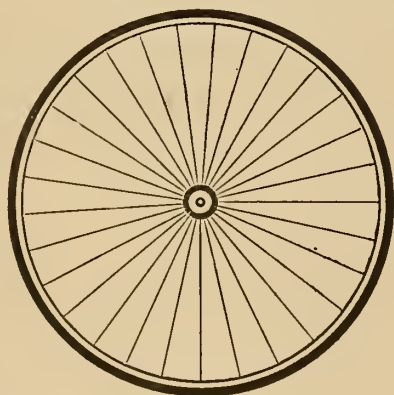
THE WHEEL

[No. 1.]

THE WHEEL.—It is the intention of the managers to make THE WHEEL a lively and interesting paper. To present to its readers all matters of interest in connection with bicycling. Accounts of Club meetings, races, tours, excursions and runs will find place in our columns, together with personal items, the latest inventions and improvements, and other subjects of interest to bicyclers and their friends. Correspondence is invited, and we will be pleased to acknowledge any news items, clippings or suggestions which will assist us to make our paper as attractive as possible. Contributors and correspondents are requested to send their favors to *The Editor of THE WHEEL, 38 Cortlandt Street, New York.* To give their full names and addresses, though not for publication unless desired. Also to notice that we go to press the Wednesday preceeding the date of publication. We refer our readers to another column for our terms of subscription and rates of advertising.

AHEM !

We are sorry, but it becomes our painful duty to inform you that another bicycle paper has been born unto the land. "Who gave it birth?" we hear you say. "Who is the father of it?" Alas! we cannot tell a lie, we did it with our little tomahawk—behold the



According to Worcester a wheel is "a circular frame that revolves about an axle," that is an axellent definition of just what we are, only we cannot do the revolving without a *quantum sufficit* of lubrication which, of course, we expect you to supply.

(We might as well say here that *quantum sufficit* means plenty, enough; not enough to keep a carriage on, but an elegant sufficiency. Hereafter, if we have occasion to use a foreign tongue in connection with our bank account, we will always translate our remarks.)

We have a number of excuses to offer for inflicting this affliction, a few of which we give below:

1stly. THE WHEEL will be printed in words of one syllable for the benefit of those monads who ride 36-inch machines, while for those who straddle 58-inch wheels and require something stronger, there will be a death column.

2ndly. Bills for subscriptions will not be rendered in Greek, Every subscriber will be able to see at a glance just what he owes, and no attempt will be made to buldoze with too much learning.

3rdly. Capital will be advanced to every enthusiastic wheelman who has a new patent to introduce.

4thly. We shall report all the races and take the side of every feller who considers himself swindled in the handicap.

5thly. We will supply, gratis, the uniform of any club, and give the party borrowing full permission to enter any race and represent himself as a member of the society whose suit he dons.

6thly. A large stock of bugles will be kept in our editorial chamber for the free practice of our patrons.

7thly. We mean to visit the sick—we do, really—and in every case where there is a bell-rope we will pull and send the pitcher out; at the expense of the patient.

8thly. Our oil cans and wrenches are always at your disposal.

We have a number of other reasons—weightier, far weightier ones—but we believe the above will be sufficient to prove it is not murder we are committing, but justifiable homicide.

Our little journal will be as liberal as a pawnbroker, and as independent as a porker on solidified water but upon one point it shall ever remain firm:

You must subscribe,

otherwise cobbles of immense magnitude will be deposited before your rubbers.

We kiss our hand to you.

THE LEAGUE.—The meeting of the Officers and Directors of the L. A. W. recently held in this city, was in every way a complete success. The principal business was the adoption of the rules, the appointment of committees, the selection of a League badge and discussion of other interesting matters, a full report of which may be found in our columns. The League is rapidly increasing both in members and strength. Nearly all the prominent clubs of the country are enrolled in its ranks, and many others have signified their intention to join.

The almost unanimous decision of the Board in reference as to "what constitutes an amateur," is especially commendable, and will doubtless be received with satisfaction by the numerous clubs, where the matter has been vigorously discussed. We would endeavor to impress upon all wheelmen the importance of connecting themselves with the League at once, for in "Union there is Strength."

It has been our endeavor to place a copy of the first issue of this paper in the hands of all the prominent wheelmen throughout the United States. There are doubtless many whom we have failed to notice; to those who may feel slighted at an unintentional neglect, we will say that if they will kindly forward their names and addresses, together with the amount of subscription, we will be most happy to send them as many copies as they may choose to order.

Our lengthy report of the proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Officers and Directors of the L. A. W., though interesting to many and valuable for reference, unavoidably crowds out considerable matter, which we hope to present to our readers in our next issue.

THE TOURNAMENT IN THIS CITY

With such gentlemen as the members of the Manhattan Polo Association as promoters of the Grand Bicycle Tournament, which is to take place on their elegant grounds next week, its success is already assured. A wide track, one-third of a mile in length has been laid under the personal supervision of Mr. Edward Plummer, so well known to racing men in general, and many other extensive improvements and alterations have been made. There will be six races, a one mile handicap heat race included, on the occasion, and the prizes are said to be very handsome. It is expected that there will be a large number of racing men present from all parts of the country, and New York wheelmen especially, should not allow this fine opportunity for a display of skill to pass unnoticed.

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embarrassed to ride with those gentlemen, and he did not believe that any such class discrimination as that suggested was necessary. He thought, however, that it would be judicious to make a distinction between a man who uses all his wits and utilizes all his skill in the art of bicycling, riding merely for the purpose of making money, and the amateur devotee of the sport. The latter gave his time to it in a purely social way; the professional was devoted to it for his own profit.

Mr. Munroe, of New York, thought that because gentlemen were more or less remotely connected with the manufacture or sale of bicycles they should not be declared ineligible. After other members had spoken on the subject the amendment was rejected almost unanimously, and the rule was adopted as printed above.

Messrs. Parsons, Pennell and Ely were appointed a committee of three by the chair, to nominate the candidates for committees under Rule 15. The following committees were then elected;

MEMBERSHIP.

C. K. Munroe, of New York; L. H. Johnson, of Orange, New Jersey, and Mr. Gullen, of Brooklyn.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Charles E. Pratt, and E. C. Hodges, of Boston, and Albert S. Parsons, of Cambridge.

MEETINGS.

Thomas K. Longstreth, of Philadelphia; J. Pennell, of Germantown, and Max Hausman, of Washington.

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

Fred. S. Pratt, of Worcester; Thomas K. Longstreth, of Philadelphia, and Charles E. Pratt, of Boston.

The following report of the Membership Committee was then read;

"This committee begs leave to report that since the 30th of May, 1880, it has examined and passed the names of 527 candidates for admission to the League of American Wheelmen.

"The committee has refused admission to nine applicants, on the ground that there was a chance of their being declared professionals at the meeting of the Officers of the League.

"The Membership tickets, the preparing of which was left with the committee, have been printed and forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary.

"In regard to Badges, the committee did not favor the adoption of badges, but if it is deemed advisable to have such, they approve the design submitted by Mr. Frank Weston, of Boston.

C. K. MUNROE.
L. H. JOHNSON."

(The nine names rejected will be, under the new provisions as to amateur bicyclists, acceptable.—Ed.)

A design for a League badge was then discussed. What was called the Continent design was finally adopted and referred to the committee on membership with power to have them made at a cost not to exceed two dollars each. It consists of a hemisphere of silver on which is enamelled in black a representation of the North American Continent, with the name of the League across the continent in silver relief, while from the sides of the hemisphere project spokes terminating in the felloe of a bicycle wheel surrounding the base of the hemisphere. At the top is a cross bar representing a bicycle handle.

A letter from Mr. Will R. Pitman was then read by Mr. Frank Burrill, in which he desired to appear before the Officers and Directors of the League and explain his conduct in relation to the Boston races. His request was declined, and the Recording Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Pitman and inform him that his case was not properly before the Board, but that he should apply for admission to the League when his case would then be carefully considered.

A motion to adjourn to the first Tuesday in January, was then made and carried.

PERSONAL

It is rumored that Mr. Noel, of the Mercury Bi. Club, intends to purchase the 96 inch machine recently ridden in England. We do not doubt but that Mr. Noel is able to reach it.

Our thanks are tendered to Mr. S. Conant Foster for many valuable suggestions and contributions.

Mr. Phil Johnson, Manhattan Bi. Club, is often seen looking for the historic "worm" in Prospect Park, at four o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Wm. M. Wright, Captain of the Mercury Bi. Club, sailed for Europe on the 13th, taking with him his new 60 inch Special Columbia.

Mr. D. Belard, the professional rider was the first to head the list of our subscribers. Heaven bless you Dan'l.

Mr. L. H. Johnson, Essex Bi. Club, made two miles in 6:30½ on a 54 inch Harvard Roadster

Mr. S. Conant Foster, the Poet Wheelman; sports a gold wheel with a diamond in the centre.

Treas. Minor is astonishing the natives of Stamford with his bi. and magnificent form.

That nonentity on a bicycle, Gib Foster, rode from Yonkers to 59th street in 2.55. Although the handsome secretary of the N. Y. Bi Club did it in 1.18, Gib wants to bet anything from a brown stone front up to a bottle of rain water that it cannot be done in 1.35. Here is a chance for some one to sit on Gib.

The bicycling department of the *Sunday Courier* is now under the control of Mr. W. R. Benjamin, a member of the New York Bi. Club. Mr. Benjamin is an able writer and a genial wheelman. He has our best wishes for success.

OBIT.

Little Ficken, thou hast left us,
And thy loss we deeply feel,
Thou didst learn the strange gyrations
Of the giddy, fickle wheel.

---G. W. Childs, M. A.

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THE WHEEL

[No. 1.]

RATES AND TERMS.

THE WHEEL is published regularly on alternate Saturday mornings and will be forwarded, postage prepaid, to any address for one year, on receipt of \$1.25, invariably in advance. Remittances should be by draft, Post Office money order or registered letter, directed to Fred. Jenkins, 38 Cortlandt Street, New York City, N. Y. Our rates for advertising, which are reasonable will be furnished upon application. Special rates made for continued insertions.

ADVERTISEMENTS

PROVIDENCE BI. CLUB.

POSTPONEMENT OF RACES.

Owing to delays the opening of our new race track is postponed to

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13th.

When the following amateur races will be given :

1st.—The amateur championship of America; at mile heats, for a magnificent gold medal, valued at \$100.

2d.—Two mile heat race ; three medals, value \$50, \$25, \$10.

3rd.—Half mile heats ; three medals, value, \$35, \$20, \$8.

There will also be a grand meet on that day, to which all are invited. Particulars through Club Secretaries.

All races best 2 in 3. Entrance fee to mile race \$2, to the others \$1. Entries close Monday, October 11, at noon, and should be addressed to

W. H. RICHMOND,
102 Friendship St. Providence, R. I.

FOR SALE.

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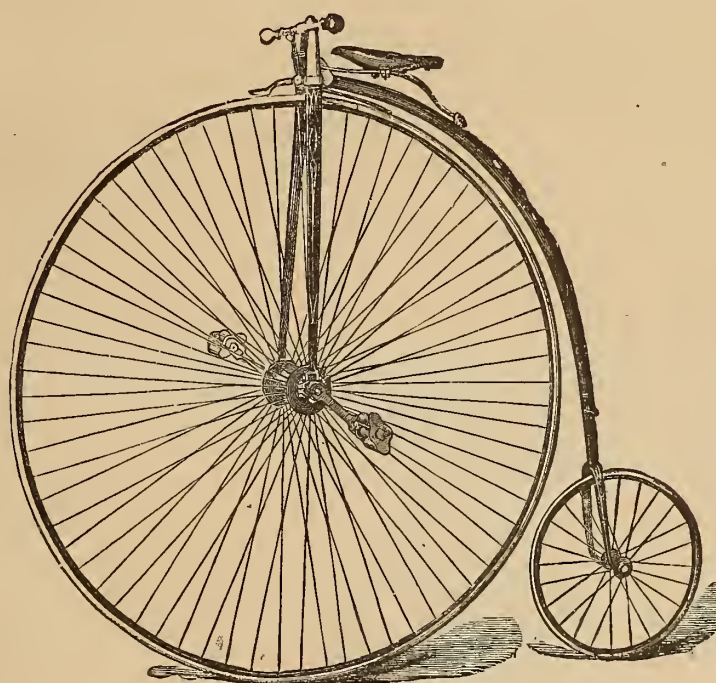
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