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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

This is fortunately a short month.

What has become of the rumored race tournament at the Boston Institute?

The Springfield Club extends a cordial invitation for their combined exhibition and reception the latter part of the month.

The "lively Ixions" give an entertainment on February 15th at Trenor's Hall, Broadway and 32nd Street. Wheelmen are expected to appear in uniform.

The Kings County Wheelmen give their second annual dinner, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.

We have concluded to offer such substantial prizes as a full-nickled Expert Columbia, as an inducement for the wheelman to get his friends to subscribe to this paper and secure a machine for nothing. There are also several other minor considerations worthy of note.

From indications, we think a large vote will be polled in this State at the coming elections, and think the day not far off when we shall see a State organization that will be a credit to the League.



"YE MASHER!"
AN INCIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON MEET.

The special number of the *Bicycling World* is at hand, and is useful for reference, containing the Constitution and By-Laws of the League, together with a Club Directory, and the addresses of the Secretary of every known club, and the amateur and professional records. Much time and labor has been expended in compiling it, and although there are several inaccuracies that could be pointed out, the work is satisfactory. It is sold for 25 cents a copy by E. C. Hodges & Co., Boston, Mass.

The Secretary of the Massachusetts has very kindly sent us an invitation to dine with them on the 13th at the Hotel Vendome. We regret that business engagements will prevent our being present at the Fourth Annual Din-

ner, but extend our best wishes for the prosperity of one of the largest clubs in America.

League news abounds, and the officers are embracing every opportunity to plead the cause through the press. This is a good idea, but it would be a better one if the League could have an organ that would be sent to every member, like the *B. T. C. Gazette*.

The youngest scion of the genial Colonel has been so ill that a consultation was held. The little tod at last accounts was out of danger.

THE RECEPTION OF THE IXIONS.

The Ixions are going to give a club sociable and reception on the 15th inst., at Trenor's Hall, 32nd Street and Broadway. This club has heretofore successfully completed everything it has undertaken, and has now concluded that New York shall no longer be behind in matters of this kind. It has engaged an excellent orchestra for dancing, and will issue over a thousand invitations to numerous friends. The order of dance will be of original design, by a member of the club and a well-known contributor to the artistic department of bicycle journalism, and will be the finest thing of the kind ever presented on such an occasion. Full delegations are expected from the Citizens, K.C.W., Mount Vernon, Pequonnocks and neighboring clubs. "Papa" Western has promised to come over from Boston especially to attend the affair, and it is hoped that he will cause others from the "Hub" to follow his example. The "Ixions" desire that their friends, who are bicyclers, will attend in full club uniform. Tickets can be had by application to the Secretary, B. G. Sanford, P. O. Box 2425, or to the reception committee, at the Ixion Club, 4 East 59th Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Editor of the Wheel:—"What bicycling news in Boston?" Why, dear WHEEL, how *can* there be any bicycling news with a foot of snow on the ground, or with the mercury down below zero? Bicycling papers should "suspend" during the winter in this climate. But no; we need them to keep our enthusiasm up through this dreary time, though Rev. Mr. Day has ridden out over the well trodden snow with pleasure. Parsons rides back and forth to his business over at Cambridge, and of course Wilmot rides right along, but not many of us care to venture out during the winter months. November and December have been good riding months here usually, but this winter came in with a bound November 17th.

The Massachusetts Club had their regular monthly all-day run November 16th, and woke the next morning to find the snow falling.

So there is no bicycling news, thank you, but our *bicyclers* still live and flourish something as follows:

The members of the Boston Club gather in their roomy club-house and eat chops, or play billiards or whist, or read their veteran Dalton's poems, or comfort themselves as best they may, and they almost forget that they *are* a *bicycle* club, the social element is so strong. The Massachusetts men drop into their cosy club rooms occasionally, run their eyes over the register and find not many names, glance at the *pitcher* and swell with pride and gratitude, go down into the wheel-room and see the steeds standing there so quietly—and, looming up amongst them, like Gullivar among the Lilliputians, Lieut. Griffith's big sixty inch, *sans* saddle, *sans* pedals, *sans* bell, but worst of all, alas! *sans* its noble owner. The Massachusetts man drops a tear upon this wheel, as he thinks of the pride of the club far away in Paris (it's in danger of rusting from this oft-repeated tribute), and with a sigh for the absent lieut. and the absent Parkhurst he passes out.

The "Crescents" hibernate, though they come out strong for their annual ball, and will, it is to be hoped, come out strong and lively in the spring. It is too good a club to die out, and has a record to be proud of.

The "Ramblers" talk over their "phenomenal success" in their first season, and lay plans for the coming year with confidence. They bid fair to be a leading club in the near future. They have fine material, and no club in this vicinity surpasses them in *esprit de corps*.

So much for clubs. Now as to individuals.

Champion Prince "looks happy" with his "expert badge" upon his breast, and a fat purse in his pocket. He has a sort of "I-told-you-so" twinkle in his eye, and yet receives the congratulations of his friends with becoming modesty. Even "professional" bicycling will be "eminently respectable" while he stands as its principal exponent, backed up by

the new recruit, Frye, who bears his disappointment with patience. "Better luck next time," he thinks. He is a foeman worthy of any man's steel steed, and while we cannot but regret that he has left the amateur ranks, he will give dignity and character to the professionals. Those who know him best know that any "tricks of the trade," or "ways that are dark," he has yet to learn.

A grey-haired old man, who saw me reading the WHEEL, and so knew that I was a bicyclist, edged up to me in the horse-cars the other day and said, "What do you think of Frye?" After I had expressed my opinion, he said: "I lived in Marlboro and saw that boy grow up, and I know that a more straightforward, honest fellow can't be found in that town." "So say we all of us" who know him and his pedigree. I write this for the benefit of those at a distance who may have thought that there was some jockeying in this series of races.

Mr. Wilmot has resigned from the Massachusetts Club, and is to be a professional trick rider.

Rex Smith must look to his laurels. Wilmot is close after him as a master of the wheel. He cannot fail to be a big card for any sort of bicycle exhibition; and he will be another ornament to the professional ranks into which so many of our good men are dropping.

Well, it must be a little tiresome and unprofitable after a man has got about so many of them, to keep on piling up medals at a considerable cost simply to look at. All our leading men are rather overloaded with medals.

It wouldn't be surprising to see Pitman turn professional again, yet. Now that he has won his point, and been fairly taken into the amateur ranks he is probably satisfied, and may chafe at the restraint put upon him.

Our Gov. Butler, the ambition of whose life it has been to be the Governor of the Old Bay State, now that he has got the office, tosses his head and says he don't want it again. By the way, it is quite likely that the Bostons will have the Governor at their annual dinner. His son is a member of that club, and many of its members are admirers of "the old man," as his supporters call him. He is nothing if not politic, and if he thinks he can make a few converts to Butlerism among these young men, he will be there without doubt.

The clubs are preparing for their annual dinners, and casting about for guests who can talk well. The Bostons invite State and city officials, but the Massachusetts has always confined its invitations to men who could write *bicyclist* after their names.

You notice the short editorials in the *World*? Editor Gilman is busy writing poems for the dinners. He is the poet-laureate of the bicycle clubs.

Capt. Shillaber, of the Massachusetts Club is down in Florida, to which genial clime he fled after working nobly and effectively for the success of the Massachusetts Club's entertainment, a success which he did not wait

to see. His poem at the Massachusetts' dinner last year was a surprise and delight to those present, and the club have been looking forward to another from him this year.

Lieut. Williams is in Washington.

There begins to be a suspicion that some of the modest men of the Massachusetts Club are trying to keep out of the way of the two nominating committees which are trying to select candidates for the annual election. They have plenty of good men to select from, but none of them want office.

The Boston Club elected its new officers—a good board—January 3d, but the old officers hold over until after the dinner, February 7th. President Hodges will make a good President for the club; but *nobody* can equal President Pratt as the presiding genius of a club dinner, and he will grace the head of the table once more. Mr. Pratt refused a re-election to the City Government, too, where he has been a most admirable President of the Common Council. Now out of office, wheelmen ought to expect a great deal from his pen. Let us hope for more of the delightful Echoes and Shadows which grace the last *Wheelman*.

Hope, for the credit of Boston, that you have received that silk umbrella. BOZ-TONIAN.

What the Owl would like to know.

If "London W." is through with the *World*. I have noticed the absence of his witty contributions in the recent issues of our contemporary.

If the roads are often in better condition than at present.

Why Chic wasn't out last Saturday afternoon with Beckwith, Jenkins and Oliver.

If "Jerry" Sterry recognized himself in No 17. of the WHEEL.

When our artist, C. J. Howard, learned how to shoot muskrats. I note in the Katonah local paper that he killed thirteen in one day.

If he used the Oliver gun.

When Willie Newman will send in his sub. to the WHEEL.

If, failing to do so, he is not afraid of consequences.

How the boys enjoyed themselves at the Citizens' musical.

What Co. does the engraving of the *Bicycling World*. I cannot compliment them on their attempt at President Miller's portrait.

When the champion Gideon is about to make the awful leap and purchase a sociable.

Why "London W." thinks Oliver is the Owl.

Whether the *Amateur Athlete* will be a success, if started?

Whether Doctor Beckwith will now be appointed Chief Consul?

Whether new the members of the clubs in the vicinity will support and contribute towards a Meet, if held here?

Whether he will have much time to show his ability before the March elections?

Whether THE WHEEL will not stand by their candidates?

Whether the Ixions are not going to do the correct thing by at last giving a Bicycler's Reception in New York?

Whether the fact of its coming in the Lenten season will diminish the attendance?

Whether the *World* finds it fun to again poke the monopoly's ribs?

Whether the Col. does not smile at its frantic efforts?

Why "Ixion" has suddenly come to life?

Whether the "Answers to Correspondents" does not give him away?

How he enjoys his sociable.

THE CITIZEN'S MUSICAL.

Last Saturday evening the Citizen's inaugurated a series of musical evenings, that will be continued each week until the return of the riding season brings with it the stronger fascination of club runs and rides innumerable, as well as the numerous tours the members have already planned in advance. At the last meeting a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Bryant, Mason and Oliver, were instructed to prepare an entertainment for February 3d. Although the limit of time prevented any very extensive invitations being extended, yet the rooms were comfortably filled with about sixty persons, among whom were representatives of the Kings County Wheelmen, Long Island Wheelmen, Ixion and Mount Vernon Bicycle Clubs, who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the varied programme set before them, and generously applauded the efforts of the performers, who, with very few exceptions, were selected from the ranks of the club. The placing of a piano in the rooms has proved a source of enjoyment, and helped make the long winter evenings pass quickly and profitably, as well as serving to develop the existing musical talent.

The first on the programme was an instrumental solo by Mr. Albert E. Greenhalgh, which was well executed. This was followed by "The Two Roses," sung by the Citizen's Quartette. Mr. Robert Center then sang "The Angel at the Window," and Mr. Tom Ellison recited "Hold the Fort" in his humorous and taking manner. Mr. F. G. Bourne then brought down the house with the "Yeoman's Wedding Song," which he gave in his usual finished style. Mr. Bourne possesses a rich baritone voice which is under perfect control, and which he uses to the best advantage. Mr. Philip Fontaine then astonished the audience with his legerdermain, producing quarters of a dollar from improbable quarters of the room. He then borrowed a visitor's hat and found in it twenty tin cups, a dozen wooden

balls, a plateful of candy, and finally a cabbage head that completely filled the hat. With a pack of cards he performed some wonderful combination tricks proving himself a master of the art. Brother A. D. Leonard then preached a short sermon in which he proved that "Where the hen scratches, there she expects to find the bug." Mr. James Clarence Harvey, a talented young actor, recited the "Vagabond" in a touching manner. The quartette then rendered "When Evening's Twilight" with pleasing effect. Mr. G. Martin Huss then sang the "Bedouin's Love Song" in a finished manner. He was followed by Mr. Tom Ellison who gave several humorous dialect stories, convulsing the audience with laughter. Mr. Edwin Oliver then came "Thro' the Rye" in a falsetto voice with amusing effect. The Quartette consisting of Messrs. Oliver, Greenhalgh, Jenkins and Beckwith, concluded the programme with "I know a Maiden." A slight collation was then served by a well-known caterer, after which cigars were lighted and the evening pleasantly passed in conversation, story telling, interspersed with a few nautical songs given by Mr. Fred. G. Bourne, and Mr. Oliver sang his new bicycle song, which is shortly to be published. About half-past eleven the Kings County Wheelmen were given a hearty cheer as they took their departure in a body, having driven over in a large closed coach, and the remaining guests gradually dispersed well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

It is the intention the Citizen's Club to set apart Saturday evening as a musical night, when an informal and impromptu programme will be presented. They cordially invite all wheelmen to give them a call, and assure them a hearty reception. The club are in a strong position, and have, at the present writing thirty-two active members, all uniformed riders and owners of machines. No members are admitted unless over twenty-one years of age, and the club has a large number of representative wheelmen in its ranks.

BOSTON CLUB DINNER.

The Boston Bicycle Club Dinner came off at Young's Hotel, Saturday night, with even more than the usual *velut*. It was "a nasty night" outside, but in spite of it, just about a hundred gentlemen, nearly all in full evening dress, gathered about the tables in the regular dining hall at 7:30 P.M., though the hour was set at 6:30 P.M. No one complained of the delay, however, for the time was spent in a social way.

President Pratt sat at the center of the long table at the head of the hall; at his right, Mayor Palmer, Dr. Harris (Medical Examiner), A. S. Parsons, President of the Massachusetts Bicycle Club, President Anthony of the Providence Club, S. S. McClure, Editor of *The Wheelman*, and Chief Consul F. S. Pratt, of Worcester. At his left, John Boyle O'Reilly, President Robinson, of the Crescent Club, ex-President Carpenter of the Providence Club, Editor Gilman of *The Bicycling World*, and C. W. Reed, the artist. Three tables ran down the hall from this one, at the heads of which sat President-elect Ed. W. Hodges, Secretary J. S. Dean, and F. W. Weston.

Members of the club were sandwiched in between the guests, and from 7:30 until Sunday morning, mirth and jollity was kept up, increasing as the hours went by.

An orchestra furnished fine music at frequent intervals, and those who know the reputation of Hall & Whipple, the caterers, need not be told that the dinner was of the very best quality and admirably served.

A novelty was the apportioning out of the toasts to different members of the club to propose, thus bringing out the speaking talent of the club. This is an *imported* idea, being, Mr. Weston tells us, *the method pursued* by the English clubs.

The Menu was very unique. Two heavy bevelled cards, tied with two bows of ribbon, the front representing a table laden with eatables and drinkables, to which a Boston man with an easy gesture invites you, a wheel forming a fitting background.

On the reverse side, was the Menu, on page 3 the "Toasts," and on the back the "Officers Elect." The following was the order of toasts, and those who responded: "Our Country," responded to by the orchestra. "The Commonwealth," to which Gov. Butler was expected to respond, but in his absence, Capt. Hodges supplied the place. "City of Boston," Mayor Palmer, who *almost* equalled Mayor Harrison of Chicago in his speech at the League dinner there in his praises of bicycling and bicyclers. "Boston Bicycle Club," President-elect E. W. Hodges, who alluded feelingly to the trip to Chicago, "at an expense of \$1000, *including commissions*," and the disappointment there.

"Our 'Cycling Guests,'" A. G. Carpenter, of Providence. "Our Civic Guests," Dr. Harris.

"The League," Vice-President Parsons, who reminded the club upon its paternity of the League and its duties to it. "The Bicycle Touring Club," F. W. Weston, Chief Consul for America. "The General Press," John Boyle O'Reilly. "The 'Cycling Press,'" W. V. Gilman, with one of his classic poems, and S. S. McClure. All went off well, and the fifth annual dinner was the most successful of the series.

The Massachusetts Club have their election Tuesday night, the 6th, and their annual dinner a week later, the 13th, at Hôtel Vendôme. BOZ-TONIAN.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

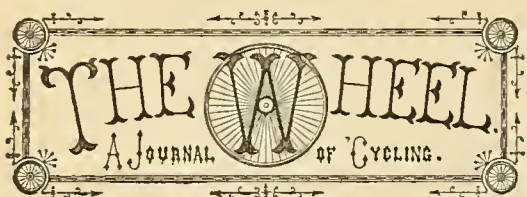
Mary Anderson can be seen this week in the following round of characters: Monday, "Daughter of Roland;" Tuesday, "Romeo and Juliet;" Wednesday, "Love;" Thursday, "The Hunchback;" Friday, "Pygmalion and Galatea," and Saturday matinee, "Romeo and Juliet." She closes a successful engagement on Saturday night.

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe" is one of the most beautifully-mounted plays on the New York stage, and the cast cannot be excelled.

The "Silver King" is one of the best melodramas as yet produced in this city.

Miss Ada Dyas assumed the character of Mrs. Dick Chetwynd at the Madison Square last Monday evening, Miss Agnes Booth playing Young Mrs. Winthrop for the first time also.

The theatre in the new Casino is one of the prettiest places of amusement in America, and the "Queen's Lace Handkerchief" is booked for a long run. The Sunday evening concerts are a very pleasing feature. The large orchestra playing to the batons of the veterans Maratzek and the talented Aronson.



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All letters relating to subscriptions, advertisements, etc., should be addressed to Edwin Oliver, Business Manager of THE WHEEL, Box 444, New York.

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE OFFICERS, 13.

(Elections, March 1st.)

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NOW, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

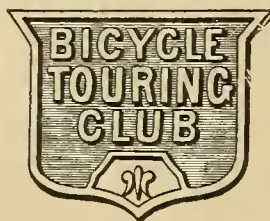
A few weeks ago we tried to impress upon our readers the necessity of having their individual support in order to give them a paper which would do honor to the sport. We are much gratified at the substantial aid we have since received, there being a marked increase in the daily average of paid subscriptions. But we are by no means satisfied. We deprecate the fact that bicyclers will read their organs at the club without keeping a copy on file at home. We deprecate the fact that they do not take enough interest in their papers to try, by personal effort, to increase its subscription list. Now as an experiment we have decided to offer a list of premiums, which we trust will accomplish the desired result, as follows: To the subscriber sending us the largest number of subscriptions over sixty at \$1.50 each, we will give a *full-nickeled EXPERT COLUMBIA*. To the one sending us the next largest number over twenty, we will give an order for nickeling his bicycle, also a long distance saddle. To the one sending us the next largest number over fifteen we will give a

nickeled King-of-the-Road lamp, and a Ritchie Cyclometer. And to every one sending us ten subscriptions at \$1.50, we will give a choice of either a King-of-the-Road Lamp, a Ritchie Cyclometer, or a long distance saddle. The conditions are that the names forwarded shall not be renewals, that all lists shall be sent in before the 15th of May, when the premiums will be forwarded to the winners, and that no bicyclist shall be allowed to compete until he is himself a subscriber. We have fixed a limit to the number of names necessary to win one of these premiums, as we cannot afford to give valuable prizes without any return, but we think our offer is fair, and the prizes worth working for. Now let the young man who wants a first-class wheel see what he can do. There is one more thing we would like to call attention to. It has been very hard to induce the general advertising public to patronize our papers. In England, where there are almost countless manufacturers, a paper has no trouble in getting a generous advertising patronage, but here there being but few manufacturers and importers, we are forced to look to outside business to hold our own. A few weeks ago Mr. Perego gave us a contract, and this week the advt. of a large wall paper concern appears for the first time. We would suggest the propriety of purchasing our supplies of those who help sustain our papers. Boys, take the hint, and let us "tickle him who tickles us."

A CHANCE FOR FUN.

We have just received the "latest thing out" in the way of something to afford home amusement for winter evenings, or a side show for church fairs. It consists of a sort of Magic Lantern that doesn't require pictures on glass. The Polyopticon, as it is called because it will show up so many different things, makes use of ordinary newspaper pictures, family photographs, chromo cards, home-made sketches, etc., and thus affords a new use for the collections of pretty cards which so many have been industriously making. Though patented, it can be made and sold at one-fourth the price of a good Magic Lantern.

Descriptive circulars can be obtained of the Murray Hill Publishing Co., 129 East Twenty-eighth St., N. Y. City.



Application for membership should be sent to FRANK WESTON, Chief Consul, Savin Hill, Boston, Mass. Fees, \$2.50, which includes silver badge. Annual dues, 75 cts.

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NOTICE.

Consuls are requested to report the Club Hotels in their districts—either Headquarters or recommended—with as little delay as possible, in order to insure insertion in the next Handbook.

Applications from this date inclusive will cover membership for the season of 1883.

Members wishing to participate in the B.T.C. excursion to England, sailing July 21st, 1883, should communicate with the Chief Consul at as early a date as convenient.

League of American Wheelmen.



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TO LEAGUE MEMBERS:

At the meeting of the Board of Officers, held in Boston, October 20, it was voted that a "list of Candidates for membership and also special notices of league matters" be furnished THE WHEEL, at the same time as the official organ. Members will see that by subscribing to THE WHEEL, they can obtain all the necessary information promptly and at a moderate expense.

Editor of the Wheel.—The following applications for Membership in the League of American Wheelmen have been received, and are sent to you for publication.

Yours very truly,

FRED. T. SHOLES, Cor. Sec., pro tem.

Scranton Bi-Club—

3330—Harry Filmore.....Scranton, Pa.
3331—Chas. S. Weston....."

Springfield Bi-Club—

3333—W. J. Landen, Jr.....Springfield, Mass.
3334—Frank M. Miller....."
3335—Fred'k E. Ruggles....."
3336—J. H. Foulds, Jr....."
3337—Edwin A. Elwell....."
3338—Chas. S. Fisk....."
3339—E. B. Barney....."
3340—Geo. S. Miller....."

Boston Ramblers—

3342—W. J. Harris.....31 Federal St., Boston, Mass.

Unattached—

3327—Ed. F. Burns.....Smithville, N. J.
3328—A. M. Wellman, 61 Grove St., New Haven, Ct.
3329—N. G. Allen.....Athens, N. Y.
3332—A. J. Purinton, 88 W. Newton St., Boston, Mass.
3341—Lewis G. Timpson.....1 W. 38th St., New York.
3343—Wm. S. Darlington, Concordville, Del. Co., Pa.

Corrections—

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3323—Theodore L. Reeve....."

L. A. W. RENEWALS.

(Week ending February 3, 1883.)

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2009—Stun, Joseph W.....Morrisville, Ill.
1498—Guild, Henry Taft.....Providence, R. I.
204—Olmstead, J. C.....Brookline, Mass.
1220—Smith, William E.....Lynn, "
919—Stokes, Henry N.....Baltimore, Md.
479—Bedo, Horace.....Louisville, Ky.
1931—Dimoch, Clarence H.....Windsor, N. S.
978—Seaverns, Geo. A., Jr.....Chicago, Ill.
1705—Aldrich, C. T.....Ashland, Mass.
2346—Georger, F. F.....Cheshire, Ct.
2340—Childs, F. H.....Boston, Mass.
1504—Morris, Elliston J.....Germantown, Pa.
395—Darling, Newton.....Worcester, Mass.
1281—Schwalbach, A.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
1311—Bliss, Geo. F.....Erie, Pa.
697—Stickney, H. R.....Portland, Me.
703—Weeks, G. N....."

Respectfully submitted,

W. V. GILMAN, *Treasurer*.

RESIGNATION.

163 JORALEMON STREET, t
BROOKLYN, N. Y., February 5, 1883. t

W. H. MILLER, Esq., Pres. L.A.W., Columbus, O.

Dear Sir:—My continued inability, through pressure of business, to afford time for arranging a meeting and properly attending to the organization of a New York State Division of the League, is of serious moment to the Representatives and State members. I have thought it well, therefore, in their interests, that I relinquish the office of Chief Consul, and beg to formally tender you my resignation, to take effect at once. With every wish for the success of the League,

I remain, dear sir,

Yours very cordially,

W. F. GULLEN.

OFFICE OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, t
(CLEVELAND, Ohio.) t

To the Chief Consuls of the L. A. W.:

By this mail I have sent you some of the new Circulars of the League, trusting they may be instrumental to effective work in your vicinity. I would suggest that, with the help of the Representatives and Consuls of your State, you secure a list of all bicyclers in it, and mail copies of this circular to them. Secure replies, if practicable, and prompt as many applications for membership as possible among those not already on the roll.

The L.A.W. is waiting for just such work by its Board of Officers now, and I trust to hear frequently from your district.

Consular certificates are now ready, and when you are in want of these, or more circulars, shall be glad to send them.

As fast as you make appointments of Consuls, send certificates to me for registration, and they will be promptly returned properly countersigned.

As stated, the League looks to its Board for efficient work this Spring, and a most important faction is composed of the State officers, so that upon each one of you rests the responsibility of our success in your vicinity this season.

Much good work has been done, but there is more waiting, and we are looking to each one of you for it. Let us have a strong pull together. Fraternally,

Yours very truly,

FRED. T. SHOLES,

January, 1883.

Cor. Sec'y, pro tem.

MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN.

A LETTER ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS.

Gentlemen.—The officers of the Massachusetts Division call upon you to join in making this enterprise the success its praiseworthy ends deserve. It starts on its career with everything in its favor. No State in the Union could present equal advantages in point of numbers, and in all the elements needed to found a strong and permanent organization. Massachusetts takes pride in the historical distinction of antedating the rest of the country in her established bicycling interests, and her record of pioneer wheelmen. Let the same enterprising spirit animate this her first State association of wheelmen to plant itself early upon a solid working basis. Let the men who compose the original membership of our Massachusetts Division signalize its opening year by raising it to the highest possible level of usefulness in the League. If every L. A. W. member in the fourteen counties of the Commonwealth realizes that an obligation is laid upon him to maintain the credit so long enjoyed by his State of ranking foremost in the cause of bicycling, a prosperous future is assured to us.

Whether club members, or individual Leaguers, you have ample opportunities for helping along the cause. Your local consul needs an encouraging token now and then, in recognition of his official character. By directing touring members to his residence or place of business you will aid him in tendering the courtesies of your League district. A consul expects to receive occasional visits from wheelmen who are able to pay him the civility when riding through his town. Too little regard is paid to this duty, and thereby many an opportunity is lost for promoting the worthiest designs of our fraternity. You can also be of service to him in his work of preparing road maps and locating guide-boards. The signs themselves will be supplied by the Chief Consul upon the demand of local officers of the League, but in some cases the wheelmen of a place will be afforded the privilege of erecting suitable posts to mount them. The stencil figures shown in 17 of the WHEEL, are intended to be used upon public guide-boards where they are found to be well adapted for League purposes. Conveniently located buildings, posts or fences, may be utilized in the same way. Consuls will be instructed to act under sanction of the proper authorities in all cases.

At the present time an efficient service can be rendered by well-directed efforts to recruit the membership of the League. The Massachusetts Division cannot yet claim even one-half the entire wheelmen in the State, and since votaries of the wheel are steadily multiplying, it will be a long time before your field of labor will become sensibly narrowed. A good word for the League never requires an apology, and a single favorable remark upon occasion is sometimes turned to excellent ac-

count. Neither is it wise to ignore any faults of management when they are seen to stand in the way of League advantage. Do not be backward in gaining the public ear by candid expressions of opinion in the various cycling journals, whose columns are always open to such correspondence. Personal letters to League officers upon this subject are invariably welcomed, and cannot fail to be a valuable aid in the performance of their duties.

The League of American Wheelmen is now in a position to command your esteem as the representative cycling institution of this nation. It will soon enter upon the fourth year of its history with a *bona fide* membership of two thousand. It is believed that the present L. A. W. roll contains very few but *staying* members, and it is reasonable to expect that future accessions will prove equally reliable.

The Massachusetts Division was organized Oct. 21st, 1882, and can safely announce itself as fully equipped and ready for action. Fifty Consuls, of known ability and enthusiasm, are at their posts in the various towns over the State, and nearly as many desirable hotels have been officially designated as headquarters for the entertainment of touring Leaguers. For a complete list of Massachusetts Consuls and League Hotels, see Special Number of *Bicycling World* for January, 1883.

At a meeting of the officers of the Division, recently held in Boston (the January number of *The Wheelman* contains a full account of this meeting), a committee was chosen to prepare By-laws for the government of the State organization. They will submit their report at the next general meeting of the Division.

Every League member in the State is likewise a member of the Massachusetts Division, and entitled to all its privileges. The same entrance fee covers membership in both National and State bodies. Correspondence in relation to the business of the L. A. W., or Massachusetts Division, may be addressed to the Division Secretary, who will be happy to supply you with circulars and blanks for membership applications or renewals. Nominations for Consuls, or other special correspondence, will receive attention from any member of the Executive Board.

Fraternally,

FRED. S. PRATT, Worcester, *Chief Consul*.

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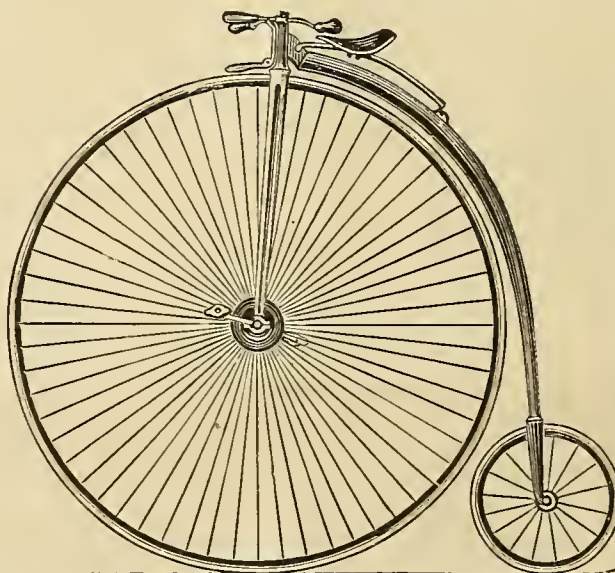
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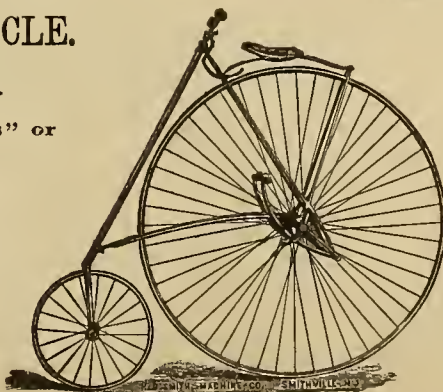
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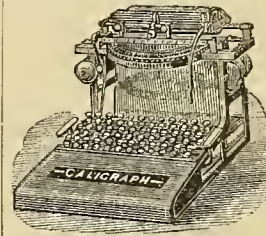
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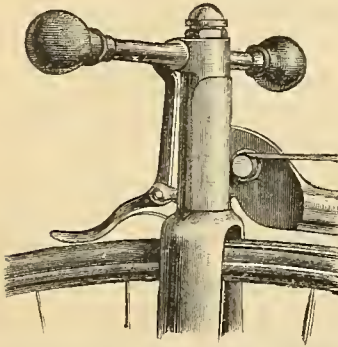
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