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### Editorial Jottings.

The last issue of the *Bicycling World* shows that it has only another actor behind the old mask.

When one editor accuses another of not writing "plain English," and himself writes "we mounted our trike," it recalls the story of pot and kettle.

The current slang of "bike" and "trike" is the same sort of "plain English" that news-boys use, who cry "papes."

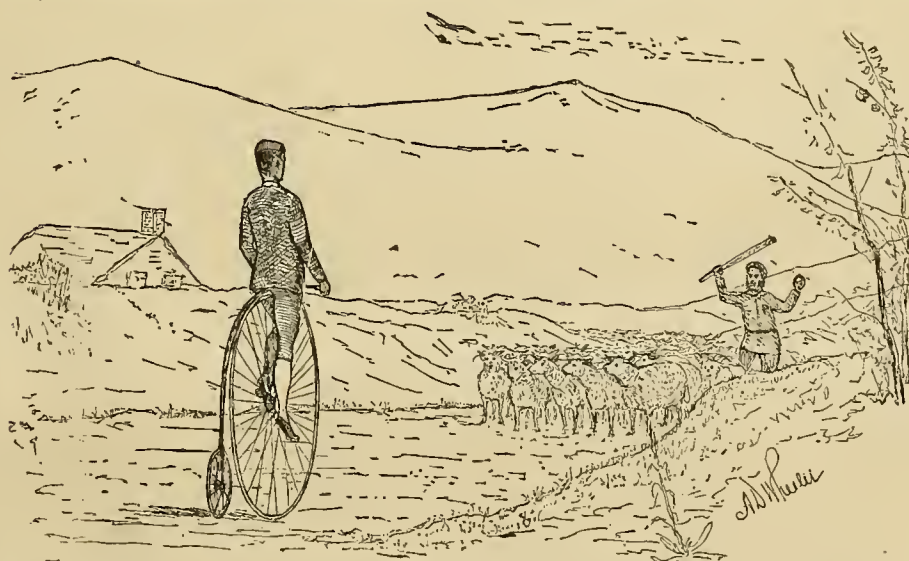
Mr. Clarke Lawrence met with good success, and deserved it by good arrangements, at the opening of his riding school in Hartford on the 8th inst. Mr. Canary's riding was also very fine in execution, and ingenious in its variations from the usual fancy riding.

The Philadelphia Races, while not a financial success, furnished abundant amusement to a crowd who apparently enjoyed the numerous falls more than the display of skill necessary to maintain an equilibrium.

The *Courier* brims over with bicycling gossip, in which the K. C. W. muddle seems to have been cleared up by the resignation of the objectionable element.

The date of the Officers' Meeting has been fixed for March 27th at Worcester, and the selection of the place for the next League Meet will be the chief business. In addition to that, some amendments to the Constitution will probably be presented.

The Boston races for next Saturday will probably result in a win for Prince, not on the merits of the race, but with four others in the field it is easy to find one weak one. We shall study the times with interest.



THIS IS BROWN, WHO HAS BET A SUPPER FOR HIS CLUB OF TWENTY MEN THAT HE CAN RIDE TO BROWNVILLE WITHOUT DISMOUNT.

From all indications it appears that New York will put forth a strong claim at the Officers' Meeting, and have a committee to represent her and explain the arrangements that will be made by the local clubs for the reception and entertainment of the League members.

Mr. Harry Bryan, of Hudson, Consul L.A.W., was in town last Monday.

Col. Pope, with his wife and a young lady from Newton, are stopping at the Park Hotel, and will receive this evening.

We have a neat invitation for the first Annual Exhibition and Promenade Concert of the New Haven Club, and regret that, as it comes on the same evening as the Officers' Meeting, we will be unable to attend.

Why some of our cracks don't attempt the feat of riding on the backbone and little wheel alone, now that they all ride on the large wheel, minus the backbone, saddle, etc.

### Correspondence.

#### THE L. A. W. MEET.

*Editor of the Wheel:* Allow me to make a few suggestions where to have the L.A.W. meet. New York City, by all means. Why? We need it here to overcome the many, and to me, foolish, objections raised against the bicycle. Capt. Beckwith informed me to-day, there were only two hundred and fifty L.A.W. men in this State. This city alone ought to have a thousand, and would, were the Meet held here. Whether we are able to get permission to ride in Central Park that day, or not, should the Meet be held here, not one of the visitors but would vote the Riverside Drive to be far better both

as to roads and scenery. Why hold the Meet in Washington? What good will it do? Who will it benefit? What impression will it make on the Central Park Commissioners? *None.* Why go to New Haven? What good will it do? Will it make any more riders? Certainly not as many as it would, to have it *here.* What the L.A.W. needs is *recruits; new blood* infused into it; good hard workers. There are a hundred here to one in Washington or New Haven. The Columbus, Ohio, correspondent, in March 2d *Bicycling World* says: "I feel justified in saying, where one will go to the Meet in New England, five will go to Washington." My humble opinion is he is wrong, and where five will go to Washington, ten will come to New York. Were I a resident of Washington or New Haven, I should say the same. I've only the good of the L.A.W. at heart, and trust, wherever held, every member will do all in his *power* to make the Meet of 1883, a success.

WILL. R. PITMAN, Capt. Ixion Bi. Club.

L. A. W. C., N. Y. City.

If some of those who claim to be champion riders of this country shouldn't prove it by beginning with Wheeling West Virginia?



## NAMELOS SPEAKS.

CLEVELAND, February 28th, 1883.

*Editor of the Wheel:* Amid snow and rain storms, floods and zero weather, the conglomeration that has been with us for nearly a month now, we have had little chance to show any enthusiasm for bicycling.

The first public exhibition by the Cleveland Bicycle Club on January 31 proved a great success, the Roller Rink, the scene of the exhibition, was crowded at nine o'clock, when sixteen of the club marched out on the floor in full uniform.

The first thing on the programme was a drill on foot and wheel by the club in general, under command of Captain Sholes, the movements given were few and well rendered, and as well received by the audience. The next event was a drill by the picked eight, also commanded by Captain Sholes, and consisting of Messrs. Ely, Jaynes Beckwith, Wetmore, Root, Glidden, Pugh and Collister; the drill by the eight was very well done, the beauty of the same being the precision with which the movements were done; their wheelings being particularly fine, and their standing still together in the middle of the hall bringing down the house, the Glue brothers, (in other words J. D. Pugh, Jr. and Geo. Collister), came next upon the scene, and electrified the audience for some time by their daring double riding. Last but not least on the programme was the fancy riding by W. H. Wetmore, formerly of Cayuhoga Falls, now of Cleveland, the champion fancy rider of the State, and to say that he fully kept up to his reputation would not do his riding justice. The charm of his riding lays in the grace and apparent ease with which all of his movements are executed; his riding was very well received, but owing to the lateness of the hour he could not be prevailed upon to appear again.

The reception the club received at this exhibition has led them on so that they feel obliged (to themselves) to give another one on their own hook and are now preparing for it, the date has not been decided upon, but it will occur before April 30th.

W. H. Wetmore spent a week recently in Columbus, giving an exhibition of fancy riding at the Roller Rink.

A number of the members of the club are without machines, and about twice as many wish they were in the same fix; Glidden, Forward, Ely, Price, Potter, etc., are now machineless, and as far as I can learn are on the fence as to what their next mount will be. Formerly the Harvard was the favorite machine, their being no less than fifteen of them owned by club members and quite a number outside, but it has had its day here, and what machine will take its place will be hard to say. At present it looks as if the British Challenge might be the coming machine.

Asa Dolph, of New London, who spent a month or so in Boston this winter training under Prince, has returned and speaks enthusiastically of his trip. It is a noteworthy fact that Asa has grown considerable shorter since his visit to the Hub, as before his departure a 56-inch machine was getting small for him, while on his return he was about satisfied with a 52-inch.

We are at last about to have a 60-inch man here, Frank Bill, who has been doing his best to knock off the handle-bar of an old style Standard, has disposed of the same and ordered a 60-inch Harvard.

A. Ely, Jr., our first Secretary and Treasurer has been nominated by the club for representative for the L.A.W.

Our uniform for next year has been fixed for the current year, and will be dark green throughout, the change in the color of the

stockings having been affected by a small majority at our last monthly meeting.

Treasurer C. W. Norman has been additionally honored by being elected store-keeper for the club.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated by the club to the extent of riding in the procession in the afternoon. Nine of the club turned out on that auspicious occasion, and wheeled along at the head in a ridiculously slow manner, so slow, in fact, that once in awhile a man or so would dismount, which added greatly to the effect.

NAMELOS.

## ALBANY GOSSIP.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 10th, 1883.

*Editor of the Wheel:* The Albany Bicycle Club held a very enthusiastic special meeting last evening, and voted unanimously to cast their L.A.W. ballots in the coming election for Mr. A. H. Scattergood, of Albany, as Representative for New York State.

Mr. Scattergood is Captain of our club, five mile champion at our last races, champion tennis player of Albany, an enthusiastic wheelman, and fully competent to fill this very important position.

We have secured a large number of votes from neighboring cities and towns, and would, through THE WHEEL, solicit the votes of the New York members.

We have decided to vote for Dr. Beckwith for Chief Consul, and we think this is the year to boom the L.A.W. in our State. With your co-operation we will endeavor so to do.

The majority of the members earnestly desire that the 1883 Meet be held in New York City, as they think that there the most good can be accomplished for the L.A.W.

KLUB KICKER.

## TO THE WHEELMEN OF AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11th, 1883.

At a meeting of bicyclers, held in the Capital Club Rooms last November during the Garfield Memorial Fair, it was unanimously agreed to postpone the bicycle races (for which preparations had been made) until the following May.

With regret I have to announce that the course pursued by the managers of the Garfield Fair makes it impossible to carry this resolution into effect. They not only refuse to have anything to do with a race meeting in May, but have forced the Capital Club to meet liabilities amounting to nearly \$500, which, with an unwise trust in the financial honor of the Fair Association, it assumed last November. For these debts the Fair Association is morally, and we trust legally, responsible; but in the present state of affairs the club cannot, single handed, carry out the resolution and hold the races.

As a non-league club it would be out of place for us to attempt to influence League action on the subject of its coming Meet, but Washington has been suggested as the place for it, and it may be proper to say that we shall, as a club and individually, do everything in our power for the success of the Meet should it be chosen. We can, at least, appear in the rear of the parade in uniform and forty strong.

Very respectfully, S. P. MOSES, Jr.  
Secretary Capital Bi. Club.

## OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Something has happened here in Boston that is *mirabile dictu*, as old Virgil used to say. The Boston and Massachusetts Clubs have appointed joint committees to nominate the State Officers of the League. This action must be purely the result of the uprise of the exertions of the new officers of the two clubs;

before this, there has always been a strong feeling between the two organizations, that was mainly due to the personal feelings of the officers, but now the men in power are friends, and the feeling seems about to subside. I am glad of this. It will be welcome news to all our city men. We were getting rather sick of the continual quarrels that made half of our men enemies of the other half. Who this joint committee will nominate is still a mystery; but I am confident that no Boston wheelman will get the Chief Consulship. The feeling between the two clubs hasn't got love-feasty enough for that yet; probably some Worcester clubman will be the man.

It speaks badly for the welfare of the L.A.W. in Massachusetts, when we find that we can only have four representatives this year, instead of ten as last. Massachusetts, the Paradise of bicycling, the home of the manufacturers and importers the State that has more wheelmen than any other two States in the country, has only enough League members to send four delegates to the Annual Meeting, while any State out in the wilds of the West, that hasn't enough wheelmen to swear by, can send almost as many as we can. Something is the matter; either the B.T.C. is the attraction, or bicyclists are losing all interest in the L.A.W., because of its slothfulness.

President Williams was elected S.C., of the B.T.C., for Massachusetts, on the 7th. Under his management, the organization will flourish more than ever, and we shall expect runs, smokers, and socials, without number. C. P. Shillaber received the votes of the M.B.C. men, as their Vice-President, and will now rattle around in the Presidential chair, when the worthy President is away. As "Shilly" is tall and s'lim, and Willams short and thick, the rattling will be quite audible.

Our professional champion is bound for England shortly, he takes Tufts, Hendee, and a "monopoly" racer with him, and proposes to make them all useful. With Hendee, he will wake up the English amateurs, and thereby win shekels for himself. Tufts will open the eyes of the islanders with his fancy riding; and on the racer, Prince himself thinks he can clean out anything that rides on two wheels tandem. I am afraid John will come home a sadder, but wiser man.

Neilson, Wilson, Woodside, and Young, will meet the champion in a twenty mile contest, on Saturday night, and they will get beaten too. Prince will try to beat the best twenty mile record, but I don't see how he can on the Institute track. The track is abominable, rough with the crossing boards, slipping from constant use, no raised corners, and hardly wide enough for three men to ride abreast, it is a wonder how such good time can be made on it. Any man that calls it "the best bicycle track in America," ought to be shot.

I was in hopes that Mr. Dean would make the *World* a non-partisan paper, but my hopes are sadly blighted. Here at its second issue under his management, it boils over because some one speaks against the Boston Club. When will the *World* cease to be the organ of the Boston Bicycle Club, and when will its editor keep his personal feelings and his editorial feelings separate? Perhaps you will say, "people who live in glass houses, etc.," but I am not an editor, and he is.

CAMBRIDGE, Mar. 10, 1883.

## THE LEAGUE MEET.

*Editor of the Wheel:* Of late we have observed several letters from various sources on this subject, but so few words are spoken in favor of New Haven, and none for any other New England City, that our section may well



be considered out of the race, as it surely should be for the present, for Newport had the honor of being chosen as the place at which the League was formed, while Boston next succeeded; certainly New England can justly claim no more. The West does not invite us this year for a similar reason; then it naturally follows that some intermediate point must be selected. Two cities are named,

## NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON,

the former zealously advanced by the resident clubs, the latter by non-residents; the former district containing nearly three hundred live and active Leaguers, the latter not more than six or seven. What can you say to these facts, gentlemen?

In THE WHEEL of January 17th, 1883, this pen wrote a few lines in the interests of Washington, expecting a response of *some* kind, but not a word. The stillness of the grave almost seemed to echo back our thoughts even. Not a Washington man wrote, and but one or two have joined us; the Capital Club still withholding their allegiance, while in New York we have received the Citizens, Ixions, Kings County Wheelmen, and still they follow. We frankly admit that in view of the above facts we have most emphatically changed our mind with the change in circumstances. Had Washington but have taken a *fraction* of the interest in our welfare that New York has done, we would say, give her the Meet; but as it is she does not even ask it, while New York urgently presses her request, and in our opinion is justly entitled to consideration of a favorable character.

In advancing the claims of Washington we said: "Provided, of course, that we receive the encouragement due under such circumstances, and we think the gentlemen of the Capital Club are willing to take hold of this matter and once more join with us, and become Leaguers." Has this provision been met?

What attractions does Washington offer in the early Summer? The prospect of oppressive heat as well as the blessed privilege of having the beautiful city all to ourselves, nearly every one leaving at that season, except such inhabitants as must remain; while New York, especially Central Park, will be in her glory, and trust her able corps of wheelmen for the opportunity to ride there. What could be more inviting than to participate in or witness a parade of one thousand wheelmen through her beautiful drives?

In the past two years we have anxiously looked for the healthy revival in bicycling which has at length come to New York, and now let all the wheelmen of the nation aid her. *She is an Empire worthy our best endeavors in her behalf.*

Washington herself does not care for the Meet else she would ask for it, and make some suggestion as to suitable time, etc., etc. Supposing we should wait and see if she wants it next year? Special arrangements must be made when so southern a point is chosen.

Hoping all may be for the best, we remain,

NASHOONON.

NASHUA, N. H., March 3d, 1883.

## WHEEL RACES.

## RACES AT PHILADELPHIA.

About four hundred people enjoyed the amateur and professional races at Industrial Hall, Saturday evening, March 10th. The floor, originally intended for dancing, was dangerously smooth for fast riding, and the liberal sprinkling of alum on the corners did not seem to improve its condition. A track had been chalked out on the floor, sixteen laps

to the mile, with rather sharp corners that proved disastrous to nearly every rider. There were nine entries for the five-mile amateur handicap, which for convenience had been divided into three heats. Owing to four of the entries not appearing, the men were placed in two heats.

*First Heat.*—W. Smith (scratch), S. H. Crawford (20 seconds), and John Green (25 seconds), were the starters. Smith and Green were mounted on Star machines. Crawford soon made up his handicap, and rode behind Green in beautiful form, most of the time with his arms folded. Smith, who, it will be remembered, won the championship two years ago, struggled along in the rear, and whenever Crawford attempted to pass, rode wide and prevented him, nearly fouling several times. It was war to the knife between the Star and crank men, and the contest was so bitter as to be amusing to an impartial outsider. Suddenly Crawford fell, and Green made up the lap he had lost and a little over before the latter was mounted. Crawford set out in pursuit of Green, but did not pass him, thinking that he was still ahead, and lost the race on an error of judgment. Smith was stopped for foul riding at four-and-a-half miles. Time of Green for the five miles was 21 min. 53 sec.; Crawford second in 21 min. 55 sec.

*Second Heat.*—This brought out R. Brewer with 25 seconds, and J. Dyson, 20 seconds. Brewer was another Star man, but fell several times, and the heat fell to Dyson, who won in 21 min. 50½ sec.; Brewer second in 22 min. 21½ sec.

*Final Heat.*—Brought out Green (25 seconds), and Dyson (20 seconds). Dyson made up his handicap on the second mile, and was closely trailing Green; when the latter fell, and Dyson ran over him, landing in a promiscuous heap in the corner. Dyson was the first to get away, and gained three-quarters of a lap. Green pluckily gave chase, but a stern chase being a long one, the race was captured by Dyson, in 20 min. 47½ sec.; Green second in 20 min. 59½ sec. Considering the track these times are creditable.

The twenty-five mile race between W. M. Woodside, who was billed as Woodbine, and W. J. Morgan, was shortened to ten miles by mutual consent, owing to the dangerous condition of the floor. Woodside took the lead and held it for a mile, when the Canadian went to the front and held the lead for a mile. Woodside then went ahead and kept the lead to the finish, gaining eight laps on a fall by Morgan which damaged his pedal. Woodside's time was 43 min. 15 sec.; Morgan 45 min. 23 sec.

The entertainment concluded with an exhibition of fancy riding by A. W. Hansell, Master Dubois, and Burt Pressy. The prize was awarded to Hansell.

The officials were: Referee, George D. Gideon, Germantown Bi. Club. Judges, C. Burns, Star Bi. Club; H. B. Hart, Philadelphia. Timekeepers, Fred Jenkins, THE WHEEL, New York; Walter E. Herring, G. B. C.; H. R. Lewis, Philadelphia, and A. G. Powell. Clerk of the Course, Mr. Uptegraff.

## FROM THE CLUBS.

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

## FIXTURES.

SATURDAYS.—Musical evening at the Citizens' rooms, 2 East 60th Street, at 8 p.m. All invited.

MARCH 15.—Pennsylvania Bi. Club Sociable.

MARCH 16.—Second Annual Dinner of the Kings County Wheelmen.

MARCH 16.—Annual Ball, Greenfield Wheel Club.

MARCH 17.—Race Meeting in Boston.

MARCH 21.—Boston Bi. Club, "Ladies' Night."

MARCH 27.—First Annual Exhibition and Promenade Concert by the New Haven Bi. Club.

MARCH 27.—Meeting of the Board of Officers, L.A.W., at Worcester, Mass.

MARCH 28.—First Annual "Hop" of the Laramie Club.

APRIL 2.—Annual Meetings, Lawrence Bi. Club and Milwaukee Bi. Club.

APRIL 3.—Annual Meetings, Brooklyn Bi. Club, Haverhill Bi. Club, and Missouri Bi. Club.

MAY 23.—Race Meeting of Harvard Bi. Club, at Beacon Park. For particulars, address, F. Winthrop White, 35 Holyoke Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

JUNE 12.—Annual Meeting Citizens Bi. Club.

JULY 1.—Tour in Canada by the Chicago Bi. Club.

STAR WHEEL CLUB.—The Star Wheel Club held its annual meeting for election of officers, on the 15th inst. The following were elected: President, F. B. Parshley; Captain, E. H. Corsan; Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. L. Hayes. The Captain, as a traveling agent, will utilize his wheel during the coming season.

MILWAUKEE.—The first business meeting of the year will occur on Monday evening, March 12th, at the residence of A. Meinecke, Jr., 465 Milwaukee street (second floor). I sincerely hope you will favor the initial meeting of the Milwaukee Bicycle Club with your presence, as the feasibility of conducting the *Annual July Run*, selection of a new uniform, and a general reorganization is to be considered. Meeting called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, p.m. Fraternally yours,

A. W. FRIESE,  
Sec'y Milwaukee Bi. Club.

SPRINGFIELD.—At the regular annual meeting of the Springfield Bicycle Club, held March 6th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: President, Henry E. Ducker; Secretary and Treasurer, Andrew L. Fennessy; Assistant Secretary, Arthur B. Wassung; Captain, Wilbur N. Winans; First Lieutenant, Charles E. Whipple; Second Lieutenant, M. D. Gillette; Bugler, A. R. H. Foss.

The following were elected the Club Committee for the year: Henry E. Ducker, Andrew L. Fennessy, Wilbur N. Winans, Charles E. Whipple, and F. L. Caulkins.

Yours truly, A. L. FENNESSY, Sec.

TROY.—This club organized in 1881 with some six or eight members, now numbers thirty active members, and proposes to open the spring season vigorously. At their last regular meeting the uniform question came up for discussion, and was finally left with a committee to report at a special meeting. A delegation from the Albany Bi. Club, consisting of President, D. W. Shanks, Sub-Captain, J. G. Burch, Jr.; Secretary, H. Gallien, Jr., and others visited the Trojans last month, and presented them with a handsomely engrossed set of resolutions, the work of W. W. Cole of the Albany Bi. Club.

ALBANY.—The Albany Bicycle Club held their annual election at their rooms, March 2d, at which were chosen officers for the ensuing year as reported last week. The reports of the retiring officers showed the condition of the club to be excellent. A good balance remains in the treasury and a new safe has been procured in which the valuables of the club will hereafter be stored. The matter of a new uniform was discussed by the members, and the necessary steps to procure it will be taken at once. It is understood that the club will soon fit up a commodious suite of rooms for their private use, and that they will enter into vigorous training as soon as the weather permits.





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### NOMINATIONS FOR STATE OFFICERS, 1883.

(Elections, March 1st.)

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### "JUDGE US BY OUR WORK."

The new editor of our eastern weekly contemporary professes to have started out with a gray-bearded wisdom quite unusual not only to one of his years, but also to the chair in which he now sits. He determined to "do nothing but be fair in criticism, correct as to our facts, and sound in argument," and "felt that our contemporary, THE WHEEL, would discontinue its indiscriminate attacks upon the *World* and judge us by our work alone." That is just what we do. We chronicled the fact, and commented on it, that this editor of "the official organ" urged a representative of a prominent club not to allow his club to join the League, with the cry that the League is of no benefit, etc.; and now the editor does not deny what we said, but denies something else.

He says, patronizingly, "we recommend the young man to read our paper, and we should like to have him point out the attacks" on the League. We always read his paper—indeed it is the only serial fiction we do read—not for

its plot or its characters, but for the versatility of its imaginative style. Now if he will read our paper for November 29th, 1882, he will find the "attacks" of his paper pointed out, or at least some of them up to that date, with due particularity. We there judged that paper by its "work alone." We might expect its work to be apparent in its own State, if anywhere, where its influence is most immediately felt, and where its "work" is put in the thickest; and there we notice that the League membership has fallen off more than half; or, in other words, that where the State was entitled, under the rules, to ten League Representatives last June, it is now entitled to but four.

His leader of this week cudgels the new President of the Massachusetts Club, for about two columns, by twitting him with innuendoes on the machine he rides, and that his "knowledge is confined to his experience," and that "experience is confined to one class of machines;" and that his opinion is "absolutely absurd," etc. But this experienced editor doesn't know "where or when" Mr. Sturmeys said "the craze for excessively light-weighted machines as roadsters seems to have fairly died out," and so discredits the statement. If he wants to be very "fair in criticism, correct as to our facts," he will find Mr. Sturmeys' statement, as quoted by the writer criticised, on page two of Mr. Sturmeys' "Hand Book" for 1882.

There seems to be a proneness of our esteemed contemporary for disparaging writers in the *Wheelman*, which is amusing. If a favorable word, unqualified by a detracting fling, has been afforded that magazine or any contributed article in it, it has been very well disguised. We except, however, Mr. Sturmeys' brusque and uncalled for, not to say discourteous, "self-defense" in the March number. To praise of that, our contemporary has given several paragraphs. We shall look for a reply in the April number, that will show whether American editors "know their way about" or not. The writer of "Our First Bicycle Club" comes under the "work" of our valued contemporary in a way to illustrate how thankless is any effort to adorn any institution to which our V. C. belongs, unless it exactly toes to the line of "our work."

Its correctness as to facts leads it to credit the application of cranks to the Draisine, and to carry the date back to 1855, which is about as correct as its recent editorial assertion that it has now "more readers among wheelmen in this country than all its 'cycling contemporaries combined."

Perhaps we, however, (to quote another pleasantry the same journal applied to us), "either willfully or stupidly misunderstand" its little slips of the pen, or the real intention of "our work alone." But when the new editor accuses us of "contemptible meanness of the parting flings which it gives at our editorial predecessor," he will permit us to say that he indulges in flights of a crooked imagination beyond all excuse even in one so young.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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RENEWALS.—All members of the United States Branch of the B.T.C., who applied for membership prior to November last, and who have not already renewed their subscriptions, should do so without delay. All renewals should be in the hands of the Chief Consul, or else forwarded direct, on or before the 20th inst., in order that same may reach the Executive by the 31st, after which date, membership can be continued only by re-election.

### THE NEW UNIFORM.

It is important that those who will require the new Club Uniform, should signify their desires, either through the local or State Consuls, or to the Chief Consul, without delay. All letters requiring reply should have a stamped and addressed envelope inclosed.

### NOTICE.

Those members elected at and since the meeting of November last, who are not yet in receipt of their tickets of membership, are reminded that their names have nevertheless been duly entered upon the Membership Roll. The issuing of the new tickets of membership was postponed pending the decision of the Club, as to the proposed change of name. This question, it is hoped, is by now decided. All members may expect their tickets in due course.

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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.



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Yours truly, W. H. MILLER,  
Chief Consul for Ohio.

MARCH 3, 1883.

*Gentlemen of the League of American Wheelmen:*

The following was the membership of the League, by States, on March 1st; though the accepted applications and renewals since that date will increase the number to over 1,700.

Arizona.....	1
California.....	5
Connecticut.....	73
Delaware.....	2
District of Columbia.....	7
England.....	10
Illinois.....	94
Indiana.....	3
Iowa.....	4
Kansas.....	1
Kentucky.....	37
Maine.....	12
Massachusetts.....	413
Maryland.....	48
Michigan.....	41
Minnesota.....	4
Missouri.....	49
Nebraska.....	12
New Brunswick.....	1
New Hampshire.....	50
New Jersey.....	41
New York.....	240
Nova Scotia.....	2
Ohio.....	204
Ontario.....	23
Pennsylvania.....	105
Quebec.....	43
Rhode Island.....	26
South Carolina.....	2
Tennessee.....	1
Vermont.....	11
West Virginia.....	1
Wisconsin.....	56
Wyoming Territory.....	3

Total.....1685

Chief Consuls will do well to note the above carefully. While it will be a surprise to some, that their State Membership is not larger, it can be but a gratification to others to note the growth in their Divisions. The list has been prepared by a careful checking of the Roll, in this office; and it is hoped that a much larger membership in many sections may be recorded to report at the Annual Meet.

Yours very truly, FRED. T. SHOLES,  
Cor. Sec., pro tem.

*Chief Consuls and Representatives of the L.A.W.:*

The regular Spring Meeting of the "Board of Officers" L.A.W., of which you are a member, will be held at the Lincoln Hotel, Worcester, Mass., at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, March 27th, 1883. Matters of much importance are to receive attention, and it is earnestly hoped that a full attendance will be secured. Come if possible; but should you be unable to do so, please address the Corresponding Secretary, giving your preference of location for the League Meet of May 30th, 1883,

and any suggestions you desire to lay before the meeting. He will be very glad to see that they have due attention.

By order of the President,

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

## ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

*Gentlemen of the League:* Voting blanks for the present State Elections have now been mailed to each one of you whose dues were paid, or who was admitted to March 1st; and if any delay in delivery occurs, that you do not receive the same by March 24th, kindly advise the Corresponding Secretary, and duplicate will be forwarded immediately. The vote last year was not at all in proportion to the active membership of the League; and it is a most earnest request that *every one* will not only cast his own ballot, but see that his brother members send in theirs. Think carefully who your candidates shall be, but *do not fail to vote*. And remember, that the POLLS WILL CLOSE IN CLEVELAND AT MIDNIGHT, APRIL 10TH. Trusting to hear from each one of you, fraternally, Yours very truly,

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

Cleveland, O., March 7th, 1883.

## DECLINATION.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 7th, 1883.

*Editor of The Wheel*—Dear Sir: Will you kindly give notice to the members of the L.A.W. in this State through the columns of your widely read paper, that I am *not* a candidate for re-election as representative or other office in the L.A.W. Mr. C. K. Alley, of this city, is nominated as my successor, and I second the nomination heartily. Fraternally,

JAMES O. MUNROE,  
Representative L.A.W. for New York State.

## L.A.W. RENEWALS.

*Week ending March 3d, 1883.*

1344—James C. Ayer.....	Lowell, Mass.
1273—Geo. P. Murrill.....	Boston, "
2335—J. G. Knowlton.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1328—Arthur Whitaker.....	Needham, Mass.
815—W. H. Sutherland.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
816—H. G. Wishire.....	" "
2098—W. H. Innes.....	" "
1948—William L. Foster.....	" "
2100—E. A. Hart.....	" "
2101—R. A. Holden, Jr.....	" "
2235—A. L. Pierson.....	" "
2090—Edward Q. Norton.....	" "

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*(Week ending March, 10th, 1883.)*

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1941—J. G. Jacobs.....	Springfield, Ohio.
1607—Robert H. Robson.....	Salem, Mass.
1995—Ed. C. Leffell.....	Springfield, Ohio.
1996—John P. Taylor.....	" "
1310—Harry L. Perkins.....	Erie, Penn.
1024—H. C. Douglas.....	N. Y. City.
821—R. T. Smock (1883-84).....	Red Bank, N. J.
1377—Arthur E. Baker.....	Toledo, Ohio.
1370—Harry M. Kelsey.....	" "
1374—John H. Kelsey.....	" "
1376—Geo. C. Osborn.....	" "
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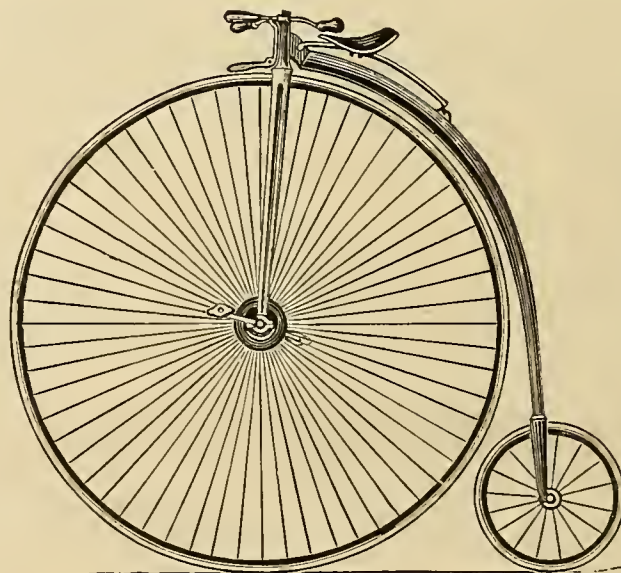
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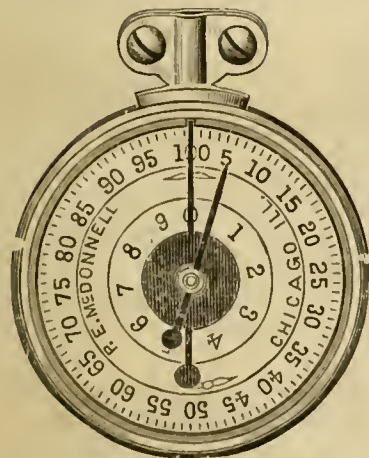
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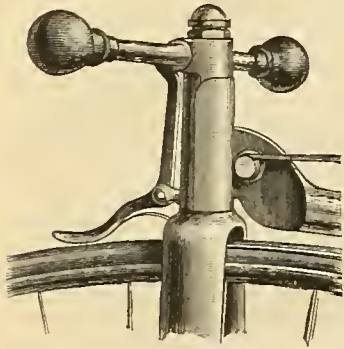
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