

WASHINGTON RACES.

A special despatch to THE BICYCLE from Washington, dated Nov. 29th, says: The bicycle races, which should have been held here to-day, have been postponed until next May on account of the inclemency of the weather. A parade will take place to-morrow. Over 400 wheelmen are in attendance, including a large number of Canadians.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(Special telegram to THE BICYCLE.) A parade will be held to-day at one o'clock.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—The observance and festivities of Thanksgiving Day were unusually attractive and interesting. Pleasant weather prevailed throughout the day and the streets and hotels were well filled with visitors from all sections of the country. The attendance at the Garfield fair was better than on any previous day. Pennsylvania Avenue was thronged during the afternoon with spectators of the parade. The Knights Templars' procession comprised nearly a score of Commanderies, including five local organizations and Commanderies from Alexandria, Richmond, Baltimore, Kensington and Philadelphia. The procession started at noon with nearly 2,500 in line, and the Maine band at the head. The Knights were reviewed by the President at the White House. Competitive drill took place later in the afternoon.

A bicycle parade took place at the same hour but over a different line of march. About five hundred wheelmen were in line, clubs represented being those of Baltimore, M. D., Germantown, Pa., Philadelphia, New York, Newburgh, N. Y., Pittsfield, Mass., Essex, N. J., Lancaster, Pa., Canandaga, N. Y., Springfield, Mass., Scranton, Pa., St. Louis, Mo., Louisville, Ky., Smithville, N. J., and Washington. The parade was followed by a display of evolutions by wheelmen on the plaza of the capitol. After the reviews the President returned to the Soldiers' Home where he dined with his sister, his daughter and secretary. There were no official entertainments, but an unusual number of private parties and receptions took place. Every member of the Cabinet is in the city and it is thought there have never been so many public men in Washington on any previous Thanksgiving Day.

There seems to be something in pink papers which renders them peculiarly antagonistic to cycles. A few weeks ago the *Globe* was "down" on wheels; now the *Sporting Times* gives vent to the following:—"When, we ask, are bicycles and tricycles and such-like vehicular nuisances, to be licensed, put under police supervision and made to pay toll? For cutting up the roads a bicycle is much worse than a farmer's gig; for killing and maiming it is much worse than a Pickford's van." Cyclists, however, will no doubt survive this scathing denunciation.—*The Cyclist*.

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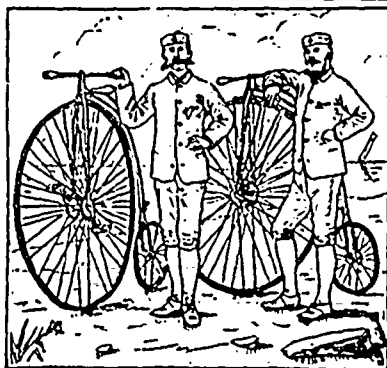
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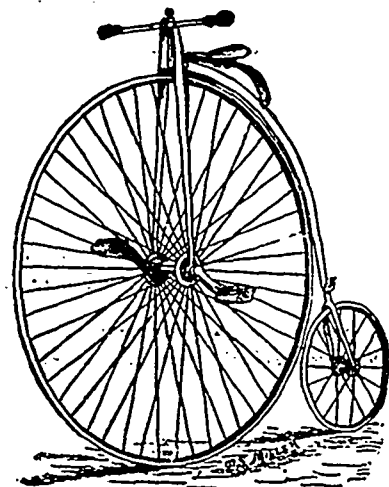
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