

Editor CYCLING :

DEAR SIR,—Though at present a non-resident of London, I hope to keep sufficiently in touch with cycling affairs in the west to furnish you with an occasional letter on the subject.

The all-absorbing topic of conversation at present in wheeling circles is the proposed Western Ontario inter-club team road race. The plan which seems to meet with most favour (in fact, which only needs to be formally adopted by the Sarnia club, since the membership are unanimous in its favour) is to have the race from Sarnia to Courtright, 10 miles and return (in all, 20 miles), on the day of the Sarnia meet. The following clubs are sure to ride, I believe: Stratford, Sarnia, Forest City, Petrolia and London wheelmen, while St. Thomas and other places will no doubt also fall into line. The course proposed is, I believe, very fast, and is at all points clearly visible from the St. Clair River, upon which the Sarnia club intend to run excursion steamers to view the race. The road race would be held in the morning, leaving the whole afternoon for the track races, and should be a drawing card for the meet.

Many new faces will be seen in this road race, and much speculation will no doubt arise as to the winning club. It is hard to make any safe prediction as to this, and still harder to name the probable man to cross the line first. Alex. Milne, of the Forest Cities; Hitchcock, of Sarnia; Robertson, of Stratford, and Manville of the London wheelmen, should make a hard race for that honor. Now, boys, get down to hard work on the road. Yours truly, W. G. OWENS.

Forest City, July 20, 1892.

W. W. Taxis' favorite race is a quarter-mile sprint, in which he is a "corker."

Horace Pease and W. H. Miln are travelling east on a business trip.

Carman, Wells, Nasmith and Smith have all entered for the T.B.C. races of August 13 and 15.

It seems a pity that makers of pneumatic tires should not adopt a standard gauge for valve nozzles so that one pump could readily be used on any tire.

The Hamilton B. C. intend on the occasion of their meet on August 8 to hold a ten-mile invitation race, the competitors being Palmer, Wells and Carman. If these riders compete in many of the other races of the day, we do not think they will be in first-class condition for the event.

A New Device.

A NOVEL USE FOR THE BICYCLE — HITCHED INTO TEAMS OF A DOZEN OR MORE.

A new device for the athletic young person was discovered on the Fourth down at the very end of the Bowery, New York, and it jumped at once into high favor.

It was a merry-go-round composed of a score of bicycles hitched together, one behind the other, and running over a circular track. It cost a nickle to stride one of these machines, and when all were filled the riders were expected to grind away, each contributing his efforts to the common cause. The boys found it high sport, for speed was limited only by their own muscular powers, and some of the crowds which bestrode the wheels made this novel machine spin like a huge, noisy top. Sandwiched in between the wheels were a few seats for the girls, and these never went a-begging. Indeed, it often happened that the girls strode the wheels, and when the speed was greatest, shouts and screams attested to the joy of the riders.

Wheeling Poetry.

"Take the scorcher. He rides a doggerel style with no rhyme, and less reason in his irregularities. Now at great pace, again slothful, and immediately after stumbling and broken. At best, most riders are verses, not poems. A grand, an exceptional ride, rises to the higher plane. Narrative poems are tours, tragedies sometimes occur, comedy is always to be enjoyed. But most of all like a poem is a race, gradually winding up to a climax, with a splendid finish, and a burst of eloquent language as a sprint at the close."

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