

Wheel Tracks.

A 24-hour road race is talked of for next season.

It is believed by many that Rowe will beat 2:30 next year.

Hodges, of Boston, is spoken of as the next president of the League.

Rhodes, the Dorchester rider, is said to have covered 6,000 miles this year.

A Wisconsin man has been fined for keeping a bicycle. It belonged to a neighbor.

Burnham, who has been recuperating in Maine, has returned home, much improved in health.

They have it down fine in Great Britain. A line is drawn between grass, dirt and cinder records.

The *World* says the horse 'Capt. McGowan' trotted 20 miles in 58.25 at Boston, October 31st, 1865.

The value of W. A. Rowe's prizes during his short racing career are said to amount to over \$2000.

Munger was booked to leave Boston on Monday for Detroit, thence to New Orleans to spend the winter.

Francis P. Prial has severed his connection with the *Wheel*, and Fred. Jenkins once more assumes the helm.

The English papers are in a furore of excitement over the purchase of a Kangaroo bicycle by Lord Francis Cecil.

"Gone over to the United States" is the way the English cycling press announce the marriage of wheelmen nowadays.

Woodside and Brooks will ride bicycles against Anderson on horses, at Madison Square Garden, New York, during Christmas week.

Master Willie Sidney, a four-year old infant of Indiana, is attracting much attention by his excellent riding on a diminutive machine.

Canary is engaged until March, 1886, and will give exhibitions at the Theatre Royal, Bristol, during the run of the Christmas pantomime.

An English tricyclist, coming in from a ride on a tandem with his wife, said: "If they had gone a step farther, his children would have a step-mother."

Java is the latest place to take to the wheel, and Humber & Co. have just sent two machines out there. This shows the spread of cycling all over the world.

The Springfield Bicycle Club has once more shown its allegiance to the L.A.W. by discarding its neat uniform of black and adopting the uniform of the L.A.W.

At the game supper of the Springfield Bicycle Club, the club presented their president with \$500, as a token of esteem and regard for his good work for the club.

Our friends and patrons will have to be indulgent with us this month, both for our tardiness and the many errors—cause, the damned printer. Drunk. — *Southern Cyclist*.

Of the fourteen professional bicycle championship runs in England this season, Howell has scored nine firsts and two seconds; Wood, three firsts and six seconds; H. O. Duncan, two firsts and one second.

In these days of wonderful feats on the wheel, it must not be forgotten that, seven years ago, C. Terront, on an indoor track, covered 366 miles in 26 consecutive hours—an average of 14 miles per hour.

"America has six amateurs who can ride twenty miles in the hour every day in the week," says an eastern paper—Wm. A. Rowe, Geo. Weber, E. P. Burnham, S. G. Whittaker, F. F. Ives, and N. H. Van Sicklen.

Pierre Lallemand, the inventor of the bicycle, is working in the repair shop of the Pope Manufacturing Company. He is announced to give an exhibit at the coming carnival of the Massachusetts Bicycle Club.

The City of London T.C. grasp time by the forelock with a vengeance. They have made these fixtures for 1886: Club dinner, Jan. 15; club races at Crystal Palace, June 5; garden party at Merton, July 10.

Mr. W. W. Stall is building for a man out in the uncivilized sections of western Massachusetts a six-foot bicycle wheel, which will weigh some fifty pounds. It is for some sort of a patent extra speed developer bicycle.

A few countrymen were taken in at the Springfield meeting by some fresh youths who made a business of betting that Mr. So-and-So would come in head first, generally taking a slow rider. While new, the catch worked well.

Hendee was evidently in earnest when he declared his intention of forsaking the path. He should have stopped last year. The trouble with Hendee is, that by his constant racing he has worn himself out. Perhaps a year or two of rest would make another man of him.

Messrs. Westbrook and Hacker, the fancy riders, have lately attained considerable notoriety from the excellence of their performance. The best feat is Westbrook's mounting, dismounting, and doing other various things on the bicycle, Hacker the while standing erect on his shoulders.—*N. Y. Wheel*.

Following is the leading individual mileage of the Montreal Bi. Club: J. H. Robertson, 739 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles; Capt. J. R. Scales, 547 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles; First Lieut. H. Joyce, 545 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles; ex-Capt. William McCaw, 512 miles; Bugler F. W. Crisp, 493 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles; T. Morrison, 469 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles; A. J. Darling, 460 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles; L. Rubenstein, 452 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

It is told "in the yard" at Harvard that President Eliot has received a letter of inquiry from a young man in Nebraska, who wishes to know the correct pronunciation of the word "bicycle." There is some feeling in regard to the matter among the students, the strict academics clinging to "sickle," and the advanced athletes are firm for "cycle."

Grant Bell, of Minneapolis, Minn., met with a serious accident Dec. 1st. He arose from his bed while yet asleep and walked through a window, falling a distance of twenty-five feet. His spine was seriously and permanently affected.

Bell was noted for his speed on a rink track in Minneapolis and his skill in taking the corners, and on this track he defeated all comers.

Negotiations are pending for the purchase of *Outing* by Mr. Poultney Bigelow, of New York. Mr. Bigelow was formerly a writer on the New York *Herald*, and there will be associated with him such men as Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, and Mr. Cleve Dodge. A new company will be organized, called the "Outing Company." The offices will be at 120 Nassau street, N.Y.

"In recognition of the able manner in which Mr. H. D. Corey managed R. Howell, who accomplished such wonderful times on the Rudge bicycles and tricycles while in America," Mr. Geo. Woodcock, of D. Rudge & Co., Coventry, presented Mr. Corey, just as he was leaving England, with a "Genuine Humber" tandem tricycle, built by his firm. The machine is valued at \$275.

Says the *Bicycling World*: The sports at Montreal will be on as large a scale as ever the coming season. Wheelmen who go to the carnival should not fail to look in on "Tommy" Lane, who is headquarters for cycling and sporting information, and for sporting goods of every kind. If you want a *bona fide* Canadian toboggan or snowshoes, send to Lane, and you will be well served.

The largest light roadster in the country is ridden by S. L. Cromwell, of Brooklyn, a 14 year-old boy who will make his mark in the cycling world. It is a 59-inch, and young Cromwell rode it 100 miles in 9.45 on Friday, the 27th ult. In a few years Dr. Beckwith's 62-in. wheel will have to retire to second place, as from present indications, the boy will soon ride the largest wheel in America.

The clubs of Toronto will join this winter in preparing for a grand two-days' tournament, to be held next year. At least so says a correspondent of THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN. He also states that wealthy Torontonians will offer valuable prizes as a bait for American fliers. (Euse it, old man! Think you that our true amateurs would journey to Canada for anything less than their expenses and a guarantee? Preposterous!—*N. Y. Wheel*).

An English wheelman says he remembers a steam tricycle that made its appearance in 1881. It was shown at the Stanley Show, Holborn, and was tried by a cyclist on the Greenwich road. The police sighted the machine, however, and brought it and the rider to court. There the justice decided that it was a locomotive, and must not travel at a greater rate of speed than four miles per hour, and with a man walking in front with a red flag and lantern, at that.

"There were 135 new members passed through the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association during last month," says the *Montreal Gazette*. "For ten dollars, membership is obtained in the Montreal Snowshoe, Lacrosse, Football and Bicycle Clubs and the Tuque Bleue Toboggan Club, for which the aggregate of fees is over \$15. To this add the benefits of the club-house, reading-room, gymnasium, billiard-room, bowling-alley and shooting-gallery, with the privilege of joining the Hockey Club, Fencing Club, Cinderella Social Club, and the Dramatic Club."