

when two minutes before the pistol shot, Clark rolled in ahead of Reading the crowd went wild.

By the terms of the race, Clark gets 50 per cent. of the stake which was \$500; Reading, 25 per cent.; Ashinger, 15 per cent.; and Appel 10 per cent.

William Clark is a Toronto man and has won many races before. Reading, known as the "old Soldier," is from Fort Omaha, and like Clark he knows what it is to run a race. Ashinger, of Dayton, Ohio, is also an old racer. Appel is a Rochester boy, and has never been in a professional race before.

The best time made was on Wednesday afternoon when the seventeen laps, constituting a mile, were made in 2.59. The best lap made was on Thursday in nine seconds. This record was made by Clark.

CRANKSLINGER.

I was much interested to read in a recent copy of *The Wheel* an attempted explanation of how it is that a bicycle rider keeps his balance. I think the balance is accomplished in the same manner that a stick is balanced when supported by the end on the finger. When the rider feels himself falling to one side he turns the wheel towards that side (instinctively by practice), and the bicycle runs under his balance, as it were, just as with the stick the hand is moved from side to side in order to bring the support under the centre of gravity. In riding "hands off" the bicycle does its own steering, as the front wheel will always (if properly constructed) run in the direction in which the bicycle leans. It is because the front wheel must necessarily be turned in order to keep the balance that the various devices for locking and steering the wheel have been proved more than useless.—"Hickory" in *The Wheel*.

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