

Wheel Tracks.

F. F. Ives and W. A. Rhodes will both try for the 24-hour record on the first favorable day in early spring.

Charles E. Buell, of Springfield, has been awarded a patent for a tricycle propelled by compressed air.

Weber's mount next season will weigh thirty pounds only, and will be fitted with ball-bearings throughout.

The Cleveland quarter-mile track is said to have cost \$2,500, while the Springfield half-mile took all of \$3,500.

The English C. T. C. has a membership of 21,000, the L. A. W. 7,000, and the German Cyclist Union 3,000.

The Otto Machine Company of England will wind up its affairs, having lost \$9,000 in two seasons on the venture.

Mr. E. Osbrow, of the *Aeolus* Bicycle Club, England, has put in a claim of 267 miles for the 24-hour bicycle record.

The Surrey Machinists' Company is about to introduce a crank with variable throw, which can be shifted while the bicycle or tricycle is going at full speed.

Geo. Weber, the "Star Demon," stands five feet ten inches high, and weighs 175 pounds. In his year and a half of racing he has captured thirty-six prizes out of the forty races entered.

The Cleveland Club has 80 members. There is a great deal of rivalry between this club and that of Cincinnati, which is close up in point of numbers.

G. Lacy Hillier was allowed 2m. 15s. start in a ten miles' cross-country race recently, contested by local men. He won by 200 yards. It looks as if the old champion was declining.

Captain L. D. Munger, holder of the 24-hour American road record, has left for New Orleans and other southern points, where he will spend the winter in the interests of Everett & Co.

Four of the leading ministers in Brooklyn are cyclists. The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and Rev. Geo. R. Vandewater ride tricycles; Rev. Geo. R. Pentecost and Rev. W. W. Davis ride bicycles.

Three of Canada's most popular cities and cycling centres are bawling for the C. W. A. meet. After the spirit of L. A. W. gatherings, they will no doubt have a lively time on the discussion of the question.—*Wheel.*

President Bates, who for a number of years has been an editorial writer on the *Detroit Post*, has accepted the editorial management of the *Lansing (Mich.) Republican*, and entered upon his new field of labor on January 1st. He will still retain his membership in the *Detroit Club*.

George E. Hutchinson, the fancy bicycle rider, has issued a challenge to ride any bicycle or unicycle, or buggy wheel rider in the United States a series of exhibitions for from \$500 to \$1000 and the championship of the United States, to be contested in rinks which may be mutually agreed upon.

The next Springfield tournament will last four days.

A popular air with the ladies—"Sweet Tri and Bi."

"True love never runs smooth." Neither does a bicycle without oil.

Prince Wells will shortly endeavor to climb Pike's Peak on his wheel.

The one mile bicycle championship of Australia has been won by F. Shackelford in 2.56.

Cycling has a firm hold on the inhabitants of Jersey—late the home of the Americanized lily.

The Rev. Mr. Thayer, of Osage, Iowa, has taken to wheeling. The gentleman is over 60 years of age.

J. D. Macauley, of Louisville, Ky., has raised his '85 record to 6,573 miles. He takes the bun, by a long way.

The Boston B. C. was the first club in the country to establish a restaurant in connection with its club-house.

Westbrook and Hacker, the double riders, are anxious to get up a competition with the Wilmot double riders, and have issued a challenge to the world.

The Cycling Division of the English Hull A. C. evidently has a few pot-hunting scorchers. The members have captured 73 prizes, valued at one thousand dollars, during the present season.

Philip Fontaine, of the New York Citizens' Club, has a record of 3,400 miles from January to the present date, all ridden in the evening or on Sunday. Elliott Mason follows with an even 3,200.

The Detroit Bi. Club, at its annual meeting in January, will be incorporated under the laws of the State. This is done so as to make a stock company for the purpose of building a bicycle race-track, which the club have decided to do in the spring.

There are rumors about London of a scheme on the part of the C. T. C. officials to interest capitalists to the extent of about \$1,000,000, to be used for the construction of a palatial club-house, with restaurant, gymnasium, and all the comforts.

A Baltimorean is credited with having uttered the following words of wisdom: "It is not always the man with the biggest legs who can ride the bicycle best. A short leg gets around the pedal quicker, and does not necessitate near so much work."

Mr. Hicks, the religious editor of the *Post-Dispatch*, of St. Louis, has ridden over 4,679 miles since he became a devotee of the sport, twenty-eight weeks ago. His record has been made on the streets of St. Louis, and in the pursuit of his daily business.

One evening in December, four members of the Buffalo Ramblers played a game of polo on ordinary bicycles. The game was marked by many collisions, though few bruises resulted. It was the unanimous opinion that there was more fun in polo on wheels than on skates, and not one half the danger.

Charles E. Kluge, the noted Star rider, was born in Philadelphia, in 1860, stands 5ft. 11in. high, and weighs 180 pounds.

Grant Bell is not as seriously injured as was thought. He will probably be able to ride "when the robins nest again."

A tandem pair—lady and gentleman—will, it is rumored, form part of the New York contingent of the Big Four next season.

Willie K. Vanderbilt, one of the heirs of the late millionaire, is reported to have become a wheelman since his father's decease.

The latest royal purchasers of cycles are the Duke of Connaught, the Duchess of Cambridge, and the young Prince of Mecklenburg.

The Springfield B. C. has been notified that they may occupy their present quarters until February 1st, when they will have to move.

A writer in *The World* suggests that five cents-worth of shellac dissolved in alcohol proves to be a better and cheaper cement than any now on the market.

It is said that Singer & Co., the Coventry firm, will shortly establish an American branch house, for which purpose a member of the house will come to America.

The Chicago Bicycle Track Association is happily out of debt and danger. The members have responded to the call of the treasurer, and have made up the \$1500 deficit.

The C. T. C. is to have a new badge. The old one has been pirated and has lost its usefulness. The new badge is a combination of ticket and badge, that has been protected by a patent.

L. A. Pattison is out with a letter to the *Bi. World* denying Mr. Butcher's charges, and requesting the latter gentleman to make public any information he may be possessed of concerning McCurdy's record.

Mr. Charles Richards Dodge, who retires from the editorship of *Outing* with its transfer to New York, has declined editorial connection with the magazine under its new management, preferring to remain in Boston.

Among other good resolutions for the new year, every wheelman should resolve to keep a record of his riding during the season, the figures being very interesting reading matter at the end of the year. Commence now.

The survival of Swedish wheelmen under the title of a cycling paper, that has just made its appearance, is certainly very mysterious. It hails from Stockholm, 13 Storkyrkobrinken, and carries the name of *Tidning for Idrott*.

Cinder paths are going out of date, and tracks are now better made of clay and gravel after the Springfield track. The new track at Rangiora, N.Z., is nearly finished, and is expected to prove a fast one, being made on lines of the Springfield track.

W. G. Hurst, of Toronto, has issued the following under date of Jan. 16: "I hereby challenge any bicycle and unicycle rider of America to compete against me in a fancy bicycle and unicycle contest for the championship of Canada"