

The Detroit Club will hold races on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Morgan and Ace have signed articles to ride a match for the championship of Wales.

Some practical joker whitewashed the tricycle of an English racing man the night before he was to go on the track with it.

St. Catharines wants the Canadian Wheelmen's meet next year, and they will probably build a suitable track for the purpose.

Some boys sprinkled shot on the floor of a bicycle school in Kingston and the riders tumbled to it.—*Philadelphia Call*.

During the races held at the California meet, George Adams made a mile in 2.55 1-5, the fastest time ever made on the Pacific coast.

While Mr. Wm. Payne, bicycle dealer, London South, was working a piece of red-hot iron lately, a chip flew from the metal and penetrated his eye.

In a one mile bicycle race at Jarrow, Aug. 20, Temple beat Wood by one length. In a twenty mile race, Woodside beat Battenby by 20 lengths.

In spite of his determination not to race again, George Hendee has gone into training once more, and expects to have a crack at his old rival before the season is over.

The pen used by Governor Hill in signing the Liberty bill is in the possession of the Brooklyn Bicycle Club, and will be kept by them as a precious memento.

Warning to local wheelmen—Don't let the Canadian boys run away with all the open events again in the coming races. Once is enough.—*Detroit Free Press*.

Messrs. R. W. Wright, of the Cleveland Plaindealer, and H. E. Chubb, of Cleveland, who were making a tour of Ontario on their bicycles, were entertained by the Forest City Club at their rooms.

Rowe can now not only claim the best mile record on any track, but he can claim the fastest mile on record (2.30 1-4) ever made on a four-lap track. It is needless to say that the Columbia people are still happy.

Evidently the American team will not visit France and Germany this season, as Duncan says gates are very hard to get in those two countries. Morgan, therefore, announces his intention of abandoning the Continental trip.

Bert Brown, of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club, recently wheeled from Toronto to Detroit and back, in company with J. D. Lamont, of Chatham, one of the leading riders of the west. The trip was an enjoyable one, notwithstanding the extreme heat.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says about Karl Kron's book that "it is a masterpiece of egotism." Respecting Thomas Stevens, the same journal says: "What has been written about him, however, is far more interesting than what he has written about himself."

Morgan says that England takes the cake on amateurs, but that America has a finer lot of professionals than the old sod. In support of this claim he names Rowe, Hendee, Woodside, Neilson, Temple, Rhodes, Ives, Whittaker, Cola Stone, Prince, Schock and Crocker.

Morgan says there are no good amateurs in America now, they have all gone over to the professional ranks. "We have no amateurs," says the same authority, "who can cope with such men as Illston, Furnivall, Gatehouse, Osmond, Syner, Ball, Wareham, Mills, and the two Mgyes."

This is the way the members of the American team rate the English tracks, in the order named: Long Eaton, Brighton, Crystal Palace, Aston Lower Grounds, Belgrave-road Grounds, and the Coventry path. The grass path at Norwich is reported by them to be equal to many of the best cinder paths.

The members at large of both the Pennsylvania and New York divisions are kicking at the sum expended to transport board members to the St. Louis meet.

A leading publishing house in Leipsig, Germany, has purchased the right to translate Tom Stevens' book, "Around the World on a Bicycle." They are now engaged in preparing it for publication in Germany and Austria.

J. Elmer Pratt, of Flint, Mich., has just returned from an eastern tour, having covered 2,315 miles in two months and sixteen days. He went through Canada, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. The entire cost of the trip was but \$93.15, \$15.81 of which was spent for railroad and boat fare.

Sanford Lawton, of Springfield, has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Massachusetts Division, League of American Wheelmen. The reports read at a meeting held last week showed that the organization was composed of 1,219 members, and that there was nine hundred dollars in the treasury.

We much doubt whether Thour Stevens's lecturing tour in this country will be a success. As a conversationalist he is distinctly poor, and his platform experiences in the States were not, we understand, particularly profitable. However, everyone would like to see the man who performed so magnificent a feat.—*Bicycling News*.

Monday afternoon, Aug. 29, Capt. Geo. H. Orr and Mr. R. S. Peniston, of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club, of Toronto, started out for a run down the Kingston road. Between five and six o'clock, and while near the Halfway House, on their way back, Mr. Peniston's wheel struck a stone. He took a "header," which resulted most disastrously for him. His right arm was not only broken, but it was terribly cut and torn from the hand to the elbow.

Among the many curious propositions submitted to the Pope Manufacturing Company, was one the other day, which, for startling originality, carried off the palm. It was an offer to exchange for one of their bicycles a grave lot, "conveniently handy." This was filed for reference next to that of an offer expressing a great desire to become the happy possessor of a bicycle through the results of moonlight labor, in the shape of a barrel of whiskey.—*Boston Globe*.

A novel bicycle whistle has lately been patented, and does not require any lung pressure. The whistle is about four inches long, and fastened to the upright part of the brake lever. The lower portion is brought in contact with the tire between the brake spoon and head of the machine by a small wheel, to which is attached a piston. The whistle can be sounded at will by pressing a small lever traveling along the left handle bar. The principle is similar to the old-time automatic tire-bell.

The New York State Division treasury is very low, and Consul Bidwell has deemed it necessary to call upon the members for a voluntary subscription. The Division has had good management, but there are times when many a large organization gets a little beyond its depth. The cause of this slight embarrassment is due to the heavy expenses of the Division for the past year, principally in fighting the Park Board and gratuitously distributing Road-Book for the benefit of its members.

Mr. W. G. F. Webster, of 25 Tontine street, Folkestone, recently had a Clipper tricycle stolen from him by a man who hired it. The man was captured, and the case came on for trial at Maidstone, when the judge ruled that the hirer who had taken the machine had not been guilty of felony, because he had not sold it or parted with it, and on this ground he was acquitted! The man hired the machine for two hours, and kept it for seven months, being then discovered. According to the view of the law taken at Maidstone, Mr. Webster's only remedy is to proceed in the County Court for seven months' hire! This may be law, but it is hardly equity.—*Cyclist*.

A member of the League writes to the *Bulletin* as follows: "I want to give you an idea of what the League is worth to me. My business takes me upon the road a great deal, and I have to live in hotels a good portion of the year. I try to select a League hotel every time, and I find by looking at my cash-book that my League ticket has saved me \$73 the past year. This includes a discount obtained at the hotel where I spent my vacation. Can any one beat that for a record? We trust our non-League subscribers will take this to heart."

Henry Chubb, R. W. Wright and A. R. Scott, of Cleveland, were to have taken a two weeks' Canadian trip, beginning August 15. The route was to be to Buffalo, then through Niagara to Hamilton, boating to Toronto on account of bad roads; by wheel 150 miles north to Gravenhurst, then west to Owen Sound, then south to Detroit and boat to home, making 800 miles by wheel and 400 by boat. These parties are Ohio members of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, as are Brinsmade and Shannon. The Star Club certainly appreciates the good fellowship of the Canadian wheelmen and the excellence of Canadian roads. This will make the fourth touring party there in the last three summers.—*Wheelmen's Record*.

Prof. James Ricalton, *Outing's* correspondent, has returned from his trip to the battle-field of Waterloo, Algeria, Malta and Rome. The Professor was delighted with his trip, and was in the pink of condition upon his arrival at East Orange. He covered 12,000 miles since 18th June, and brought back 150 photographs taken in various places, the most prominent of the collection being those of the Moors, whom the Professor says are very averse to having their beautiful faces reproduced, and as a consequence, in a number of the views the eyes are all that can be seen through the covering of rags with which they tried to hide. The total expenses for the trip were inside of \$200. The professor's sole companion on his journey was a 32-calibre revolver.

The bicycle tournament at the Roseville track, Newark, N.J., Aug. 20, was witnessed by 20,000 people, and among the entries were well-known amateurs and professionals from all parts of the country. The races resulted as follows: Half mile—Crist, Washington, 1st; time, 1m. 18.2-5s.; Stenkers, Jersey City, 2nd. Two mile handicap—Crist (scratch), 1st; time, 5m. 42s.; Schwarz, of Reading, 2nd. One mile professional handicap—Whittaker, of Chicago (scratch), 1st; time, 2m. 41.4-5s.; Knapp, of Denver (50 yards), 2nd. One mile, tandem—Crist and Hall easily beat Dayton and French; time, 3m. 17.1-5s. One mile lap—Crist, 1st; time, 1m. 1.3-5s.; Hall, 2nd. Two mile professional handicap—Whittaker (scratch), 1st; time, 5m. 56.3-5s.; Knapp (100 yards), 2nd.

Through the columns of the *Cyclist* we are informed that "a strange story comes from Melbourne, in which Frederick Wood, the champion bicyclist, figures most unfortunately. Wood was staying at a hotel at Melbourne, where temporarily also resided a young married lady, whose husband had been compelled to leave her on business for a short time. During the husband's absence, it is alleged that Wood formed an intimacy with the lady, who furnished him with funds and jewelry. On the husband's return there was a "row," which ended in Wood being given in charge for stealing a purse and 15s., the property of the husband. In default of being able to find bail, Wood was placed in prison to await his trial. Divorce proceedings have, it is said, been commenced by the husband."

Referring to the recent assault on the Ripley road, in which Mr. Curnick was made to shell out a fine and costs for attempting to run down a tandem, an English paper makes the following savage attack on cyclists. The writer also willfully and maliciously mistakes the facts of the case: "Somehow we don't like cycling. It irresistibly associates itself in our mind with lumpy knees, splay feet, shoddy uniforms, and a general

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