

A. A. Billingsley, of Springfield, Ill., who was recently elected Vice-Consul of the Illinois division L. A. W., is a native of Port Hope, Ont.

Last week a cycle thief stole a wheel from a Mr. Gorner, of Buffalo. The police were notified and thirty minutes later the thief was behind the bars and the cycle returned.

The Philadelphia Cycle Show promises to be a success, and New York is awakening to the idea that it would be good to have one in that city too.

London has a new club called the London Pneumatic Club, composed of riders of the inflated wheel living in Western Ontario. J. Windover, of Petrolia, is Secretary.

Two years ago the number of exhibitors at the Stanley, when all the trade was represented, was 230, while this year, with the principal manufacturers unrepresented, there are 310 exhibitors and 1,500 cycles.

One R. W. Lloyd, a member of the Anfield Bicycle Club, has been riding a light pneumatic R. & P. Safety during the past season, and has had no less than thirty-eight collapses.

We have just received from Mr. A. D. Bowlby, of Windsor, his report for the C. W. A. Guide Book, which is very complete—"a thing of beauty and a joy forever," to the road-book committee. Mr. Bowlby, unfortunately, is not a member of the C. W. A., though an ardent cyclist. It is to be hoped the C. W. A. members who have this work in hand, however, will emulate Mr. Bowlby, both in promptness and careful work.

The *Christian Advocate*, an American paper, says that "Eminent physicians have been collecting data since our women took to riding bicycles, and the showing is startling. American families were small enough before the introduction of the 'safety,' now so popular with women riders; but, good heavens! if these scientific men are right, the 'bike' is the arch enemy of womankind, and must go at once. It is all very well to sit at the window and admire our young girls as they go spinning down Fifth Avenue on the asphalt pavement; but our women have a mission to fulfil. Away with these horrid machines! The spinning-wheels of our grandmothers are the proper wheels for women. They don't need to straddle them either, to get excellent results." Now, girls, what do you think of that? You are very likely to take to spinning wheels, aren't you?

The bicycle thief has been paying a visit to Detroit where he has captured half-a-dozen wheels belonging to the Detroit wheel men. Nothing was said until he had the nerve to carry off "Griff's" Centaur from the Art Museum. Now that thief is being looked for with a club.

Pneumatic tires are going to be the proper caper next year. This is the forecast of all the trade, and, although there will be quite a demand for cushions, from the experience of the English trade during the past season it would seem as though the cushion would find itself in a losing minority. In fact, the general drift of opinion in England is to the full air tires. The cushions have been weighed in the balance and found wanting, and we are inclined to believe that the experience of our English friends can be safely taken as a guide to base our estimates and ideas upon.—*Sporting Life*.

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