

## Wheel Tracks.

Karl Kron's book is now promised for Sept.

The League has now very near to nine thousand members.

It is said that "Daisie" of the *Cycle* is Mrs. Abbot Bassett.

Cycle-dealers are making a discount of 10 per cent. to ministers.

Buffalo is going in for a big fall tournament on a pure amateur basis.

Racing on the highway is getting to be an intolerable nuisance in England.

The L.A.W. tour is going to conflict in point of time with the Springfield meet.

Hendee and Rowe are both confident that they can bring the mile record down to 2.30.

Eugene M. Aron, the secretary-editor L.A.W., has applied for admission to the A.C.U.

The run between Stratford and St. Marys seems to be quite popular with bicyclists this season.

Prince Wells rode down the Louisville court-house steps on a waggon wheel fifty-two inches high.

The Lynn Cycle Club will hold a mammoth tournament this fall, shortly before the Springfield meet.

Fred Brimer won the second of Toronto Club's road races in 34m. 30s. The distance was seven miles.

Corey, as a hill-climber, leads the world. The Brighton side of Corey on a bicyclette is his latest achievement.

In the racing rules of the A.C.U., the referee is given power to fine any rider \$10 for "loafing" during a race.

The Colorado Wheel Club, of Denver, has challenged the St. Louis wheelmen to a fifty-mile team road race.

Brother John and Brother Jonathan will be having it hot and heavy on the record racket the rest of the season.

Ned Oliver has been tendered and will probably accept the secretaryship of the touring department of the L.A.W.

It is one of the unwritten rules of the track, that in a smash-up the riders can seize the best machine handy to finish on.

Four members of the Louisville (Ky.) B. Club have been touring through Ontario, from Windsor to Niagara, *via* Goderich.

R. Neilson, the famous professional, is now training at Rosedale grounds for the big September meets in the United States.

Positively the latest cycling fad is a new pocket walking-stick. It is collapsible, and can be carried in the pocket while riding.

E. P. Baird, of New York, rode 126 miles on Decoration Day, and took one of the medals offered by the Orange Wanderers.

Howell will attempt to make twenty miles an hour on a tricycle on a "Royal Crescent" this season. He is confident of success.

C. E. Whitten is now the darling of the Lynn men, who think he will make another Rowe; Whittier's best mile in practice is 2.49.

Fred Westbrook, the Canadian professional fast and fancy cyclist, has been engaged to travel with Forepaugh's circus during the present season.

Henry Sturmev met with an accident in a race on June 12, and broke his collar-bone. The tire of his tricycle came off, and he was thrown.

There is a scheme on foot to put Rowe in a ten-mile race against the three best men of Essex

County,—the "three best" to relieve each other every mile.

Messrs. Frank C. Blodgett, Wm. E. Metzger, and George E. Lane (L.A.W. and C.W.A.), Detroit, left that city July 19 and rode through to Niagara.

Mr. W. A. Karn, of Woodstock, attended the Detroit Club's meet, and came away satisfied Woodstock could down Detroit in the matter of meets every time.

The chief consulship of Massachusetts has been declared vacant by President Beckwith. Mr. Ducker, the incumbent, says he will not retire without a struggle.

Fred. Foster intends leaving Toronto on the 10th of August to train at Springfield for the big race meetings. He will be sure to give a good account of himself.

The route of the annual London-to-Bath 100-mile road race was changed this year and a much harder road taken. Macrae was the first man in. Time, 7h. 18m. 53s.

The Springfield Club has ordered one watch, to cost over \$1,000, for the first prize in the mile open for its next tournament, and two more of high value as the second and third prizes.

The Massachusetts Division and the League shared the profits of the Boston races as follows: Massachusetts Division, \$22.90; League, \$11.45. No twelve dollars would satisfy the C.W.A.

Prince and Schock rested eight and a half minutes each in the seventy-two hours' race. This is a little different from the rest required in a six days' walking match, and speaks volumes for the wheel.

The "Eureka" tricycle made by Messrs. Bayliss, Thomas and Co. for Mr. G. C. Scholesfield (weight 33½ lbs.), is said to be the lightest on record. It is geared to 62in., and has 7½in. cranks.

Mr. John B. Ostell, late accountant of the Royal Canadian Insurance Company, leaves Montreal for Toronto to take the position of manager of the Union Mutual Insurance Co. of Maine, for Toronto and York county.

To give some idea of the extent of the popularity of bicycling, a prominent manufacturer said the other day that there had been sold thus far this season, at a low estimate, 20,000 wheels, representing all of \$3,000,000.

The Connecticut Bicycle Club, the oldest and largest club in the State, has voted to withdraw from the L.A.W. and join the A.C.U. This club it is said has a membership of 140. The Springfield Club has followed suit.

The well-known house of Singer & Co., Coventry, has recently made a further addition to its plant and works by purchasing the cycle manufactory lately owned by Settle & Co., the chief of which house is deceased.

W. B. Page, of the University of Pennsylvania, the American champion high-jumper, is also a devotee of cycling. He intends taking a 1,500-mile tour on the wheel through the White Mountains and Canada this summer.

Mr. Lloyd Harris, president of the Brantford Bicycle Club, will leave for a three months' trip to the old country in a few days. When away he will spend some time in wheeling over the billiard-table roads of England.

During the late meet a Boston girl was thrown from her tricycle, and in reply as to whether she was hurt said: "I really believe I have fractured the *extensor ossis metacarpi pollicis manus*." She had broken her thumb, that was all.

"What is that Bicycle Man doing, father? See! He has jumped forward from his wheel and is putting his face to the Earth. Is he Kissing it?" "No, my son; the Man has his Ear to the Earth. He is Listening. He thought he heard Something Drop."

Following is a well-recommended recipe for rust on the spokes of a bicycle: Boiled linseed oil will keep polished metals from rusting if it is allowed to dry on them. 2. How to brighten the nickel plating? A. Use a little rouge-powder on a chamois skin.

At a recent meeting, the executive committee of the L.A.W. decided to instruct the League tailors, Messrs. Browning, King & Co., not to make any more League suits or sell any more cloth or battons without first receiving a written order from the Secretary of the L.A.W.

J. S. Rogers, chief consul L.A.W. for Missouri, has purchased T. J. Smith's interest in the *American Wheelman*. L. S. C. Ladish, the editor of that paper, still retains his half interest. The *Wheelman* is a vigorous exponent of wheeling in the west. 'Tis veritably racy of the soil.

John S. Prince rode a five-mile race at Scranton, Pa., June 29, against the trotting mare, Miss Lady. The race was on a five-mile track, and was won by Prince in 16m. In a quarter-mile race on a tricycle, against the pacer Harrisburg, T. W. Eck fell and broke his left arm.

The famous London to Goderich road has been freshly gravelled, and is in anything but perfect shape at present. From Brucefield to Varna, described in the Guide-book as the finest ten miles in Canada, the wheeling is horridly rough, but will doubtless be first-class in a few weeks.

At a Muswell Hill contest held lately in England, the winning rider had his machine built with the forks raking forward and the handle bent half way down the forks, and the English wheelmen say that all contests of the kind in future must include a ride down the hill as well as up it.

The gentleman who was the principal figure in the ceremony mentioned below is Chief Consul for the C.W.A. in New Brunswick:

At Trinity Church, St. Johns, New Brunswick, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, assisted by the Rev. A. J. A. Gollmer, Charles Coster, of St. Johns, to Georgiana A. Smith, youngest daughter of George W. Smith, Esq., of Cambridge, Queens County.

The conflict between the Pope Manufacturing Company and the Overman Wheel Company, which has been in progress, with the exception of a six months' truce, for nearly three years, and has cost each side, directly and indirectly, more than \$10,000 a year, has been settled by mutual agreement.

Fifty bicyclists started for Europe lately on the Inman steamship City of Berlin. After arriving in Queenstown they will mount their steel steeds and make a tour of Ireland. Thence they will go to Scotland, and ride to London. Paris probably will be visited also. The cost of the trip will be about \$500 for each man.

The famous Lancaster pike, leading out of Philadelphia, has for years maintained a toll-gate about one mile beyond the improved surface. Patience having ceased to be a virtue, the Pennsylvania Club has determined to pay the unjust extra toll no longer, and the Turnpike Company will be called upon to state their case.

Outing will start another enterprising individual to do wonders a-wheel. This time the Arctic Ocean is the objective point, and James Rialton the man selected for the trip. He has constructed a tricycle that can be turned into a bed at night. His route will be through Russia. He will be gone four months, and his expenses will be \$200. So it is said.

Asa Wendell, of Lynn, is said to be the best "pusher-off" in New England. It is noticeable that in a race Rowe is always sent far ahead of all the others at the start. Not the least advantage of this is that in case of a foul or collision Rowe is out of harm's way. Ed. Nesbitt, of Woodstock, has "pushed" himself forward to the same proud position in Canada. He always pushes Clarke off, and the latter invariably gets out of harm's way before his competitors are fairly started.