

Items of Interest.

Three members of the Memphis (Tenn.) wheelmen made centuries in 8 hrs. 57 min. last week.

Thomas Stevens stepped down from the lecture platform a few weeks ago and is now in England.

Fowler's wheel with which he defeated Zimmerman was a Humber, shod with Preston Davies tires.

It is claimed that vitrified brick is more durable than granite, as smooth as asphalt and cheaper than either as a pavement.

Twenty members of the Anerley B. C. (Eng.) took in an Easter tour all on pneumatics, of which five burst or were punctured.

Down at Seneca Falls, N.Y., the friends of a clergyman have just been doing the graceful act by presenting him with a pneumatic Singer.

Sixty racing men on this side of the ocean hold records of 2.50 or better, the first five being Windle, Berlo, Taylor, W. F. Murphy and Zimmerman, all being under 2.22.

Louisville, Ky., is afflicted with a fiend whom the cyclers have named "Jack the Sticker," on account of his mania for puncturing pneumatics with a large knife.

The Century Wheelmen of Philadelphia recently had their record attendance—forty-seven. Pretty fair, gentlemen, but last Saturday's run of the Torontos brought together sixty-five.

The L.A.W. racing board are canvassing the adoption of a rule requiring the publication of the names of those about to be reinstated, so that any one having objections may file them.

A fifteen-minute limit has been placed on the Martin road race. Dorntge and Penseyres will be on scratch and the Genesee Road to Bowmansville will probably be used. Every fast road rider in Buffalo is entered.

The general opinion of the English press seems to be that J. E. L. Bates' trial for the twenty-four hours' record was, to say the least, foolish, in his comparatively untrained condition, and was rather a set back than an advance in cycling events.

The Lockport (N.Y.) wheelmen hold their fifth annual tournament on July 4. The open events are one mile novice, half-mile handicap, mile open, two mile lap, one mile team (three men) for safeties, half-mile, and mile handicap for ordinaries.

A. W. Palmer, of Hamilton, Ont., should come pretty close to getting the time prize in the Pullman. Here's betting that he'll beat Lumsden.—*American Wheelman*. The Hamilton crack will see to it that the *American Wheelman* editor wins his money.

The *Scottish Cyclist* has a column headed "State of the Roads," in which it gives the condition of the principal roads running out of Glasgow on the date of publication of the paper. The weather over there must be less given to change than here or the column is seldom of use.

After a long discussion in the papers our friends in the "old country" have awarded the honor of inventing the first gear-driven bicycle to Kirkpatrick Macmillan, blacksmith, of Courthill, Keir, near Penpont, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, who first made and rode such a wheel about 1845.

Asa Windle is now employed in the tire department of the Pope Manufacturing Co., and is introducing among their agents a spool-shaped rubber plug for the quick repair of the Columbia tire. The Pope Co. will soon have a repair outfit ready that will enable riders to mend small punctures on the road with but little trouble and time.

Bicycle clubs throughout the country would do well to follow the example of the Albany Wheelmen's club. At the club rooms there is a large map, which tells the character of the highway, the grades and hills as well as the condition of all the runs for miles around. The distances to places within a radius of thirty miles or so are also shown, so that when a bicyclist wishes a run he may know just how far it is to his destination and just what kind of a road there is. Many of the roads around this city are not in condition for travel, and which ones they are would be of interest to wheelmen if they knew before they started for a run.—*Exchange*.

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