

### Rochester Notes.

Since my last letter the only important event has been the century run of the West End Bicycle Club. This was the first century run ever made by any of the local clubs and has awakened considerable interest here. The run took place on the 25th. The day and roads were perfect and everyone was highly pleased with the event. There were 18 starters and all completed the run but one who mistook the road. It is the intention of the club to make this run an annual affair.

The Ramblers are to have a 25-mile road race on July 4th.

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### A Glimpse at Our Exchanges.

The ladies of Ansonia, Conn., have organized a bicycle club which is known as the "K. K's." It is understood the full name is "Kunning Kreatures."—*Wheelman's Gazette*.

A new cyclometer has been placed on the English market by the Signal Cyclometer Co. It is fitted to the front fork and registers by the action of the spokes on a rod and pinion. The dial is always in view.

Mr. F. F. Peard, late editor of *CYCLING*, Toronto, and latterly of the Illinois Cycling Club, Chicago, has removed to Baltimore, assuming the management of the Remington Standard Typewriter Co. branch there.

The *World* has evidently been misinformed, when it mentions Mr. Peard as the "late" editor of *CYCLING*, for he still shares the honors and responsibilities of the office, which is certainly appreciated by the local editor, who invariably lays the blame for all mistakes on his absent partner.

Messrs. Elwell and Higgins are planning a bicycle trip around the world, to be participated in by as many wheelmen as care to join the party. It is proposed to leave New York in the fall of 1892 and finish at Chicago during the World's Fair.

The greatest century run yet made is that of the combined clubs of New York and Philadelphia on June 13. There were 465 starters, of whom 377 registered at the finish. Three ladies started, two of whom finished, but the third, owing to a breakdown, had to give it up. The Century Wheelmen of Philadelphia, with 63 riders, captured the banner for largest attendance. The roads were extremely dusty but fairly good. The start was made from Newark, N. J., at 4 a.m. and the head of the column reached the Century Wheelmen's Club House, Philadelphia, at 7.30 p.m.

The largest gathering of local wheelmen which has occurred in Freemont, Ohio, was brought about recently by the action of the City Board of Equalization, who had sent a notice to each rider that \$100 had been added to his assessable personal property. A compromise was effected by assessing all high-grade wheels at \$50. So, many of the boys are paying \$1.25 per annum for the privilege of riding bicycles in that town.

Last Saturday being the 4th of July our city was well filled with our American cousins, among them being a number of bicyclists, and judging from the way the Comet Cycle Co.'s office was besieged it is evident that this popular wheel is well and favorably known across the line, which we presume is in some measure attributable to the efforts of our worthy reporter while in Buffalo.

When once pace is up, pneumatic-tired machines are hard to stop, even on the level, and as this difficulty is naturally intensified on down grades, the absurdity of fitting front-wheel brakes to machines so attired becomes peculiarly manifest. This fact was borne in upon us only yesterday, when we ascended Reigate Hill with the wily and wiry Larrette, who bestrode a brand new "Humber" fitted with Humber and Co.'s neat front-wheel band brake. The "antiente one" went down at his ease, legs up, while we were forced to do a good deal more back-peddalling than we cared about, by reason of the over-heating of our front-wheel spoon, and the decidedly "onpleasant" odor emanating from the scorched rubber. Pneumatics are not built to stand heat without and pressure within.—*The Cyclist*.

We are authorized by Lieut.-Colonel A. R. Saville, commanding 26th Middlesex (Cyclist), R. V., to state that the sum of £55 has been subscribed by a few officers who are interested in the military cycling movement, to purchase a challenge cup, which will be offered this year to teams of volunteer cyclists for competition in a ride of 100 miles on the road in marching order. The squad which has made the best time at the end of the season in a properly authenticated ride will hold the cup for a year. The rules governing the competition will be issued as soon as the donors of the cup have finally arranged them. The publication of the list of subscribers is deferred, as a few additional donations are expected. This early announcement is made in order to give plenty of time for cyclist sections to make preparations.—*The Wheelman*.