

## Wheel Tracks.

St. Louis asks for the L.A.W. meet of 1887.

"I pride myself on my descent," said the cyclist, as he took a header.

Lynn boasts of a lady tricyclist who has cycled upwards of 500 miles this season.

M. V. J. Webber attributes the success of the Englishmen while in America to the atmosphere.

Karl Kron is looking for the birthdays of the cycling editors and prominent writers, for insertion in his book—that is to be.

It is possible to do one mile on a wheel in 2.26, and that is where it will be next year. We have seen a half-mile done in 1.11.

Boston wheelmen are wondering why Munger does not come on from Detroit and smash the 24-hour record, as he claimed he would.

Hendee has finally decided to give up bicycling. He should have done so at the end of 1884. This season has given him no glory.

Prof. N. E. Kaufman is travelling with a combination, consisting of Kaufman, bicyclist; Higgins, skater; and Lintner Bros., contortionists.

There are five bicycles in Exeter, and the *Reflector* observes that the bicycle fever is raging high there. It is proposed to organize a club shortly.

Another fancy rider has developed—Will Norton, of Chicago. He is represented as a daring rider, and fully the equal of all the others on one wheel.

Burley B. Ayers is already at work on a number of "Chicago" tours, which are designed to take in choice bits of country at the least possible expense.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith, of the South London (Eng.) T.C., recently rode ten miles on their "Invincible Tandem" in 38m. 18s.—an average of 3.31½ for each mile.

Mr. Joe Dean says that the club uniform is now considered bad form on the other side. English gentlemen have adopted the wise custom of wearing very quiet costumes.

The Chicago B. C. is in a sad fix. The members have failed to pay their dues or aid the club financially, and the secretary announces that he has lost all zest for footling the bill's.

George Bates and F. Trussell, who ran down a tricyclist named Robinson, in England, some time since, were fined £7 and costs, on the matter being brought up at the Hampton petty sessions.

An English writer suggests that it would not be a bad idea for tandem riders, when they are touring, to pin a map on the back of the leading rider. The rear man would then have something to look at.

C. H. Veeder, in the *World*, calculates that in making a mile in 2.35, the power exerted by the rider is 32,640 foot-power per minute, or almost a horse-power, and that Hendee, in making the quarter in 32 seconds, as credited to him by Mr. Furnivall, exerted something like 13½ horse-power.

The 100 mile road race for Kangaroo bicycles, which took place in England, Saturday, Oct. 17, was won in 6h. 39m. 5s. This is a world's record, and displaces that of 7h. 5m. 10s. made by Geo. Smith in the Rover Safety Race, Sept. 26.

Already Canary is being worked in the English papers, and no doubt he will receive a cordial reception and reap abundant shekels from his trip. It is said that Kauffman, of Rochester, will also visit England next spring.

Rowe now certainly deserves to be acknowledged as the amateur champion of America. If Heidee thinks that he has a better right to that title, a race can easily be arranged between the two men. It would be a fine contest, and one worth going a long way to see.

H. W. Van Baden, a student of the Hague University, Netherlands, spending his vacation in England, recently rode from Broadgate, Coventry, to London and back on a Safety bicycle, in 18 hours 47 minutes. The distance covered was 180 minutes. Machine ridden, 35-inch Harvard Safety.

F. F. Ives, of Meriden, Conn., and W. A. Rhodes, of Dorchester, Mass., in an attempt to lower the twenty-five mile amateur bicycle record at Springfield, Mass., Friday, 7th Oct., made the following records: Ives, 1h. 16m. 6 3/5s.; Rhodes, 1h. 24m. 30 1/2s. Ives thus lowers the American record by 2m. 7 13/20s.

A novel railway bicycle has recently been invented in England. It has four seats with springs, etc., like an ordinary tricycle, so as to allow four drivers to work with their feet the two large driving wheels. It is estimated to attain a speed of twenty miles an hour, and being fitted with a handy brake is kept under easy control.

The Amateur Bicycle Association of North Shields, England, intends to offer exceedingly handsome prizes at a tournament next year, with the special object of inducing American amateurs to meet the great rider, English, at his home. The sporting press across the water already assures visitors from this country of a hearty welcome.

Some remarkably good road rides have recently been made in England. Mr. P. A. Nix rode 231 miles in 24 hours on a Facile; Mr. R. Tingley rode 231 miles on the same style of machine in the same time; Mr. H. R. Goodwin, also on a Facile, rode 212 miles; and finally, Messrs. Renouf and Barmore rode 200 miles on a tandem tricycle within the day.

A Kansas city wheelman, passing through Topeka, Kansas, had occasion to wheel over the bridge at that place, and was promptly arrested by an over-zealous officer on attempting to do so. The Topeka *Lance*, in commenting on the case, says: "The bridge is a public thoroughfare, and the wheelmen have a right to use it. The action of the officers is little short of black-mail."

Mr. Price Howell, an engineer, of Barrow-in-Furness, has just patented two cycle rims into which spokes can be inserted without interfering with the india-rubber tyres. To facilitate the removal of spokes at both ends, Mr. Howell also arranges for a small beveled flange to be fitted around the hub, into which spokes can be

inserted and nipped on the outside. Both the web and the rim and the double flange can be fitted to any machine. No doubt go-ahead makers will be glad to have Mr. Howell's plans explained to them.—*The Cyclist*.

The start in the 100 mile road race of the Boston Bicycle Club was made on October 5th by five riders, whose time on the completion of 50 miles was as follows: George Weber, New Jersey, 3h. 10m. 30s.; F. T. Ives, Meriden, 3h. 11m. 15s.; D. A. McCurdy, Lynn, 3h. 15m.; W. A. Rhodes, Dorchester, 3h. 36m.; T. Rothe, Cambridge, 3h. 41m. The race was won by G. Weber in 6h. 57m., beating the world's record by 24m., and the best American record by 1h. 29m. Ives came in second in 7h. 5m. 10sec. McCurdy was third, 5s. later.

A young son of Wm. Hawthorne, residing in Malden, Mass., was run over by a bicyclist one day last month, and died an hour after from internal injuries. The rider was an employe of the Boston Rubber Works, and was on his way home to dinner, when he saw the little fellow ahead of him. He steered to the right, supposing that the lad would turn in the opposite direction, but the boy also turned to the right, and was struck in the back by the wheel, and was knocked down. The accident is to be regretted, as it but adds another to the long list of similar ones that have preceded it.

The second series of articles describing the journey of Mr. Thomas Stevens westward from New York, in his remarkable tour around the world, opens with a striking paper in *Outing* for October, entitled "From America to the German Frontier." It is illustrated with an excellent portrait of Mr. Stevens, engraved on wood, and five drawings by W. A. Rogers. At last accounts Stevens had just left Angora, Asia Minor, where the crowds that flocked to see him were so great that the proprietor of the house was obliged to charge an audience fee, by which considerable money was taken in.

Mr. T. R. Marriott, captain of the Nottingham Tricycle Club, has just completed an extraordinary ride on his Humber tricycle. He left the Land's End Hotel, Cornwall, on the 20th Sept., and reached John O'Groat's House, Caithness, Scotland, in six days, 15 hours, 25 minutes, after being delayed no less than ten hours by a snowstorm in the Highlands. The distance was 950 miles, and the rider finished in sound health and condition, and none the worse for his tremendous exertions. The performance (says the *Daily Telegraph*) entirely eclipses all previous rides taken on either tricycles or bicycles between these two points.

Mr. H. M. Farr, of the Farr Alpaca Co., Holyoke, Mass., formerly of Randall, Farr & Co., Hespeler, accompanied by a friend of his, was in Hespeler on Thursday, says the *Nexus* of that town of Oct. 1. Mr. Farr and companion left Holyoke some two weeks ago on bicycles, and wheeled all the way to Rochester, N.Y., and then rode their two-wheeled perambulators the entire distance from there to London, Ont., and thence to Berlin, often making as much as 75 miles a day on good roads. They left "on bicycle back" for Toronto, going to Holyoke by way of Kingston and Alexandria Bay, and in-