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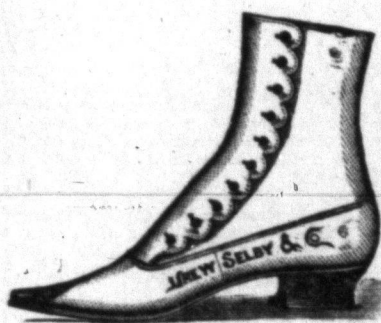
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And the midshipman,
And the crew of the captain's gig.

You all know this story of the sea. He's the only one that's left of all
the family. The whole crew has gone in a cannibalistic way, and this sailor
being the only survivor represents the lot of 'em. Queer, quailish tale! But
you'll find it truth illustrated in trade. A lot go to the wall, a few only survive.
Eat each other up, you know. Commercial cannibals everywhere. The best
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Only a Trifling
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THE CRUEL WAR IS OVER

What the Press and People are Saying
About It.

Everybody is Congratulating the
Maple City.

Preparations Will Commence At Once For The Big
Gathering--What It Is Necessary To Do--Brant-
ford and London Papers Seem a Little Sore--
Hard On Toronto.

The remaining delegates, to the C. W. A. convention at Toronto including President Stephenson and Secretary Cairns returned by the C. P. R. from Toronto on Saturday night. They reached Chatham about 11 o'clock and like the main deputation on the early morning train were accorded a rousing reception. Mr. Cairns, particularly was made the hero of the occasion. The crowd which had gathered hoisted him on their shoulders and marched off down the street singing, "See the conquering hero come." The reception was not accompanied by torches, fireworks and band music as on the previous night but it was just as hearty for all that.

"What's the next move," a Planet representative subsequently asked Mr. Cairns.

"The arrangement of the prize list and the invitation of prominent men throughout the province to act as officials. T. A. Beaumont, chairman of the racing board, has already consented to act as referee. President Orr, ex-president Robertson, Secretary Donly, Louis Rubenstein, of Montreal, the famous skater, and Bloss P. Corey have already practically given us assurances in the matter. C. Stan Allen has been selected as official announcer on account of his superior vocal talent. He has accepted. "Secretary Donly will drop up here in a couple of weeks from Simcoe to give us assistance or advice in our work. "Then again we already have two entries, John and Harley Davidson, have announced themselves against all records.

"What's to be done as far as the city generally is concerned?"

"Well, the meet is now no longer a bicycle club affair. It is a citizens' undertaking. We will have to draft out various committees embracing numerous citizens, whether they are bicyclists or not.

"We also have to get out an official souvenir, containing the program of the races, sketches of the city, and advertisements. These have to be sent to every club in Canada. Our greatest expense now will be in the erection of a new grand stand and in advertising. We have to begin at once advertising this meet broadcast over the Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"You might mention that the Wanderers, of Toronto, have already promised to bring up a band with them and come in force. The Wanderers treated us like princes down there. You never saw anything like it. They are sending up a man here a few days to make the necessary arrangements for them.

"Everybody seems pleased at our victory. Why, as soon as the figures got out I received telegrams of congratulation not only from Chatham but from Montreal, Quebec, Winnipeg and a dozen other places. In connection with our visit to Toronto there is an impression in some quarters that the money already subscribed was used to defray the expenses of the party. This is not so. With the exception of the two delegates sent by the C. C. every man paid every cent of his own expenses.

President Stephenson and Secretary Cairns speak very highly of the courteous treatment accorded them by the C. P. R. Passenger Agent McPherson, of Toronto, Mr. Williams, of London, and ex-Ald. Harper, of this city, were indefatigable in looking after the comforts of the travellers, and requests for special trains both ways were promptly met and granted. To the return special even sleepers were attached for the convenience of the excursionists, but it is unnecessary to say sleeping cars were superfluous.

THE ASSOCIATION.

It Has Become a Powerful Body in a Very Short Time.

The Globe.

Well, it is all over and the wheelmen can go to their homes and think of the good time that is in store for them or the occasion of the annual pollution, which will be celebrated in Chatham on July 1st. So large and imposing a body has the Canadian Wheelmen's Association grown to be that the old-timers, and they were greatly in evidence at the annual meeting, can hardly believe that it was once the small insignificant organization that they started on its career 15 years ago, and which required to be nursed and looked after as carefully as a mother tends her babe, so that the spark of life, which at times was rather feeble, should not be extinguished completely. The increase in membership of the association has been remarkable in the extreme. In 1880 there were barely a thousand cyclists who sported the emblem of the C. W. A., but in 1897 the association had more than trebled its

membership, boasting of 3,573 members in good standing. In the short space of three years the body had almost doubled again in size, the list showing that 6,566 wheelmen had become fully entitled to the advantages of belonging to an association which protects their interests. But what a change the past cycling year has evolved; not only has the association increased in bulk, but it has almost attained to the 10,000 mark, the membership reaching the high total of 9,380, a gain on the year of 2,820. There were 67 clubs with accredited delegates at the last annual meeting, just 31 short of the number that were represented at yesterday's gathering, an even century of clubs having sent along members to look after their interests. The wheelmen of the country wield an immense influence, and the time is not far off when they will be prominent in every political struggle of any importance. The convention was the most important in many respects that has ever been held by the C. W. A. Probably the adoption of Mr. C. W. Wells' provincial meet scheme was the greatest piece of business that was put through. The change did not find favor with some of the old heads, but there is no doubt that it was desired by the rank and file of the wheeling association. It will not go into operation until next year, when there will be two meet-ings—one for the provincial article and the other for the honor of running the national championships.

Chatham developed most unexpected strength and literally swamped their opponents, securing 5,097 of the votes cast. They deserved their success, as they have been working like Trojans to secure the prize for the last six months. The defeat of A. O. Hurst and A. E. Walton, of Toronto, by T. A. Beaumont in the provincial article, and the election of Chatham to the chairmanship of the racing board was not altogether unexpected. The new controller of racing affairs is a member of long standing in the association, and there is no doubt that he will worthily fill the shoes, large as they are, of his immediate predecessor, Mr. George H. Orr, who yesterday was elevated into a higher office, that of president of the association.

For the vice-presidency, Mr. C. W. Wells, of Waterloo, had a walk-over. Though it was not brought out at the meeting, it is very probable that the rights and privileges committee will have a representative from each province, with E. B. Ryckman as chairman. The speeches of the various delegates were of a very high standard, and in respect to oratory the C. W. A. does not take a back seat to any body. It was made manifest in a most emphatic manner that the association intends to fight the railways on the bicycle baggage matter to the bitter end, and they have already enlisted many members of parliament on their side.

LITTLE CRACKS.

What is being said here and there about the fight.

Chatham has won in the big contest for the next Canadian wheelmen's meet. The case is another of the early bird capturing the worm.—Montreal Gazette.

Montreal Witness—Chatham got the meeting by an overwhelming majority—and deserved it.

Quebec Mercury—Chatham developed unexpected strength, and literally swamped their opponents.

Brookville Times—The meet at Chatham, Brantford and London were beaten by 4,000.

While the London boys fought liquids, and the Brantford lads did treat.

The "Yellow Kids" from Chatham town got the winner and won the meet.

—London News.

St. Thomas Journal—The Maple City was in the front. . . . It got the prize in the easiest sort of fashion.

Hamilton Spectator—In the fight for the C. W. A. meet, which took place at Toronto yesterday, Chatham, the Maple City, distanced all its rivals, and on July 1, the wheelmen will travel to the west. Chatham was first in the field and was well home by its enterprising citizens, and it deserved the plum—although the same is about all that is left the way meets are conducted now. It costs more to secure the meet than it does to conduct the affair.

Sarnia Observer—David McKenzie returned this morning from Toronto, where he had been attending the C. W. A. annual meeting. Dave reports that Chatham was the hottest kind of favorite from the start, and although Brantford received fair support, London was not in it for a moment. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed when the result of the vote became known.

Peterborough Examiner—Chatham in a walk.

Ottawa Citizen—Chatham was the only town seriously in it, and deserved to win.

The handsome suits worn by the City Band on their recent trip to Toronto were made by the T. H. Taylor Co., out of goods of their own manufacture. The boys say they are in every way satisfied with their uniforms.

The Globe: And the rumor went around that Chatham Cairns had ordered a No. 10 hat. As a worker and hustler his equal is not to be found in wheeling circles. The success of the Maple City was mainly attributed to his exertions.

The Mail: Now that the fight is over, and a member of the C. W. A. but will compliment the good folk of Chatham on their glorious victory. For, mind you, while the wheelmen of

the town bore the brunt of the struggle, the citizens backed them up in the most approved fashion, and this knowledge lent additional impetus to the efforts of "the boys." The latter left no stone unturned to secure—honestly and squarely, of course—their hearts' desire. They advertised extensively the charms of the town; improved their bicycle track, and guaranteed to do anything further in this connection that the association thought proper; and finally sent down to Toronto a delegation composed of rattling, good fellows—men who knew what they wanted and were determined to get it.

RAH FOR CHATHAM!

Toronto Star: "Rah for Chatham! These yellow kids, they didn't do a thing but swipe that C. W. A. meet, Chatham beating London and Brantford in a walk. . . . Nearly all the Chatham delegates remained in town last night and enjoyed themselves. Their colors and yellow kids were to be seen in all parts of the city. At midnight an impromptu show was given on the asphalt pavement on Bay street. A wandering minstrel had been corralled, and to the music of his battered harp, the victorious Westerners executed a war dance.

BOTHWELL IN LINE.

Bothwell, April 19.—(Special)—Congratulations, Chatham, on your noble victory over Brantford and London for the C. W. A. meet. It is something that not only Chatham should feel proud of, but the whole of Western Ontario, and it now becomes the duty of the entire west to unite in one common effort to make this meet the grandest success in the C. W. A.'s history. Bothwell is with you, Chatham.

SOUR GRAPES.

Notes and Comments From the Brantford Press.

Guess those verses quivered Brantford. Well, we licked the Forest City anyway.

Who wanted the blamed old meet anyway.

Chatham seems to have been pretty well geared.

Brantford appears to have been Chatham's meat into the bargain.

It seems to be a case of C. W. A. having refused to meet Miss Brantford.

They say a search warrant has been secured for the purpose of finding London.

There can be no doubt whatever that there is quite an easterly feeling in the air.

Brantford may be suffering from a puerile, but the London machine had to be carted home in an ambulance.

Now the inhabitants of London will gather round the village pump each evening and explain how it all happened.

Brantford's Easter egg was added, but London's was so much worse that the people there have been forced to take to the woods.

Why should London, Brantford, Chatham or any other place be forced to pay tribute to Toronto in order to get a C. W. A. meet?

Chatham has the cycly feeling; Brantford the bi-sickly and London the tri-sickly. Poor old Lunan, we drop a tear of sympathy down your back.

The idea of Chatham winning seems

all the more preposterous when it is remembered that Brantford has more bicyclists than Chatham has population. If it happens to be wet weather at the time of the Chatham meet they'll have to put derricks on both sides of the roads in order to lift the wheelmen out of the mud.

TWO BAD FALLS.

On Saturday afternoon as the last Blenheim train was pulling out of the Union station an accident happened which might easily have been attended with serious consequences, and which should prove a warning against getting off trains in motion—particularly getting off backward. A woman who had got aboard the Blenheim train by mistake learned of it after the cars were moving out. Coming to the rear platform, she swung off backward before anyone could prevent. She fell, striking her head heavily upon the platform and was removed, dazed, to the waiting room. She was not much injured. A short time before this a farmer, in attempting to board the Blenheim train, missed the steps and fell in a heap between the train and the platform. He was not hurt. Both these falls were the result of carelessness.

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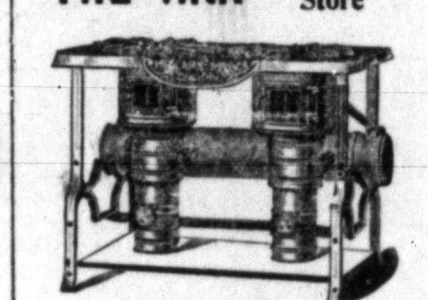
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