

Miss Florence Creed.

The subject of this sketch is well known to almost every bicycle rider who for the past few years has attended the C.W.A. and other large meets. Although now a modest and pretty young lady, yet some five years ago she was looked upon as the Wanderers' especial pride, and they all swore by their "little Gypsie."

Riding a tricycle in 1886 and Comet safety in 1889, she can hold securely the title as the "Pioneer Canadian lady rider." It was in the spring of 1887 that this neat little lady appeared at the head of the parade in Woodstock, on a tricycle, attired in a costume of grey cloth trimmed with black. The sight of this rider took the people by storm, and many were the compliments she modestly received.

At all the meets, St. Catharines, Belleville, Brantford, Montreal, Ottawa, etc., she was the observed of all. Even the captain who rode behind her was scarcely noticed. On one occasion the Wanderers won a club competition by "one man." Little Gyp was in the parade and counted, and the rest of the club were so enthused with the idea of their favorite winning for them, that nothing too good was said in her praise.

During the season of 1888, she rode in several invitation races, and was the proud possessor of three handsome medals at the close of the season. In 1889 she mastered the first ladies' safety, a Comet, and surprised everybody not only for her speed and endurance, but with the graceful ease with which she rode. There is no doubt but that several lady riders in the city to-day received their first notion of riding from a view of Miss Creed as she rode around the city. At Ottawa she rode in two races, winning them both, and added two more gold medals to her collection. Later on, during the same year, she captured another race at the exhibition and received a valuable prize.

In 1890, at the meet at Hamilton, seated in front of Champion Ross, they won a tandem race. During that year she appeared in all the large parades, but forsook racing altogether. In company with her uncle, Mr. Fane, who all along has been her mentor, she took some long tours, and would think nothing of riding fifty miles.

This year she is associated with a ladies' club, and is looked upon as one of their best and most experienced riders. In company with "Papa" Fane, Dr. Doolittle and others, she rode a hundred miles, and qualified as

the first lady to receive the Century Club pin. It is said that during the last twenty five miles in the rain, Papa and the doctor were very tired and wet, while the lady, getting chilled at their slowness, started out and arrived an hour before the others.

Miss Creed, as said before, is now a full grown young lady, but many of the old club riders still refer to her familiarly as "Gypsie." In the early days when the sight of one of the gentle sex on a bicycle would lead the uneducated to pass a sarcastic remark, the whole club were prepared to dismount and stand up for their little favorite, so great was her popularity. However, a few years have altered the Wanderers' little lady, and, as she rides by with a party of other young ladies, one would hardly think that the modest young lady bears the title of "Pioneer lady rider of Canada."

WANDERER "OR."

At Springfield, Ill., on July 4, L. D. Munger made the half mile competition in 1.05½.

An Australian has made a geared ordinary with a hub which he invented at the time the "Kangaroo" first started the safety reign.

The cash prize question is again coming to the front in L. A. W. politics, but we trust only to make its annual appearance and fall back to its old place.

At Hartford, on the 5th inst, H. B. Arnold lowered the quarter mile competition record to 33 seconds, and P. J. Berlo made the half with pacemakers in 1.05½.

The Forest City B. C. were in hard luck, as they found, when too late to be changed, that Kilties and bicycles would not combine, so they left their wheels at home.

The Deer Park *Recorder* contains a list of convictions published by the Clerk of the Peace, and on looking it over we find that nine of these victims are bicyclists, of whom some are club members. The prosecutor in each case was George Bushy, C. C.

In order to impress upon politicians the number and influence of cyclists, Messrs. Mackenzie & Co., of Glasgow, made the following announcement: "Cycling supporters of the Unionist cause in Glasgow, and especially those in the Central District, will have the front seat of the Columba pneumatic-tired tandem put at their disposal, and be conveyed to and from the poll, by sending a post card stating time to be called for to A. S. Ross, 86 Mitchell Street."