

BICYCLE NEWS.

Fred T. Merrill has a good starter for a bicycle museum, in the shape of two old-fashioned wooden wheels. They were made by hand, and were procured from E. Curran of Forest Grove. They have the appearance of having been carved out with a jack-knife, but are put together in a highly ingenious manner. The "ordinary," the first style of bicycle invented, and now long obsolete, is a curiosity. It is somewhat cumbersome, but capable of doing good work on level and even roads. The 1902 model wheel is the special pet of Jessie Swannigan, who rides it in all the parades.

A number of Portland bicycle riders will compete in the races to be held at Salem Sunday, June 1, on the occasion of the excursion of the Federated Trades Assembly from this city. At the last meet, "Keg" Barrell of the East Side, Fred Merrill's fast rider, took off most of the honors. He will endeavor to repeat the operation.

Head Bicycle Tax Collector N. C. Oviatt states that up to date about 1000 license tags have been sold. Over 900 have been disposed of from the Sheriff's office at the Courthouse, and the remainder were taken by one of the local stores.

If the fine weather continues next week the Sheriff will likely put out a number of special deputies to seize unlicensed wheels. The officials were severely blamed last year for sending deputies out on the paths too early in the season, when not many riders were out and the seizures were consequently few. Although the tax became delinquent April 1, the Sheriff has been waiting for the paths to get in good shape before starting his men out.

Nothing has been heard lately of the California man's project of putting in a bicycle meet track in this city. Negotiations for the old Portland track on the East Side were in progress, but failed to come to a head. The bicycle fraternity of Portland is hoping that this matter will not be dropped, as the inauguration of a first class meeting track would mean much for the sportsmen and those interested in bicycle events in this city.

ROSEBURG.

(Journal Special Service.)

ROSEBURG, May 24.—Fire just a little after midnight last night completely destroyed Joseph Smith's livery stable with all its contents, entailing a loss of about \$4000, with but \$1500 insurance. Within the structure were 10 head of horses and 10 to 15 wagons, as well as a large quantity of grain and hay, all of which was entirely consumed.

Sheriff Parrott, with the assistance of Deputy C. L. Hadley, took to Salem this morning Douglas County's consignment of criminals to the Oregon State Penitentiary. The number included James V. Ware, Harry Granell, Dan Saunders, Thomas Linn and Robert Roney.

The grand jury's report to Judge Hamilton indicates that a thorough investigation was made into the shooting of T. C. Owen by Frank Reed, although no definite action was taken. The jury failed to return an indictment.

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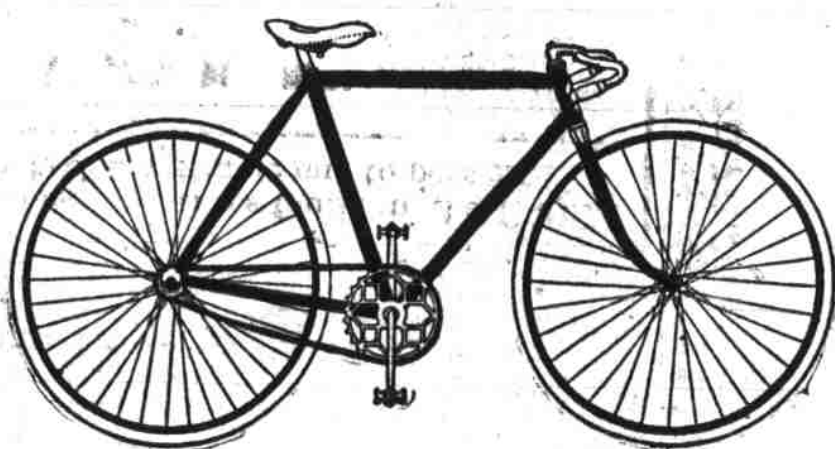
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