

### BIKE NOTES

#### Official Cycling Dates.

Cycling events of the near future for which sanctions have been granted are announced as follows:

August 30, Baltimore, Md.—Curbstone Wheelmen's 10 miles handicap road race, Mace's avenue course.

September 7, Milwaukee, Wis.—25 miles handicap road race; open.

September 7, Denver, Col.—Ten miles open handicap race over Mountview boulevard.

September 11, Springfield, Mass.—Two motorcycle events at Wilbraham mountain hill climb.

#### A Long Cycling Tour.

All the men who are cycling out into the west to take position on the big ranches reach their destination, they are liable to bear the labor market heavily. The latest rider reported is F. T. Inman, of Decatur, Ill., who is headed for Aberdeen, S. D. Mr. Inman was halfway through Iowa this week, and going strong. He is an experienced traveler, and has been engaged in railroad Y. M. C. A. work in St. Louis and Chicago. Although he now intends to help harvest some South Dakota crops, it is quite probable that he will continue to the farther west if the roads are good. The best thing about riding west for a job is that if no work is in sight, a cycle tour of several weeks is one of the finest braces, physically, that any man could receive.

#### Rival Cycles in Relay Race.

Some fast work is expected as the result of a novel relay race to be held between the two leading cycling clubs of Springfield, Ill. The clubs have been rivals all this year, and it is now proposed to make a test of each club's riders in a race to deliver a message from the mayor of Springfield to the mayor of Decatur. The mile relays will probably be run, though from the numbers of riders who are anxious to participate, it is possible that this short distance may be somewhat reduced. It is probable that A. J. Deiter, the old-time star at the racing game, holder of the five-mile championship of the city of Springfield, and several times winner of the old Fogarty cup for good racing will take one end of the ride for the Capital City Cycling Club, and that Nash McCrea, holder of several championships for cycle racing in Illinois and Missouri, will take the other end.

#### The Lakeside Cycle Track.

J. M. Chapman, who has furnished the cycling sport for the past three years at the Saltair track, has the franchise for the new Denon track, and is now deciding upon the appropriate site. According to present plans, the new track will be located at Lakeside, and it will be an up-to-date, ten-lap saucer. It will be in a circuit composed of Salt Lake City, Ogden, Utah and Los Angeles tracks, which means that it will be supplied with the very

best riding talent in the country. In addition to the circuit work it is probable that a six-day race will be arranged for a date during the coming winter.

#### Bicycle Racing Again Popular.

"Bicycle racing," says the Philadelphia Record, "the sport which at one time held the interest of the general public much as baseball does now, has been showing a remarkably healthy increase in public favor during the past two years, and especially so throughout the present season. The promoters have thus far been amply repaid for their enterprise, as some of the tracks are running weekly and bi-weekly meets, evenings and Sunday afternoons, to an attendance of from 4000 to 7000 persons. The enthusiasm of the crowds augurs well for the sport, as the carefully selected card of events is invariably well filled and results in close and exciting finishes in practically every heat and race. The riders, too, both professional and amateur, are without exception, as classy and representative bunch as have ridden anywhere during the past ten years. Although many of the professionals and nearly all of the amateurs are new to the old followers of the game, there still remains in active competition a number of the former whose names were known all over the country in the heyday of cycling, such as Nat Butler, Frank L. Kramer, Willie Fenn, Floyd Krebs and others, to gether with a dozen or more European riders, representing France, Germany, Denmark and Italy. Bicycle road racing has also come in for its share of popularity."

#### Oiled Bicycle Roads Spoil Bicycle Tires

The effort to find some substance that will prevent the dust nuisance, has brought out a number of protests, particularly from bicycle riders in New England cities, where considerable experimenting has been done with oil sprinkled on the highways. Bicyclists having occasion to use their wheels a great deal on the oiled streets find that their tires are soon rendered useless. The reason why the oil has not yet brought out as many protests from automobile owners, it is explained, is because the automobiles cover a great deal more territory, and the majority of the highways have not as yet been given the new treatment.

#### Collins' Great Race.

By winning the 25-mile motor-paced championship at the Newark Velodrome, Elmer Collins has further strengthened his place as a top notcher, and will be matched with National Champion Hugh McLean, in a special series of paced races for this season's championship. His defeat of Moran and Bedell, followed a few days later by beating McLean and Butler, was regarded in some quarters largely as a matter of luck falling Collins' way. But the decisive defeat of Root and Moran a few evenings afterward leaves no doubt in the minds of any students of form, that Collins is a remarkable

rider. Root was beaten by nearly half a lap, Moran, as the result of a spill, wound up a mile and four laps behind the winner. Collins' time was 39:43 4-5.

#### Rode In From the Misty Past.

Broadway was amazed, a few days ago, by the sight of an old man, with a flowing white beard, gravely navigating that crowded thoroughfare on an old-fashioned high wheel of the vintage of two decades ago. The rider piloted his bicycle skillfully among the press of trucks and automobiles, and sat on his high perch as unconcerned as if he were over the handle bars, and the small wheel behind kept singularly free of the car slot and other traps. As the strange rider was clad in a white line duster and a tall white hat, some of the spectators were inclined to believe that they beheld a veritable specter—the ghost of some old-time rider who was taking a little constitutional and forgot to throw a screen of invisibility about himself. However, he disappeared, bound south from Herald Square, and that's all that anyone seems to know about him.

#### The Swift and Cheap Motorcycle.

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