IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Tennis and Golf Are the Games of the East This Year.

SIOUX CITY REGATTA A GREAT SUCCESS

Considerable Speculation as to Outcome of the International Yacht Races Which Will Be Run Off This Fall.

If steady training on the part of the riders is any indication, the races on the 29th at the Athletic park of the Young Men's Christian association will be fast and close. The local riders still feel very spunky about the way the men from Lincoln scooped in the prizes at the last meet. If any riders from outside of the city expect to take home any prizes or glory after the meet next Saturday, they must make up their minds to earn all they get. Every night for the last two weeks the Omaha boys have been getting themselves in shape for the contest. The Kearney Cycle club will be represented by Cummings and Zimmerman, who feel confident that they have some spurts which will surprise the Omaha men. Lincoln will not be satisfied with a delegation of two, but is expecting to have a string of riders on the track to hold the honors which it won so easily on the 4th. The Council Bluffs men are also planning a little surprise party, and claim they have the "lead pipe cinch" on the mile open and the two-mile tandem races. One thing is sure, there will be some good hot races on the new track next Saturday afternoon.

The fifteenth annual regatta of the Iowa State Amateur Rowing association was held at Sioux City last week. Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque and Sioux City had crews entered, but Council Bluffs, Ottumwa and Clear Lake, the other members of the association, were not represented.

The races were given by the Riverside Boat club of Sioux City, and through the indefatigable efforts of its efficient president, Constant R. Marks, who is also president of the state association, were a success in every particular.

Sioux City has two boat clubs. On the first night the visitors were entertained with a water carnival and impromptu dance by the Riverside club, and on the second night by a regular regatta hop given by the Sioux City club in its elegant club house.

Dr. W. S. McDowell was present at the regatta and rowed a few exhibition races, but made no remarkable time. Sioux City has a splendid place for holding these affairs and also for the pleasure of its club members. At this time of the year when the water in the Missouri is high it forms a sort of a dam to the Sioux river, which makes the latter very wide and navigable for about thirty-five miles. Around the club house a veritable Coney island has been built up, where all kinds of "Midway" shows are run, and as it is only about four miles from town, with a 5-cent motor fare, it is packed every evening. One of the boating clubs has six bowling alleys, and the other has four. Considerable interest has been worked up in this pleasant and profitable sport. Cement tennis courts are also provided.

Many noted oarsmen were present at the regatta, and acted as judges and starters, and the regatta was conducted in a first-class manner throughout.

As a health exerciser golf has no superior. It appeals alike to both sexes. Women golfers are almost as good experts as the men. The game can be played in all seasons, but the summer and fall are undoubtedly the most suitable and popular seasons. No physical deformities can result from playing golf, for one uses the legs in walking over miles of rough ground, and the arms and body in swinging the clubs to give a good ringing blow to the ball. Probably more muscles are brought into play in golf than any other popular game. The amount of exertion can be proportioned to the strength of the individual, and it is only the foolish who exhaust themselves in golfing.

In playing the game one comes into direct contact with nature, and the study of hillside and hollow, of swamp and pasture, of hedge and wood, becomes a second nature to the expert golfer. This aesthetic culture that comes indirectly from playing golf is not the least important element of the game. The training of the eye to measure distances and of the muscles to strike the blow evenly and with the proper force belongs to the benefits that each player may derive from this game.

The challenge match for the middle states championship at lawn tennis marks a new era in the history of the game. For the last five years or so the same men, Larned and Wrenn, have been winning everything, and have proved absolutely invincible so far as the younger generation is concerned. The pair were away at war last summer with the Rough Riders, and in their absence, Mack Whitman, one of the younger men, won the championship. It was an open question then among the best informed as to whether his play had improved much or whether his success was solely due to the absence of the cracks. Last Monday he beat Larned decisively, three sets to one, in their first match since Whitman won the championship, and it was fully demonstrated that he is now fully up to the leaders.

Young Dwight Davis' success in the Middle States tournament also demonstrates that Whitman is not the only one of the younger men who is in the class of the best now. Davis has not Whitman's steadiness nor his marvelous control of the ball, but he has speed to burn, a feature—probably the only one—that the champion lacks.

One extenuation can be pleaded in Larned's favor; he has not played enough yet this season to reach his true form, as he has been playing golf most of the spring. Still, Whitman had a considerable margin to spare on Monday and it is doubtful if Larned can improve enough between now and Newport to outclass him again as he used to.

The Canadian championship brought Whitman once more into prominence, and the champion has astonished the tennis world by his determination to play through the events of the season, despite the fact that he holds the blue ribbon of the American courts. It is unquestionably very sportsmanlike and democratic for the champion to thus stand open at all times to meet all comers, and not hide behind his title and avoid defeat, but American precedent is all against this method of procedure. A few have criticised the champion as a "mug hunter" for his course, and the opinions of the experts seem to be divided on the point.

"What's in a name?" A great deal sometimes, and it is to be hoped that the solution will not make us lose faith in the belief. When Mr. Iselin chose the name "Columbia" for his new yacht he selected one which is highly respected in the annals of American yachting. Back in 1871, when James Asbury of the Royal Harwich Yacht club was struggling in the toils of an America's cup race, his schooner, the Livonia, could be opposed, if the defenders thought it advisable, by a different yacht each morning. The centerboard schooner Columbia, owned by Franklin Osgoode, was chosen for the first contest and a more sweeping victory than the American gained that day has never been recorded in the annals of international yachting.

The two boats raced off Sandy Hook and when the Livonia crossed the finish line the Columbia had been home twenty-seven minutes and four seconds. The next day the Livonia raced the Columbia again and something like ten minutes was the Columbia's winning margin. The third race saw the last of the American yacht, although it was through no fault of its skipper that it was beaten. Its steering gear gave way while out on the course and the Livonia scored its only success. The Sappho succeeded the Columbia as defender of the cup and in the next two races lost the Livonia in the offing.

After twenty-eight years the old Columbia has been succeeded by the new. Yachtsmen in 1871 would probably have stood aghast had a vision of the present Columbia been presented to their view, so different from those of the present were their ideas of yacht construction, but it is doubtful whether the Iselin Columbia will be able to defeat the Shamrock in the same proportion that the Osgoode double-sticker vanquished the Livonia. The only thing that is bothering the superstitious in the repetition of names is the breaking of the steering gear on the old Columbia. If the new yacht emulates the example of its honored ancestor in that respect the result will be disastrous, as there is no Sappho to take the Columbia's place as there was in 1871. Yachtsmen find solace in the belief that all possible accidents are befalling the Columbia now and the supply, it is hoped, will run short before October.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., July 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Reports from all parts of the eastern portion of the state tell of the unusually large number of prairie chickens, insuring rare sport for hunters next fall. The season has been a favorable one for these game birds, as the frequent rains made the growth of grass and weeds so abundant that the chickens were protected during the hatching period from hawks and other birds which are accustomed to prey upon young chickens before they leave their nests. This year the rank growth of grass afforded secure hiding places and the result will be that chicken hunters will next fall have better sport than for several years. There is a general disposition throughout the state to see that the new game law is fully enforced until September 1, when the open season for prairie chickens commences. Game wardens appointed under the new law will also strictly enforce the law and any one caught shooting or trapping prairie chickens prior to September 1 will be promptly and vigorously prosecuted. Owing to this disposition hunters from outside states, who will be required to pay a license of $10 each for the privilege of hunting in South Dakota, need have no fear that all the chickens will have been killed by local hunters by September 1, when the killing of chickens will be permitted by law. It is said that fully fifty Sioux City hunters will come to the state shortly prior to September 1 and take out hunters' licenses. Sportsmen from Wisconsin, Illinois and other states will also come to South Dakota for their customary fall sport of chicken hunting.

ALFRED BURKHOLDER.

The announcement of the Denver horse show and the Mountain and Plain festival is out and is a very handsome thing. The Denver festival of Mountain and Plain is similar to our Ak-Sar-Ben week, and this year they are broadening out by adding the horse show, which the following letter will explain:

"The committee of arrangements beg to announce that under the auspices of the management of the Mountain and Plain festival, which will occur in Denver September 25 to 30, both inclusive, a horse show will be given on the last two days. It is the intention to make this event strictly high-class and conduct it after the manner of such entertainments now given annually in eastern cities. Its purpose is to bring together the best possible exhibits of high-class horses and fashionable turn-outs, to compete for prizes under such rules as usually govern exhibits of this kind.

"The entries in certain classes will be restricted to the territory circumscribed by the limits of the Festival of Mountain and Plain, which embrace Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and Montana, but a number of classes will be arranged, which shall be open from all parts of the United States. No entry fees will be charged and in the open classes cash prizes will be offered, while in the restricted ones cash and trophies of different kinds will be given. Judges of all classes will be experts from abroad.

"It is the intention to make the horse show one of the prominent, interesting and edifying features of Denver's next great carnival, and to this end every effort will be made. Premium lists, rules and entry blanks are now being prepared and will be distributed by mail at the earliest possible date.

Questions and Answers.

WATERLOO, Neb., July 19.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Who holds the Kansas City Star cup and when was it last won?—Subscriber.

Ans.—J. A. R. Elliott won the Kansas City Star cup from Champion Fred Gilbert at Chicago, April 26, 1898. Score, 90 to 86. Defended it against Rolla O. Heikes at Kansas City, May 7, 1898. Score, 94 to 93. Won final possession of this cup at Kansas City, May 21, by a clean score of 25, and still he can't beat Parmelee.

CODY, Neb., July 17.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In playing a game of ball can we change position of players, commencing at a new inning?—Cody Ball Team.

Ans.—Any time.

ABOUT HORSES AND HORSEMEN

John R. Gentry Goes the Fastest Mile of the Season at the Recent Detroit Meet.

Hedrick, Ia., is to have a four days' trotting meet that promises to eclipse any previous effort in that part of the state. During the four days' racing twelve purses of $1,000 each will be contested for, besides numerous smaller purses. The secretary, A. M. Utterback, writes that the racing will be excellent, and that the number of horses entered will be a record-breaker. In the 2:23 trot of the first day, Tuesday, August 8, there are already forty-three entries, and these large fields insure a successful meet.

There are 542 horses named in the twelve stakes for the Lexington fall races, an average of over forty-five to each stake, by far the highest average obtained by any association, none others reaching forty. The list is a credit alike to the association and to the horsemen who made it.

John R. Gentry, the pacer who held the world's record until Star Pointer covered the same distance in better than two minutes, is again going at top speed and his owner confidently believes that before the season is over the bay son of Ashland Wilkes will have wrested back the championship record. On Tuesday, at Highland park, in Detroit, the famous pacer was set to the task of beating 2:02, but although he failed, his effort under the circumstances was a creditable one and it was moreover the fastest mile of the year up to date. Gentry was set up as a drawing card at the Highland park meeting in a special race against time and the grounds were crowded as a result. The footing was none too good and to make him finish as well as he did his driver, William Andrews, had to rate him along carefully. The stallion paced the mile in 2:02¾, but some parts of the distance were traveled at a pace which, if it had been uniform throughout, would have clipped a full second from Star Pointer's mark and made the record about 1:59. The finish of the race was an exciting one, even though the pacer had no running mate to struggle against. Andrews got him going along in splendid shape after the sixth furlong had been covered and from the three-quarter-mile post to the end the pacer made a spurt in 0:29¾. The time for the race by quarters was 0:31, 1:01½, 1:33, 2:02¾.

MEN OF THE ROD AND GUN

Anglers Enjoy Themselves at Lake Okoboji, a Favorite Resort for Omaha People.

"How's the wind, commodore?"

"So' by so'-east, ha'-point so'."

"And if it doesn't change during the night I'll take you Omaha boys to more fish than you can take home with you."

And as the wind did not change, true to his word the commodore of the Okoboji club, Fred Ballou, took the crowd aboard his beautiful sailing craft, Clara, and, with a couple of boats in tow for trolling purposes, and with a well filled larder and several cold "bots," we made an early start for the promised fish.

With a good, stiff breeze, and with full sail, the Clara simply flew over the white caps and in a short time we were nearing the grounds that our guide had chosen. "Two can take a boat and some frogs, go over by those weeds and cast for bass, and if they don't strike, I'll lose my guess. Two more take the other boat and go to yonder bay and troll for pickerel, while I take the others over to this pike hole, and see what we can do." The writer and Harry Burkley were in the pickerel boat and the stories of the fish we caught and those we did not catch would fill a volume. The largest fish of the day was an eight-pound pickerel which Harry succeeded in landing after nearly upsetting the boat several times, but with the skill of the splendid fisherman which Burkley is, Mr. Fish was duly landed and photographed and a fine specimen he was.

Thirty-seven pike were caught and only two black bass and a large number of croppies and perch, making in all a very fair catch for these waters.

Okoboji is a beautiful lake, with a steady south breeze, which blows right across the water, keeping the dwellers on the north shore cool all the while. It is an ideal place for those seeking a vacation and rest. The hotels are filled principally with people from Omaha and Des Moines, and with fishing, sailing, dancing and listening to music, all are enjoying a quiet rest, free from the cares and toils of the business world.

Here few notice the daily papers with their chronicles of the happenings of the outside world and business men forget all cares and let their mail pile up untouched, not caring to be disturbed in the quiet happiness which all enjoy. Many steamboats ply the lakes and there are also numerous sail boats and launches owned by private parties.

The regular meeting of the Hickory Gun club was held Sunday, July 16, at the grounds of the old Dupont Gun club. The score at twenty targets was: Bauman, 19; Rissi, 13; Neve, 11; Gommers, 10; Doll, 8; O. Johnson, 10; H. Vetten, 7. These shoots are held each Sunday at the old Dupont grounds.

T. W. Austin and A. A. McClure spent three days of last week at Langdon, making a good catch of croppies and bass.

Harry V. Burkley, H. P. Sutorius, Ernst and Will Zitzman and C. L. Thomas returned on Friday from Okoboji, where they have been enjoying life and catching fish with the rest of the Omaha colony. They brought back about fifty pounds of pickerel and pike for their friends.

Fred Metz and Dr. Swoboda are having fine sport at Quinnebaugh.

R. C. Howe, George W. Bowers and J. R. Banker of Armour's, at South Omaha, left Friday for Lake Madison, Minn., to get some of the fish of this famous lake.

The Winchester Gun club was organized July 20 and the following officers were elected: President, Olof Johnson; vice president, John Schmelzer; secretary, Dan Geelus; treasurer, Ed Doll; captain, J. C. Johnson; lieutenant, John Bouman. The club will shoot every Sunday at East Omaha and the headquarters will be Omaha Sporting Goods company's store.

Champion Dick Kimball made a straight score on English sparrows at the regular shoot across the river last week, killing fifteen straight, his nearest opponents being Loomis and Reed, 13; Parmelee and Grant, 12.

The Dupont Gun club will hold its regular shoot at the grounds across the river this week.

Mr. McDonald, father of the sheriff, and Henry McDonald, have gone to the sand hills to break in some dogs for the fall shoot and incidentally to get a few plover.

Clyde Baumgardner of The Bee caught two nice strings of croppies and bass at Cut Off lake last week. Fishing is good there and the croppies are nice enough fish for the most fastidious.

Charles T. Johnson brought in a nice string of pickerel and black bass from Florence lake Friday. He reports the fish as biting voraciously at minnows and spoon hooks.

Ben Van Tyle, a ranchman of Colorado City, Tex., came up to visit W. D. Townsend and the exposition. He says that in Texas quail were never more plentiful than this year, but that there are no chickens.

W. F. Church has returned from a fishing outing at Langdon, Mo. He caught forty-two bass.

PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS

Terry McGovern Has Been Matched to Fight Pedlar Palmer of England This Fall.

Terry McGovern made a match of considerable interest last week when he signed articles of agreement to fight Pedlar Palmer, the undisputed 116-pound champion of England, before the Westchester Athletic club for a purse of $10,000.

McGovern's career has extended over the brief period of two years, but even this limited experience has fitted him to cope with any of the top-sawyers of his class. His manager, Harris, was set on making the weight 118 pounds, but Palmer, through his representative, Dr. Ordway, held out for two pounds of weight, and the lads are to scale at 116 at the ringside. Two wee, meager pounds seem a trifle to bring into dispute in the eyes of the average layman unfamiliar with the inside affairs of the stuffed-mitt sport, but in ye London ring rule days feather and bantamweights brought one lone pound into the ring as the bone of contention, while the boxer who held out for the extra pound of flesh would stay off for months to gain his point.

Mace always figured that one or two pounds of weight on the frames of feathers and bantams often proved the winning factor, if the science of boxing was evenly distributed between them. In taking up arms against Palmer, the manager of McGovern showed unbounded confidence in the plucky, scrappy Terry, who must divest himself of those slaughter-house ethics that are in vogue at the Broadway club. The rough and ready brushes that come of fighting into and out of a clinch will not be tolerated at the Westchester club, and the McGovern-Palmer articles specify that the men must part clean from a clinch and refrain from hugging, or elbowing, gouging and other infantile tactics as are sometimes permitted on this side.

McGovern is a pocket edition of Bob Fitzsimmons. He fights in much the same style as Fitz and is willing to take a blow to hand one. He is one of the hardest hitters for his size in the ring today, a fact which will be realized when it is known that most of his victories have been knockouts. He is as game as the gamest known to pugilistic history. He is what we call a great ring general, sagacious, knowing and ever on the alert to land a knockout blow. He is very aggressive and forces matters whenever possible or deemed prudent under the circumstances.

CHESS.

The following games have been completed in the Nebraska correspondence tournament: In section A, H. B. Hammond won a queen's gambit declined from T. N. Hartzell in forty moves, and Lee Edwards a French defense from N. Hald in twenty-three moves. In section B, C. Q. De France, in a Ruy Lopez with F. W. Biddle, at the thirty-seventh move announced mate in forty-two moves; and R. E. Brega lost an Evans gambit declined to A. Powell, the latter mating on the twenty-sixth move. In section C, J. M. Crosby lost a K B game to N. G. Griffin in thirteen moves, Mr. Griffin having a mate at hand in four moves. Thus far thirty-three games have been completed in the three sections.

The score of the fourteenth game completed in the Nebraska Chess association second correspondence tournament, between H. B. Hammond of Wymore and A. Rasmussen of South Omaha, both in section A, is as follows:

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

White—Hammond.	Black—Rasmussen.
1—P-Q 4	1—P-Q 4.
2—P-Q B 4.	2—P-K 3.
3—Kt-Q B 4.	3—Kt-K B 3.
4—B-K Kt 5.	4—B-K 2.
5—Kt-B 3.	5—P-Q B 3.
6—P-K 3.	6—Q Kt-Q 2.
7—P-B 5 (a)	7—P-Q Kt 3.
8—P-Q Kt 4.	8—P-Q R 3.
9—B-Q 3.	9—P-Q R 4.
10—P-Q R 3.	10—B-R 3.
11—Castles.	11—B x B.
12—Q x B.	12—Q-B 2.
13—B-K B 4.	13—Q-Kt 2.
14—P-K R 3.	14—R-Q R 3. ?
15—P-Q Kt 5. (b)	15—B P x Kt P.
16—Q x Q Kt P.	16—Q-B. (c)
17—P-Q B 6.	17—Kt-K B.
18—Q Kt-R 4.	18—Kt-Kt 3.
19—Kt x Kt P.	19—R x Kt.
20—Q x R.	20—Kt x B.
21—P x Kt. (d)	21—B-Q.
22—Q-Q Kt 7.	22—Q-B 2.
23—Q x Q.	23—B x Q.
24—Q R-Q Kt.	24—Castles.
25—R-Kt 7.	25—R-Q B.
26—K R-Q Kt.	26—Kt-K.
27—Kt-K 5.	27—B x Kt.
28—B P x B.	28—R x P.
29—R-R 7.	29—P-B 3.
30—R-Kt 8.	30—K-B.
31—Q R-R 8.	31—P x P.
32—R x Kt ch.	32—K-B 2.
33—P x P.	33—R-B 4.
34—K R-Q B 8.	34—K-Kt 3 (e)
35—R x R.	35—Resigns.

(a) One of Hammond's favorite moves in this opening.

(b) Begins to break through the Q side.

(c) To guard R and avoid losing Kt when White plays P-B 6.

(d) Comes out a P and the exchange ahead.

(e) A blunder which loses at once, although Black's game is hopeless in any event.

Problem No. 66 as published last week is incorrect. The black K and Q should be white and the white K and P should be black. The position as corrected often occurs in actual play: White has just queened a pawn at KKt 8 and black has advanced his KBP to B7; white must prevent the pawn from queening and finally win it. The play is interesting, but not difficult.

The following is the score of a Pillsbury-Tschigorin game at the masters' tournament, in which the young American player wins cleverly:

RUY LOPEZ.

White—Lasker.	Black—Steinitz.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-K B 3.	2—Kt-Q B 3.
3—B-Kt 5.	3—P-Q 3.
4—P-Q 4.	4—B-Q 2.
5—Kt-B 3.	5—Kt-B 3.
6—Castles.	6—B-K 2.
7—B x Kt.	7—B x B.
8—B-K.	8—P x P.
9—Kt x P.	9—B-Q 2.
10—P-K R 3	10—Castles.
11—B-K 3.	11—P-B 3.
12—Q-B 2.	12—Kt-K.
13—P-B 4.	13—P-K Kt 3.
14—B-R 6.	14—Kt-Kt 2.
15—Q-K 2.	15—R-K.
16—B x Kt.	16—K x B.
17—Q-Q 3.	17—Q-R 4.
18—R-K 3.	18—Q R-Q.
19—P-R 3.	19—B-Kt 4.
20—R-K 2.	20—B-B 3.
21—R-K 3.	21—B-B.
22—Q-K 2.	22—Q-Kt 3.
23—Kt-R 4.	23—Q-B 2.
24—Kt-Q B 3.	24—Q-Kt 3.
25—Kt-R 4.	Drawn.

BRIEF BASE BALL GOSSIP

Trip of the Local Amateur Base Ball Team to Denver Postponed Until August.

The trip of the Omaha Brewing association base ball team to Denver has been postponed until August 5 and 6, when Manager Keith will take his Indians to the mountains.

The base ball teams representing the local houses of Armour and Cudahy have arranged for a match game of ball for this afternoon at Forty-first and Jackson streets for $100 a side. The umpires are taken from Swift's and the Omaha Packing company.

The Philadelphia team is making a bold bid for the pennant. This team has made a wonderful showing during the last six weeks. In May the Philadelphias were not considered a factor in the race, but they have upset all calculations and from now on the Brooklyns will have to put up the best article of base ball to retain their lead. The Bostons are also still very much in the fight and they, too, will take a lot of beating.

Manager Hanlon is not taking any chances. He apparently sees the danger of losing first place and has set to work strengthening the Brooklyn team for the home stretch, so to speak. The Brooklyn club's officials are giving Hanlon every encouragement in the way of funds. They started out to win a pennant this year and will land one if such a thing is possible. New players are being secured. Hanlon made an excellent move when he secured McGuire of Washington to help out Catcher Farrell, he sacrificing McGann, a good first baseman, and Catcher Smith to secure the Washington player. It is Hanlon's intention to keep Anderson at first base. He probably does not play as well as McGann at present, but under the care of a manager of Hanlon's ability he should develop into a good baseman. McGann was only a second-class baseman when Hanlon first secured him. Anderson is a far better hitter than McGann, which is the main reason that he is being retained at first. Another move now being made by the Brooklyn manager is to secure Wagner of St. Louis for Jennings. The latter has undoubtedly seen his best days. His arm is in bad shape. Wagner is a young player, who is improving with every game. He would just fill the bill at short stop for the Brooklyns.

Clarke Griffith of the Chicago team is one of the best pitchers the game has ever known. Griffith, like all common-sense and thinking pitchers, gets his skill from purely practical methods. Instead of keeping his eye fastened to the home base, while in the act of delivering the ball, he picks out his catcher for a mark and gauges the distance and location by the position of his backstop. The majority of young pitchers are handicapped by the habit of keeping their eye on the home base and the result is that they lose control of the ball. If they would single out their backstop and pitch at him, regardless of the home plate, they would lose fewer balls and add to their effectiveness.

The opening game of the series between the Pirates and Boston was a pitchers' battle between Nichols and Chesbro and the former was strong enough to keep the Pittsburgs down to a solitary hit. Young Chesbro secured this. Each pitcher had a strike-out to his credit. Nichols gave two bases on balls and Chesbro three. The latter also made a wild pitch and a fielding error, but held the champions down to three hits.

IN THE WHEELING WORLD.

The bicycle trust has taken a fresh start, coupled with the announcement that it is a sure go this time. When it was first projected three months ago the promoters expected to make a large, juicy haul from wind and water. Eighty millions was the top notch of capital stock which was to be thrown on the market. But the concern could not navigate with the load. Bankers refused to touch it, and Promoter Spalding was in despair. The only remedy was a surgical operation on the inflated capital. This was successfully performed last week, and start number two was made.

The combine is named the American Bicycle company, with a capital of $40,000,000. It comprises forty-five concerns, controlling fifty-six plants. The members will be paid 110 per cent of the original appraisement for their plants. Of this amount 30 per cent is cash, 30 per cent preferred stock and 50 per cent common stock. The capital consists of $10,000,000 debenture gold bonds, 5 per cent, twenty years; $10,000,000 in 7 per cent preferred stock, cumulative as to dividends and preferred as to assets, and $20,000,000 in common stock. The debenture bonds, if called in before due, are payable at 105. Those in the trust are privileged to subscribe to them at 92 per cent.

The combine is not as strong as originally projected, and does not control the market by any means. Several large concerns which gave options in June are said to be out of it, and will go it alone, or may form an opposition company.

The committee in charge of the Boston meet of the League of American Wheelmen reports having secured a one-rate fare for the round trip from all parts of the United States. This is one of the strong inducements for wheelmen to take part in the annual event. The entertainment committee for the meet is working assiduously completing the details of the entertainments and has recently added a water carnival to the program. The all-night smoker will be held in Mechanics' pavilion, one of the largest buildings in Boston, and the program for it is now complete.

The League of American Wheelmen claims the following distinguished members: Governor Roosevelt, Mayor Van Wyck, Mayor Taggart of Indianapolis, Governor Rollins of New Hampshire, Mayor Hayes of Baltimore, Mayor Quincy of Boston, ex-Secretary of the Navy W. C. Whitney, Richmond Pearson Hobson, General Miles, General Roy Stone, Colonel John Jacob Astor, John Wanamaker, Edouard Deville, surveyor general of Canada; Lieutenant Governor Woodruff of New York, ex-Governor Adams of Colorado, Attorney General Knowlton of Massachusetts, and Congressman Sprague of Massachusetts.

The membership of the League of American Wheelmen last week, according to the report of Secretary Bassett, shows a falling off. The total figures are 57,045. Last week the total was 58,143. The number of new members received during the week was 303. The figures for the leading eastern states are: New York, 12,175; Pennsylvania, 13,691; Massachusetts, 10,027; New Jersey, 3,386.

One of the features of cycle racing this season has been the number of old-time riders to get back into the game again. Zimmerman was the first one of note to return to the racing path and now he is to be followed by Fred Titus, W. W. Taxis and Harry Wheeler, so the report goes. Titus has only been out of the game about a year and as he is comparatively young yet he may do better than "Zimmy" has done so far. Titus started out early last season to become an actor, but as the audiences evinced no great desire to go into raptures over his acting, he has decided to go back to the wheel again. Taxis has been out of the game for three years, the same length of time as Zimmerman, and he was one of the most popular riders on the path at the time he retired. Wheeler was the champion of the Cash Prize league in 1893 and afterward went to France with Zimmerman, winning regularly on the French tracks for two years. It is expected that Wheeler and Taxis will start to train in a few days at the Newark track and that they will take part in the regular Saturday and Sunday meets at that place during the rest of the season.

There is a large class of riders who when traveling a-wheel suffer dire thirst and throat parching, because of their overheating exertions and the dust of the road, but who deny themselves the satisfaction of drinking. For these there is comfort in the views of Dr. L. Championiere of Paris, who says that when riding a man or woman should drink all the water possible, but should eat no solid food. He declares that while it is useless to eat during violent exercise, it is important to drink if the body is in good condition. This is in direct contradiction to the notions of other physicians, but it is in concord with the experience of some riders, who indulge themselves in the line of drinking water and find that they are the better for it. While it would undoubtedly make a racing man "loggy" to drink just before starting in competition, there are many hard riders who can drink copiously while traveling. Others never do more than rinse out their mouths and throats and declare that they could not ride if they drank. While doctors disagree and experiences conflict over this matter of drinking and riding it is probably just as well that riders should not be bound by any prejudice created by the testimony of others, but should experiment and ascertain whether it is better to drink freely or abstain. So long as the needs of different temperaments and constitutions vary there is not likely to be any agreement on this subject.

An international code of communication between cyclists is an excellent idea. A plan has been devised in Paris on the Morse system of telegraphy. The strokes are made on the bell, following a code like this:

Greeting .....——
Halt! .....——
Follow me .....—— ——
Call—Where are you?
Here I am .....—— —— ——
Go to the right.....—— —— ——
Go to the left.....—— —— —— ——
Look out; danger! ...—— —— —— —— ——
Come to my assistance .....—— —— —— ——

A whole conversation book could be prepared on this system; so, when you go touring in central Africa and meet a cycling cannibal whose language you cannot speak, all you have to do is to pull out the code book, lay hold of the bell, and have a tinkling conversation with him. This is better than Volapuk.

Providing your watch has a minute dial it is an extremely simple matter to so mark this as to be used as a speed indicator, no matter what gear your machine is.

Find out the distance your cycle is propelled by one revolution of the pedal. This, assuming your gear to be 70, will be 219.9 inches.

Divide this number into 63,360 (the number of inches in one mile), and the product will, of course, give you the number of revolutions you must make to cover a mile—viz., 288 and a slight fraction.

If it were possible to turn the crank 288 times per minute this would of course mean that you were driving your cycle at the rate of one mile per minute, or sixty miles per hour.

Seventy-two revolutions per minute would consequently mean that you were traveling at the rate of a quarter of a mile per minute, or fifteen miles per hour.

Therefore, still assuming that your gear is 70, if you mark off, with a distinguishing color, twelve and a half seconds of the minute-dial of your watch, and count the number of revolutions your crank makes while the minute-hand is passing over this colored portion of the dial, it will represent the number of miles per hour you are traveling.

Sport at Lake Quinnebaugh.

QUINNEBAUGH, July 20.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Was sorry to miss you the other day when you were up, but you must come again. The parties camping here are: Mr. Townsend and wife, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Brengle and Mr. Thomas and their families, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cavanagh, Mr. Furan, F. L. Goodrich, Miss Ring and brother. There are some bass and pike fishing now, with prospects of fine catches later on. The lake is falling and clearing fast.

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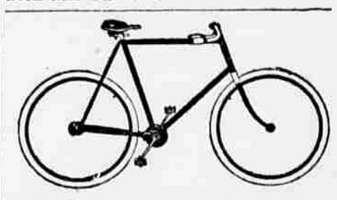

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