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For the moment the contest for control of the league—the one of the most important of the year—is a leading feature. President Potter's campaign for re-election appears to be running on ball-bearing, and he is confident of election. But reports are contradictory and unsatisfactory.

As the election of new officers matters of great importance to the future growth and welfare of the organization in every city are looked for. There is a strong feeling that the big divisions of the league are too largely controlled by the executive officers, and a movement is on foot to elect a new governing body.

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and attachments are constantly coming in from the most useful, others of more than doubtful utility. One of the most recent is a device which has been patented by the inventor, and is known as the "Bicycle Wheel."

Each wheel of the machine is provided with a pump, and there is a mechanism which can be thrown in or out of gear easily, by which the pump can be worked whenever it is necessary to add to the air in the tire.

The whole arrangement seems a rather clumsy addition to a bicycle, but the weight is not excessive, and it would be a handy thing to have on a pump up to a few revolutions of a wheel, but it would be strange if this attachment superceded the use of the old-fashioned pump.

Foot pumps are now sold so cheaply that every rider can afford to have one for use at home, but there is always a risk in going for a ride without a small hand pump in the pocket or toolbox.

How the bicycle is driving the horse into disuse for pleasure purposes is strikingly illustrated by the statistics of visitors to Fairmount park, in Philadelphia. According to the annual report of the park commission, equestrians entering the park last year was 60,000 less than it was in 1896.

The number of bicyclists was 360,236 greater than the year before, and the record shows that the horse is going, and that the wheel is taking his place. The change thus noted in Philadelphia is probably proceeding at about the same rate of progress in every city where the park system and its approach are properly developed.

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