

IN THE WHEELING WORLD.

******** The grand circuit of cycle racing this season promises to surpass the record of former years. Interest in cycle racing is largely increased by the harmony now prevailing between cycle organizations. Conditions that effect the earnings of racing men have changed somewhat in the past few years and, while they do not make as much money as formerly, the sport has been benefited. The time was when the

crack riders got big salaries from the makers of high-grade wheels for riding Waltham on Wednesday naturally creates a their wheels. Then, as was inevitably the great deal of talk about the dangers of motor case, whether it was justified or not, there cycle racing and pacing on the track. This were charges that these riders would give was the first fatality in the east since the races away and the sport suffered. The introduction of motors and it is noteworthy public got the impression that many of the races were "faked" and the game fell into disrepute. stances were to blame for this, for often nothing worse than bruises, with now and they loafed around the tracks jockeying then a broken arm. Rather than crash into and fooling the crowds and actually made no individual efforts to win. The public clists elect to throw the machine and themtired of watching these races and cycle rac- selves sideways to the track. There is much ing got a black eye.

The lack of competition in the trade relieved the makers of the necessity of adver- cycles, but the least of it has been among tising in that way and the riders found the racing. A railroad man said during the themselves once more to hard pan. It be- week: "I cannot understand it. A rider falls came necessary for a man to ride hard to from a motor cycle while going at a 1:30 win to make money and this is the con- gait or forty miles an hour. He falls with finding this out began to patronize the races ploding gasoline and danger of broken limbs again. Then a new association took hold of proved that the game could be placed and from a train moving at forty millon an hour "The average man when he falls from a world, offer the only proper means of pas-maintained on a fair basis. Then prosperity he would, in nine cases out of ten, meet his wheel stiffene out like a stake and sets up a itively determining what men are the "top-

brought over here from France and all relation is that the motor cyclists are pre- like a block of wood and when he strikes national meet will be held at Milwaukee, lore's thirty-eight miles 1,225 yards did rocks below. around good times were evident. This year pared every second of the time to 'fall he takes the bounce and rolls. An illustra- will be well worth seeing. finds more registered cycle racers of both professional and amateur classes on the tumbling without injuring themselves, the lucky escapes of drunken men who reci books of the National Cycling association same as professional acrobats. This was down cellarways and get off with tess inthan there have ever been on the books of apily illustrated last summer wheen Four- jury than sober men. The drunken man's the L. A. W. The amateurs predominate nier, the first motor cyclist and the most muscles are relaxed and he does not make of American Wheelmen, provides that on as a matter of course, but there are profes- reckloss, fell on the track and rolled along the fierce resistance with his arms and legs and after January 1, 1902, "it shall be unsionals enough for all purposes and unless the track for about thirty or forty feet, that a cober man does and that causes the amateur changes his nature very soon Many thought he must be dead when they broken bones. He just strikes and rolls this act, to use upon any road, street or way the professional list will be greatly increased before the end of the season, merely by the enforcement of the amateur laws.

that the men were not killed by a fall, but by running into a post. A great many falls The riders in many in- have occurred in which the men sustained any solid stationary object most moler cysurprise manifested that there have not been many men killed by falling from motor

dition that exists today. The public upon his machine and there is danger from ex- calamity. The best clue as to how the Annual championships, run off in the from the big machine falling upon him. Yet age is probably to be found in the remarks their best and under the management of the sport and after a fight of one year he is not killed. Should the same rider step of a trainer. He said:

easily.' They have learned the trick of tion of the value of failing limp is the friends went to pick him up and stooping can tell you about it. There is also someasked him if he was hurt, the Frenchman thing to be learned, however, about the don't know how to fall, ch!'

Doubtless there are many wheelmen and wheelwomen who would like to know how

to fall to escape serious injury. The best ince to seek auch information is from the motor cycle riders, or perhaps from professional acrobats who do knockabout acts. It should not be inferred that the art of falling as known to the motor riders saves siderable value nowadays. them absolutely from injury. -It depends upon how much is thought of a hurt when a man says he is not hurt. The cetimate an athlete in training has of any injury is excellent advertising. It follows, therevery different from that of the ordinary fore, that the five championship events on road rider. With professional cyclists the program will be bitterly contested nothing counte unless it lays them up so by the flower of American professionalism. that they cannot ride. A few stitches in The mile championship will awaken great the scalp is a trifle to them, but a leg interest from the fact that its decision will bruised so as to prevent fast riding is a bring to light the 1960 mile champion.

ball players can tell a great deal about knowing how to fall."

There is much more in the winning of a professional National Cycling association championship than the gaining of the medal emblematic of the feat. There is its advertising value, for instance, which, to a professonal rider especially, is of no incon-

Advertising is dollars and cents to the present day cash prize rider and for the winner of national championships is most

riders fall to escape death and serious dam- | height of the season, when all men are at

the greatest cycling organization in the "The average man when he falls from a world, offer the only proper means of pos-

The wide-tire law, passed by the Massachusetts legislature through the efforts of the Massachusetts division of the League lawful, except as provided in section 4 of saw him lying motionless, but when his like a bundle of rags. That's the best I in this commonwealth a draft w-gin cart having tires of iron or steel, or of any substance equally hard, which are less in answered scornfully; 'What you tink, that acrobatic ability of twisting one's self in width than one and one-half times the di-The fatal accident to Miles and Stafford at 1 don't know my business, ch! You tink I the air so as not to strike the head. Foot ameter of the axie, measured at the shoulder thereof, but in no case shall a tire more than four inches in width he required and wagons and carts built with wooden or hol

low axles shall have tires not less in width than the diameter of the axle, measured at the shoulder thereof. This act shall apply to all wagons and carts the axles of which are two inches or more in diameter, measured as aforesaid, and to all stage coaches, tally-ho coaches, barges and other passenger vehicles not built to run on iron or steel rails and constructed to carry eight or more persons."

The fourth section states that the act shall not apply to wagons or other vehicles owned and used in the state January 1. 1902. This is the weak clause in the bill. miles were made in the hour. putting off the best effects of the law for many years. The penalty for violation of

the law is a fine not exceeding \$100.

Nearly forty miles have been ridden in ing the Erie viaduct at Lanesboro, N. Y., lance for the other leading riders exceeded a one hour by a cyclist and the prediction is on the 6th inst. It was the result of a quarter of a mile. Both the track and the made that before the end of the summer wager. The viaduct is over a quarter of a performers were exceptional, but the rethe coveted two score will have been mile in length and stands 300 feet from the suits show the perfection to which the repassed. This mighty deed was accom- ground. It is used by the Erie and is not lessing arrangements of the clutch have albegan again. The track owners and man- death and no one would be surprised, al- rigid muscular resistance to the contact notchers" at the various distances. From plished in Paris in a fifty-mile race, the designed for passengers. A stone coping ready been brought. The contest was careseers began to make money, the prizes in-creased in value, races became more fre-quent. Sunday and night races were introrecord smasher being Emile Bouhours, a twelve inches wide runs along the outer fully watched by experts in cycling manu-

duced, the spectacular motor cycles were mix it up with him. The main secret in this He hits the ground more like a sponge than tion building July 10-15 next, when the from pistol crack to pistol crack. Ed Tay- have fallen from the structure, striking the

not stand long, the new mark being shoved Wesson and Hart were making a bicycle so far that the champion's figures now look trip from Buffalo to their homes in New small in comparison. What makes this ride York, and when Lanesboro was reached the more remarkable is the fact that it Hart dared Wesson to ride the structure, was made in a fifty-mile race in which the supposing they could go between the rails mark for the half century was lowered from When it was found that the outside coping 1:19:27 4-5 to 1:16 flat. Bouhours retiged was the only place available, he tried to after making the hour record and the race back out, but Wesson laughed at him and and fifty-mile record went to Bauge, who wagered \$5 that he dared not ride it. Thereupon he started across on his wheel, Westrailed Bouhours the first hour.

hours' ride was no fluke, for he has already

Motor tricycle pace was used and now the son following. Down in the valley a breathcry of the French is that motor tandems less crowd watched the exploit, for the are not in the same class with this new slightest wabble would have dashed both to their death or an approaching train would machine. It has been demonstrated that have shaken them off. They arrived at the the three-wheeler is steadler than the tanother side, however, both in a cold sweat and dem and that the rider gets more protection badly scored. They declared that all the from the wind, although it is quite a trick gold in the country could not induce them to get used to following in between two to repeat the performance, wheels. Harry Elkes said that the first

time he tried it he was reminded of a squirrel running around in a wheel. Bou-The free wheel or coaster brake made its appearance on the racing path recently in figured among the holders of the hour rec-England at the first of the Midland Cycling ord. The only time Jimmy Michael held the and Athletic club summer evening meetings mark Bouhours took it away from him, rais- The competitors started from the top of the ing the figures to twenty-cight miles 1.612 straight and ceased pedaling at the judges' yards at Bordeaux, France, August 25, 1895. stand, the prizes being awarded for the His ride this time will be appreciated more longest distance run with the wheel going when it is learned that there were four- free. This novel contest is instructive in teen men in the race in which nearly forty showing how far the momentum acquired in a moderate run will carry a bicycle on the flat without further exertion. Baxter, mak-Henry Wesson and Elbridge Hart, two ing the record for a contest under such con-New York tourists, hold the record for rid- ditions, ran 167 yards, and the average dis-