

## ON THE WHEELS.

The race track is now an assured fact. Under the direction of the Capital City Cycling club Adna Dobson has surveyed and placed the stakes for a one-third mile bicycle track at Lincoln park and Manager H. C. Hohlt has the contract for constructing the same. It is to be a reproduction of the famous Denver track, thirty feet wide on the backstretch, ends twenty-five feet and finish thirty five feet. The contract calls for its completion by May 15th. It will be constructed of natural soil and worked down and rolled to make it the fastest track in the west. The accommodations for the public at the races will be materially improved. The grand stand will be moved to the west of the track and the seating capacity increased. The boys are making arrangements for a number of interesting events on the new track this year—the first of which will be on Decoration Day. An inter-state circuit is also being talked of, to comprise cities in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas. The new track will undoubtedly develop some fast riders in Lincoln and some stirring events may be looked for.

On Saturday last, with an escort, Miss Louise Pound of this city, added another laurel to her reputation as one of the best lady athletes in the state by making a run of 111 miles on a bicycle. Starting from Lincoln in the morning she rode about twenty miles on the road to Beatrice in the teeth of a strong south wind. Finding the work too disagreeable she took the train to Beatrice, and mounting her wheel rode across the country to Ashland, a distance of about eighty miles. In the latter part of the run she encountered some rainy weather and muddy roads, but after a delay rode far enough to register 111 miles. The wheel used was a 22 pound diamond frame Rambler, and Miss Pound wore the rational costume. The above feat is one that has not been excelled or even equalled by any lady rider in Nebraska, the previous record being about 80 miles, and but few gentleman riders in the state have such a record to their credit.

J. E. Howe, S. M. Mills, Geo. Kleutsch and "Warrie" Byers made the run to Omaha last Saturday morning. They expected to meet Mr. McElrath and wife, the globe circlers, at that city, but they had not yet arrived there. The boys returned on the train.

Last Sunday the regular called run of the Capital City Cycling club was for Wahoo. But the cold and threatening weather and stiff north wind prevented the boys from going. However to keep up their records for taking part in every club run, Captain Frank Hoagland, Julius Benson and Lieut. Henry Peters made the run to Ceresco, over half way to Wahoo, and after dinner spread their sails and came in with the wind at something like a two minute clip.

Tomorrow the regular club run will be to Raymond and return. This a general invitation run; all wheelman, whether club members or not are invited to participate. Dinner has been arranged for at Raymond. Captain Hoagland would like all who intend going to give him their names so he can make all necessary arrangements.

The racing men with the co-operation of the club have rented the fair ground track for training purposes until the new track is completed, and almost every evening some of the boys may be seen getting into shape to smash some records this year.

Yesterday morning Mr. R. E. Guthrie having received a telegram from Mr. and Mrs. McElrath the Inter Ocean globe cyclers intimating their arrival in the city at noon. A large crowd of wheelmen left the Capital City club rooms and wheeled out to meet the travellers. They were met at a point near University Place and escorted into the city arriving at 12:10 p. m.

No. 3 of Vol. 1 of the *Nebraska Wheelman* is on our desk. It is a neat publication edited by E. K. Milmine, and J. E. Howe and is devoted entirely to the interests of wheelmen.

I would like to hear from Nebraska wheelmen desiring to form a state branch of the Century Road Club, such as has been formed in Missouri. We have one of the best states in the Union in which to make centuries and should be among the leaders.

L. BRODSTONE, Superior, Neb.

"It is wonderful, the impetus that wheeling has received in this city in the last year" said a prominent wheelman to the *COURIER* cyclist last Wednesday, "and not alone in the number of riders but in the various makes offered for sale. Formerly there were but two or three wheels in the Lincoln market, now there are a dozen."

One of the popular "fads" with the large cycling clubs is the organization of "95 Meet Clubs." The members each contribute monthly dues, and the sum goes towards defraying the expenses of those attending the National I. A. W. to meet at Asbury park July 8. The Denver wheel club, which has within its organization one of the largest Meet clubs in the west, is making preparations for a grand triumphal tour on that occasion, and when the Denver wheelmen attempt anything, they generally do it up in good style. They have notified the local club that they will strike Lincoln on the morning of July 3rd, and will make a stop of two hours to take in some of the sights of the city. The Lincoln wheelmen will meet them and escort them to such places of interest as they will have time to visit in the short time they are here.

President Ed. M. Allen has been notified by Mr. Ebersole, chief consul of the Nebraska division L. A. W., of his appointment as local consul for Lincoln. His duties will be to look after L. A. W. matters in this city, secure renewals and new memberships to the L. A. W., select a league hotel and further the interests of the order generally.

The agitation on the part of the Lincoln wheelmen for an inter-state circuit has aroused some interest at least, and the officers of the Nebraska division seem to favor either such a circuit or a state circuit, and the matter is to be brought before the state racing board at once. If an interstate circuit is not feasible a good racing circuit can be formed in this state, embracing such cities as Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont, Kearney, Grand Island, York and several other good towns in the state that have riders and good tracks. The Lincoln boys intend to get up some kind of a racing circuit, and if it can not be an interstate, will make it a state affair.

The tendency among the fair riders of Lincoln is more and more toward "bloomers." Several converts have appeared on the streets recently. The wonderful performance of Miss Pound on her last Saturday's ride will do a great deal toward promoting the use of the diamond frame wheel for ladies, as well as the "rational" costume.

Yesterday morning the Capital City Cycling club started from the club rooms at 10:45 and wheeling out to University Place, there met and escorted into the city Mr. and Mrs. McElrath, the couple making a bicycle tour around the world for the *Chicago Inter Ocean*. The pair were accompanied by a party of Omaha wheelmen, four in number. Courtesies having been exchanged the line started for Lincoln at 11 o'clock, Mrs. McElrath and President Allen of the C. C. C. in the lead. The long line of cyclists headed by president Allen and the petite lady at his side attracted universal attention as it proceeded west on O street to 10th thence south to M and north to the Lindel where the couple put up. At 4 p. m. the lady and her husband were escorted on a tour of the city on cycles by a long line of wheelmen, terminating at the state university, where a cadet drill was witnessed by the visitors. A reception at the club rooms last night ended the ceremonies and this morning at 5 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. McElrath left for Grand Island en tour westward.

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