



BURLINGTON BEACH

Major McKinley is a member of the Chicago Cycling club. At the national council meeting in Columbus, O., he consented to become an honorary member of the club.

Mr. William Albert England, representing the Brooklyn Eagle, and well known as an athlete and wheelman, is now en route from New York to San Francisco by easy stages, his purpose being to survey the route. On August 31 he leaves the Pacific coast in competition with General Miles' messenger, for New York, on a wager of \$1,000 forfeit to be paid if New York is not reached in forty days. Both gentlemen will be mounted on Olympic bicycles fitted with self-healing tires. Mr. England, on his western journey, intends to reach Lincoln on July 13, weather permitting.

The action taken by the officials of the National league in condemning and fining the Cleveland players is a step in the right direction. The Cleveland players are rowdies and loafers of the most pronounced type, and they have done more to hurt baseball than any other club has ever done. In their own town the home plate and players' benches are directly in front of the grand stand and the public refuses to patronize the games, as the air is positively foul with the filthy and profane language used by the players. Indeed it is unsafe to take a lady to the games in that city. If they continue their disgraceful conduct it will become necessary for the opposing teams to play likewise. It is to be hoped, however, that the action taken will have the desired effect. It seems that the managers of the club are "fans" and that they encourage the players to do anything to win.

The state meet, Nebraska division, L. A. W., at the M street park on the 3d and 4th promises to be the best attended and the most successful ever held in this state. Entries have been received from all the leading cracker-jacks in Nebraska and several from Kansas and Missouri. Few people have until recently taken much interest in bicycle racing in this city, but from indications public opinion seems to have changed. There will be ten races each day in addition to the boys' races. Pixley and McColl of Omaha, the record breaking tandem team, will be here, besides about ten more from the same city, including Herr Fredrickson, celebrated in Lincoln for his

kicking (not riding) abilities. Reddy Maxwell, who holds the state record for the paced half mile, made on this track, will be much in evidence at this meet.

The remarkable retrogradation of the Philadelphia team is dwelt upon by Frank Richter as follows: "All sorts of reasons are advanced for the poor showing of the team, ranging from dissipation to actual incapacity, and all are wide of the mark. There has been no serious dissipation at any time, and absolutely not any since the losing streak began. The team has also been playing at its normal speed in all respects save batting, and the players individually are no less proficient than they ever were. The whole trouble in a nutshell is a marked batting let-down, aggravated by inferior pitching and some real hard luck. To make matters worse the team has been somewhat crippled by the accidents to Pitcher Orth and Outfielder Delehanty, thus materially weakening the team in the matter of pitching and batting. Those accumulated misfortunes have, naturally, combined with the severe criticism of press and public, served to discourage a team which at best has never possessed more than an ordinary amount of pluck and persistence. The result is a lack of confidence, which operates against the team in all close games, or critical stages of games and makes it doubly hard to get out of the rut of defeat."

Here are several of the new football rules: A player is put off side if the ball in play has last been touched by one of his own side behind him. No player when off side shall touch the ball except on a tumble in a scrimmage, nor with his hands or arms interrupt or obstruct an opponent until again on side. No player can, however, be called off side in his own goal. A player being off side is put on side when the ball has touched an opponent or when one of his own side has run in front of him either with the ball or having been behind him. If a player when off side touch the ball inside the opponents' ten-yard line, the ball shall go to a touch-back to the opponents. In a scrimmage, should another player on a side having the ball move in any direction, he must come to a full stop before the ball is put in place, and no player of the side having the ball shall take more than one step in the direction of his opponent's goal before the ball is in place. One man of the side

having the ball may be in motion toward his own goal without coming to a stop before the ball is put in place. No mass shall be allowed. No player shall lay his hand upon or by the use of his hands or arms interfere with an opponent before the ball is put in play. After the ball is put in play, the player on the side that has possession of the ball can obstruct the opponents with his body only, except the player who runs with the ball, but the players of the side not having the ball can use their hands and arms to push their opponents out of the way.

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