

NONE SO FLEET AS HE.

McDONELL, WORLD'S CHAMPION WHEELMAN, IN THE CITY.

Is Now Bound for the Gold Fields of the North-An Athlete Since Boyhood and a Swift Bicyclist From the Time of His First Long Ride-A Preliminary Run With Randall, the Circuit Rider-Travels Embracing a Large Part of the World.

A fine looking young man, with clear blue eyes picked up a copy of the Post-Intelligencer yesterday morning in the Hotel Stevens restaurant and turned to the sports column. He was very much interested in the matter about bicycling, and if anyone had taken the trouble to peep under his coat he would have noticed one of the most magnificent and rapid riders ever seen in this city. It had a bicycle on it.

Finally the young man came to an item from San Francisco in which appeared the following statement: "Charles Kraft, of the Bay City Wheelmen, made a new mark for twenty miles today over the California Associated Cycling Club's official course. With the assistance of six tandems he covered the course in 45.76, lowering the previous record, held by A. Buzio, of this city, by one minute and twenty seconds, and recording a new record by two seconds."

The young man with the blue eyes turned to his companion, a lady, and remarked: "Well, this is a surprise to me. I see that a man named Kraft has beaten McDonnell's world record for twenty miles by two seconds in the time of 45.76. Then he pulled a small book out of his pocket and read the following: 'World's record for twenty miles, unpaired, held by A. B. McDonnell, time, 46.14. This record was made at Buffalo, N. Y., in June, 1886, and accepted by the Century Road Club, the governing body in such races in this country. The difference between Kraft's record, 45.76, is apparent to anyone who will take the trouble to read it.'

The young man with the blue eyes was none other than A. B. McDonnell, the holder of many world's records. He arrived in the city a few days ago with his wife, from Rochester, N. Y., and sails on the steamer Humboldt for the Klondike, by the way of St. Michaels.

McDonnell is 21 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, and when in racing condition weighs 150 pounds. He has not been doing any work this season, but after his return from the gold fields will take up the work once more.

He holds the following American road records: Fourteen and one-quarter miles, time, 21m. 15s.; seventy-one miles, time, 21m. 15s.; nine miles on the rim, as his tire went down; five miles, time, 2m. 21s.; ten miles, time, 2m. 25s.; fifteen miles, time, 3m. 15s.; twenty miles, time, 4m. 15s.; twenty-five miles, time, 5m. 15s.; thirty miles, time, 6m. 15s. All of these records were made in 1886, and he has since won the Orient plate, the biggest scratch race ever held in the world, distance twenty-five miles, held on a third-mile track. In this event he lapped the field in the time of 1h. 7m. 21s.

McDonnell also holds the mile, Hawaiian track, unpaired record, in 2m. 15s., beating the previous record of 2m. 28s., made on the same track. The Hawaiian track is soft, and therefore it is impossible to make the best possible time.

A. B. McDonnell was born in Rochester, N. Y., in 1876. He attended a number of the city schools and later attended Fordham college, New York City. When he was 12 years old he commenced to take an active interest in athletic matters, especially canoeing. He joined the Rochester Canoe Club, and after that he went into the Ironclad Canoe Club, of Rochester, of which he became vice commodore. While engaged in canoeing he won twenty first prizes, both sailing and paddling.

After McDonnell had finished canoeing in 1885 he sold his canoe to Clarence P. Mosher, of Rochester, who has since won the world's paddling championship of one mile in the race in order to the auspices of the American Canoe Association, and is recognized by Canada and Great Britain.

In 1886 McDonnell awoke one morning to a sudden realization of the fact that all his friends had purchased bicycles, and that he was still continuing in the old way. This would not do, so he manufactured until he got hold of a bicycle. It was not much trouble for him to ride, as he had bothered his elder brother in time past by jumping on the step of the "old ordinary" and staying there despite protestations and wordy kicks.

Young McDonnell was soon giving his friends points on scorching the venerable old "coops" who had patrolled the handsome streets of Rochester from time immemorial as they opened when they saw the new aspirant for glory sailing along with his coat tails stretched out as smooth as a billiard table cloth.

In Rochester there is a regular run for the scorcher, and every day a contest takes place every day. The course starts at the club house of the Lake View wheelmen, corner of Lake and Driving streets, and extends along an asphalt pavement for a mile. Then it turns to Fulton Park avenue for a quarter of a mile over cobble stones and one bridge. The balance of the course is down St. Paul street to Lake Ontario, over a good macadamized road for five miles and three-quarters. The St. Paul street run is down hill to the lake, with a drop of seventy feet to the mile. Coming back it is consequently a hilly and hard run.

After McDonnell had been riding only a week he was scotched down the asphalt at a lively pace when another rider came flying along and shot past McDonnell. McDonnell did not know the man, but saw at once that he was a fast one, and concluded that it would be fun to see how near he could keep to him. The man suddenly awoke to the fact that McDonnell had "caught the machine" and let out another link. McDonnell responded to the call, and then it was nip and tuck. The man did his best to shake off McDonnell, but McDonnell would not have it that way.

They struck the cobble stone road, and the wheels went over the cobbles at a great rate, making each rider think of home and mother. There was no getting out of it, however. Each man was determined to get the better of the brush, and they plugged along, the man wondering what he had struck, and McDonnell meanwhile grinning to himself over his success in staying with the job he had tackled.

Finally they struck the last stretch down to the lake, and the old-timer gritted his teeth and sent his wheel flying along the down grade as if he had been kicked by a mule. The man wondering what he had struck, and McDonnell meanwhile grinning to himself over his success in staying with the job he had tackled.

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AMUSEMENTS.

"Columbia" Tonight.

When the historian closes his remarks for the opening of "Columbia" at the Seattle theater tonight the curtain will rise on as historic a scene of 1629 as was ever produced in Seattle. The Puritans have just landed from the Mayflower, and are ground on the rocky shore of Plymouth, with the magistrate praying in the center of them. The pilgrim fathers' song is sung by Mr. Coombs during this scene.

The curtain is hardly down before it rises on the cheerful and happy scene of Mayday in Boston common, showing the Maypole dance, frolic and "ring-around-a-rose." To the joyous laugh and lively music of thirty or forty pilgrims.

The Puritan courtship, in which John Alden, Mr. Will Inglis, and Priscilla Mullins, Miss Alice Vinnege, play such an important part, is the third scene of the colonial period. A house full of old folk, young folk and all, not forgetting the twins, is the closing scene of this period. Some of the finest acting in "Columbia" takes place in this scene, and from the sweet notes of the "Mother's Lullaby," Miss Alice Fisher, to the closing verse of the "Spinner's Song" in the kitchen, all placed on the list of these to be remembered, the faithful lovers, Hilda and Joseph, and the noisy scholars are also important parts.

The first national holiday, July 4, 1776, is placed on the list with the sign of the Declaration of Independence, choir boys, "America," Mrs. Edmunds, "Columbia," Mrs. Sargent, Goddess of Liberty, Miss Edna Wittler, and thirteen young ladies representing the original colonies. The stately minuet, with the reception of Washington and Marquis de Lafayette, closes the second act of the play, and they all started at the same time. They ran the same course that McDonnell had in his great chase with Randall. For a while it was a leaf of the race, trying to find out what kind of a race it was best to run. In the meanwhile young McDonnell worked his way to the front and commenced to hit up the pace. The leader realized that something was up and started in to wind up the aspirations of the beginner. He did not wind up as easy as they thought, and in a short time they realized that it was a tough job to keep anyone near him. He didn't do a thing to them, but lead every one of the entire pack back up the hills and down the race then to a standstill back to the club house, winning the race, much to the astonishment of the crowd and the other racers. From that time on McDonnell was the kingpin of the city on road racing.

During the season he took part in fifteen road races in Rochester, winning thirteen. In one his tire was out, and in the other his machine broke in two.

After this he started out and has made a complete tour of the United States, Eastern, Southern, New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon Islands, Arabia, Egypt, Italy, France, England, and back to the United States.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

Table with columns for team names (New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Pittsburgh, St. Louis) and scores.

THE RACES AT BUTTE.

Table with columns for race names (Fading, Trotting, Five and a half furlongs, Six furlongs, Mile and an eighth) and winners.

PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST.

Animated Meeting of the Board of Equalization. The sessions of the county board of equalization have begun to grow interesting. For days after they convened the members were occupied with the formal business of going over the reports and sending out notices to property holders. Now the property holders are beginning to appear before the board and protest against the assessment. Judge Roger S. Greene yesterday went before the board as the representative of nearly all the large property owners on First avenue. First street and Second street were in the plain of what they deemed an inequitable and exorbitant assessment, the values having been raised from the last assessment by a margin of from 10 to 30 per cent. Judge Burke and Judge J. R. Lewis were also present.

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Fremont Fraternal Societies.

In the Circle, N. 46, Fremont of Woodcraft met on Wednesday evening at G. A. R. hall, Fremont. After transacting business as speedily as possible the doors were thrown open to friends and a social entertainment enjoyed by all. Those participating in the programme were Miss Zoe Stetson, Mr. William Thomas, Master Waldron, Miss Cushman, Mrs. H. J. Ruddy, Miss Grace Waldron, Prof. A. Lueben and Miss Waldron.

Wool's Reach the Klondike.

John Desha, a waiter on the steamer Humboldt, was drowned Sunday night at the Oregon Improvement Company's coal bunkers. He was intoxicated, and while trying to assist a passenger and a dog board ship got mixed up with the string attached to the dog. The upshot of the matter was that Desha fell into the water and was drowned. His body has not been recovered. He leaves a brother and sister in San Francisco.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

QUICKER MAIL SERVICE TO CARBONADO AND WILKESON.

Candidates for Fairhaven Postoffice - Pension Money for a Widow - Tacoma Pension Application Denied - Rival Towns on the Cowitz - Patents to Washingtonians.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.-As a result of the inquiry into the mail service to and from Burnett, Carbonado and Wilkeson, Wash., the department has instructed the clerk on the run between Seattle and Portland to make pouches for Carbonado and Wilkeson for dispatch from Meeker Junction by the Carbonado train. This does away with the former delay of twenty-four hours between Seattle, Carbonado and Wilkeson. The amount of mail is very small and it is not considered necessary to place a mail clerk on this route. No car is run on the train and Superintendent McCabe states that he would rather take off the train than add a mail car.

One of the most prominently indorsed applicants for postmaster at Fairhaven is Mr. John H. Ware, and letters have been received here from prominent citizens stating that his appointment would be acceptable to the majority of citizens. It is also said that Mr. Ware, while a good Republican, was much less of a partisan in his last campaign than Mr. Tapping, his principal competitor, who is noted for his strong partisanship. It is probable, however, that the wishes of the Democrats, Silver Republicans and Populists of Fairhaven will not be taken into consideration in making this appointment, and if Mr. Tapping is more acceptable to the majority of the citizens, it will make very little difference how Mr. Ware stands with the members of the other parties.

A pension has been allowed Mrs. Anne D. Bomer, of Eagle Grove, King county, at \$8 per month, dating from April 21, 1888, and \$3 per month during the same length of time for each of her five minor children, making \$45 per month during a period of over four years. Her certificate has already been awarded to her. This will bring to Mrs. Bomer nearly \$600 in a lump sum.

Mrs. Daniel McLean, of Tacoma, has been denied a pension on the ground that she has no title under the act of June 27, 1862, having married the soldier subsequent to the passage of that act. The commissioner of pensions also states that under the provisions of the act the minor children of the soldier by either the former or the last marriage have no title to a pension in their own right while the widow of the soldier is living and not remarried. Mr. McLean's first wife, and a daughter, aged 7, by the present widow. According to the commissioner's ruling neither child is entitled to a pension.

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