

LAMPS ON ALL VEHICLES

League of American Wheelmen Insist on This.

REASONS FOR SO DOING

Chief Consul Robertson, of the District Division, writes to the Commissioners, Telling Them Why He Thinks Such a Regulation Should Be Established.

The District division of the League of American Wheelmen is still working for the interests of the bicycle rider.

In answer to a request from the Commissioners, Chief Consul Robertson yesterday mailed to them his reasons for thinking that all vehicles should carry lamps.

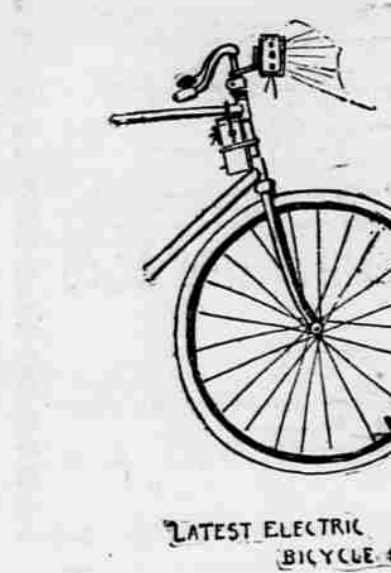
The letter reads:

"August 29, 1896.

Hon. Commissioners, District of Columbia.

"Gentlemen: In reply to your request that I should submit facts showing the necessity for all vehicles carrying lamps, I would respectfully submit the following reasons:

"Bicycles have been adjudged by the courts all over the country as vehicles with equal rights on the streets and roads.



LATEST ELECTRIC BICYCLE LAMP

"Bicycles are required to carry lights. Private and business vehicles are not so restricted. According to this discrimination a bicycle for hire (which is a public vehicle) should be required to carry a light, but not the machine used as a private conveyance.

"A number of business houses require their drivers to carry a light within or about their vehicles, more for their own safety than for that of others. This can also be said of some of the owners of private carriages.

"At times it is very difficult to determine the direction in which a vehicle is traveling, or on which side of the street it happens to be, by the noise occasioned by the horses' feet. A light would show just what part of the street it occupies. One might advance the argument that if it were approaching it would be on the left hand side of the street, and on the right hand side if going in the same direction. This would be so if everyone obeyed the rules of the road, but unfortunately, this is not so. If more wagons are on the incorrect than on the correct side, there would be less necessity for lamps on horse-propelled vehicles.

"A carriage or wagon is often collided with by both bicycles and other vehicles. This is especially the case when drawn up alongside of a curb awaiting the owner. In this instance the horse, not being in motion, no noise is made. A vehicle in this connection occupies the same relation to the street as a pile of mortar or bricks, and should be provided with a light. It is a temporary obstruction, and one is more liable to danger than if it were known to be there, like mortar or bricks.

"A cyclist generally leaves his lamp lighted when stopping before a house, because he knows his machine is in danger of collision if he does not take this precaution.

"Therefore, I would respectfully request that all vehicles be required to carry lamps.

Very respectfully,

WM. T. ROBERTSON,

Chief Consul D. C. Div. L. A. W.

QUEER WHEELMEN.

Have a New Clubhouse in View and May Take It.

The queer wheelmen met Thursday evening to decide the question of a new clubhouse. The committee having the selection of quarters in view has an option on a house on Twelfth street, near L. It is the building formerly occupied by the Washington Cycle Club and would answer the purpose



NEW BICYCLE LAMP

of the boys - it will make one of the coolest clubhouses in the country. The queer held their second weekly run to Cycle Cottage Wednesday evening. These rides are becoming very popular and will be continued as long as the weather permits. Among those who made the trip were Miss Estelle Campbell, Miss Marie McIntire, Miss M. M. Rider, Miss E. Shea, Mr. and Mrs. T. Piny Moran, Messrs. John Woerner, Jr., H. R. Dawley, R. Brooke Coker, J. M. Monday, H. Gale Turpin, L. O. Slack, T. M. Stearn and J. Powers. The run was in charge of Mr. L. O. Slack.

Capt. George E. Boyd has called a run for Ashton today. It leaves No. 812 Fourteenth street at 9:30 o'clock.

H. S. Gardner is off on a three weeks' trip to Niagara Falls.

R. Brooke Coker and E. A. Pitkin are back from their vacation.

Eight applications for membership are to be acted on at the next meeting of the Queers.

COLUMBIA CLUB.

All Arrangements for the Bicycle Tournament Completed.

The Columbia Athletic Club has arranged for a bicycle tournament September 19. It will be an event full of sport. The program arranged is as follows:

First event—One-mile race, open to club members who have never been in a race before; prize, a gold medal.

Second event—Egg and spoon race; prize, a silver cup.

Third event—One-mile race, open to club members; prize, a gold medal.

Fourth event—Obstacle race; prize, a silver egg cup and spoon.

Fifth event—Egg-breaking race; prize, a silver egg cup and spoon.

Sixth event—Bicycle tournament, first prize, gold medal; second prize, bicycle suit; third prize, a sweater; fourth prize, a bicycle lamp.

The committee having the affair in charge is composed of C. A. Cabrera, chairman; S. W. Stuenkel, H. S. Stiles, J. Hart Brittain, Robert Bell, F. B. Powle, Eugene Harrison, Capt. Wells, and William Gettlinger.

Entries close September 14.

WASHINGTON ROAD CLUB.

Decision About Reached to Give a Meet in September.

The Washington Road Club has about decided to give a bicycle meet about September 18. The date will be definitely decided upon at the club meeting to be held Wednesday night.

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BICYCLE

BICYCLE GIRL OF WINTER

She Has Solved the Problem of Wet Weather.

JAUNTY COLD DAY SUIT

Boots Will Displace the Clumsy Legging and the Skirt Will Shrink a Bit—Box Coat and Fur Cap Complete It—What She Will Wear Where It Cannot Be Seen.

The bicycle girl is spinning up the high road of favor and Fortune, on her wheel, leads the way.

When an oracle more despatch than Delphi howled forth the prophecy that the wheel was not the sphere for woman, somebody blundered—but it wasn't the bicycle girl.

She knew she was right, and Dave Crockett himself could not have surprised her in the art of going ahead.

She is no longer an amovion, but a fact, and collectively considered, such a vast and ever-increasing fact that her disapproving sisters, cousins and aunts, who only a little while back hung their heads at her in the same spirit that boys stone frogs, now find themselves, to their astonishment, figuring as exceptions rather than as a rule.

Only a few days ago one of those uncompromising creatures who would advise a girl to figure that nobody can deny, made the announcement that for every woman between fifteen and thirty-five years of age who walks the streets of a city there are two such women who wheel.

At the strictly present time the bicycle girl is spinning all over the country in a bonnet and skirt that are too long to suit her and too short to satisfy her friends. It is hard work serving two masters, but the fashion-plates are hurrying to the rescue, and the bicycle girl's last trial—the uncertainty of what to wear and how to make it—will vanish with the coming of the fall.

PROBLEMS TO BE FACED.

Somebody has said that all a woman wants to start a campaign club is a few yards of bunting, a saw and a step ladder, but a girl's bicycle circle is simply a matter of wheels.

The city contingent of a west end cycle club met recently at the home of one of its members on Columbia Heights. There were six girls present—and being girls—all of them talked at once.

"Here is what I want to know," said the hostess, her voice dominating the others like a Greek chorus in a play, "How are we going to buy our bicycle boots?"

One brought out her leggings and said, "I don't like them, but they are the only ones I have." Another said, "I don't like them, but they are the only ones I have."

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WINTER BICYCLE GIRL.

at that, when you consider the comfort I will get out of it and the endless pleasure my presence will give—

"Oh, no," protested the chaperon, with as many inflections as there were tongues to voice them, and the girl from New York laughed because she knew she could afford to.

Well, indeed, may the "pedalers" be grateful to the winter bicycle girl in that she may take advantage of both boots and knickerbockers to dispense with draggled skirts during the winter's storm. The way women have had to slop around in the wet for these past centuries is something to think about, and that she will never have it to do again is due to the bicycle girl.

A plain, every day man in this city who has been watching the new woman's various revolutions in progress has concluded that the wheel is doing more for the freedom and equality of woman than she will ever gain by votes. He says that the bicycle girl is more of a brother and so learns more of his ways. He has noted that women nowadays, seldom add postscripts to their letters, and almost invariably put down the date.

When a business man has discovered that women no longer feel the terrors of mice, and that there is in this very city an authentic record of a young woman's admitting that her shoes were too small. This has been the mission work of the bicycle girl who is still happily and healthily, happy time and incidentally to do all the good to others that she can. In her new dress she was but normally attractive, where before she was but normally attractive, where before she was but normally attractive.

When old Boreas comes with his first frost blast he will wind nobody so much to his fancy as the winter girl on wheels.

CAMP PETROLA.

Capitol Hill Boys Having Great Fun Near Leonardtown.

Camp Petrola, near Leonardtown, where

a number of the bicycle riders of Capitol Hill are spending their vacation, is flourishing. Dr. Petrola, who spent Sunday with the boys, is back, but he returned on a steamer. He found the roads very rough going down.

The boys are having a fine time. Mr. Tony Sousa came home Friday with one of the boys who was knocked out by the sun in a long sail. He is going back next week with Dr. Petrola to see the camp break up. Rumors of "court-martial," attacks by colored tramps, etc., are very numerous, and prove that there is plenty of fun going.

ARLINGTON WHEELMEN.