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SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLE RIDERS AS DISCIPLES OF PROGRESS.

Enthusiastic Outpouring of Devotees of the Wheel Who Are Determined on Improving the City's Thoroughfares—Fully One Hundred Thousand Spectators Viewed the Parade.



A Brilliant Section of the Parade as It Appeared a Few Minutes After the Start.

BOYCLISTS of every age, race, sex and color—bicyclists from every stratum of civilization, from the scorching hump to the heavy-headed patriarch biker, sitting in military rectness on antique 60-pounder wheels...

ent factor in determining future municipal administration. The turnout last night was, as it were, a test of the political strength of the wheelmen, and it showed how great that strength really is. It is said that the wheelman vote will amount to something like 30,000, and with such a balance of power they are quite likely to effect a change in the policy that has long prevailed in street improvement...

with lurid rays which, when thrown on the passing decorated bicycles, produced a most pleasing effect. This exhibition was kept up and down the street as far as the eye could reach, while the procession went on and on. The following divisions and organizations of wheelmen were in the line: Advance platoon mounted police. Grand marshal, Captain George A. Raabe. First division—Mounted. South Side Improvement clubs. Merchants' Association, Association of Improvement clubs. Citizens—All mounted. Second division—Ladies' Alpha Cycling Club and unattached lady riders, preceded by children on wheels under the care of special detail of mounted police.

the procession like the ocean and looking back on Market street the horsemen saw nothing of the wheel cavalcade they were leading but an occasional lamp bobbing above a black stream of people. The bursting of a rocket in the air followed by a glare of red fire was the signal for the wheelmen to move, and then the band near the head of the column struck up a popular air. Divisions and clubs wheeled into line and began the trip down Folsom street. The residents along that thoroughfare were all alive to the occasion, and on nearly every house front were displayed Japanese lanterns and bunting. In many of the windows were illuminations in the old-fashioned style—rows of candles placed one above another. One of the most unique in the line of illuminating was at a house near Twentieth street, where the front steps, bay-win-

Never in the history of the southeast end of Folsom street was there anything to compare with the scene that was witnessed there at 8 o'clock last evening. Old and young, fat and lean turned out as if by magic upon the adjoining streets leading into this newly bituminized thoroughfare. Houses that heretofore were content with an ordinary hall light became illuminated from basement to garret. Not content with turning on a full stream of gas lights in every room commanding a view an abundance of Chinese lanterns were strung from roof to stakes in the ground about the gardens. Noticeable among the residences which made more than an ordinary display were that of Captain W. A. Phillips, 2832 Folsom street, whose three-story building was a transparency worthy of comment. Captain A. F. Spear, 2908 Folsom, had "old glory" out at full length, with a string of Chinese lanterns on either side. H. C. Somers, 2906 Folsom, tried to surpass his neighbor in his line of decorating. George Flack's residence, 2900 Folsom, shone forth in splendor with a variety of lights. Mrs. F. Nelson did her share to give eclat to the occasion. George Bueker and F. S. Nielson added much in their line. But the handsomest decorated place on this section, so far as its uniqueness was concerned, was the residence of William McMurray, 2926 Folsom, where Chinese lanterns commenced to move as if by magic. As soon as the head of the procession swung into Folsom that boulevard was lighted up by a sudden flare of calcium lights from doorsteps and balconies until that portion of the street was illuminated

Some of the Bicycle Club Emblems That Are Familiar in San Francisco.



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