THE GREAT CYCLE EXHIBIT.

IT WILL OPEN THIS EVENING WITH AN IMPOSING DISPLAY.

Many Manufacturers and Many Dealers Will Be Represented—Special Days for Special People—Musical Programme a Particular Feature.

Over 200 wheels, many of them 1896 models, showing the latest advances in the manufacture of bicycles, will be on exhibition this evening at the Third Regiment armory, Twelfth street and Troost avenue. For two weeks past every effort has been made by the local dealers' association to make the first annual cycle show of Kansas City not only a source of pleasure to wheelmen, but a place of interest and attraction for all other persons. Great pains looking to this end have been taken by President Charles J. Schmelzer and Secretary Oliver C. Hutchinson of the association. The entire armory has been decorated with bright bunting, while each booth containing an exhibit has been decked out in colors.

At least twenty-five bicycle manufacturers will be represented. Ladies' wheels of all varieties and grades will be on exhibition, and a special feature will be the Waverley exemplar, which has been seen at almost all of the other bicycle shows in the United States. Besides the wheels, there will be a complete and comprehensive display of bicycle sundries and accessories, as tools, tires, lanterns, saddles and the like. Nothing in the way of wheelmen's supplies will be wanting.

Arrangements have been made even by which it will be demonstrated that a tire which is badly punctured can be mended within two minutes time by a special process.

The exhibition will open this evening, and will close Saturday evening. Each of the three nights will be given up specially to some one of the local clubs. To-morrow will be Cyclers's day, and Saturday afternoon Ladies' day. Fine prizes will be given by the Third Regiment band, which will be led in H. G. Wheeler, its able conductor. Special programmes will be given throughout the exhibition.

THIS SEEMS TO SETTLE IT.

Secretary of the London Sporting Club Says He Has Offered No Purse for a Fitz-Corbett Fight.

London, March 18.—The Associated Press has received a communication which officially sets at rest the claim that the National Sporting Club has offered a purse for a fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. The fact of such a claim being advanced was first brought to public attention here by the news cabled from the United States that Corbett had signed the articles of agreement for a contest before the National Sporting Club.

When it was first denied that any offer had been made for such a contest, and the report of the denial was cabled to the Associated Press, the claim of priority for arranging for such a contest was reiterated by the representatives of well known sporting papers here and in the United States. The following communication speaks for itself:

"National Sporting Club,
"Covent Garden, March 18, 1896.

"To the Associated Press.

"With reference to the Corbett-Fitzsimmons matter, I beg to state I never offered a purse, nor authorized any other person to do so, for a contest between the above boxers.

"If the time should come when the men are matched, and unconditional apologies are rendered, this club will be prepared to make an offer, but not until then. All other statements contrary to this are absolutely false.

"Secretary and Manager."

Posters vs. Leaders—Grand Alleys.

J. J. POSTERS.

	Strikes.	Spares.	Total.
Hercafer	7	12	468
Laidlaw	7	11	446
Boyer	4	13	414
Prestbury	5	9	396
Marlis	2	15	384
Totals	25	55	2008

EAGLES.

	Strikes.	Spares.	Total.
Willack	3	12	436
Jonah	3	11	411
Poole	2	12	399
Hurst	3	8	397
Clark	2	8	383
Totals	13	51	1906

Rich Con Bell Broad Alleys.

	Strikes.	Spares.	Total.
Miller, F.	1	9	421
Barberan	1	8	411
Hucker	2	8	405
Thornton	1	8	393
Hoey	1	11	444
Miller, G.	2	12	476
Grotce	4	9	404
Meiner	1	14	450
Kellogan	4	7	394
Joalle	4	7	384
Bone	4	4	359

Rambler Club Roll—Brunswick Alleys.

	Strikes.	Spares.	Total.
Armstrong	3	14	492
Raymond	1	12	453
Quinn	4	13	453
Griffith	3	12	453
Dear	4	7	409
Bagby	4	6	398
Felix	4	6	355

New Orleans Races.

New Orleans, La., March 18.—One hundredth day of the Crescent City Jockey Club's winter meeting. Weather rainy, track heavy.

First race—Three-fourths of a mile, for 2-year-olds, selling, purse $300: Dunlap, 107 (Hill), 7 to 10, won; Rowell, 104 (Hugh), 7 to 2, second; Sheerer, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:18½. Bill Hogan, Ed Mack, Ed Lewis, Ben Ali, Mamie Wells and Tattered also ran. Vigilo left.

Second race—Mile and a half, for 3-year-olds and upwards, selling, purse $300: Rollo, 97 (Lamy), 4 to 1, won; Pendleton, 97 (Smith), 7 to 2, second; Dr. Parks, 102 (Hill), 4 to 1, third. Time, 2:39. Eric and Prince Arthur ran. Pendant 2 to 1 pulled.

Third race—Three-fourths of a mile, selling, for fillies, 3-year-olds and upwards: Ethel Lee, 94 (Lamy), 3 to 1, won; Inspector, 103 (Hill), 7 to 2, second; Lady Hoyt, 97 (Hughes), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:18½. Lady Fairlawn, Ada Jones, Rosa Bonheur and Pocket also ran. Alabama Traveler, 2 to 1, pulled.

Results at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., March 18.—First race—Five-eighths of a mile. Blue Knight won; Tranby, second; Tarcone, third. Time, 1:02½.

Second race—Four and one-half furlongs. Lady Fairlawn won; Mamalouche, second; Sand Stone, third. Time, :56½.

Third race—Three-eighths of a mile. Starr won; Miss Perame, second; Bertrand, third. Time, :36½.

Fourth race—Three-quarters of a mile. Albert S. won; Mermaid, second; Commissioner Frank, third. Time, 1:16½.

Fifth race—Mile and a half. Sorlorne won; Amberite, second; Maxima, third. Time, 2:38½.

Preparing for the Fall Meeting.

Fort Scott, Kas., March 18.—(Special.) The Fort Scott Driving Club, at a business meeting held to-day, adopted the fair grounds and decided to at once commence preparations for the annual racing season, which will commence August 2 and end August 7. Some of the fastest horses in the country have been promised, and members of the driving club say that the races will be the fastest ever seen in this city.

A Return Game.

The St. Joseph boys will play a return game of basket ball against the Third Regiment team in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to-morrow night. They are anxious to win back the laurels which they lost in their last game against the soldiers some weeks ago at St. Joseph. After the game the strangers will be tendered a reception in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. and a lunch will be served.

San Francisco Races.

San Francisco, March 18.—An enormous crowd witnessed the races this afternoon. It was Ladies' day, and fully 4000 of the fair sex enjoyed the hospitality of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club at Ingleside. The weather was Bristolian, and the track very good. Five favorites and two second choices took the money.

First race—Four and a half furlongs; 3-year-olds; purse $300: Bowens II, 8 (Jones), 4 to 1, won; Dura, 107 (Cheek), 2 to 1, second; Jake Ambrose, 102 (Garner), 15 to 10, third. Time, :56½. Vinculum, Parson Phillip II, Wallace, Catherine the Great, Berkeley and White Seal also ran.

Second race—Six furlongs; selling; purse, $300: Schnitz, 96 (J. Jones), 3 to 5, won; Walter J., 94 (Gaggin), 9 to 1, second; Tubey, 94 (Cooper), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Fireball, Tar and Tartar, Huntsman, New Moon, Treachery, Pollock, Little Tough and George C. also ran.

Third race—Six furlongs; handicap; purse, $600: Mohecan, 88 (Garner), 7 to 1, won; George Miller, 117 (Cook), even, second; Sam Lesser, 102 (Machin), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:16½. Pepper also ran.

Fourth race—Mile and a quarter, over five hurdles; handicap; purse, $400: Hello, 135 (Clancy), 3 to 2, won; Bassano, 138 (Greene), 7 to 1, second; Nellie C., 127 (Doyle), 12 to 1, third. Time, 2:22½. Silvertail, Esperance, My Luck also ran.

Fifth race—Seven furlongs; purse, $500: Terlaglia, 92 (E. Jones), 2 to 1, won; Catalina, 96 (H. Jones), 4 to 1, second; Dungarven, 102 (Cochran), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:30. Sister Mary, Charles McDonald also ran.

Sixth race—Seven furlongs; purse, $400: Marcet, 106 (Garner), 6 to 1, won; Benham, 106 (C. Slaughter), 8 to 1, second; Barnes, 106 (Cook), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:30½. Bellringer, Thelma, Seaside, Norblich, Gilead also ran.

Seventh race—Six furlongs; selling; purse $400: Charm, 103 (Garner), 9 to 5, won; Artist, 108 (Snider), 20 to 1, second; Olive, 101 (Cochran), 11 to 2, third. Time, 1:16½. Ferris Hartman, Red Glenn, Model, Rico, Philomena, Salisbury II., Ike L. also ran.

Billy Hamilton Signs With Boston.

Boston, March 18.—Billy Hamilton signed a Boston baseball contract to-day and will accompany the team on its Southern trip. This completes the Boston team, with the exception of Harrington.

MASONS STILL IN SESSION.

The Western Consistory Busy Initiating Candidates Into Various Degrees—Another Day.

Yesterday was the second day of the spring convention of the Consistory of Western Missouri. Historic and religious degrees, fifteenth to eighteenth inclusive, were conferred by Thomas Smart Ridge, thirty-second degree, wise master, and a staff of assistants. The brothers made an early start, and at 8:30 o'clock initiation in the degree of Knight of the East was commenced. At 11:30 the ceremony of conferring the sixteenth degree, Prince of Jerusalem, was announced, which engaged the close attention of the brothers till after noon. When the participants in this ceremony had completed their work they were ushered into the banquet hall, where a banquet was spread for about a hundred members. The afternoon and evening sessions included the degrees Knight of the East and Knight Rose Croix De H. R. D. M. At the conclusion of the session of the day a musical programme was provided for the entertainment of the wives and friends of members. The musical numbers were contributed by Messrs. E. K. Chaffee, H. H. Porter, Mrs. Voorhees and Mrs. Brown.

The following Masons took degrees yesterday: Joseph Wrocker, Marshall; F. P. Doyle, Richmond; Ira Hinsdale and Joseph Turner, Sedalia; E. J. Kohl, St. Joseph; R. T. Martin, Lathrop, and Charles Miller, C. H. V. Lakey, Edward R. Kimball, S. W. Stephens, George Horn, J. Lee Foster and P. C. Palmer, Kansas City.

Among the prominent Masons who visited the Scottish Rite masters yesterday were: Marion Collins, of St. Louis, thirty-third degree, inspector general for Missouri, the Modern Scottish Rite; ex-Governor M. S. Miller, of Topeka, thirty-third degree, deputy inspector general for Kansas; Stephen T. Ballard, thirty-second degree, and Lieutenants H. B. Howard and A. G. Hakenson, of Fort Leavenworth.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PROPERTIES

Receiver Perry, of the National Bank of Kansas City, Will File a Suit Against Them.

John Perry, of the Intimate National Bank of Kansas City, has begun suit in the federal court to enforce a claim held by the bank at the time of its suspension against the receivers of the Excelsior Springs Company. The claim was originally contracted upon the bank way in business and the Excelsior Springs Company was a corporation of which the bank was a member. The suit is brought to the problem of the bank against the receivers of the company. It is for a very large amount and is a part of the present litigation that has followed the failure of the Excelsior Springs enterprise.

A few days ago suit was filed against the same defendants by the stock of the Excelsior Springs Bottling Works and also a large amount of the stock of the Excelsior Land Company. It is stated that Receiver Perry has asked for the appointment of a receiver for the bottling works and that the matter is now before the court whether or not a receiver will be made for permanent purposes, and that at the same time a receiver will be made for permanent purposes, and that at the same time a receiver will be made for permanent purposes, and that at the same time