

# A FLOUR CITY SPORTING ARRAY.

Symposium of Summer Sports Which Will Occupy the Leisure Time of Minneapolitans During the Heated Term.

## NORTHWESTERN CENTER OF ALL SPORT.

Games Afield and Contests Afloat—From Yachting on Minnetonka to the Small Contests on Lake Calhoun.

## RIFLE, SHOTGUN, OAR, RACQUET AND WHEEL

Outdoor Amusements of All Kinds, and Enough to Keep the Lover of Sport Busy for at Least an Entire Summer.

Y THE LARGE population of the Flour City, the many advantages, the favorable character of the summer climate and the interest taken in such matters by Northwestern people all combine to make Minneapolis and St. Paul unusual places for the summer months. There is almost nothing in the way of field sports and games of which the people of this city do not see the very best that is going. The best base ball teams, the best tennis players, the best football men, the best running and trotting stock and all the best things in outdoor sports are sure to be found in Minneapolis, and on nearly every day during the summer there is something to amuse idlers and call the busy man out of his office to spend an hour or two in healthful recreation. Year after year this has become more and more the case, until Minneapolis has become the recognized sporting center of the great Northwest.

The importance of the city in the sporting world will be easily increased when the centrally located athletic park is finished and thrown open to the public. This park, located in the very heart of the city, and easily accessible from every part of the town, is to have a large and conveniently and comfortably arranged seating capacity, and the grounds are being graded and rolled to an attractive smoothness that would almost induce Al. Love to rush out and play ball. A bicycle track will be arranged in the park, tennis courts will be laid out, and the management will use every endeavor to have as many square, honorable and attractive sporting events as can be secured during the season. Amateur athletics of all kinds will be boomed and encouraged in every possible way, and it is in this park that most of the interesting exhibitions of the season will be given.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS. Among those who have already spoken to Manager Morton about securing the grounds are the cricketers, the cyclists, lacrosse cranks, the Thistle Foot Ball team, the tennis players and the Caledonian club, which intends to hold its annual games there. They will have periodical field days and several amateur ball teams will use the grounds. All these things, with the regular games of the Minneapolis ball team, will leave very few open dates, and these will undoubtedly be filled with various minor events that cannot be calculated on in advance.

THE BASE BALL GAMES. About the middle of this month the Minneapolis ball team will arrive home from the first trip of the season, and will play ball on the home grounds most of the time until the middle of June, then away again until the 24th of July, when Minneapolis and St. Paul will cross bats on the home grounds in the first of a three-game series, the other two games to be played on the glorious Fourth. Manager Morton's babies will be home once more in the latter part of July and early in August when they arrive here to play St. Paul and Des Moines, then on another tour to return here in the middle of September, and play out the remainder of their schedule on their home ground. With the excellent field team that Minneapolis has, and the bracing it is now getting in the battery position, certainly would seem that no club in the Western Association has any better chance than the Millers to pull

when the season closes, and even if the boys don't win the club will undoubtedly furnish amusement for huge crowds, every time they play, as the central location of the grounds and the good baseball players who are aggregated is bound to put up guaranteed crowded benches in advance. No effort will be spared to make the team and the management of the games all that can be made of. It will be the aim of the management to have the very best people who they can go to the new athletic park and see the very best of the city's athletic games and sports, conducted in a thoroughly conscientious and straightforward manner, and without any objectionable feature or persons.

## THE BICYCLISTS.

Wheeling Was Never So Popular as This Season—The Meets.

Among other things that will draw crowds to the new park will be bicycle races—amateur, of course—and therefore fair and honest. The Minneapolis Bicycle club, which, after some years of a more or less precarious existence, has suddenly sprung into something like general favor among the wheelmen of the city, now has over fifty active working members, and is in splendid condition for the summer's sport. The club has furnished some very pleasant runs over the Citizens' bank, 416 Nicollet avenue. The rooms were formally opened Thursday last, which is the day the club's regular weekly meet and country run.

As soon as the track is finished and in condition there will be a very interesting team race between the Minneapolis and St. Paul clubs. This may be held during May, and is bound to create some excitement, as everything where representatives of the two cities contend for supremacy does. The challenge for this race has already been received and accepted, and the teams are in training, the only real worry being a report of a lack of a suitable place to run it.

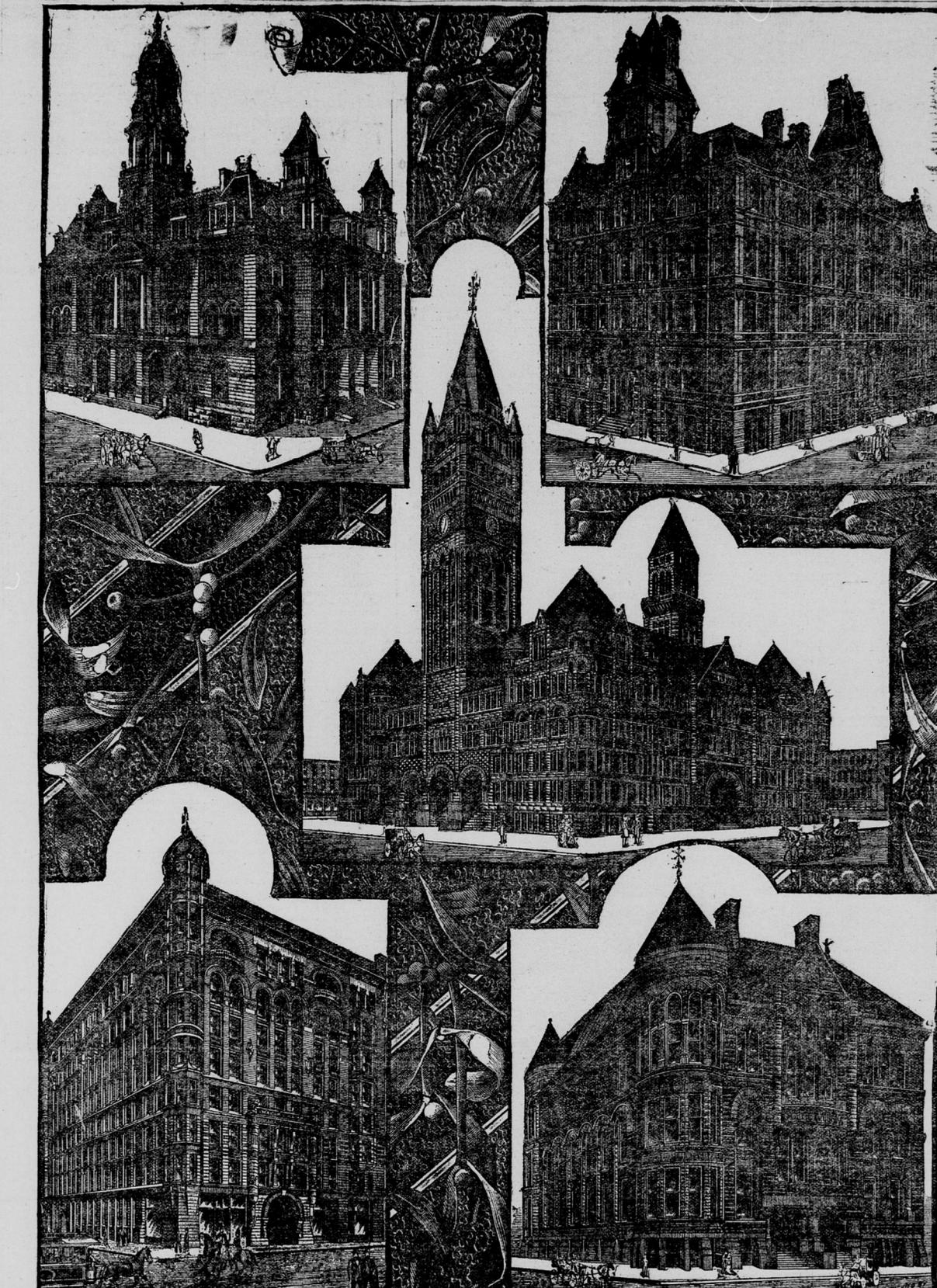
A TWENTY-FIVE MILE ROAD RACE. Is one of the probabilities in the future, and club race tournaments and open local tournaments will be arranged for at various times during the season, but if you want to get a whistman interested and hear him talk about what kind of a wheel town Minneapolis is, you just want to mention September and he will start off into a rhapsody on the wheeling events that will come off. The Minnesota state meet of the L. A. W. is booked for Minneapolis during that month, which will bring at least one thousand cyclists here, and if the Minneapolis club succeeds in getting

THE DISTRICT MEET HERE. There will be 2,000 or more from all parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa here, and the town will be full of cyclists and cyclists for a week or more. A monster lantern parade, a daylight parade, races, country runs, club drills, and everything else dear to the heart of the wheel crank will go to make up one of the grandest programs ever laid out in Minneapolis. The wide, level streets

of Minneapolis, the accessibility of the city from all points, and the size and importance of the population which lie so near together will operate with the fact that Minneapolis is notably a wheeling town to bring the district meet here, and then there will be no more doubt, indeed, for all who ride the "steed of steel."

The St. Anthony Wheel club is a new East side organization of cyclists which came into existence only a few days ago, and now has nearly twenty-five members with a good prospect of making it fifty before the season closes. The club has no home as yet, but will have rooms in some convenient location on the east side of the river, and gives every promise of success.

# MINNEAPOLIS + ILLUSTRATED.



PROMINENT MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC BUILDINGS. 1. NEW POST OFFICE (IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION). 2. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. 3. NEW CITY HALL AND COURT HOUSE (IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION). 4. NEW MASONIC TEMPLE (IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION). 5. NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY (IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION).

apols, and many of them prominent citizens here. This club is about to become incorporated, and has been braced up this season by the acquisition of several new members of undoubted judgment in good horsemanship, and not a few of the old members have made valuable additions to their stables during the winter just past. The track, stables and grounds have been put in the best possible condition, and about 130 of the best animals in the Northwest, with their trainers, are already quartered at the park, and the tracks are now in daily use by those who are getting in shape for the summer's work.

Everything now points to an unusually successful season, the spring is forward and trotting will be begun much earlier than last year. About the middle of May the summer series of weekly matinees will begin. On the opening day something very attractive is promised. A special race programme will be provided, the free admission is sure to fill every point from which a good view of the track can be obtained, and a band will keep everybody in good spirits. These weekly matinees which proved so successful in '88, will be held either on Wednesday or Friday afternoons, and various trophies contributed by Minneapolis merchants who love the sport will be contested for each day.

There are some very speedy horses now stabled at the park and not a few of them have records between 2:25 and 2:17. The season has opened early enough too, to give ample opportunity for getting them in racing condition

before the opening of the summer meeting, which will take place the 1st of July. This will include twelve regular events, for purses aggregating about \$10,000, and will consume four days, including July 4, the meeting having been arranged for July 2 to 5, inclusive. Besides the twelve events already booked there will be special trots each day for prizes made up from the receipts.

In August, just before the Rochester state fair, there will be a second week's meeting fully as grand as the first, and at intervals during the season events of unusual interest, horsemen will be added to the matinee programmes. Everything has been arranged for the comfort and pleasure of visitors and members, and Capt. Morrell, who has charge of the club house on the grounds, will be prepared to furnish meals that will entirely remove from the minds of the skeptically inclined, any idea they may have conceived of being obliged to come away down town to get anything to eat.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKSMEN. Flour City Sportsmen Who Make Good Targets. People who shoot with guns are about as inoffensive and mild-mannered a class of sportsmen as can be found, but although inoffensive they are by no means dead, and the Minneapolis Gun club and the Long Meadow Gun club, the two representative organizations of gunsters in the Flour City, are proving themselves very much alive by the vigor and enterprise they are displaying in their preparations for the coming season's sports.

The Minneapolis Gun club, which already has excellent grounds on the Minnehaha division of the motor line, is expending several hundreds of dollars in improvements, one of the principal of which is the putting in of new blinds and the installation of a plant for springing the traps by electricity. This is entirely a new idea, in use in only a few of the swell gun clubs of the East, and has been found far preferable to the old and often unsatisfactory method of springing them by means of a rope and lever.

The event of the season among shooters in the Northwest will be the sixth annual tournament of the Minneapolis club, which is to be held on the 21st and 22d of the coming month, May. The tournament is open to amateurs only, and embraces Minnesota, Wisconsin, Dakota, Iowa, Manitoba and Illinois. The guaranteed purses for the twelve shoots aggregate over \$1,100, and besides this there will be no inconsiderable amount offered as special cash prizes. There are also prizes contributed by local merchants and others for best averages, ranging from a \$25 corduroy hunting suit to a pair of flannel hunting shirts valued at \$7. More than 100 of the best marksmen in the Northwest will try their skill at this tourney and some fine scores are sure to be made.

The club has already begun its weekly shoots, which are held every Thursday, and usually draw from thirty to fifty sportsmen anxious to see how many birds they can find. From now until after the tournament shoots will be held twice a week—on Mondays and Thursdays—to allow the boys in Minneapolis and St. Paul to get in shape to carry away some of the stakes at the annual shoot. The weekly shoots on Thursdays will be continued all the season, and on every fourth week an all-day shoot or monthly sweepstakes tournament will be held, which it is proved as attractive as it did last year, will draw fifty people or more each month, a good per cent of whom are from St. Paul.

The Long Meadow Gun club is a ducking club, and is probably as wealthy an organization of sports as there is in the city, unless the Driving Park association be excepted. The club owns 2,000 acres of rice marshes along the bottoms, extending up the Minnesota river from Fort Snelling, and has built a \$3,500 club house there. This is the largest and finest game preserve in the Northwest. The sport of a hunting club necessarily comes late in the summer, but it is always exciting and pleasing enough to compensate its members for their long wait. The new game law passed by the recent legislature favors hunters in this particular, by opening the season on Sept. 1, instead of Sept. 15, as heretofore, but it protects the chickens five days longer than the old statute did, changing the date from the 15th to the 20th of August. Two club shoots and banquets are held each year, one early in the duck season and the other just before its close. Both are more than enjoyable affairs, and the feast of duck in every imaginable style that follow a day's sport, will never be forgotten by the fortunate individual who has partaken one of them. Besides the two clubs mentioned above, there are several minor organizations, including the North Star Gun club, of Minneapolis, and two East side clubs, one of which, in Northeast Minneapolis, has been very recently organized. The North Star club uses the Minneapolis club grounds, and the East side clubs shoot on the rifle range below the university.

A Prosperous and Thriving Minneapolis Manufacturing Company. Is the Eagle Shirt and Overall Company; it has been in existence for three years. This company manufactures and sell at wholesale, Shirts, Pants, Overalls and Gents' Furnishings. Goods on an extensive scale. Their factory is located at 228 Fifth avenue south, their office and showrooms at 120 Hennepin avenue. Their trade extends over a vast territory, including Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa, and is rapidly increasing as the merits of their goods become known. Merchants in and out of the city are invited to inspect their goods, and will find their prices always the lowest.

# PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

A Group of Five Representative Structures Presented for Inspection.

The New Government Building Now Nearly Approaching Completion.

The County and City Building in Process of Construction.

Public Library Building, Masonic Temple, Chamber of Commerce.

THE public buildings of Minneapolis are objects of particular pride, and they may well be, for no city can boast of more substantial buildings for public uses and at the same time possessing such artistic beauty and perfect adaptability to their uses. There are now in the process of construction three buildings in the city that are especially magnificent in structure, two of them, the Masonic temple and new court house, and the massive construction of the other, the public library, is of a more classic mold and very beautiful. The new government

POSTOFFICE BUILDING is just completed, needing but a little work on the interior to make it ready for occupancy, and as it now stands, at the corner of First avenue south and Third street, is the finest government building west of Chicago.

The style of architecture is Corinthian, built up of a gray sandstone, and the massive columns, on First avenue south the building has a front of 124, and extends along Third street for 148 feet. A high tower, profusely ornamented, rises on the Third street side, and the corners of the building bear smaller towers. Broad entrances lead into the building both off the street and avenue.

The inside arrangement accords with the outer proportions. The ceilings are lofty; broad corridors lead through the building, which, with the great windows and wide doors, make the building light and open, and makes the interior, with the handsome finishings, beautiful and airy.

The first floor and one-third of the basement will be used for postoffice purposes. Every portion of this department will be perfectly equipped. The second and third floors will contain the offices for the various federal officials, including the United States revenue assessor and collector, United States court officers, railway postal clerks, postoffice inspectors and the local board of civil service examiners. These floors are connected by broad marble stairways. The building is one perfectly throughout, having cost some \$250,000. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by July 1.

The court house now standing at Eighth avenue south and Fourth street, once considered as a very imposing structure, has seemed to grow dingy and old and small by the rapid growth of the city, and is really very much crowded. And so Minneapolis is to have one of the grandest of buildings for a new

COURT HOUSE AND CITY HALL. Bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000 have been issued, and this is the least estimate on the amount expected to be expended. The building will cover the whole block between Fourth and Fifth streets south and Third and Fourth avenues, with the main fronts on the streets. The structure is to be 290 feet square, built about a court. A tower 300 feet in height will rise from the Fourth street side, and a lower tower will finish the Fifth street side. The main walls are to be of granite, rising on the outer side and five stories on the court, allowing for a roof of beautiful design. The inner arrangements have for one grand promise of beauty, a splendid closed court. The work on the excavation for the foundation was completed last summer, and now the foundation of the great tower is being laid, commencing on the solid rock forty feet below the surface. The structure will be completed at as early a date as possible, and will be a grand and imposing pile.

MINNEAPOLIS will, by the beginning of the winter season, be fitted with one of the finest libraries and library buildings in the United States.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING, now almost completed, stands at the bend in Hennepin avenue, looking down over eleven blocks of one of the principal business thoroughfares. It is in the best location possible for easy access to all the city. The building is three stories high above the basement, and extends along the Tenth street side for 140 feet. The brown sandstone of which it is constructed is perfectly adapted to this style of architecture. The main entrance on Hennepin avenue is a massive and extremely beautiful portion of the building, the lintels supported on great columns of heavy granite weighing twelve tons each. This opens immediately into the staircase hallway, thirty feet square, reaching to the top of the structure. Three reading rooms of forty feet square, occupy a considerable room. The two shelf rooms are seventy feet long and twenty-five feet wide and will accommodate 100,000 volumes. A room will be devoted to the use of the Minneapolis Academy of Science and one to the Society of Fine Arts. A museum and gallery of fine arts are also to be situated in the building. Thirty thousand volumes are to be put on the shelves in the new building as a start. The present income of the library is \$15,000 per year, so the new building has a good healthy institution to use its splendid rooms.

The completed structure of the Masonic Temple, standing at the northeast corner of Sixth street and Hennepin avenue, attracts the attention of all passers-by, to its grand proportions and massive structure. The work was begun in 1886 and six stories are now completed. The temple will be fully completed this summer and will be a grand monument to its builders.

The chamber of commerce building, located at Fourth avenue south and Third street, is a fine, large building of brick and granite. The work is now in progress. The building is to be situated on an extensive scale. Their factory is located at 228 Fifth avenue south, their office and showrooms at 120 Hennepin avenue. Their trade extends over a vast territory, including Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa, and is rapidly increasing as the merits of their goods become known. Merchants in and out of the city are invited to inspect their goods, and will find their prices always the lowest.

THE OLD SUSPENSION BRIDGE.