

BIG BICYCLE BOOM.

The Erratic Wheel is the Central Figure for First Fair Day.

It Begins With a General Forenoon Parade at Minneapolis.

A Baker's Dozen Speed Events at the Hamline Race Track.

Brilliant Demonstration in Illuminated St. Paul by Night.

The day's events opened, properly speaking, at Minneapolis. It was a Twin City affair, however.

The bicycle club went to Minneapolis via University avenue, and were met by the Minneapolis cyclists in large numbers at the coliseum.

They paraded the principal streets of the city, breaking rank at the Hamline race track, where dinner was served.

In the afternoon the wheelmen rode to the Hamline track for the afternoon sports.

WHEEL TOURNAMENT. Johnson Takes Nearly Everything Little Interest in the Event.

The track sports were entirely given up to cycling events, and there were twelve on the card, including the sprint, the mile, the half-mile, the quarter-mile, the eighth-mile, the sixteenth-mile, the thirty-second-mile, the sixtieth-mile, the one-hundred-mile, the two-hundred-mile, the three-hundred-mile, the four-hundred-mile, the five-hundred-mile, the six-hundred-mile, the seven-hundred-mile, the eight-hundred-mile, the nine-hundred-mile, the one-thousand-mile.

The first race was a mile event for beginners on safety machines. W. P. McGovern drew out, and then followed a long delay over H. B. Stenenson of Minneapolis, and John L. Boyson of Stillwater.

They had entered, and the claim was set up that they were not eligible for the reason that both had won races. The judges finally barred them, and the others got off shortly before 3 o'clock.

Merrick set the pace from the scratch, and Savage rode up close to his wheel around the first turn, but he failed to order down the back stretch, when it became an indifferent procession.

It soon became apparent that Morton was not in it. At the last turn, just as the home stretch was entered, Savage bent abruptly to his work and quickly closed the gap and had a slight advantage as they slowed around the turn, and Morton had fallen back discouraged and broken hearted.

Savage kept up a speedy pace to the yards, when he had the race won handily, and he rode easily to the wire in 2:59.45. Morton was a bad third. The first prize was a gold medal, the second a medal, and the third a box of cigars.

The Second Race. A mile, for novices on ordinary wheels, was put on at once. The pace was slow and the race to the back stretch, when Stenenson passed to the front and held the pole with ease on his last lap to the wire in the slow time of 3:13.25.

Johnson, second, held third, and the others were lost in the shuffle, finally reaching the goal. Boyson took fourth, Dyer fifth and Edwards a long way last. Stenenson, it was asserted, had won a race before, and was not given the race. It was awarded to Townsend. First prize, gold medal; second prize, pair bicycle shoes; third prize, pair cut buttons.

The third event was a mile race for the state championship on the safety, and there were seven starters. Johnson, of Minneapolis, appeared to be the favorite, although a crowd many felt that Colie Bell, of that city, had a shade the best. A good start was secured, and Biggs pushed to the front and captured the pole, and he set rattling pace down around the turn and into the stretch, with the others badly strung out.

The race was a procession, Johnson finishing two yards ahead of Bell, who beat Bird by nearly the same distance. The others were in the rear. J. S. Johnson, Minneapolis, won; Colie Bell, Minneapolis, second; B. B. Bird, St. Paul, third; D. W. H. Townsend, St. Paul, fourth; George T. Biggs, St. Paul, fifth; M. A. Smith, St. Paul, sixth; John L. Boyson, Minneapolis, last. Time, 2:48.45. First prize, gold medal; second prize, Larkin cyclometer; third prize, silver cup.

The Fourth Race. Called out eight aspirants for the prize. It was a two-mile race, seven-minute class on ordinary machines. Day began pace-making for the party at the start. Stenenson and Peterson lagged badly at the back stretch, when the pace became a little warm. Townsend came up with the van at the turn and waged a successful battle with Day. He managed to show the way past the grand stand, while Day rode second. H. H. Townsend third, and the others straggled out. This was the order until the half-mile post was reached. Day then made a spurt and showed in front the balance of the distance, in 6:15. W. H. Day, Minneapolis, first; C. C. Townsend, St. Paul, second; O. M. Hokinson, St. Paul, third; H. H. Townsend, St. Paul, fourth; A. W. Harrison, Minneapolis, fifth; H. P. Hatch, St. Paul, sixth; Charles G. Peterson, St. Paul, seventh, and H. B. Stenenson, St. Paul, last. Time, 6:15.

Then came on a mile race on ordinary wheels for the state championship, but it was not an exciting battle by any means. Johnson was due for another victory, and he had no trouble in adding the laurel to his crown. Graham made it slightly interesting, but Johnson was not crowded as the slow time, 2:36.25, proved. J. S. Johnson, Minneapolis, first; H. B. Stenenson, Minneapolis, second; H. P. Hatch, St. Paul, third, and H. K. Stenenson, Minneapolis, last. First prize, gold medal; second prize, silver handle and bicycle lock.

The Sixth Race. A mile safety event, open. It was a good race, and it was speeded by a close finish. The time, it is true, was slow, but this is accounted for in that the candidates had all been in previous races, and the track was very heavy with dust. Colie Bell made a desperate effort to outrun his old rival, Johnson, but he failed to reach by several feet.

When Baby was sick, she gave her Castoria.

When she was a child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

J. W. Johnson, first; Colie Bell, second; M. A. Smith, third; George T. Biggs, fourth. Time, 3:04. First prize, gold medal; second prize, scarf pin; third prize, pocket-knife.

A mile race on ordinary wheels followed. This proved another victory for them and showing the stables of noble horses.

The judges who served at the races were: H. W. Clark, Minneapolis; E. C. Corwell, St. Paul, and F. M. Washburn, St. Paul.

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The Five Mile Handicap was concluded by the feature of the day. There were six starters, Fargo was given 200 yards and M. A. Smith 100 yards, while all the others started from the scratch. They all got off at the pistol shot. For the scratch party, VanVleck took the pole and Johnson trailed the company, husbanding his strength for the final effort.

Smith failed to save his distance, for Van Vleck, who had nearly circled him at the wire, Fargo gave up in despair and dismounted. Biggs passed the grandstand third. Down the back stretch Johnson began to move up gradually and improve his position, and it soon became evident that Biggs was not in it with the wire first in the second mile, Johnson second, Smith third and Colie Bell fourth. There was little of interest in the next two miles to relate. The performers rode easily, trailing in the order named. At the finish of the fourth mile, however, a foul was claimed against Van Vleck. He swerved across the track several times preventing Johnson from getting the pole. He felt conscious of the fact that Johnson would set a killing pace, should he get the lead, and he knew his only hope was in a waiting race. Johnson let out a few links for the finish and came past Van Vleck, winning by ten feet, with Bell lapping Van Vleck's wheel. Smith refused to ride in fourth and take the booby prize. He dismounted before reaching the scratch.

The two-mile, seven-minute class race brought out eleven starters. It was a ridiculously one-sided affair. Savage was the favorite, and he did not disappoint his friends. Merrick made a hard fight, but Savage was too speedy. Bird was the only other competitor that made a show. F. H. Savage won, L. A. Merrick second, B. B. Bird third, D. M. Clough's bay mare Maggie beat Charles Asbinger, on bicycle, in the half-mile race in 1:24.35.

The half-mile dash for boys was the next race, with the name of the winner was fully known to the spectators, and seven started. Willie Farwell, of St. Paul, won in 1:46.35. The first prize was a gold and silver watch. D. M. Clough's bay mare Maggie beat Charles Asbinger, on bicycle, in the half-mile race in 1:24.35.

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Good Results of the Harvest. Sales last week at the "Plymouth" Clothing House increased 28 per cent over last year.

COURT BRIEFS. Walter H. and Edward P. Sanborn have begun a suit in the district court against James Bennett. The plaintiffs claim an interest in the real estate of block D in Jackson & Bidwell's addition to St. Paul, and the defendant Bennett also claims the same land under proceedings unknown to the plaintiffs. The suit is brought by Bennett to set forth the particulars of his claim, and that the title and the property be quieted in the plaintiffs and defendant enjoined from setting up any claim to the property in question.

Papers were filed in the office of the clerk of courts yesterday by Attorney F. G. Ingersoll on behalf of Orose W. Phillips of St. Paul, who prays for an annulment of his marriage contract with Annie Phillips on account of her having deserted him.

All the New Stetson Hats \$4. Not \$5, but \$4, at the "Plymouth."

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Hon. Clark Chambers spent the day in entertaining visitors, making it agreeable to them and showing the stables of noble horses.

The trains were not started for the return trip until the passengers had nearly exhausted their patience in the delay. As it was, some left the cars to come home by the electric line.

Capt. John W. Taylor, manager of the race, was the latest man at the track, and the success that was attained was largely due to his untiring efforts.

There were many more people in the building looking over the magnificent exhibits than there were in the grand stand witnessing the races.

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