

IT IS CONTAGIOUS

ENTHUSIASM OF THE RECENT BONSPIEL STILL ANIMATES THE CURLING CLUB.

POLICE RINK WINS A GAME, DEFEATING THE SPIELERS OF THE ENDICOTT ARCADE IN A GOOD GAME.

DULUTH CURLERS FARE WELL.

Smith's Winning Rink Was Welcomed to the Zenith City With Popular Enthusiasm.

A funny and interesting contest occurred at the St. Paul curling rink yesterday afternoon. It was a contest between two rinks, representing the Endicott building and "police depart-

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Thursday afternoon at 3 p. m. a game will be played between the police rink and a rink representing the county court house for a prize to be named later. The court house rink will be made up as follows: Beckman, skip; Assemblyman Craig, John Copeland and Bjornstad. Sergeant Ross will skip the police rink, and, if Chief Goss is over his cold, he will play third or lead for the police rink. The chief is an enthusiastic member of the St. Paul Curling club and hopes to be able to play in this contest.

Owing to a misunderstanding between D. C. Murray and Dr. Arnold, of the St. Paul club, the prize for the second veterans' contest was awarded to Salisbury's rink, of Minneapolis, though Judge Cary said the prize was not fairly awarded. This calls for the veterans' contest, which will have to occur next week.

The local contests are announced to occur next week with no commencement until Tuesday evening next, all games being played evenings. The ice committee will meet on Monday evening and decide which contests will be played, and the programme for the week.

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The games in the contest for the Merriam medal, which is to be played for by teams from the state, will be played at the rink of the Minneapolis Curling club, and will not be commenced until after the close of the Winnipeg bonspiel, which opens Feb. 7.

Dr. Arnold, of the St. Paul club, received from Secretary Alex. McCrea, of the Duluth club, yesterday, a letter in which he expressed the thanks of the members of the Duluth Curling club for the magnanimous and excellent manner in which the Duluth rink had been treated during the recent bonspiel.

The ice committee is trying hard to get up a contest which will be known as "newspaper men's contest," and will be brought off during the coming week. The plan is to have two rinks made up of newspaper men representing the dailies of St. Paul and Minneapolis. If this contest comes off, it will be a novel one.

The following practice curling games were played last night: C. M. Bend, C. B. Emmerson, M. Goodbody, George Cunningham, J. Deane, Tom Cameron, skip N. P. Langford Jr., 12-10; David Scott, F. Sturtevant, W. R. Stevenson, H. G. C. McIntosh, Dan McMillan, S. Schram, Tom Scott, skip-7, 8-8.

MATCH SKATING RACE. John Johnson and Davidson Meet at Lake Como.

The greatest skating event of the season, the match race between America's champion, John S. Johnson, who never knew defeat until he met his match in the person of John F. Davidson, a St. Paul boy, who last season won the championship of Canada, defeating

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The census which the wheelmen are taking will accomplish much good, and will make them a new element in local politics. About three weeks will be required to complete the census.

The following extract from a letter written to J. E. Meyers, of St. Paul, by E. W. Pattison, a member of the committee on good streets of St. Louis, gives some idea of the advantages which St. Paul wheelmen as compared with other cities. The population of St. Louis is estimated to be 200,000, as seen by the extract of the address only twenty miles of cycle paths against thirty miles built in St. Paul in three years. The portion of the letter referred to reads as follows: "One thing in your letter particularly interests me. That is the taking of the census of wheelmen of your city. That is a matter which I have urged over and over again upon our people. But the task is such a Herculean one there has been a disinclination to undertake it. I should esteem it a great favor if you would inform me as to the method you have, and strongly of the opinion that we shall never be able to accomplish what we wish, as wheelmen, in this city, until we are able to reach persons who are the extract of the address only done by having the name and address of every cyclist in the city. "One other thing. You speak of thirty miles of cycle path in your city. We have something over twenty miles of path here, but our paths are rendered almost useless by reason of their use by equestrians and vehicles. How do

you succeed in preventing such abuse in your city?"

There has been unusual activity among the members of the Laurel Cycle club all winter. During the season they have held a number of races with comfort, the Laurels' play clinch once a week, and they meet in their club rooms at Summit avenue and Sixth street. The organization, besides being a most prosperous wheeling fraternity, is largely a social organization. The Laurels will give their annual ball at the Ryan on Friday night. Until the season is well on they will continue to gather around the grate fire in their cozy and cheerful club house and discuss topics which interest the wheelman's heart. Their club house is one of the best equipped bicycle club houses in the state. On the first floor are the reception room, dining room and dancing parlour. On the second floor are located the gentlemen's rooms, and also the ladies' room. On the third floor are the billiard rooms and gymnasium, which is in constant use by the male members of the club. The Laurels' figure conspicuously in the coming bicycle season, and have a number of good things in hand for the summer.

The following century courses in the vicinity of St. Paul and Minneapolis have been accepted and approved by the chairman of road record committee, Century Road club, and the roads were found in fairly good condition, with the exception of a bad strip between Fort Snelling and Bloomington. The amendment of the Century Road club's constitution in admitting professionals to membership, which was recently adopted, will have the effect of increasing the interest in road racing. The season of '98 will undoubtedly witness the lowering of many existing national records, both for mileage and century riding. In Minnesota, it is believed that the adoption of this amendment admitting professionals to membership in the club will be a great advantage, as it will be the means of gathering into the ranks of the club some of the fastest and best road riders in the state. The records of the two classes, amateur and professional, are to be kept separate, and the new arrangement will work for the mutual benefit of both.

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