

The Dunedin amateur cyclist, Gibson, who competed in the cycle races at the Canterbury Athletic Club's recent meeting, has been suspended during the pleasure of the League of New Zealand Wheelmen.

Ernie Wall, whom North Island cyclists know intimately, has again made an attack on the New Zealand records. At Lancaster Park on April 29 he cut out half a mile from a flying start in 55sec, and reduced the ten mile record from a standing start from 22min 29sec to 22min. He made an attempt to capture the mile record, but could only do 2min 4sec. Wall is in capital fettle just now, and with the splendid pacing at his disposal should beat all the existing records before many weeks go by.

The Grand Prix which is to be put up for cycle races at the Paris Exhibition of 1900 will have an aggregate value of £1,000. This is one of the races in which it may safely be assumed every man will be a "trier." It means a bit more than a £1,000 to the winner.

The sudden appearance of Martin in Melbourne recalls an occasion about two years ago, when Fred Hawley was secretary of the League of N.S.W. Wheelmen. He received an entry from Martin for a race meeting, when the American champion had been scooping in gold and glory down Tonga way. Martin was entered and handicapped for the various events, but when Friday, the day before the race meeting, arrived, and there was no sign of Martin, the secretary became anxious, as he had gone to considerable expense and trouble on behalf of the League in booming him. On enquiry (says the Australian Cyclist) it was elicited that no boats were expected to arrive in Sydney from the Islands till about the Wednesday after the first day of the meeting. Martin's name suddenly ceased appearing in the advertisements, when late on Friday evening his Yankee Highness appeared in the League Club rooms, and said to the secretary, "Look here, old man, am I no longer a draw that you don't mention me in your advertisement of meeting?"

A Parisian race-manager, M. Victor Breyer, is negotiating with Zimmerman, Bald, and "Major" Taylor, the crack American riders, for a season in Paris.

The English branch of Gormully and Jeffrey, U.S.A., cycle and tire makers, have applied for a compulsory license to manufacture tires under the Bartlett-Clincher patent. The Dunlop company is opposing it.

Jenatzky, a Frenchman, with his electromotive vehicle, has covered 49.93 miles in an hour. In a run from St. Germain

to Rouen and return (133 miles) one Giradot averaged 30 miles per hour, "stops and all else included."

Mr W. Tierney, who has acted for some time as the travelling representative of the Anglo-New Zealand Cycle Co., will be permanently stationed in Auckland for the future.

The following letter appears in the New Zealand Wheelman of the 26th inst. :—"Sir,—It is very gratifying to old supporters of the N.Z. Cyclists' Alliance to find that efforts are again being made to place the Alliance on a proper footing; and, as one of the old school, which was perhaps lacking in energy at the time the Alliance was going through a critical stage in its career, I cannot but admire the way the Auckland pillars of pure amateur sport are working in the interests of amateurism. Now that the Auckland amateurs have got firmly established and are within measurable distance of putting that much-puffed-up club affiliated to the League in its proper place, we shall soon see amateur clubs springing up in all parts of the Auckland province. Auckland had always been a stronghold of amateurism, and those who are endeavoring to push forward the cause will not have much opposition, but in other towns it is different. In Wanganui there is a club which has always professed a leaning towards amateurism, and an

abhorrence of anything in the shape of cash; then it may be confidently expected that the Alliance will soon receive some support from Wellington. In Napier two years ago amateurism flourished, and if anyone at that time had the audacity to twit such a person as W. R. Jourdain with having anything to do with cash cycling he would probably have been considered insane. But things have undergone a great change in two years, and W.R.J. now gives his support to—well, cash cycling! Isn't it awful! No wonder the Auckland amateurs do not support the Napier Wanderers as in days of yore. Farther south, but still in the North, we come to Wellington, also at one time a stronghold of amateurism. Bungling and mismanagement have for many years been associated with cycling clubs there, and the Alliance cannot look for much support Wellington way. Next we come to Christchurch, where the Alliance was formed, and where it defied the cash organisation for a long time. I am prepared to make a bold statement about Christchurch and the support it is going to give the Alliance. Cyclists—those who have governed the sport—have always held the opinion that the Alliance would again get a footing in the "Wheeling City," and if only one-half the rumors that are now in circulation turn out true there will be very little cash cycling here in a year or two. There is not a single League amateur in Christchurch who is not tired of the League; every rider has signified his intention of racing under Alliance rules next season. Is this not a feather in the Alliance cap and a severe blow to the League? It seems strange that every amateur rider in Christchurch should forsake the League in such a short time, but nevertheless it is true, and cyclists outside Christchurch will probably soon have the startling news sent to them that the Pioneer Bicycle Club—one of the oldest, most influential, and strongest cycling clubs in the colony—has seceded from the League and gone back to its old love, the Cyclists' Alliance. So much for Christchurch. All the way down South until Dunedin is reached the Alliance is meeting with hearty support, and in Dunedin many prominent cyclists are considering the best way to give the Alliance a lift. I have endeavored briefly to show your readers that the Alliance is not dead yet, but is very much alive, and I hope you will treat this letter in a fair and impartial spirit, which has always been a characteristic of *The Wheelman*.—I am, etc.,

TRUE AMATEUR
Christchurch, April 22.



[BY VIGILANT.]

The management committee of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club met at the Amateur Sports Club rooms on Thursday evening to consider the recommendation made by the

club, urging the disqualification of A. O. Keating by the N.Z.A.A.A. for a term of two years. The New Zealand Association submitted Keating's notice of appeal, accompanied by certain sworn statements, and at the same time requested that a copy of the referee's report of the affair should be forwarded to Christchurch. During the discussion that ensued, all the committeemen who witnessed the race in which Keating was disqualified said that they were quite convinced of the runner's intention of "competing to lose." The committee adhered to its previous recommendation, and instructed the secretary to forward to the Association a copy of Mr. Leo. Myers' report upon which the recommendation of two years' suspension was founded.

The executive of the N.S.W. Amateur Athletic Union has considered the question of using a wire cable in hammer-throwing, raised by the N.Z. A.A.A., and has decided to recommend that the matter be left in abeyance until the question could be put before the councils of the Australian Associations. At the same time, it was pointed out that there was nothing in the English Association rules to prevent the metal portion of the handle being of wire rope, and that a record would be allowed if it had been thrown in America. As the New Zealand Association asked for a ruling whether the weight used for putting should be of iron or lead, the official opinion was that it must be of iron. A suggested way out of the difficulty is that Madill's New Zealand record should be quoted as under American rules.

"Vaultor" says:—"A. E. Reade, who is 33 years of age, 5ft 2in high, and weighs 10st 5lb, writes me that he is prepared to beat Weston's (English) walk of a thousand miles in a thousand hours. What is more, he is prepared to do it without a particle of meat, although not a vegetarian, but he is quite convinced that meat is not a necessary article of diet."

The Americans are rather fond of holding athletic meetings under cover. The Boston Athletic Association held an indoor carnival recently, which attracted an attendance of 500. The best performances were done in the weight-putting and the high-jumping. In the former event each of the placed men put the 16lb missile over 43ft. The winner, F. Beck, scored 46ft 10in with a 2ft 6in handicap; the second man, W. W. Coe, registered 45ft 2in with a 2ft handicap; while the scratch man, Sheldon, showed 44ft 9in. In the high jump the winner cleared 6ft 3in, including a 3in handicap; second man, 6ft 2in, including a 5in handicap; and the third man 6ft 2in, including a 4in handicap.

J. H. Hempton, the champion sprinter of a few years ago, drew the first prize in Tattersall's sweep on the Canterbury Cup. The value of the first prize was £1548 net.

It is said that Downer is not satisfied with his recent defeat by Bredin, and that he has challenged the Londoner to run a distance of 475yds, on level terms, for £50 a side.

Referring to the deadlock about the Queensland championship dates "Prodigal" writes:—"As matters stand, it would appear that the mail vote decision of N.S.W., New Zealand, and Victoria, carried to its logical sequence, means that the Q.A.A.A. must submit fresh dates, or the Union must cancel the meeting. No one desires any such step to be taken, for all three associations named earnestly wish to study the views of the Queenslanders as far as is possible, and fully appreciate the difficulties of the position they are in. On Monday last the result of the mail vote was communicated to the Q.A.A.A. by the Union officials, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the officers of the former body will see that there must be concession to the desires of the majority of the associations in the Union. As a way out of the difficulty, I would suggest to the Q.A.A.A. that they abandon August 5 so far as Australasian championships are concerned. This date could, perhaps, be used by them for cycle events (the Q.C.U. is working in conjunction with them), and some of their own Queensland championships might be decided, which, together with handicaps, would make up an appetising programme. It would fill in the date upon which they have secured the ground, and would afford an excellent chance for their selectors to pick out the Queensland rep. team—test races, as it were. On Thursday, 10th, and Saturday, 12th, the championships of Australasia could be decided. Thursday's programme might not draw a payable crowd (in Melbourne in 1893 the first day—a Thursday—was well attended), but the takings on the two

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