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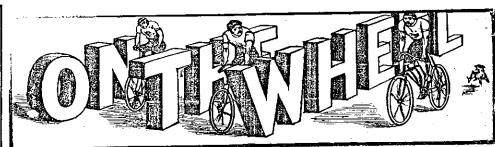
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The British cycling papers all agree as to the growing popularity of the freewheel with the riding public; but that the greatest obstacle up to the present has been and still is the apathetic, and in some cases the actively hostile attitude of a section of the older generation of riders, who have not hesitated to condemn all free-wheels untried, because they were unwilling to sacrifice the control of the machine by the only means of backpedalling which they understood. These are precisely the same conditions which carry weight in Australia.

Based on common sense, as well as sound law, was a recent decision of the Maine (U.S.A.) State Judicial Court, affirming that a city regulation restricting traffic to one side of the road (going in one direction), and that the side impassable was null and void. Suit was brought against a teamster for violating this regulation, and for this he was fined, but he resisted payment, and was sued. magistrate absolutely refused to hear evidence showing that the proper side of the roadway was impassable, and found for the plaintiff. The State Court reversed this decision, holding that while the restriction was a salutary regulation, the by-law would be unreasonable if the portion set apart was impassable. The validity of the by-law hung upon this point; if the road was in good repair, passable, its validity could not be questioned, but as the contrary was the case the Court held it to be invalid.

It is now stated that R. Walne has decided to abandon his contemplated trip to France owing to the fact that there is a difficulty which debars the L.V.W.'s affiliation with the International Cyclists' Association, simply because Victoria is merely a state, a colony—a portion of a nation. It would possibly have been easier for Australasia to have had a representative, and it seems a pity that this chance was allowed to slip by

A prominent cycle agency in Sydney has received a shipment of three motor cycles, intended chiefly for advertising and record-breaking purposes. "In a trial

horse power. It is intended to put them on the track with the intention of pacing some amateur cyclists who are desirous of making or breaking a few records. I should think, however, that unless it is possible to exceed a 30-mile pace the short distances will not be cut as fine as would otherwise be possible.

Money is still rolling in over in Sydney

for the Rowley fund. The present is the off season in Aus-

tricycles and 177 motor cars.

tralia and New Zealand. Mr Alfred Harmsworth, the enterprising journalist, while on the Riviera roads recently, counted no fewer than 446 automobiles. There were 269 motor

A French scientist has made some interesting discoveries while experimenting with pneumatic tyres. It was proposed by an automobile club to inflate motor tyres with carbonic acid gas, and save the trouble of pumping by using cylinders of the gas at high pressure. But the professor of science made a preliminary investigation, and discovered that the gas at high pressure would reduce the rubber to a pulp. He then proceeded to inquire into the effect of ordinary air upon the tubes, and in the course of his experiments found that the composition of the air in an ordinary pneumatic tube speedily changes. The oxygen escapes through the tube at a more rapid rate than nitrogen. Even the best tyres, he found, were permeable. It is now proposed to inflate tyres solely with nitrogen, in order to save the trouble of frequent resort to the air

Several of the large Coventry cycle manufacturers have accepted contracts to turn out many thousands of shells a week. These contracts have been let out owing to the ordnance factories in England being unable to cope with the demand for shells owing to the Transvaal War,

Emile Bouhours won the 50 kilo paced race (open) in 54min 10sec, at the Velodrome du Parc des Princes, Auteuil, T. Linton was second, and France. "Jenny" Walters third. Bouhours won by two and a-half laps.

The wonderful doings of the New Zealand League of Wheelman, concerning the test race, to choose a representative for the World's Championship, are likely to stand for a record for many a day. Cycling will be in a bad way if any other Australasian body ever eclipses the Maoriland example of incompetence and injustice.—Sydney Referee, May 23rd.

The vacancy on the committee of the Canterbury Athletic and Cycling Club has been filled by the appointment of Mr

F. D. Kesteven, the League secretary.

The fall sustained by Elwarth in the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club's road race on Queen's Birthday was a bad one, and he had a great amount of luck in getting off as easily as he did. It is a great pity that the officials would not take the trouble to keep the road clear on occasions of a race like this. I am informed that Elwarth was left lying on the road for some minutes until Mr E. Cucksey, one of the competitors, came up and attended to him. The criver of the cattle made himself scarce at the time of the accident, and has not been located since.

Messra Service and Henning have received a Dion motor tricycle, for which they have been appointed local agents. The machine has been given several trials on the roads and is accredited with having travelled at a speed of 30 miles an hour. The motor can be driven up hid at a very fair rate of speed. The owners intend taking it on a trip round the I hames and Te Aroha to give it a thorough test. The motive power used in working the tricycle is a petroleum motor.

W. E. Shrimpton, Richards, Ben Goodson, C. Cameroa, and other wellknown riders were entertained at dinner by Melbourne admirers on May 9. Among the toasts proposed was that of "The Winning Machines." Mr C. B. of speed last week a pace of 30 miles per "The Winning Machines." Mr. C. B. hour was obtained with a motor of 23 mellow, one of Melbourne's leading