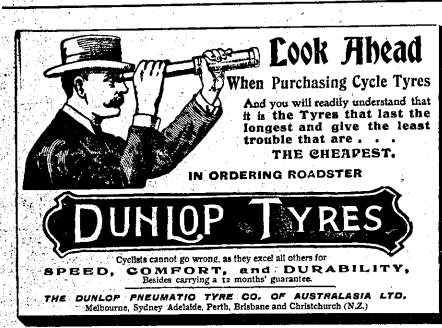


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The balance-sheet of the World's Championship Meeting last year, at Montreal, has been published, and shows a profit of £104, which gives each Association represented the sum of £17 10s as its share. The New South Wales Union spent £50 in sending Ben Goodson to the meeting, therefore it loses something like £32 over the venture.

A young Chicagoan named John Nelson is expected by some to become a better pace-follower than Michael ever was. Last season he rode as an amateur. This year he has turned professional, and recently won a triangular twenty miles paced match with Burns Pierce and Champion by over a lap. A few days later he defeated H. Caldwell and E. Ryan over a twenty-five mile course, breaking the American record. His time was 39min 45sec. It is said that Nelson can follow the fastest pace without faltering.

It is not generally known amongst Australian cyclists that Harry Elkes, the champion pace-follower of America, who is now carrying all before him on the Continent, once received a "terrible doing" from Plugger Bill Martin. The incident was in 1897, when Elkes was creating a stir in the States as a paced rider. Martin, then a novice at pace following, happened to remark that he would not mind making a wager for a thousand dollars that he would beat the new star in a 50 miles paced match. The wager was eagerly snapped up by Elkes' supporters, and the arrangements for the match completed, a purse of fifteen hundred dollars being put up besides the side wager. The event duly came off, and "Plugger" ran Elkes off his legs. Martin netted £500 over the event.

At the Police Court, ou Thursday last, Frederick Rose pleaded guilty to cycling on the footpath at Epsom on September 9th. He said that he was under the impression that members of the Cycle League were allowed to cycle on the footpath at Epsom. Sub-Inspector Wilson said he doubted whether in the face of the Public Works Act, which forbade cycling on the footpath, a Road Board had any power to give such permission. In any case the offence was committed before the matter was ever brought before the Road Board, so that the subsequent permission was no excuse. A fine of 1s and costs 10s was inflicted.

The Auckland Cycling Club hold their Spring Carnival on the Domain Cricket Ground, on Saturday, October 27th. A good programme has been arranged, and given fine weather and good entries, the fixture should be a success. Entries for all events close at the Auckland Cycle Club's Rooms, Upper Pitt-street, on Saturday night, October 13th.

It is reported that the Cycle Boards Bill was struck off the list of Bills that will be proceeded with in the Lower House this session, so as to allow of its introduction by the Hon W. C. Walker in the Legislative Council as a Government measure. At this late stage of the session the prospects of its passage are not, however, very great.

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