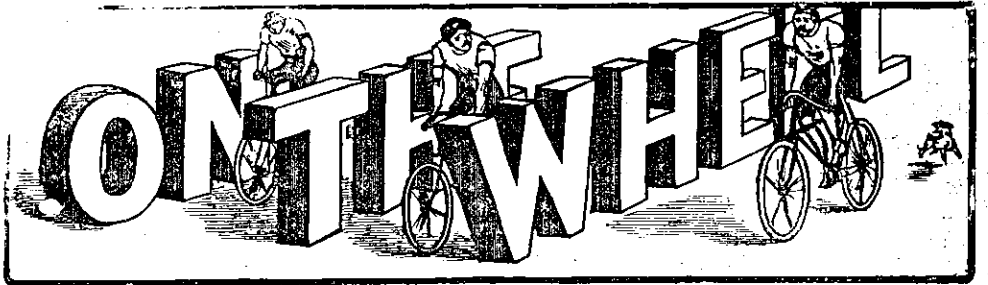


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In commenting upon the trade of the past year, the leading English cycle trade paper says:—"We think that it is now generally agreed that 1900 has not been a good season, also that, but for the war, it would have been very much better, and that, but for the free-wheel, it would have been infinitely worse." After some further comment, in which it states that the trade would be wise to seek a new attraction worthy of following on the free-wheel, it makes this suggestion:—"The most suitable would, in our opinion, be the two-speed gear; that a practicable varying gear can be made we have no doubt, and if the problem receives the attention of the entire trade, as the free-wheel has done, it is probable that many simple and efficacious gears would be devised. Two-speed gears would then be very soon appreciated by the public at their proper value." In endorsing the above, I must say that nothing since the introduction of the pneumatic tyre has afforded me so much comfort, and rendered the cycle more effective as a method of locomotion, than the interchangeable gear. But it must be tried to be appreciated.

The Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club hold their annual run to Ellerslie Racecourse on Saturday afternoon. Given fine weather the function gives promise of being a very interesting and enjoyable one. The cyclists will assemble at the Caledonian Hotel, Symonds Street, at 2 p.m., and proceed out to the racecourse, where Mrs J. Cowen will dispense afternoon tea.

The Auckland Cycling Club held their Spring Carnival in the Domain Cricket Ground on Saturday afternoon. The attendance was very fair, but not as large as one generally expects to see at such gatherings. The Club's finances will, I understand, not benefit much by the day. The racing started with the One Mile Maiden Bicycle Handicap for amateur riders, which was won by A. J. Bond from the ten yards mark, A. Green being second and L. Hanham third. The Making Plate, half-mile (cash riders) was won by D. J. Plunkett, scratch, with Tressider second, and R. Hendry, 25yds, third. Time, 1min 9 3/5th sec. The Railway Workshops Bicycle Handicap, one mile, brought out a good field, but R. Lendrum from the 100 yards mark made himself prominent from the start, and won by several yards in 2min 44 3/5th sec. C. Hughes, 40yds, being second, and H. Benn, 220yds, third. The Half-mile Bicycle Handicap (amateur riders) proved to be a good thing for W. Reynolds, who won the final in 1min 11sec, A. J. Bond being second, and E. A. Thomas third. The

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