

has of raising funds to meet his expenses.

Besides the Darjeeling accident (where, owing to faulty brakes, he was wrecked on a steep hill), another mishap befell him in South Australia, where, owing to the forks breaking, precipitated him into a water hole and necessitated considerable delay, but eventually a "road train" overtook him, and, through the kindness of the driver, conveyed him 50 miles to Silverton, where he took train to Broken Hill. At the latter town a Mr. Fox, mine assayer, presented Trawets with a fresh mount. He continued on as far as Mount Gambia (South Australia), when the fork again broke, also the fork stem collapsed at Dimboola, Victoria. Evidently these breaks were caused by the additional weight of "grips" (baggage) carried with the rider. Here Trawets' bicycle came into collision with one of Messrs. Murdoch Bros' teams, and was completely wrecked. Messrs Murdoch Bros. were good enough to repair the bicycle, and away Trawets steered for New Zealand. The only serious mishap that Mr. Trawets has experienced in the Dominion was at Milton, when, coming round a corner, he met a motor car, and, as he was travelling about 20 miles per hour, unfortunately took too wide a sweep, with the result that the car ran him down quite accidentally. This caused medical attendance and laying up for three weeks, and it really appeared as though Trawets would have to abandon his tour, but by careful nursing and rest, he was ultimately enabled to continue his task, and, with a new bicycle, a gift from the car owner

According to the London "Daily Mail," A. J. Clark and W. Rutt, winners of the recent six days' cycle race at Berlin, pocketed nearly £5,000 between them. The Australian champion, who intends remaining on the Continent for the European season (including the World's Championship meeting) should have a big balance before he returns to America.

The Collier Bros., two of the fastest motor cyclists in England, will shortly make an effort to capture all motor cycle records from 1 mile to 24 hours'. It is interesting to note that the American hour record is 71 miles 620 yards by F. Huyck; the English, 68mils. 1380yds. by H. Collier; and the French, 63mils. 1078 yds. by J. Guippons. At the present time all records, from the mile to 24-hours', stand to the credit of American riders, who have the big advantage of having faster tracks than their English or French confreres. The mile record stands at 42 3-5 seconds, held by Huyck, and the 24 hours', at 1,093mils. 190yds. by C. Spencer.

ATHLETICS.

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NOTES ON THE MEETING.

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land Athletic Championships, and the following comment upon the events may prove interesting.

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R. Opie (Canterbury) proved himself to be all his admirers claimed for him, but he had the bad luck to meet his superior in Woodger. Opie made a creditable showing in the quarter mile when he again had to put up with second place.

A club-mate of Woodger, in F. C. Hubbard, ran well, and occupied third position in both the short races.

The disappointment was M. B. Ward, who would, we were told, make the best of his opponents put their best foot forward. However, he failed to come up to expectations, and although he started three times he never once looked dangerous, and was never sighted near the leaders when it came to racing.

The Auckland sprinters were simply outclassed, and all the chance they possessed was before the gun went—they had none afterwards.

Amongst the hurdlers pride of place must, I suppose, be given to H. St. A. Murray, who made no race of the quarter-mile, while in the 120 yards he clouted the fifth hurdle—he was then in front—and lost his position. But for this mishap both events would probably have gone to Canterbury.

Evenson (Wellington) won the 120 yards hurdles, but it was a close go and his performance does not make him out to be a champion. Evenson did not contest the quarter-mile.

J. Walker (Auckland) made a very creditable showing and he appears to be a certainty to improve. His fencing was good—this cannot be said of several of his opponents—and in the 120 yards he was only beaten a breast. In the quarter-mile he had no chance whatever.

Both the quarter and half mile championships fell to W. G. Harding

has been off the scene for years, and last, but not least, that each mile in the three miles was covered in less time than the mile championship, one cannot help doubting the accuracy of the performance. All present at the Cricket Ground know that Kerr was walked to a standstill in the mile and yet we are asked to believe that he walked three miles, each mile faster than the one mile.

The field events do not call for any comment, the conditions prevailing being all against these competitions.

NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The council of the New Zealand Athletic Association met at Wellington on Monday.

The sub-committee appointed to deal with the readjustment of the boundaries reported: (1) That the Canterbury centre be asked to include in their territory the West Coast, Marlborough, and Nelson districts; (2) that Wanganui be asked to form a centre to include all clubs from Marton northward to Taranaki's northern boundary; (3) failing Wanganui being able to form a centre Taranaki to be asked to do so. Consideration of the report was deferred until the decision of the conference of centres at Auckland on the subject was received.

The Dunedin centre asked for a ruling as to whether amateurs and professionals could compete together at house and trade sports, trophies only being given as prizes. It was decided that professionals and amateurs cannot compete together at house and trade picnics and sports.

Consideration of a letter from the Canterbury centre regarding Marathon races was deferred until remits from the conference of centres at Auckland are received.

The Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia notified that rule 1, relating to the Australasian cross-country championship, had been so altered and amended as to allow of the words "five miles course" reading "five or 10 miles course" at the option of the association holding the meeting.

Applications for reinstatement were dealt with as follows:—G. W. Lawrence, to apply again after three years from date of last professional performance; J. G. McGrierson, referred to Southland centre for consideration; A. H. Bruton (Dunedin), reinstatement agreed to from October 1, 1910; M. Mickleson (Dunedin), declined; W. Gosling (Auckland), declined; J. J. O'Grady (Ashburton), reinstatement agreed to.

An application from the Woodville Club for the reinstatement of a number of its members was referred to



DRAN TRAWETS (U.S.A.)

RAY ASTLEY (N.Z.)

subsequently rode to Nelson, via Christchurch and West Coast. Mr. Trawets is more than pleased with the hospitality he has received en route, especially the interest taken in him while in Christchurch. He rode overland from Wellington to Napier, and appears to enjoy the long, lonely spins. After a brief stay in Napier Mr. Trawets continued on for Auckland, via Taupo, and arrived safely in the Northern capital after a rough trip, very unfavourable weather conditions prevailing during the journey.

When in Rotorua Dran Trawets discovered a cyclist in the person of Ray Astley, who was willing to share the adventures and hardships of a bicycle tour round the world with him, so that he will now have companionship over a considerable part of the journey as the young New Zealander is displaying great enthusiasm in the coming trip.

In reply to many inquiries from cyclists in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales, the Dunlop Rubber Co., beg to state that it is not their intention to hold another Adelaide-Sydney Relay Cycle Despatch Ride at Easter time. It will be remembered that wonderful times were recorded last Easter by volunteer cyclists, who carried a military despatch from Adelaide to Sydney (via Melbourne), a distance of 1,149 miles, in 69hrs. 35mins. From the applications received by the Dunlop Co., it is very evident that last year's event was a popular one with those cyclists who took part in it, and little difficulty would be faced in the repeating of the Relay Ride. At some later period the Dunlop Co., state they may hold a similar event on different lines.

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(Wellington), who was responsible for two very attractive performances, although he had his work cut out to shake off his clubmate in the half-mile. His times, 53 1-5sec and 2min 4 4-5sec, were good considering the track, and on a fine day he would give the New Zealand record of 1min 58 1-5sec for half-mile a big shaking.

J. F. Wilson, also of Wellington, was the best of Harding's opponents, and better things may be looked for from him.

In the long distance events G. N. Hill was responsible for a great performance in the mile, in which event he stayed better than Heffer and won in 4min 35 2-5sec. Heffer ran a sterling race and on a fine day may have turned the tables upon Hill. Nevertheless, Hill is a great runner for a lad, and it is to be hoped that he will take care of himself as the future looks most promising for him.

In the three miles J. Beaston (Otago) had an easy win and never gave Hill a chance. Of course Hill had already won the mile, but, in any case, he had no chance with Beaston, whose running was greatly admired.

The walking contests must be touched upon with difference. It will be admitted that 50 per cent. of those present held the view that Wilson was not walking, but, of course, the opinion of spectators cannot be considered when such a well-known judge as Mr. J. Mahon was officiating. Wilson may or may not have been walking fair, but one thing is certain, and that is, that he does not give satisfaction. Now to look at the performances closely, the time in the three miles 20min 4-5sec—this I understand is the correct time, not 21min 3 2-5sec as hoisted on the board—at once suggests that both Kerr and Wilson ran. Take the state of the track into consideration, also the fact that Wilson



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