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The Bikes Made The Dust Fly

Frank Miller, Art Pierson and Fred Kinch gave the old folks a real thrill, last Saturday afternoon, when they rode around "The Triangle"—North Aveue, Broad and Prospect Streets—on their high bicycles. This is the first time these new-fangled "velocipedes" have been seen in this town and they have made a big hit with the young folks who want to take lessons. It is quite a trick learning to ride, Art Pierson says, and he ought to know for he's the fastest rider in the county and he's going over to Newark next month, to ride on the new track. Art can turn a corner at full speed with his arms folded. . . .

The Doleful Deacon resents Sunday bicycle riding. He says those Devil's Hobby Horses stir up so much dust going past his house, Sunday afternoon, he can't sit on his front porch. "There ought to be a law to stop it!"

While a Sunday School teacher was busy instructing his class, some boys took a ride on his bicycle and bent a pedal. A few days later, the teacher met the Doleful Deacon. "Why don't you build a shed where we teachers can keep our bicycles when we're in church and Sunday School?" he invited. "I dunno," replied the Deacon, rubbing his chin whiskers. "Why don't you young chaps walk to church? It ain't far."

The Township Committee is complaining that the bicycle ordinance as regards light and bell is not enforced in this town. As long as such an ordinance has been adopted, bicyclists should have honor enough to observe it. Every evening the ordinance is violated by a large number of riders.

Jimmie Willis, "the flash," won the five-mile race staged by the Westfield Wheelman, on the afternoon of June 27th, 1891. He also won the time prize offered by Dr. William Gale, making the run from Westfield to Cranford and return in 16 minutes and 30 seconds, nearly two minutes ahead of the scratch man, Rufus B. Whitehead. Willis' handicap was one minute. Carl Whitehead (with a handicap of three minutes) was sec-

ond, and Ezra Bloodgood, third. Other starters were Bailey Wyckoff, John Dorvall, Ed. Brunner, Fred Decker, Ike Townley and Ed Francis.

George Cruttenden, Lloyd Thompson, Fred Condit, Willard Hotchkins, Carl Henry and Charlie Rice rode to Boynton Beach for a day's outing, last week.

Rufus B. Whitehead, A. H. Barnett, Ezra S. Bloodgood, Robert Carberry, John Brunner and Will Chamberlain won the ten-mile Journal Trophy Road Race for the Westfield A. C. Wheelmen, July 9th. They defeated the N. C. R. team 49 points to 29. Blake of the N. C. R.'s and Whitehead raced neck and neck to the finish line and Blake won by a nose and a half. Barnett, Bloodgood and Carberry were close behind the leaders. Five Westfield boys made the course under 30:52.

The W. A. C. boys are hustling for 1000-mile medals. Rufe Whitehead has completed his first thousand. Ad Clark leads the field with over 1500.

Ad Clark and John Dorvall started Monday, Aug. 5th, on their bicycle trip to Montreal, a distance of nearly 700 miles. The boys arrived in Whitehall, N. Y., on Aug. 8th, and report good health and a fine time.

Dr. Fred Kinch was grand marshal of the bicycle parade July 4th. Lloyd Thompson, Fred Taggart and Bob Harden were in charge of the I. O. S. division. There were 140 wheels in line.

Bish Chamberlain, Bob Sinclair, Lawrence Embree and Leigh Pearsall spent a few days at Lake Hopatcong this week. They rode to the lake on their wheels.

There are only three men in this town of 3753 inhabitants (1897) who are not riding a wheel this summer.

Charlie Decker's father gave him a high velocipede last week for getting high marks in school. Charlie got some bad marks this week learning how to ride.