RACING, WHEELING, OUTDOOR SPORTS.

SPORT IN SALT LAKE.

Gridiron Roosters Manifest Signs of Awakening from Lethargy.

SIDEWALK RIDING PROBLEM

Ogden's Pitcher with a Nonsense-Baseball Club-Winnings of Riders on Salt Palace Track.

With the football season only a month away, there has been little done toward getting local teams together, probably because the managers are not yet sure. The T. M. C. A. continues to have a strong team this season, but as yet it is all to eager. The University and the High school have material for good elevens and will enter the lists for the gridiron contests. Ogden will have a formidable rival in the Ogden Athletic club, which has secured Manager W. S. Hocknell, the man who pitched against the Salt Lake team last autumn, is working hard and has already secured a dozen heavy players for the present season. Hocknell is an old-time football player and has designs on the Utah championship. Grounds, Physical Director Hall, Manager Asay of the Salt Lake Y. M. C. A. team is already in correspondence with the management of Ogden with the aim and object in view to secure a game during coming season, either on the home or their grounds. The man picked out thus far to participate for the Ogden team with their respective weights are: Hocknell, 200; Bamford, 180; Bollinger, 175; Simons, 165; Myers, 160; Hatch 150; Parry, 150; Asbury, 130.

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Hocknell, who is striving to obtain schools in order, is an ex-college man, a native of Ireland and has all the grand football spirit in him. During the recent heat in the Ogden baseball team in Matthews, Hocknell's brother, was substituted. A spectator in little remembered the young player and soon it became noised around that Ogden had a player whose name was none other than the same one-time ago as the best of a treasure in Chicago high life, he being, as the story goes, a member of the team. Then the young man who made a remarkable record with the collegians of Robert J. Burdette's Chicago affiliation. The best of the story subsequently separated from his wife. All information points to the fact that the latter is the baseball player in the case. The thing is certain, he has plenty of pulled society.

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The Short Liners and the Ogden team have at last come to the conclusion that now is the time is better than two mediocre organizations. They have accordingly consolidated and will hereafter be known as the Ogden team. The aggregation of ball players, however, still goes under the name of the Short Liners. Those who haven't been down to S. L. the U. O. W's never did have a home ide team or talented exhibitions of the game, to be more correct, now possess the grandest team that ever possessed a uniform.

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At the tail end of the season the home fans are already beginning to discuss next year's baseball. If those in authority of the game intend that as now, Salt Lake will have a star baseball team. J. R. Walker Jr. who owns a block in the ball park, proposes to organize a stock company early next spring with the aim and object of providing a team for next season. Out of that same players, which will place Salt Lake upon a pedestal among the best. The team will be composed of players from the Salt Lake team and will not represent any section, factory or railroad. Traditional rivalry will exist, but Salt Lake team will be composed of strangers within the gates. The team will not go by the name of "Saints," but either as suggested by a former leader.

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The ball players of this city are still up in arms against what they designate as the unbalanced percentage of the gate receipts demanded by the professional baseball park. They say that it is impossible to put any talent to play on that ground on a 40 per cent basis and that the management should be satisfied with 30 per cent. Every Saturday afternoon, prior to recent, an Ogden and a local team, drawn from one of the clubs, have an afternoon game. As for that race game to the grand which draws out for the winning team the \$15 in gate money. The Ogden men figure that it takes \$30 every time it comes down to this end of the deal, and that is why they say that though the Junction city boys are mighty fine sports, but the secret is that the ball fans have to pay for the game at home before they will journey to Ogden to stay at the Union park. As Ogden generally furnishes a visiting team the gate receipts usually foot up to a twenty on the proposition. A strong effort is being made to induce Mr. Walker to change the rental to a 70 per cent lay.

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The idea would be now for home players not to leave luck to the city and to Ogden. It is home a succession of fine games that have been played this week, with the exception on the home ball ground on Thursday, on which occasion Frank Dunbar, the Ogden pitcher, went in the box from the Hills Rollers, in a highly successful game. The Ogden team, with Dunbar in the box, had the schedule at some considerable loss by opposing Dunbar, their star pitcher, in the game. It does not interfere with the progress of the tournament, the contest to be decided on the home grounds of the Ogden team. The entries are Provo, Roberts and Salt Lake, H. A. Cannon and Ewell Hills, Murray, H. M. Whitmore and Dr. F. Sharp, P. M. Whitmore and Dr. Plummer, P. H. Woolley and Hatch Brothers, Mr. Hills, Provo and Black Rocks, Bamberger and Black Rocks, Provo.

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An effort is being made by the local authorities to induce the Ogden baseball team now playing on the coast to come to Salt Lake for an exhibition before returning home. The team remains in San Francisco for the present on account of the illness of Ward and Dunn, respectively, catcher and short stop, respectively.

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Coming down to the wheelmen, the following letter was received at the office yesterday morning relative to the cinder path:

With the request to correct anything that is considered by anyone to be out of order, I beg to say that I have had the track watered every morning since it was finished, and this is accomplished by two men with hose, and I am convinced the contract is fulfilled by the manner in which it is watered. The track is also rolled at the present time, and will be kept in good condition. I would also say that I have had the track gone over with a fine-toothed rake, and all stones removed, and I am sure that no one will be injured by falling on the track. I have also had the fence repaired, and the track is now