BASEBALL, RACING, WHEELING, SPORTS.

"TERRIBLE SWEDE."

Some of the Records Held by the Professional Racer.

LOCAL SPORTING NOTES.

Big Program on Decoration Day for the Lovers of Wheeling and Horseflesh.

John Lawson of Chicago, known as the "Terrible Swede," arrived in town yesterday afternoon and after getting acquainted with a few of the local racing men he wended his way down to Calder's.

The champion long distance bicycle rider of the world is a powerfully built young fellow, who does not look much older than twenty-five years of age, although he claims to have passed his 37th milestone the day before yesterday. Lawson was born in Northern Sweden, where of an early age he exhibited promise as a rider and, economically speaking, he has kept the bent of his activity until he came to the United States some five years ago. Lawson not only holds the world's record for his mount is 6 hours 31 seconds, but strange to say he holds the palm for the first 50 and 50 to miles existing records that he established in 6 hours, 2 minutes, and 2 hours 17 seconds respectively. Further against the amazed 24 miles cycle record of 2 hours 18 minutes in 1896, Rowe then dare to come out first in the 24-hour record competition made in 1897 for 391 miles. Among his other feats on the wheel may be recorded the marathon ride of 452 miles without dismounting. Lawson stated to the "News" man that the last feat "was really more to rest his eyes." From this remark it must not be surmised that he has a novel way of riding, on the contrary, his top movement is said to be a positive wonder.

Lawson first came into fame in Europe when he rode around the Malaron Lake, a distance of 217 very rough miles, in 11 hours 18 minutes, then he took to long distance riding as a specialty and rocked off 1,002 miles over rough roads between Hapsanda to Tomal in 6 days, 13 hours 30 minutes. After coming to Chicago he took part in the 25 mile road race of 1896 in which there were 34 starters, he made a wheel weighing 6 pounds, and when 13 miles had been pedaled off, Lawson found himself in third place with a punctured tire. From that date the young rider jumped to the front rank and the most fleet race horse with which he met that within a short time he gained the sobriquet of the "Terrible Swede." The new year Lawson took 15 first, 12 second, and 4 third prizes and broke eleven state and 4 track records. In 1897 with Arnold's crack racer he has captured first place. He further has the record for 1,000 miles in 4 days together with 41 medals and 40 odd prizes.

JOHN LAWSON.

Popular idea about "The Terrible Swede."

What he really looks like.

With such a drawing card at the Calder's Park meet on Tuesday it goes without saying that there will be a mammoth crowd to witness the races, even if such fast men as the visiting champion professionals, Hiscox, Goodman, Chapman, Nash, Hornsby, Chas. Turcotte and Jon Lawson were not taken into consideration. Lawson says that his brother Oscar is a faster man than he is on a spetial.

The horse race that were to have been essentially the drawing card on Decoration Day fell back to second place in face of such competition, but the interest in the big double event seems to be focused when the following list of animals are taken into consideration:

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The start will take place at the Hot Springs railroad depot at 9:45, and will take the receivers to the starting point at Fifth North. The train will return to the city from Farmington at the close of the race, arriving here on their return about 12:30.

The racing men who are training down at Calder's track have talked the Rapid Transit people into giving them an 8:30 cent fare down to the Park.

Lawser and Cutting are still hunting for a tandem match race with any of the local talent.

Some people are of the opinion that the Salt Palace bicycle track will never get any further than on paper. If any outside with influence would take the matter in hand and individually give the dealers a jolt as to their duties in the matter, the scheme regarding racing by electric light in the grounds of the Salt Palace the summer might then become an accomplished fact. The latest phase of the project is that the Palace promoters don't see their way clear to erect the timber oval without some assistance from the outsiders. The racing men think that the cycle dealers ought to furnish the required stockade. The dealers, on the other hand, think considerably but don't jump with avidity at the suggestion.

While on the subject of tracks, some of the wheelmen who have been in active training down at Calder's Park during the last week claim that they find a difficulty in holding the curve, owing to the fact that the curves are insufficiently banked. In order that the track may be made as near perfect as is possible, Mr. Levy yesterday stated that he was willing to pay the piper, provided the rest of the money was forthcoming, to put in a timber curve after the style of the Kingsbury track, which is one of the fastest in the country—now is the chance for the dealers to show their interest in racing.

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Orlando Stevens, who comes from somewhere in the wilds of Texas, and the L. A. W. cannot possibly last longer than the 30th day of this month, from Orlando known all of this, intends to be a prophet of the sort of a prophet, so can, and this includes Orlando, can tell.

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The Social Wheel club meet next Tuesday evening in the club rooms at Ford's hotel to elect a new president. Mr. Stoke, who has served the club as well as they could in acting competitor through the calls of business to tender his resignation.

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There will be a medal car attached to the road race observation train for the accommodation of the Rapid City and Bonneville clubs, together with the press.

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Tomorrow morning the Social Wheel club will hold its annual basket picnic. The run will start from the club rooms with Brooks' farm as its objective point.

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Bonnie promises to capture prizes in both the Decoration Day cycle events. He will ride in the road race in the morning and will start in the half mile amateur track event in the afternoon.

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Eddie Smith is slated as a sure winner of the novice gold medal and will not be far behind the winner of the amateur events later on in the meet. There is the "know" say he ought to be "soon in proposed" not any, only you kin not as being one of the coming Utah riders.

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The four wheel races on Tuesday at Calder's will be: One mile novice, prize, gold medal; one mile professional, $25 cash; half mile amateur, $15 value; half mile professional, $25 cash.

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The bike record-smashing season has commenced with a bang. Ed Arnold and Tom Dimitch, three records were smashed at the Washington Park bicycle track one hold in connection with the peace jubilee. Henri Fournier, the French rider, gave an exhibition of the motor bicycle, covering the mile in 1:21 3-5, the fastest time ever made by a two-wheeled vehicle. Summary:

One mile, open, professional, final heat—F. A. McFarland won, O. L. Stevens second, Earl Kiser third, Tom Cooper fourth. Time, 1:57.

Two-mile handicap, final heat—F. A. McFarland with A. C. Moran second, Charles Hoffman third, C. B. Hendee fourth. Time, 4:12 2-5.

One-third mile handicap, professional, final heat—Earl Kiser won, O. L. Stevens second, F. A. McFarland third, Owen Kimball fourth. Time, 41 3-4 seconds.

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The Y. M. C. A. wheel club, better known as the Tribunes, will come to the porters in the Jennings block this evening to elect officers and get the club in running gear once more.

A local cycling firm has been very anxious to have the go in Joe Grimes visit this city. In answer to a letter of inquiry regarding this great advertiser, the attraction the following has been received:

Mr. C. A. Emlen—Dear Sir—Replying to your letter dated 8th inst. will say that Mr. Joe Grimes is at present in Germany exhibiting himself at the Munich Exposition. He will not return to America until about September 1st, when he goes on display at the Philadelphia Exposition. It is hardly possible that we can get him west of the Mississippi river this year.

Yours truly, H. A. Lozier & Co.
C. E. LOGINE.

Further sport notes will be found on page 3.

BASEBALL JOTS.

Interesting Chat on Eastern Stars Culled from Sporting Life.

The usual stolid and mild-mannered Mr. Kerr was this year the first manager to file a protest against umpires. Jones and Smith were the object of his wrath.

The confidence that Lave Cross expressed in his Cleveland team and the earnestness with which he is working to make the new play good ball demands admiration.

"Cupid" Childs is the real thing when it comes to exceptional hitting, and that is the reason Tebeau has the guardian of second base follow Burkett in the batting order.

The Pittsburg-Louisville game played May 8th was transferred from Oct. 9th to avoid a big jump. For the same reason the Oct. 16th game will be played in Pittsburg June 16th.

Manager Tom Burns is anxiously waiting for Nickinor arm to round into condition in order to take him in the game for the sake of his hitting, but the little catcher's arm is weak.

The Chicago play a much more attractive game than they did last season. Perhaps it is due to the presence of Dowsed. The latter is a leader and a fighter in all phases of the game.

Tom O'Brien, the outfielder, who was sold to New York by the Pittsburg club, made the Giants in batting. The Giants might still use him, as their hits have not been numerous in Pittsburg.

Ad Carey has been in the league for a number of years, and has had a remarkably unsuccessful season. His arm is as good as ever, and he says that he will finish more winning than losing games.

Manager Tom Burns of Chicago refuses to recognize Tebeau's team as a pennant contender. "They are lucky," says Burns, "and with the exception of Chicago have had easy teams to stack up against."

The Cleveland enthusiasts sore for the pennant think the new Cleveland team, but the papers of that city have come to the conclusion that the Giants stole it instead of Lave Cross and his companions.

Lave Cross says the Clevelands will play the remainder season, and he says he can continue to use any men he may see fit, to strengthen the team. He has three or four new players in view.

The young Baltimore pitcher, McGinnity, who has done such good work for the Orioles, is a Brooklyn product. He is small, and was unnoticed originally in the Indian Territory by Caruthers and Foutz, the former Brooklyn players.

Dolphin, the young Brooklyn shortstop, is on the Indianapolis farm for years, is now the club's winning pitcher.

Abbey had not the Chicago club enforced its consent he would have been back on the Hoosier team this season.

Burkett continues to do nearly all the hitting for the St. Louis. Hedrick continuing a hot or two consistently but the rest of Tebeau's lineup do not appear to be able to get a hit. That kind of batting won't win the pennant. Oliver stood out of a tandem on her trips around Denver.

Albert and Walke are driving with the Springfield, Ohio, team. A motor cycle for pace-making purposes is in the duration.

Fifty-four riders on the Coney Island cycle path paid from one dollar to five dollars for the privilege of scorching there last Sunday.

A Polish young man who undertook to ride a bicycle from Fort Wayne to Washington is now slowly recovering at a St. Louis hospital.

It now costs Youngstown, O., wheelmen one dollar to ride in city of Penn. The first issued in the city, the latter the penalty for not purchasing it.

L. H. Levy, foreman of the Dux Cycle Co., Melbourne, and a rider of some note, is now in the city of New York. He has come to America to stay.

The Colorado division having passed a bill in the legislature whereby a bicycle is exempt from taxation, is now urging a bill making the theft of a bicycle a felony.

It is now three Englishmen two years' tour to discover that to circumnavigate the globe requires the destruction of 11 sets of shoes and the reception of nine punctures.

Jimmy Michael may have gone back. An ordinary Brooklyn cycle cop chased and caught the motor, landed him before a magistrate and had him fined $5 for riding minus a bell.

It must have been premeditated for a bankrupt Minneapolis cycle agent to have seen the sheriff coming off his traveling at prices lower than he was willing to accept for them at private sale.

Mike Dinsmore, son a law student at Cornell College, has judicial ability even at this early date in his career to foresee that the L. A. W. is without a winner in its contest with the outlaws.

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BOMB IN CYCLEDOM.

Defection of the King's County Wheelmen is a Thunderclap.

BROOKLYN CLUB NOW N. C. A.

The Breakway of the K. C. W. is a Hard Blow to League of American Wheelmen.

In the face of the fact that the Utah wheelmen have pitted their first love, the L. A. W., and gone over practically in a body to the National Cyclists association, the following comments in the St. Louis Daily Globe-Democrat will be read with interest.

About the hardest blow the L. A. W. has received in its fight with the N. C. A. was the defection of the Kings County wheelmen. This Brooklyn club is the strongest in New York, and its annual race meeting has been one that has brought champions together. It has always been an L. A. W. body, but its meeting this year, which has been set for June 14, will be under the auspices of the N. C. A. The announcement came like a thunderclap in New York cyclodom and has created interest all over the cycling world. In explanation of the action of the club, Chairman Van Vleck, of the race committee, writes:

"It was only after careful and mature consideration that the race meet committee decided to take this step, and the decision was a unanimous one. This last fact is especially significant, because for a time the committee was inclined almost to a man to declare for the L. A. W. The change was brought about by a thorough investigation. Primarily the committee was inclined to apply for an L. A. W. sanction, because it was felt that the present management was one of the harder types of racing affairs by the league last year dissented most patrons of the sport and added largely to the sentiment already existing in and around New York, favoring the extinguishment of the control of racing by the league. There is little doubt that this sentiment would have controlled matters at the last meeting of the national assembly had not petition, preceding the election of a president of the league, prevented the elimination of all interference in racing from the league constitution.

"It is very apparent to even a superficial observer that the vast majority of league members care nothing about racing, in so far as the control of it is concerned. This almost universal sentiment is bound to be recognized eventually, so it could be only a question of time when the league would give up the control of racing of its own accord and turn its attention to more important matters, such as good roads, in which direction it has made a magnificent record in this state. The members of this club have carefully watched the organization and conduct of affairs of the N. C. A. and are thoroughly satisfied therewith. There are no other men in the bicycle game than the members of the Kings County wheelmen, and they are satisfied that the N. C. A. is an honest and above-board organization, and that the men at the head of it are actuated, and in fact, in real control of it. These men are known to the members of the Kings County wheelmen and are trusted. We have not a word to say against the local L. A. W. racing officials, but the record of their organization is against them. Because the Kings County wheelmen believe there is better chance of getting good, clean, well-managed meets under the auspices of the N. C. A. than under the L. A. W. we have decided to go with the former."

CYCLE NOTES.

Everything from Everywhere of Interest to Cyclists, Culled from the Wheel.

For some unexplained reason a trade against cycle shirts seems to have broken forth all over the country.

If your saddle is too slippery and shiny for comfort, wash it with soft soap and warm water, then dry thoroughly.

Two fair tandem riders rode full 101 miles a window full of liquor out in St. Louis. Bottles and beauty both suffered.

Helen Keller, though deaf, dumb and blind, enjoys cycling, comparing the

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PASTIMES ALL THE YEAR

Racers, Gamers, Baseball Players, Shots, Pedestrians, Runners and Trotters in the Golden Gate.

There is probably no other city in the world that is so prodigal in its support of all kinds of sport as San Francisco, says the Chronicle. It has become the place of sports, and each succeeding year witnesses an increased pilgrimage of those who seek pleasure and profit in the martial forms of outdoor attractions which an ideal climate makes at all times of the year seasonable, and which a cosmopolitan population generously patronizes. Racing, coursing, boating, yachting, carnival, hunting, athletics, baseball, football, the rod and reel, gun and dog and the taped green find here a congenial and profitable home.

Under such favored conditions it is not strange that San Francisco should have given to the world some of the leading celebrities in many classes of sport during the latter part of the century.

In the ring Corbett, Billy Smith, Joe Choynski, Jim Jeffries, Dan Hawkins and Charley Green have won laurels. Hackey, though a native of the Emerald isle, owes his development to San Francisco. O'Connor and Harry Peterson as runners, Zeigler and McFarlane, on the wheel; Hermsen, Van Haltren, Denny, Long, Knell, Barbeau and Joe Corbett on the diamond; Beaver, Wedeman and Fleming in the water, Price jacobs and his wonderful rifle team, Ye Tambien, Emperor Norfolk, Velasco, El Rio Rey, Geraldine, Star Beard, Dr. Hasbrouck and Tournament on the turf, with Dorcoran, Direction Kelley, Direct, Ascendant, Alcie and Kandosh in the harness; Mannfold in fly-casting, and Commers and Boette in curving; Fanning and Norman at the traps; Hesher Mint, old Ball Admiral and Alex C. of the Verona kennels, and the schooner yacht Jessie, all in their respective lines have upheld San Francisco's sporting reputation. A hundred others might be mentioned.

Where under other days for indulgence in racing, coursing, shooting, yachting and a dozen other lines of sport, one had to go to Kentucky, Massachusetts and impatient men and women must wait for wind and weather sufficient for them, and many of them prospect under sunny skies the year round. No need for closing the gates of the new tracks or covering paths, shelving cues or rod, mooring yacht or hanging up the bicycle, for from one New Year's day to another the fair city of the San Francisco sportsman has no break.

An amount of money that is almost incredible is annually spent in sport in San Francisco. One who had not given the subject serious thought and investigated the facts and figures could scarcely credit the results.

The Pitcher Wins the Game.

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