

**THE FIRE.**

Friday night about half-past six, the building paper someone had nailed up between the joists under the parlor and dining room floors in pastor Johnson's house, took fire from the furnace heating pipe. Pastor Johnson went down and put it out once, effectually as he thought, but while he was out telephoning Mr. Baker, it worked across over a beam to a second strip which fired up, when the alarm was given. The department was on hand in no time, Company No. 2 being first and winning the prize of \$5 which the council paid Tuesday night. The fire was speedily extinguished, though most of the furniture, etc. was carried out. Mr. Baker promptly ordered a new steel furnace which is or will be ready this week. The loss on the house and to Mr. Johnson was light.

Something has got to be done with the hoodlums who rush to a fire pretending to help, but really to steal, and they stole goods from Mr. Johnson Friday night. One fellow was caught by someone trying to remove a gold sleeve button from one of Mr. Johnson's cuffs found on the sofa.

The Department or the Council should take hold of this matter at once, for losses of this are the greatest Mr. Johnson suffered.

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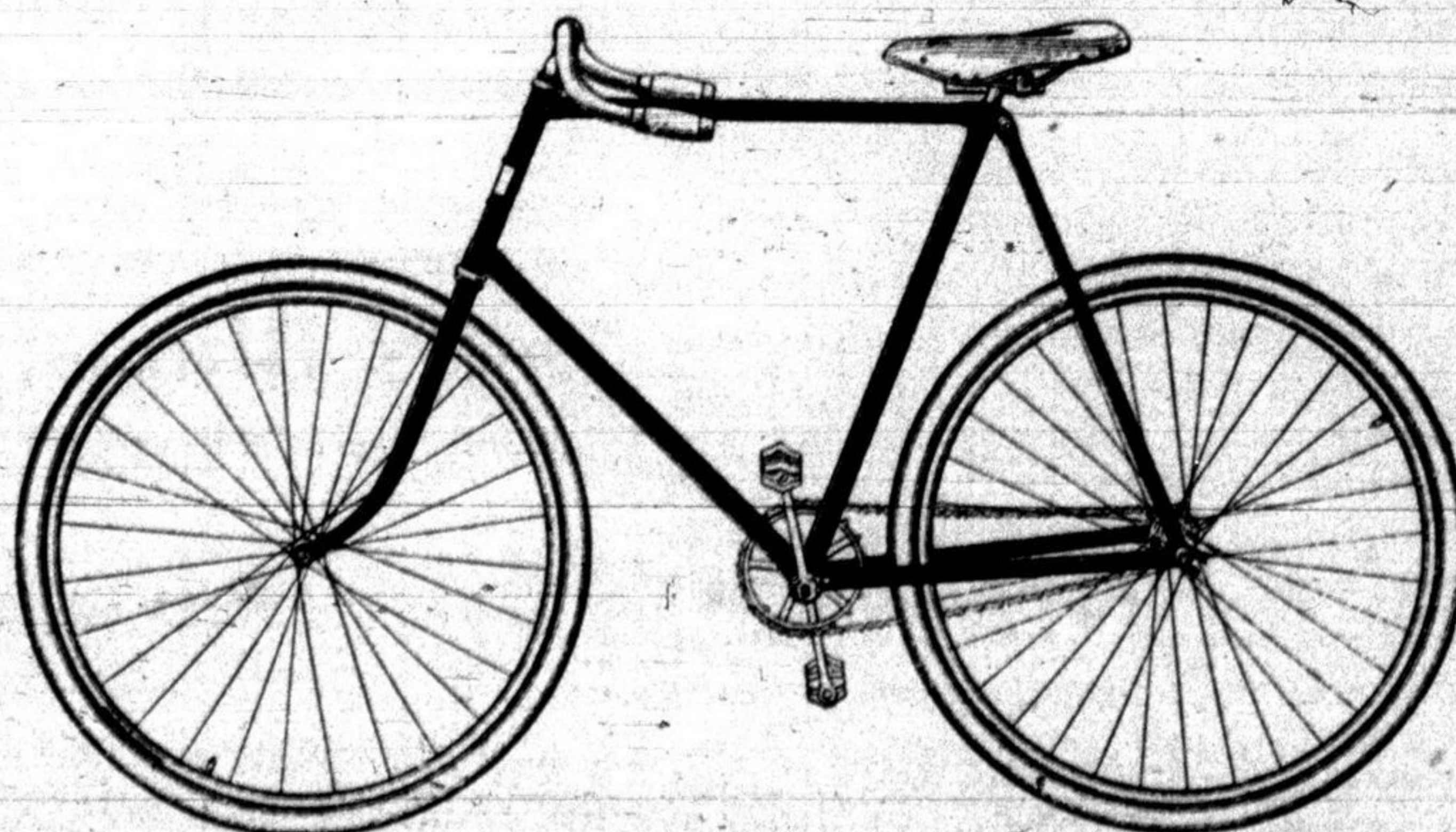
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