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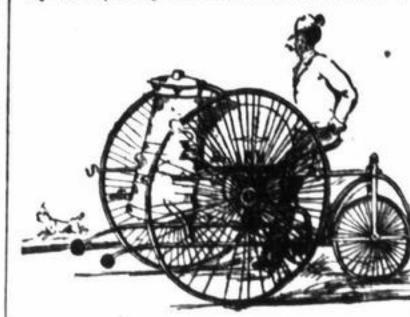
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## WHEELS IN WASHINGTON.

BICYCLISTS AND THEIR CLUBS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

How the Iron Steeds are Made to Do Service for the Butcher, the Baker and the Candlestick Maker-A Wheel on the Parapet.

[Special Correspondence.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The prince who ran his special car on rails of glass and was able to sleep as well while traveling as at home in his palace, was no better off for the most part than between 3,000 and 4,000 young men in Washington. Asphalt here takes the place of glass, and wherever you go throughout this beautiful capital you find it lying smooth, dry, dustless and clean as the floor of a New England or Virginia kitchen. Had the capital once been a Venice, and its canals been filled up with a molten tide of asphalt, it could be no better than it is. And so it is true that Washington is the paradise of the bicycler. There are here upward of 4,000 wheels and as many hundred tricycles. Winter and summer alike they go spinning about noiselessly, conquering space for their lucky owners with the speed of a race horse. The bicycler goes where he will, and is as much protected by customs and courts as the pedestrian or horseman. His range of travel is not circumscribed to any annoying extent by Belgian blocks, Neufchatel or the old fashioned cobblestone. Everywhere, or nearly everywhere, is asphalt-160 miles of it, in avenues sometimes 160 feet wide and never less than 80 feet. Americans can be proud of this if they please: Washington has more street area than any other city in the world. Paris has 25 per cent, of streets to entire area; London, about the same; Berlin, 26 per cent.; New York and Vienna, 35 per cent., but Washington, 41 per cent. Besides the city pavements, there are scores of miles of coun try roads, finely macadamized with flint.



The environment is developing a new species of travelers. And it is not all a matter of amusement, but a practical, safe, speedy and exceedingly comfortable means of daily locomotion. The clerks in the public departments are great riders, and I am told the general average of health among them has been greatly improved since the advent of cycling. One of the veteran clerks of the postoffice department, who for twenty years trudged back and forth the two miles between his home and the department, now goes sweeping along through the air as if gifted with wings. His hair is white as snow. At his side hangs his lunch basket, on his wheel is fastened a haversack to carry books or whatever small daily purchases he may make. For him life has been made easier and pleasanter, if not prolonged.

The uses to which the bicycle and tricycle are put here in Washington are manifold and decidedly practical. Newsboys make their routes on the outskirts of town astride of them. Telegraph boys scurry about at all hours of the day and night on the stout little machines provided for them. Workmen, like plumbers, save their precious time by treading to their jobs with locomotive speed. On Capitol hill an old colored man makes a good living ped lling milk with a tricycle. He works



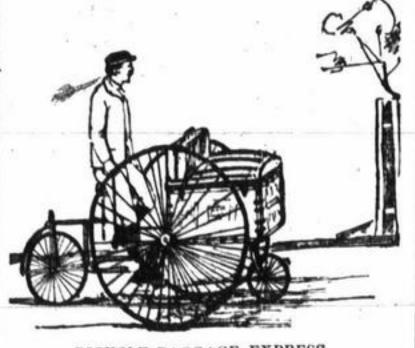
OVER THE BRIDGE. his way about quickly and easily, stops and starts without delay or danger of having his stock in trade run away with and spilled out, Some of the largest dry goods concerns keep several tricycles to deliver goods. Several boot and shoe stores send their goods by tricycles. Laundry tricycles are numerous. Their light willow paniers are large and capacious, and there must be great convenience and economy in their use. The saving generally in the matter of horse feed and care is becoming day by day demonstrably captivating to tradesmen who have a great number of small articles to handle and must necessarily deliver their goods in order to hold their own in the competition of trade.

Washington is one of the few places where bicycling has been made the nucleus of club life. The Capital Bicycle club has a membership of about 125 young men, whose vim and pluck have been well shown in the building of a very handsome club house on Fifteenth street facing the White Lot back of the White House. It is a three story brick structure, designed expressly for bicylers and tricyclers. The main entrance is a broad Roman arch, under which the clubmen ride in and out with no small amount of pride. On the first floor is the "stable," where each member stalls



his wire steed, the stall being a slit in the wainscoting, into which his edge of the wheel is run to hold it in an upright position. To the rear, on the same floor, is a well supplied tool room with bench and wheel horses where the bruised and broken machine may be mended. Here, too, is a washroom with every convenience for removing all traces of a tug over a muddy country road. On the second floor is the parlor, the club room proper, and the library. Each is most tastefully furnished.

Polite attendants look after the comfort of the club members and their visitors, and if a glass of wine or a bone of turkey is wanted, it will be before you in a trice. On the walls hang scores of sketches, in crayon and water color, of scenes visited by the club tourists on their summer rides across the country. In the windows hang fine, large negatives of bicycling groups. Every picture has a history that weaves it in with the life and purpose of the club. On the third floor are the billiard, card and fencing rooms. No space is provided for the tyro in wheeling. Every member of the cab is supposed to be an expert when he joins. Out on the asphalt of an evening you may any time see groups of expert club riders practicing. They ride in couples and fours, platoons, echelon and single file. Mounting and dismounting at the shriek of the captain's whistle, they look like a company of well disciplined soldiers.



BICYCLE BAGGAGE EXPRESS. The feats that can be performed on the wheel are wonderful. To see a five foot wheel rolling noiselessly along, with a rigid wheelman standing nearly upright on the saddle, is something Washington bieyelers are used to. Riding "side saddle," stopping and standing stock still while still in the saddle and other feats are common enough. The performance that is not seen every day, however, is one nervy young fellow's pastime of riding down the Capitol steps. No one would believe it could be done unless it had been photographed instantaneously. There are eighty of these marble steps, and the daring wheelman can start at the top, mount and continue safely on down to the plaza below and roll down town as unconcerned as if it were only a matter of ante-prandial exercise. Another thing few have done and the possibility of which is proved to us only by instantaneous photography, is riding across the coping of the famous Cabin John bridge, the longest stone arch in the world. This three or four young men have done. To fall would

have been sure death. In a place where everybody rides it is surprising how soon the average urchin acquires the art. A 4-year-old is not by any means too young to try and the fivers make slashing and dashing wheelmen. Now and then the youngsters carry things too far and word comes peremptorily from the family physician "That boy must be kept off his bicycle." But to the boy who has half a body to start with the wheel ordinarily brings out good strong muscles and stendy nerves. It is but a few years since bicycling became so popular in Washington, and the first wheel that came to town is still as good as new and in daily use. When ten or fifteen years more shall have been added to the era of wheeling there is no telling what a race of athletes may then be darting about over these floorlike pavements. J. A. TRUESDELL.

### THE BISHOP AT TRENTON.

He Made no Indication of Favour Toward Any Particular Party.

The correspondent of the Globe at Trenton, in referring to the address of Bishop

Cleary at Trenton on Sunday, reported : "In his reply to the address the bishop soundly resented the insult offered by the tories here in saying that he was a supporter of Sir John Macdonald."

Rev. Fr. Walsh, of Trenton, writes to the

"Your correspondent will excuse me for declaring this to be a wholly unwarranted and distinctly untruthful interpolation. Not one word did the bishop say in the church of Trenton about 'tories, or the 'tory party,' or 'Sir John Macdonald,' or 'his supporters, or about 'insult' offered by them to his lordship. No one could conjecture from his lordship's remarks whether he was in favor of one party or the other, much less could anyone honestly take away the idea that he 'soundly resented the insult offered by the tories here in saying that he was a supporter of Sir John Macdonald."

The Globe adds to the correspondence the report of an interview with the bishop, and

the finish of it reads as follows "As I have said my action in the recent provincial contest was in no sense political, but wholly and exclusively religious, leaving me then and now in my chosen position of neutrality between political parties, but al ways ready to act similarly if similar occasion should unhappily be given. I did not speak one word about Sir John Macdonald or the present contest for the dominion, nor was there any occasion for my doing so, the address of the congregation having reference solely to my action in the recent provincial contest, and my zeal for the defence of religious education.

"In fine, would it be true to interpret your lordship's observations last Sunday in Trenton to be a hint to your Catholic people, and such others as might be influenced by your name, to take part with the conservatives and against the reformers in the present dominion contest ?"

"That is a very straight and sharp question, but I am not at all afraid to answer it. I will simply say this-that I insist upon being allowed to be absolutely neutral in this present election for the federal parliament. And this being my own assertion of my own right, I could not consistently ask my people or any others who may have regard for my influence to take one side or the other. This answer I have already given to other inquiries. But since you seem to think that my endorsement of the letter of the pastor of Trenton might be interpreted as an intimation of my wish that Catholic votes be cast in this dominion electien for conservatives in preference to reformers I authorize you to say that I, as a bishop, would consider it most ungracious on my part to encourage my people to vote against the reform party, who so honorably, and in despite of such grievous temptations to join the no-popery crusade, sustained us and our Catholic rights in the recent terrible struggle with the demon of bigotry."

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