

# WHEELMEN TO MEET HERE.

Many of the Fast Ones Will Be in Attendance.

**Bicycle Racing Becoming a Very Popular Sport—Zimmerman Is Champion—Races for the Fair—General Sporting News.**

Lovers of amateur athletic sports in Kansas City will soon have an opportunity of witnessing what is fast becoming in this country one of the most popular of all outdoor amusements—a bicycle race meeting.

The performances of Zimmerman, Johnson, Sanger, Windle and others during the past year, and especially during the past week at Chicago, are attracting the attention of every lover of square racing.

The members of the Kansas City Cyclists' Club have secured the capital necessary to build a first-class track, which is now rapidly nearing completion. They have decided on September 1 and 2 as the dates of holding their first meeting. A \$2,500 prize list has been arranged and invitations to different clubs sent out. Messrs. Hall and Matthews, of the Cyclists', were sent to Chicago to attend the tournament being held there the past week, to secure if possible some of the sprinters.

Zimmerman has his dates made so far in advance that he could not promise to come. Sanger was so badly injured in one of the preliminary heats that he will be unable to ride again for some time to come, but Johnson, who has ridden the fastest mile ever made on a wheel, has already entered and will surely be here. Rhodes and Bode, of Chicago, and Sercombe, of Milwaukee, who next to the very topnotchers, are of the fastest class, have sent in their entries. Bliss, of Chicago, will be here, and all of the St. Louis riders will undoubtedly appear, as they have an old grudge to settle with the Kansas City boys, who downed them so signally at Sedalia on the 22d of July.

Inquiries are being received by Secretary Moriarty every day in regard to entry blanks, the prize lists and other matters.

The new club house and grand stand of the Athletic Club will be completed in time for the races and visiting riders will find everything arranged for their comfort and convenience. The modern track is not at all like the old horse track, but is banked or inclined heavily at the turns (about one and a half feet in seven) in order to prevent the riders from running off at the outside, the principle being the same as that applied to railroad curves. This enables the rider to attain a terrific rate of speed for the entire distance.

Arrangements are being made by the railroad men to have excursions run in from surrounding towns on the days of the races and it is expected that the attendance will be very large.

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