

## JOHNSON BEATS A RECORD.

HE REDUCES THE MISSOURI HALF MILE RECORD FOUR SECONDS.

The Crack Northwestern Wheelman Wins the Open Events With Ease—Exciting Finishes in the Handicaps—General Sporting Notes.

That the interest in bicycle racing is advancing westward was shown by the large and quite enthusiastic crowd which attended the opening day of the Kansas City Cyclists' tournament at Fairmount Park yesterday. The grand stand has a seating capacity of about 3,000 and it was comfortably filled. The races commenced about 2 o'clock and the events were run as promptly as possible. The arrangements were perfect and the racing high class and marked by many exciting finishes that enthused to the highest pitch. The management and the public were alike disappointed over the non-appearance of Arthur A. Zimmerman, the crack Eastern racer who had entered in nearly all the open races and handicaps, but their disappointment was tempered by the presence of John S. Johnson, the Minne-



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apolis man whose phenomenal fast work of a year ago placed him in the front rank of racing wheelmen. There are also present other crack riders, notably Bart of Wichita, Kas.; Boles of Denver, Hamilton of Pueblo, Swendeman of Helena, Mont.; Carl Eilers and George Tivy of St. Louis, Maxwell of Winfield, Kas.; Patterson of Plattsmouth, Neb., and Herbert C. Wood, H. R. Warren, C. W. Rebenscheid, Charles Kindervatter, A. W. Miller and other fast local men who carried off a fair share of the honors yesterday afternoon.