

ALL IN GALA ATTIRE

MINNEAPOLIS WILL DON ITS BEST DURING CARNIVAL WEEK.

Preparations for This Event, Which Is to Be Out of the Ordinary, Are Well Under Way—Large Crowds Expected in the City—Meeting of the Committee on Arrangements Held Yesterday—Plans for the Illumination of the Principal Streets of the City—Bicycle Day at the Fair—Several Excellent Attractions Promised.

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The week of Sept. 9 promises to be a gala week for Minneapolis, and if anything was wanted to show that the harvest festival and state fair carnival combined will be a brilliant success, the flattering notices of the country press, and the warm words of commendation from visitors in Minneapolis would be sufficient. The plans for this great gala occasion have progressed so far, and have been carried out on such an elaborate scale, that not only has the attention of the entire state been attracted, but residents of the Dakotas and even states to the East have signified their intention of being present to participate in the festivities of the season.

The indications are that Minneapolis will be crowded with visitors during the state fair week, and the enthusiasm shown reminds one strongly of the harvest festival and carnivals of the past. The crops with which the farmers have been blessed this year are so abundant and general that the attendance at the state fair is sure to be double what it has been in past years when the crops were so poor that the farmers wore cast down, and did not see much necessity for getting out and celebrating. This year there has been such a change in their condition that they are jubilant, and feel more like taking a recreation in the

caus and music, to say nothing of electric illuminations, etc., the plans for which the Street Railway company has placed in the hands of able employees.

The Nicollet avenue celebration will perhaps be the main drawing card of the week. The committee in charge of the entertainment held a meeting yesterday to consider the plans for illumination, and it was decided that Nicollet avenue should be illuminated from Washington to Tenth street, or the entire distance of the asphalt pavement, and First avenue south will be illuminated from Washington to Sixth street. The street illumination will in itself be quite an affair, but the committee has other entertainment in store for the visitors.

W. M. Brackett has been made general manager of the entire affair, and this is sufficient guarantee that the details will be carefully and successfully looked after. A reviewing stand is to be built at the corner of Fifth street and Nicollet avenue, and it will have a seating capacity of 100. It will be used as a band stand except on the night when the bicycle carnival is on. Outside of the general illumination of the avenue, the merchants are expected to make special displays, and a thorough canvass is being made of the business houses with this in view. Everyone seems to be taking hold of the carnival with an enthusiasm that is encouraging; in fact, it is the most enthusiastic and spontaneous spirit that the people of Minneapolis have shown for a number of years, and the record made then was such as to give this city great prestige as an entertainer, and the people outside of the city have often expressed a desire for a repetition of the gay affairs of the past.

The musical part of the program is to be a distinct feature of the carnival. The St. Cloud Bicycle Band will play Tuesday evening and will head the big parade Wednesday night. Thursday evening the band of Battery B will appear, with at least two other musical organizations. It is understood that the big department stores have arranged to have a band playing continuously in front of their places of business each evening.

REPRESENTATIVE BOOBAR AS A DRUMMER.

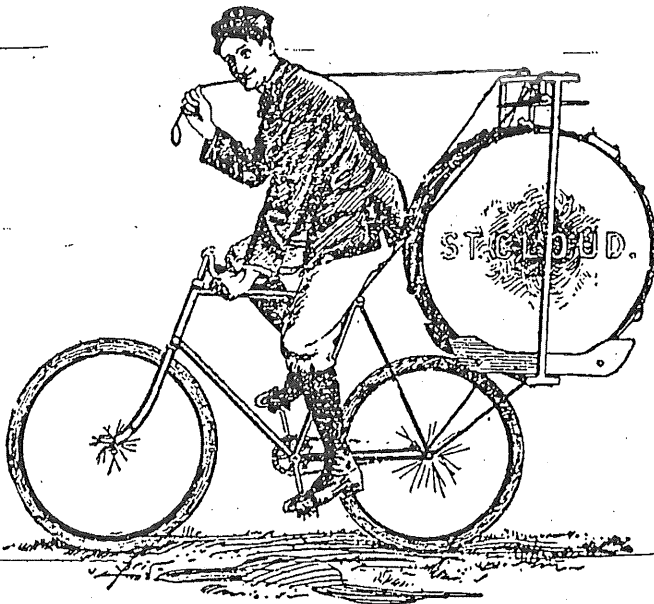
Some mention has been previously made of the ingenuity shown by the base drummer in the bicycle band of St. Cloud in riding a wheel and beating a base drum at the same time. This feat is performed by Hon. John J. Boobar, who will be remembered as the wit of the last house of representatives in the Minnesota state legislature, and who is responsible for the organization of the band, which is to be a feature of the bicycle parade at the state fair on Monday, Sept. 9, which is to be "bicyclers' day." It is reported from St. Cloud that the organization of the band proceeded well enough until the problem was presented of mounting a huge base drum on a wheel. It was obvious that the drummer could not carry the drum, as is usually the case, in front of him, and that the willing small boy, usually drafted into the service by the minstrel men in their street parade, could not be used to advantage in this feature of the organization. Mr. Boobar was apparently equal to the occasion. He suggested and carried out the novel scheme shown in the illustration. A light frame work is built in the rear of the bicycle over the driving wheel, and on this a drum rests. A series of cords enables the rider with one hand to beat the drum. The band consists of 16 pieces, Mr. Boobar, himself, being the base drummer. The band is said to play exceedingly well. Forwell, Ozmun & Kirk, of St. Paul, have recently equipped the organization with attractive uniforms, and the band is hereafter to be known as "The Crimson-Rimmed Bicycle Band of St. Cloud."

Entries for the bicycle events at the fair begin to come in, and should all be forwarded to Secretary Randall, at Hamline, on or before Sunday next. A large number of the speedy men in Class A have already entered, and expect to carry off some of the prizes in the liberal list offered by the association. Will A. Whitehaw, who had

charge of the circuit meet in Minneapolis, has been engaged to manage the races, and will have general supervision of bicycle events. The assurance is given that there will be clubs from St. Paul and Minneapolis, and a number from outside from cities in the state and from neighboring cities outside the state, who will participate in the events of the day. A nominal fee will give the members of any regularly organized club the right to enter, and entitle all the members in the organization to admission to the grounds on bicycle day. Some of the clubs recently organized in Minneapolis have evidently been formed simply to take part in the bicycle carnival on Wednesday evening, but the attractive prizes offered ought to secure the appearance of these clubs on the fair grounds on Monday afternoon.

TRICK BICYCLE RIDERS COMING.

The Kilpatrick, trick bicycle riders, who are to appear during all the week of the fair, will make their first appearance on Monday, Sept. 9, and will give their most attractive program, appreciating that they are sure to have a large audience of wheelmen and wheelwomen to see them in their novel performance. Charles G. Kilpatrick, the one-legged bicyclist, is at Ottawa, Ill., this week, where he appears at a county fair. He will arrive at Hamline next Thursday to undertake the supervision of the flight of stairs which will be built to enable him to make his perilous descent on his wheel. These stairs are to be only six feet wide, with no side rail, and 60 feet high, and 120 feet long. Riders generally find a flight of half a dozen steps enough to appal them, and the boldness of Mr. Kilpatrick's feat is likely to be appreciated by riders who have attempted to make even so small a descent as is entailed by half a dozen stairs, to say nothing of a hundred or more steps. Madeline Kilpatrick, who also appears in a trick performance, was at New Orleans recently, and the newspapers speak in the highest terms of her work. She will appear in bloomer costume, and what she is able to accomplish on the ordinary safety is likely to interest some of the ladies who have found ordinary, plain, every day riding about as difficult a thing to master as anything they have tackled in recent years.



JOHN J. BOOBAR, OF THE ST. CLOUD BICYCLE BAND.

way of a visit to Minneapolis and the state fair.

The plans for the carnival are in the hands of able committees, and visitors can rest assured that Minneapolis will leave no stone unturned to make their stay in the city one long to be remembered. There will be no lack of entertainment outside of the elaborate festivities which will take place on Nicollet avenue. The theaters will be open; the base ball club will be here during the week and play with some of the strongest teams in the Western League; the season at Lake Harriet will be in full blast, and visitors at this popular resort will be entertained with theatricals.