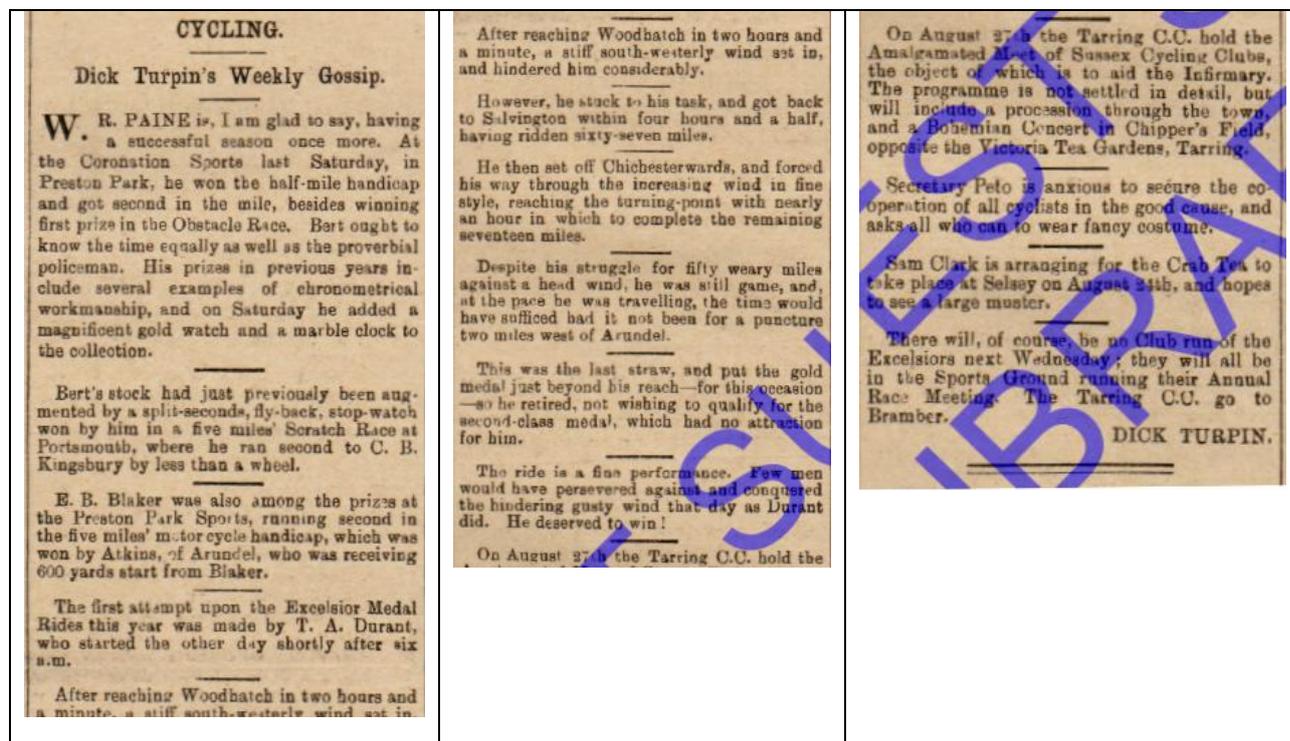


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CYCLING.

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W.R. PAINE is, I am glad to say, having a successful season once more. At the Coronation Sports last Saturday, in Preston Park, he won the half-mile handicap and got second in the mile, besides winning first prize in the Obstacle Race. Bert ought to know the time equally as well as the proverbial policeman. His prizes in previous years include several examples of chronometrical workmanship, and on Saturday he added magnificent gold watch and a marble clock to the collection.

Bert's stock had just previously been augmented by a split-seconds, fly-back, stop-watch won by him in a five miles' Scratch Race at Portsmouth, where he ran second to C.B. Kingsbury by less than a wheel.

E. B. Blaker was also among the prizes at the Preston Park Sports, running second in the five miles motorcycle handicap, which was won by Atkins, of Arundel, who was receiving 600 yards start from Blaker.

The first attempt upon the Excelsior Medal

Rides this year was made by T.A. Durant, who started the other day shortly after six a.m.

After reaching Woodhatch in two hours and a minute, a stiff south-westerly wind set in, and hindered him considerably.

However, he stuck to his task, and got back to Offington within four hours and a half, having ridden sixty-seven miles.

He then set off Chichesterwards, and forced his way through the increasing wind in fine style, reaching the turning-point with nearly an hour in which to complete the remaining seventeen miles.

Despite his struggle for fifty weary miles against a head wind, he was still game, and, at the pace he was travelling, the time would have sufficed had it not been for a puncture two miles west of Arundel.

This was the last straw, and put the gold medal just beyond his reach - for this occasion - so he retired, not wishing to qualify for the second-class medal, which had no attraction for him.

The ride is a fine performance. Few men would have persevered against and conquered the hindering gusting wind that day as Durant did. He deserved to win!

On August 27th, the Tarring C.C. hold the Amalgamated Meet of Sussex Cycling Clubs, the object of which is to aid the Infirmary. The programme is not settled in detail, but will include a procession through the town and a Bohemian Concert in Chipper's Field, opposite the Victoria Tea Gardens, Tarring.

Secretary Peto is anxious to secure the co-operation of all cyclists in this good cause, and asks all who can to wear fancy costume.

Sam Clark is arranging for the Crab Tea to take place at Selseyⁱ on August 24th, and hopes to see a large muster.

There will of course be no club run of the Excelsiors next Wednesday; they will all be in the Sports Ground running their Annual Race Meeting. The Tarring C.C. go to Bramber

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ⁱ "Selsea" in previous articles. Was this when

the new spelling began to replace the
old?