

More Pay for St. Paul Employes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The 4,700 engineers and firemen on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul system have received an increase in pay of about 10 per cent. The joint committee of the locomotive engineers and firemen on that system, which has been in Chicago since Dec. 1 adjusting the wage scale, reached an agreement with the management of the system to-day.

Steady Interest in Cycling.

The twenty-fifth anniversary number of The *Bicycling World and Motorcycle Review*, which has just been issued, is a large and well-illustrated number, replete with articles of interest to cyclists. The history of the bicycle movement in America is given with considerable detail, with biographical sketches of the pioneers whose names were almost household words ten and twenty years ago. Interest in cycling has by no means declined, although it is considerably quieter than in former years. Still there is, and probably always will be, a steady, standard demand for bicycles. It is estimated that at the present time there are *fully 2,000,000 bicycles in use in the United States*, and the sale of bicycles last year is placed at 540,000.

Skating Races in Brooklyn.

Two interesting skating races were held in the Clermont Skating Rink, Brooklyn, last night. A. Y. Sarony won the one-mile handicap, starting at scratch, in the good time of 2:57 1-5, the best that has been done this season at the Clermont Rink. He beat W. W. Swan, who also started from scratch, by 20 yards, and Swan led W. L. Smith, 90 yards, by 15 yards, for second place. The other starters were W. R. See, Augustus Stolz and U. Polliser. The latter was allowed 100 yards, and led all the way up to the last lap, when he fell and Sarony passed him.

The other race was the half-mile novice, and was won by J. W. Lyon in 1:47. He beat J. Holden by 5 yards. E. P. Cypriot was third. There were 14 starters.

One of the features in the skating races to-night will be a game of ping-pong on ice between A. F. Carmichael, one of the strongest local players, and Phil Kearny.
