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THE mercantile agencies say that the failures for July were less than this is not a sign of returning prosperity, what is it?

In many of the farming states the tillers of the soil are paying their loans so rapidly that the loan agents are getting more money on hand than they care to have, and are making new loans at a much lower rate of interest than formerly. It is said that in Minnesota farm loans are being made at five per cent per annum.

A populist friend tells us that Wm. Neville, who wants the populist nomination for supreme judge and wants it awfully bad, will experience some trouble in securing a delegation from this county. It is generally understood that if T. Fulton Gantt wants the Lincoln county delegation he can get it for the asking, and Mr. Neville will be in the tureen so far as his own civil service order prohibiting the county is concerned.

the city of North Platte are begin- have an opportunity to reply to ning to anxiously inquire when and these charges wherever made. how they are to get the money due them. We have no doubt but the ful officials removed in order to "reform" city administration can make places for them, it has enlighten them on this subject. strengthened the one weak spot in The present administration did not the civil service and is thus comcontract the 1896 indebtedness but est is the welfare of the nation and it is its duty to see that some pro- the party. vision is made for the payment of the claims, all of which have been audited and approved.

FARMERS of the west are now having as much difficulty in getting freight cars to remove their crops as they were a couple of years ago in getting crops to put into the freight cars. Thousands upon thousands of freight cars which have been standing idle since the summer of 1893 are now rushing day and night to carry the abundant | tion it not only demonstrates the desire crops of the west, for which advanced prices are being obtained, despite the fact that silver has steadily fallen meantime.

Some of the local populists don't like the idea of the reorganization of the democratic party in Lincoln county. This is, however, not strange, as in the past the populists have received almost the solid democratic vote of the county. But as the democrats have never received anything in return for this support, the populists certainly can find no grounds for a just complaint. It is the democrats who have a "kick" coming by reason of having been ignored by the populists in the distribution of offices.

Ir silver still goes on declining during the next three years at the in 1900 will have to argue for about a ten-cent dollar. The value of the metal in a silver dollar is about 44 cents now. while a year ago it was 53 cents. Yet the inconsistency of proposing to permit people to pass 53 cents worth of silver for a dollar is not so much less than a similar proposition with reference to 10 cents worth of metal when the principle of the thing is taken into con-

THE number of cattle assessed for taxation in Wyoming has increased from less than 300,000 in 1896 to 500,000 in 1897, and the average market price of cattle per head from \$12.56 to \$17. Last year there were assessed in that state about 1,000,000 sheep, valued \$1.77 per head, and it is said that they will number about 2,000,000 this year and command an average of 25 cents more per head. What business, says an exchange, have cattle and sheep to increase in number and value, with the silver in a silver dollar worth only about 45 cents. the lowest figure on record.

THERE is no country in the world so productive of all the things needful for the enjoyment of life as that in which lie what the famous British statistician. Michael G. Mulhall, describes as "the prairie states of America." They are Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and the two Dakotas. Taking the grain crops of these states in aggregate, they of late have averaged 118 bushels for each man, woman and child. In all the prairie states 3,060,000 hands are employed in agriculture, and the average product of three years has been 49,700,000 tons of grain and 2,190,000 tons of meat, or 650 bushels of grain and 1,610 pounds of meat to each hand employed. Mr. Mul- noble resolution. -Pearson's Weekly. | stand, and the "Bucktails" made ready square miles.

The Semi - Weekly Tribune hall, in an article published in the North American Review, states that the grain crop of these states is ten times the usual European average. During the last forty years there has been an increase of acres under cultivation amounting to 157,000,000: which is to say that 13,000 acres daily have been added to the area in tillage .-Inter Ocean.

JOHN CUDAHY, of Chicago, a well known board of trade plunger, is organizing a company to develop Alaska gold mines, the concern to during any month since 1892. If have \$25,000,000 capital. He has had a prospector there for five years and says he has secured claims which are the cream of the gold district and worth \$50,000,000, perhaps five times that amount. John Cudahy will be the Barney Barnato of the Klondyke if what he says is true, and being a plunger perhaps he will have the same tragic end as the late demented Barney.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY seems to have taken the St. Louis convention and the seven millions of voters who supported its platform at their word. That convention declared that the civil service law was placed on the staute books by the republican party and that the party renewed its "repeated declarations that it should be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever practicable." That is what the President did by his recent removal of men and woman from positions except upon written Holders of 1896 claims against charges and permitting them to While the order has displeased many who have hoped to see faithmended by those whose only inter-

### FEET AND CHARACTER.

What the Pedal Extremities Reveal to One Who Knows.

The rerson who had his character read by the palmist must now go to the arst cousin of the chiropodist in order to learn whether the markings on the foot agree with the prognostications of

According to the adepts, a small instep denotes religious temperament, while if it is high it suggests self conscionsness. If arched, it indicates a love of luxury, while if it is thin in addifor apprebation and applause, but the possession of honor and lotty ideals. A thick, heavy instep, which the bootmaker would describe as rather high, is the mark of the individual who is capable of great exertion continued over a long time, the instep, in fact, of the

The heel is another of the great diagnostic points. If it is smooth and round and without any prominent outlines, it declares the individual to belong to that commonplace order which never achieves distinction and who, though pleasant enough in his or her way to live with, is yet devoid of any special talent. If it is small, it shows that the owner is capable of going heart and soul into any work that he undertakes.

Long toes suggest artistic capacity, just as do long fingers of a certain shape, while short toes indicate selfishness. If they are crooked as well as long, they demonstrate the possession of good common sense and no little business capacity, while toes separated by a distinct interval, in spite of the compression in which fashionable boots comrate which it has declined during pel them, are indicative of emotion. If the last twelve months. Mr. Bryan | they curve downward, they indicate an amiable turn of mind, and different pertions of them denote different characteristics as do the so called "mountains"

and "valleys" on the palm. In addition to all these characteristics the markings on the sole must be carefully considered, for they may modify certain other peculiarities. It is impossible, however, to lay down any laws of self guidance in these minutiæ, but the broad facts will no doubt furnish a sufficient stimulus for further investigation at the hands of the wise women of the world, for they must be indeed wise who can read, as in an open book, character which may be formed by the constrictions of a fashionable boot.

Whatever else may be done, however, it is safe to sav that great toes which are pressed out of the straight line, and which are therefore in hideous contrast with the beautiful feet of Trilby, bespeak an egregious vanity in their possessor and proclaim a belief in the proverb which states that "to be beautiful one must suffer." This, however, was the old fashioned idea, which it is hoped the vogue of Mr. du Maurier's heroine will have done a great to counteract. - Philadelphia Times.

## His Sacrifice.

dear to me for years. You know how

the sweet face, expecting to see there alry horses. Once they traveled 20

glad that I am following your teaching?" he asked. "It's not that," she answered, almost

sobbing. "Never mind what it is." And she rushed from the room. had learned from his wife's dearest and Captain Haines, a brave young offifriend that she had set her heart on | cer, was left on the field. Colonel Kane

pers, with pictures in the middle.

## "BUCKTAIL" RIFLES.

HE THIRTEENTH PENNSYLVANIA RESERVE, CRACK RIFLEMEN.

Organized by Thomas L. Kane In the Mountains of Pennsylvania-The "Bucktails" Shot to Kill-Thrilling Episodes on the Battlefield-Gallant Leaders.

[Copyright, 1897, by American Press Asso-RACK riflemen wearing the blue played a greater part in the civil war than is popularly supposed.

This is the story telling era of the Federal veterans, and very naturally they do not forget the sting of the Confederate sharpshooters' bullet. But the southern marksmen met their equals

when they ran afoul of the Sharpe and Spencer rifles in the hands of hardy mountain hunters from some of the northern states. The "Bucktails" of the Keystone never once gave ground to Texan or Mississippian, noteriously quick and deadly as these were "on the shoot." The Bucktails formed a unique corps, and their name and fame didn't die out until the last gray coat hung up his rifle and cried quits. The idea of enlisting mountaineers for warfare originated with Thomas L. Kane, brother of the arctic explorer. Kane had been schooled in rough life by extensive mountain travel, and so far anticipated the needs of the service that on the 13th of April, 1861, the day Major Anderson was vainly trying to hold the fort at Sumter, he applied to the government for authority to raise a company of mounted riflemen among the yeomanry of the counties of Forest, Mc-Kean and Elk, a region in western Pennsylvania popularly known as the "wildcat district." Men responded promptly, and when the news came that Sumter had fallen it was decided to form an infantry battalion. Recruits flocked to the rendezvous clad in homespun and red flannel shirts, carrying their bunting rifles and wearing bucktails in their hats.

Within ten days after the call sounded a band of "Bucktails" over 300 wound, General Stone was authorized strong embarked on rafts at the Sinnemahoning landing to float down the Susquehanna to Harrisburg. From flagpoles of green bickery, each surmounted by a bucktail, the stars and stripes were flung to the breeze As the strange flotilla moved down the river the primeval forests lining its banks were stirred to echoes by the shrill notes of the fife and the rataplan of the snare drum.

Owing to some blunder at headquarters there was a hitch in the programme, and word was telegraphed along the line to intercept those mountaineers who in the spirit of the old Continentals were hastening to the seat of war, and turn them back at Lockhaven. It was said that they could not be mustered into the United States service. A long headed general of militia got hold of the telegram and suppressed it, so the flotilla mov'd on, and coming within view of Harrisburg the "Bucktails" saluted it with a volley from their rifles. Their fame had preceded them, and they were quickly recognized by the telltale badges on their hats.

Meanwhile similar companies had been formed, one by Roy Stone in Warren county, at the headwaters of the Alleghany. This company also had trouble in getting accepted, and was ordered to disband, but the men refused. General McClellan, on learning what was afoot, offered to take Stone's company into his West Virginia army as an independent corps of sharpshooters, but while the band was on the way to join the army Governor Curtin recalled them to Harrisburg, where there was another company from West Chester county led by Captain Charles F. Taylor, brother of Bayard Taylor, with others from Perry, Clearfield, Carbon and Tioga. In the end nine captains, supplicating for so many separate companies, asked to be formed into a regiment under the leadership of Colonel Kane. Kane gave way to C. J. Biddle, a veteran of the Mexican war, and himself took the position of lieutenant colonel, with Roy

Stone as major. In honor of its: modest founder, the officers formally christened it 'Kane's Rifle regiment." It was assigned to the famous Reserve corps, in which it became known as the

Thirteenth re. COLONEL H. W. M'NEH. serve." It was [Killed at Antictam.] also given the synonyms "First rifle" and "Bucktails." The last was a good fit, could be read by all at a glance,

The first battle of the "Bucktails' was at Dranesville. Colonel Biddle had dropped out and Colonel Kane handled the men according to his own idea of rifle tactics. With three companies and a battery he advanced and captured a brick house which was the Confederate citadel. The "Bucktails" lay on the "Darling," he said, looking down ground and loaded, then arose, aimed tenderly into the eyes of his bride, "I and fired and dropped back to load have often heard you say that there is again. Kane was shot. The enemy was no true love without self sacrifice. You | repulsed. Kane's idea of skirmishing have taught me this great truth, and | tactics was brought to the notice of Gennow I am going to prove my love by eral McClellan, who gave him four comgiving up something that has been very | panies of the "Bucktails" to drill. They joined Bayard's cavalry brigade in the fond I am of smoking. Well, dearest, I Shenandoah valley, while the rest of am going to abandon the practice, even the army went to the peninsula with though it be like tearing out my-my"- the Army of the Potomac. In their first At this point his emotion apparently campaign Kane's mountaineers outovercame him, and he looked down at marched and wore down Bayard's cavappreciation of his noble resolve, but miles a day for 12 successive days, carhe saw only a look of blank disappoint- ried-no tents or blankets, and subsisted during the whole 12 days on what the "What is the matter? Are you not country afforded, eked out by the scant

which they had in their haversacks. The first thrilling encounter of the "Bucktails" in the field was at Harri- | The harrow that creeps and the arrow that sonburg. The first New Jersey cavalry The self sacrificing hero smiled. He was ambuscaded by some Confederates buying him half a dozen boxes of cigars | volunteered to go with his band of covered with lovely silver paper wrap- scouts and rescue Haines. Meeting Ashby's cavalry, he attacked and drove And that is what gave birth to his it. Ashby's men finally rallied for a Cape Colony which rules 1,000,000

for a second charge. As Kane was about to order the battalion forward Private Martin Kelly exclaimed, "Wait until I draw their fire, colonel!" Kelly then boldly stepped out from cover and received a full volley from the advanced companies of the Fifty eighth Virgin-

ians. He fell dead, riddled with bullets. The "Bucktails" advanced and routed the Virginians. At that juncture General Ashby rushed forward and urged his men to use their bayonets. Meanwhile Kane had been wounded in the leg and was leaning against a tree directing the fight. Beside him lay Private Holmes, mortally wounded. Seeing Ashby at the front and recognizing him from descriptions given by Kane, who knew him, Holmes nerved himself for a last shot, picked up his rifle and resting it across an outgrowing root of the tree shot down Ashby. After taking this speedy vengeance for the death of comrade, Kelly, Holmes breathed his last. Kane was captured at Harrisonburg. The remnant of his battalion, 50 men, fought heroically at Cross Keys a few days later and saved a battery which had been cut off and deserted.

The eight companies of the regiment not present with Kane in the valley accompanied the Reserve division to the peninsula under the leadership of Lieu-

tenant Colonel

Roy Stone. Stone was on the picket line with his men when Lee attacked Fitz-John Porter at Mechanicsville, in front of Richmond. The 'Bucktails' were surrounded, but cut their way out. After

COLONEL C. F. TAYLOR, the battle of [Killed at Gettysburg.] Gaines Mill, when Porter retired across the river, the "Bucktails" covered the withdrawal and were under fire of the Confederate batteries over two hours. Forced to retreat at last, they fell back under fire for a distance of three miles, getting out with only 125 men in the eight companies. At the battle at Glendale, in the "Seven Days," Stone rallied the broken commands of the Reserve division on his little line of sharpshooters until he had parts of six regiments with their battleflags around him. Although wounded, he led them against the ene-

While north, recovering from his to recruit a "Bucktail" brigade in regiments together he took the field with a demibrigade consisting of the One Hundred and Forty-third, One Hundred and Forty-ninth and One Hundred and Fiftieth, which were to make history in the terrific combat of the Chambersburg pike. No command fought more desperately or suffered greater lesses. Stone was fearfully wounded in the hip and lay upon the field two days. His successor was also terribly wounded. Lieutenant Colonel Walton Dwight of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth was wounded, and his successor, Captain Scofield, killed. Colonel Wister of the One Hundred and Fiftieth was wounded while commandcolonel and major were both wounded. his Gettysburg wound was reopened, and he was compelled to leave the field. The second colonel of the original

'Bucktails' was Colonel Hugh Watson McNeil. He was elected to succeed Colonel Biddle in the fall of 1861. He first led the united regiment in battle at Antietam. When the "Bucktails" attempted to advance, they were greeted by a storm of shots and bullets, and such short acquaintance." Colonel McNeil, stepping to the front of the line, started to run, exclaiming, 'Forward, Bucktails, forward!" After ed toward the second, and was shot dead. | body. McNeil's successor was Colonel Charles Kane in the valley, and being taken prisoner there he did not get into battle with the full regiment until Fredericksburg. He was wounded at the stone regiment at Gettysburg. In the wheafthrough the heart by a Confederate marksman.

valor a chance. It was no accident Taylor leaders among the "Bucktails." that all three were college men-Mc-Neil from Yale, Stone from Union col-Michigan. The mountaineers of western old regiment lost 604 men killed and wounded out of 1,165 on the roll. In front of the stone wall at Fredericksburg its casualties were 161. Roy Stone's "Bucktail" brigade lost 1,600 out of a total enrollment of 4,000 men. GEORGE L. KILMER.

Verses on a Dictionary Maker. to Professor Skeat by Dr. Murray in the London News as a congratulatory effusion on Professor Skeat's having finished with the first seven letters of the alphabet and his beginning with "H" for the new English dictionary:

I'm glad that you've done-so I hear you say-With words that begin with D And have left A B to the glad and gay With the glory that waits on G. And you laugh ha! ha! defying fate, As you tackle the terrible aspirate, The H that appolls the cockney crew, Lancashire, Essex and Shropshire, too, For they cannot abide the hunter's horn, And hold e'en heavenly hosts in scorn, And I fear there are some that can scarcely

supply of crackers, meat and coffee Why you didn't-give hat when you worked a Whose utterance leaves some doubt between The human heir and an air serene,

The heels where chilblains are want to rise And the nice fat cels that are baked in pies! We all rejoice on this New Year's day To hear you are fairly upon your way To honor and happiness, hope and health. would you were nearer to worldly wealth.

Women have municipal suffrage in

HAD A SURE THING.

But the Baseball Manager Counted His Chicks Before They Were Hatched.

"When it comes to square sport among professionals," admitted the veteran who lives by bucking chance. "I reckon you've got to give the first place to baseball. But way back in the days | remembered that she had been there before the league system was perfected I used to see some curious things. I remember one club in central Ohio that was as good a local organization as I strapping six footers, used hickory bats | and knocked a live ball so far that all the farmer boys in the vicinity had a supply. Finally a sporty manager got hold of them, went wherever there was a game to be had, took a professional battery with him and bet all the money he could place. Having nothing special on hand that season, I concluded to do a little business on my own hook. "By a little quiet skirmishing in To-

ledo, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus I got together a nine that were fast enough for any company. I took them to a little country town about 20 miles from the clab I've been telling you about, named them after the place, did some saucy blowing through the county newspaper and got a challenge from the very fellows we were after. We went over there in old farm wagons, looking like the rustiest lot of grangers that ever ventured away from home. In practice my boys got tangled up in their own feet, fell over each other and made the opposing manager feel so good that he was betting at every turn. I was right with him as long as I had a dollar, and there was a big roll for one of us when the game was over. Now there was a change. My boys came out of the dressing room in knickerbockers, sweaters and canvas shoes, as slick a looking lot of ringers as your ever saw. It was a cinch, and I was only hot because I had no more money to put up."

"You made a good thing of it?" "Good thing? I got the double cross. My battery sold out to the other manager. They beat us so bad that the scorers demanded extra pay. My pitcher and wasn't a square game."-Detroit Free rest home, near Philadelphia.

#### FRIENDS OF HIS.

Some Close Acquaintances of Whom He Spoke In His Dreams.

"John," said Mrs. Eastlake to her husband as she poured out his coffee at Pennsylvania, but failing to get four | the breakfast table, "I think you have never introduced your friend, Mr. High, to me, have you?' "I have no friend named High," re-

> plied Mr. Eastlake as he devoured but-"Oh, but you must have, dear," insisted Mrs. Eastlake. "You are familiar

enough with him to call him Jack." "Jack High! Don't know anybody of that name. You never heard me mention his name, did you?" "Certainly. That is the reason I ask-

ed you about him. "When did I speak of him?"

"I think you must have met him last night," Mrs. Eastlake went on, "though of course if you had met him ing the brigade, and his lientenant | then you would have remembered it without any trouble. I only know that | tion is frequent, this dilatation may be-The last commander of the regiment after you went to bed-you got home that day, Captain Widdis, was also about 2 o'clock, John-you fell into a was previously weak an irreparable inwounded. Part of the time the "Buck- troubled sleep. You muttered a good jury may occur. Another symptom was tails" fought the Confederates across a deal, but I could not distinguish any the presence of albumen and casts in the fence and again used the bayonets in thing very clearly except the name of urine, caused by the kidneys being irrideadly quset. Colonel Stone recovered Mr. High-Jack High, you called him. and fought in the Wilderness, where | Once I thought I heard you mention a woman's name-Kitty-but I'm not

Mrs. Eastlake looked narrowly at her husband as she said this, and he looked at her suspiciously and then said: "Oh, yes, I believe a man named Jack

High did drop in to see the sick friend I was sitting up with, but you could scarcely call him a friend of mine on

"Of course not. But who was Kitty?" "There was no one named Kitty. You must have been mistaken. I don't know carrying the first line the colonel start- anybody of that name-absolutely no-

Then Mr. Eastlake put his coat on Frederick Taylor, brother of Bayard and left the house, after kissing his Taylor. Taylor's company was with thoughtful little wife goodby.-Louisville Courier-Journal.

The People Nearest the Pole. The Etahs, a handful of Eskimos wall, but recovered in time to lead his numbering grobably 100 persons, are the most northern people of the world. field in front of Round Top he was shot | They have their abiding place on the west coast of Greenland, between 76 and 79 degrees north latitude. For In telling this story of the hardy sons | many years after Dr. Kane came home of the Keystone State, I do not pay a | with his vivid and absorbing story of tribute to rank because it is rank, but | these isolated natives they were supbecause the accident of position gave posed to have built their stone hats nearer the pole than any other human either that made Stone and McNeil and | beings. It is known now, however, thanks to Bass Is, Nares and Greely, They were selected by the men them- | that there are numerous traces of huselves. And it is worth while to note | man occupancy as far north as the eighty-second parallel, and so long ago was it that they built their huts and lege and Taylor from the University of | sledges and hunted the bear and walrus in the far north of Grant Land that the Pennsylvania had keen wits as well as Etah natives of today have only the sharp eyes and steady nerves. Kane's dimmest and most uncertain traditions of them. -Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Danes, or Northmen, first became prominent in European history in 783, when they began to ravage the north coast of France and southern shores of Great Britain. The daring of these hardy seamen was remarkable, for in their small ships they even penetrated The following verses were addressed the Mediterranean and became terrors to the seabcard population of Italy, Sicily and Greece. The first king of Denmark is said to have been Skiold, 60 B. C.

> The rarest and costliest gems, though not always esteemed the most beautiful, are pigeon's blood rubies, fire opals and diamonds that are pure but shed a distinct glow of blue or pink. A very perfect pearl of generous size and lustrons skin, tinted a rarely beautiful golden that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is green, was valued, unset, at \$1,750.

Nikola Tesla's latest proposition is to telegraph without wires. If the wires are done away with, what will the politicians have to "pull?" -- Chicago Tribune. Nikola Tesla announces that he will be

able to telegraph without any connections save those which the earth itself affords. If this prediction comes true, the overhead wire problem will be greatly simplified .-Washington Star

The announcement that Tesla has made telegraphing without wires an accomplished fact is very likely a little premature, but it may well become a fact before the telegraph companies have made up their minds to put their wires under ground .- Providence , enrnal.

HE WAS REAL NICE.

This Telegraph Clerk, and She Intends to Patronize Him Exclusively.

She sailed into the telegraph office at Fourth and Vine streets, Cincinnati, recently and rapped on the receiving clerk's window. The receiving clerk about ten minutes before as he came forward to meet her. He wondered what she wanted this time.

"Oh," she said, "let me have that ever saw. All the men in the team were | telegram I wrote just new. I forgot something very important. I wanted to, underscore the words 'perfectly levely' in acknowledging the receipt of that bracelet. Will it cost anything extra?" "No, ma'am," said the clerk as he handed her the message.

The young lady drew two heavy lines beneath the words and said:

"It's awfully good of you to let me do that, It will please Charlie so much," "Don't mention it," said the clerk. "If you would like, I will put a few drops of nice violet extract on the telegram at the same rates."

"Oh, thank you, sir. You don't know how much I would appreciate it. I'm going to send all my telegrams through this office, you are so obliging." And the smile she gave him would have done any one good to have seen, with the possible exception of Charlie. -Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Sculptor Returns to America.

Mr. Thomas Ball, the sculptor, who has resided in Florence, Italy, for the last 30 years, returned lately to America and intends to spend the rest of his life in New York. Mr. Ball, although in his seventy-ninth year, is still full of vigor and enthusiasm and does not consider his career finished by any means. He is a native of Boston, where several of his works may be seen, notably his bronze figures of Charles Sumner and Jesiah Quincy, his marble statue of John A. Andrew and his equestrian statue of Washington. He is represented here in Central park by his colossal bronze of Webster. Washington has his "Lincoln Freeing the catcher got away before I could borrow | Slave." He also made the bronze figa gun. I walked ten miles to the nearest | ure of P. T. Barnum for Bridgeport station and then took a box car. That | and that of Edwin Forrest for the For-

During the last seven years Mr. Ball has been at work on a Washington monument for Mr. Edward F. Searles, who intends to present it to Methuen, Mass., his native town. It is to be put in place some time this year .- New York Her-

Overexertion In Bicycling. Dr. Albu recently made an interesting communication to the Berlin Medical society on certain effects produced on the heart and other internal organs by overexertion in cycle races. His conclusions were based on the condition of 12 professional cyclists whom he had examined both before and after races lasting from 5 to 30 minutes. The strain thrown on the heart was shown by well marked dyspnæa and by the strong pulsation of the heart and arteries, but the most remarkable fact was an acute dilatation of the heart, especially of the left ventricle. This dilatation is of course temporary, disappearing when rest has been taken and returning on the occasion of the next race. When overexertated by the effort of cycling.

A Flemish George Washington. There was recently in New York a young man who bears the illustrious name of George Washington. He hailed from Brussels, the capital of Belgium. He is fair complexioned, good looking and intelligent and is yet on the sunny side of 30. "Yes," said he to an inquiry, "my name is George Washington, and I am of the same stock and family as the illustrious man who is looked up to in the United States as the greatest of all Americans. My great grandfather was John Washington, a half brother of General Washington. My grandfather and father were born in England, and my father married a Belgian lady. This is my second visit to America. I am a great lover of this country and hope some day to become a citizen of the United States."

Want to Smelt British Columbia Ores. It is the intention of Otto Mears and Simon Guggenheim, the prominent rail road and smelter men of Colorado, to attempt to bring the mineral output of the northwest to the smelters of that state. For this purpose Mr. Mears left recently for British Columbia, and he will be joined at Spokane by Mr. Guggenheim. The two capitalists will then proceed to Washington, Montana and Idaho, with the intention of turning the ores in the direction of Colorado.

A North Carolina Obituary. When Death, the tyrant, sought him; Made moonshine liquor all his life, And the government never caught him! -Atlanta Constitution.

Mr. Asbury Peppers. "How the old blue laws have faded out!" aid the reminiscent boarder. "Every one of them is now nothing but a dead letter.' "That is a natural sequence," Asbury Peppers kindly explained, "of their being uncalled for."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

> A Jersey Idyl. How does the busy bird of prey Delight to buzz and bite! He sings in vain the livelong day And works in vein at night. -New York Sunday Journal.

---\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be d-ased to learn that there is at least me dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and the only positive cure known to the medcal fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the lisease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and as sisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in itcurative powers, that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address, F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, The. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

THE CUMFOO DANCE.

the Popular Pastimes of the Negroes In Demerara.

The negro has undoubtedly a very strong inclination to sleep in the day and to spend the night in gossip, dancing or singing. On this account he is often a nuisance to his neighbors, especially when he has a wake. As his home is often nothing more than a single room about eight feet square, the funeral party is conducted in the open yard. Here congregate 50 to 100 people, who begin the entertainment with hymns, going on after midnight to songs and games and often winding up toward morning with a free fight. Then there is the cumfoo dance, one of the finest institutions in the world for producing nightmare. Two men beat drums with the hands, the one instrument producing a tumtum and the other a rattle rattle, almost without intermission during the whole night. At intervals of about a minute the party utters a weird ery in some African language which startles you as you lie in bed vainly trying to sleep. As hour after hour passes your house appears to vibrate, the bed shakes and your spine feels as if made up of loose segments. How can the drummers keep this up for ten hours? And the dancers? With the latter exhanstien alternates with the renewal of the orgy; one set falls down and another takes its place. This and other dances are connected with obeah, the witch cult of the African.

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