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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Somerville Journal. No minister ever yet made himself unpopular by sneering up his nose at the people.

Minneapolis Tribune. A St. Paul preacher told his congregation Sunday that the St. Louis disaster was a judgment upon the wickedness of that city.

Minneapolis Times. The clergy and good people generally who deprecate bicycle riding on Sunday should possess their souls in patience. After the first fever has subsided, the great majority of riders, even though they are fond of the sport, will not allow it to interfere with their home or religious duties.

Detroit Free Press. The Presbyterian general assembly denounces bicycle riding on Sunday and the Methodist denounce cards and dancing. The Baptists, not behindhand, denounce kissing games, at least a meeting of Baptist ministers held in New York recently listened with approval to a paper by one of their number in which such games were denounced.

Detroit Tribune. It would appear to be inadvisable for any body of religionists to take issue with the secular movement, the influence of which is written in millions of lives and in the promotion of enterprises that are counting for the elevation of morals and the cause of good citizenship.

New York Tribune. The Methodist general conference has committed the church to a doubtful experiment in improving the formation of a Methodist fire insurance company, to engage in the business of insuring church property.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Forty thousand pounds of the Chicago Fat Men's club assembled at a picnic the other day.

Chicago Tribune. The latter clambered on the pig's neck, carried his wildpipe, made him squeal for breath, and led him to the looker.

Chicago Tribune. The prines of Wales has consented to dine with the ancient and honorable artillery of Boston in London, next month.

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