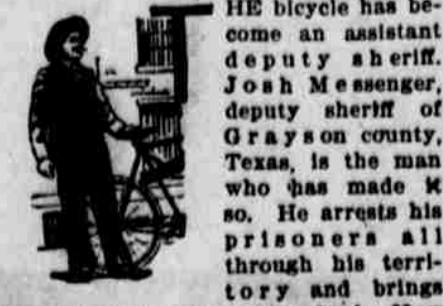


A BICYCLE SHERIFF.

HE LIVES IN TEXAS AND IS A TERROR TO CRIMINALS.

If They Try to "Monkey" While En Route, He Throws Them and Covers Them with His Gun—Tells How He Does It.



HE bicycle has become an assistant deputy sheriff.

Some people think my way of bringing a prisoner in is queer, but that is because they do not know the circumstances.

I had to go out to Southmayd the other night to get a man, and he thought he was going to have an easy time to get away, but I showed there was nothing of the sort in prospect for him.

"There were, as I have said, a good many reasons that got me to think of using the bicycle as I use it now, but I guess the principal one is this: One time I went out after a fellow named Zeb Hanlon, who was wanted as a prosecuting witness in a certain case.

"I was sort o' puzzled at first, but finally I happened to think maybe he could ride behind me on the step of my bicycle, and I told him so.

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BRINGING IN A PRISONER.

go. It's only the dude riders that can't go where the roads happen to be a little bad."

Spitting an American Privilege. W. B. Bradbury of San Francisco, Cal., has been sentenced to twenty-four hours imprisonment in the county jail for violating the civic ordinance prohibiting expectorating on the floor of street cars.

No two clocks can be made to keep time exactly alike and strike simultaneously.

GHASTLY FIND IN A CAVE.

Human Bones, Supposed to Have Belonged to Victims of Robbers.

Mephlon was made some days since of the accidental discovery of a cave along the old Pittsburg and national pike, on the east side of Laurel hill, and the intention of the discoverers to subsequently investigate their find.

HER NOTE CAUSES TRAGEDY.

Preston Thornton Kills Himself at the Feet of His Betrothed.

A note breaking an engagement that had existed for more than three years caused Preston Thornton, one of the most prominent young men in Louisville, Ky., to shoot himself under the heart.



PRESTON THORNTON.

Ky., the home of his parents, and immediately went to the home of the young lady to see if a reconciliation could not be effected.

Stolen to Buy a Marriage License. William Crull was arrested in Anderson, Ind., the other night charged with stealing a load of corn near Pendleton the preceding night and marketing it in Noblesville.

Made a Cannon to Kill Himself. Godfried Balske, aged 83 years, committed suicide at Defiance, Ohio, the other day in a most horrible manner.

Fatal Fight of Moonshiners. The Heltfelds and Cawans, rival moonshine factions plying their business in the Ponville Ridge mountain, Hancock county, Tennessee, met at a singing at Coal Branch schoolhouse the other day.

How He Got Rich. Hicks—How did Jackson make all his money, anyway? Dix—Out of literary work. Hicks—You don't mean it! Dix—Yes, I do. He had to get out of it, because he couldn't make a dollar in it.—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

THEATRICAL TOPICS.

SAYINGS AND DOINGS OF THE PLAYERFOLK.

Miss Rose Coghlan Believed to Be Nearing the End of a Brilliant and Successful Career Before the Footlights—Stage Whispers.



ANY friends, both public and private, have heard recently with great regret of the serious sickness of Miss Rose Coghlan.

As Madam Montbazon, a leader of

Murray Hill theater, was made in "A Divorce Case," which served to introduce her most advantageously, and for her creation of the principal role therein she received much favorable comment.

Miss Anna Ward Tiffany is a woman who has successfully taken broad Irish roles, in which brogue and "bulls" form the ground work and rapid speech is the superstructure.

In the melodrama, "At Piney Ridge," Miss L. Barnard appears in a character part which is thoroughly sustained from the rise to the fall of the curtain.

Here is a yarn from the Rialto to be accepted (or not) at its face value: One of the most popular Italian comedians was playing with great success at the municipal theater at Turin the part of a thief.



EMILY BANCKER.

"The Fronde," in the ill-fated comic opera "The Wedding Day," at the Casino, Miss Lucille Saunders did some creditable singing and acting.

Miss Alice Evans, known in private life as Mrs. Wilton Lackaye, is an actress who has won some favor in the eyes of critical metropolitan audiences.

Eleanor Duce was enthusiastically received in Russia. There were never less than five thousand roubles in the theater at each performance.

If the theater managers are to be believed, and they should be trusted for the statement the bicycle is playing havoc this spring with the attendance at most of the big playhouses.

Mrs. Selena Fetter Royle is a southern woman who has attained considerable celebrity on the stage. She is the wife of Edwin Milton Royle, who is best known as the author of the play "Friends," which was seen two or three seasons ago.

Emily Bancker is an English actress, who began her American career in Rosina Vokes' company, and first strove for stellar honors in the comedy known as "Our Flat," in which she played successfully for several seasons.

were conversing, when the younger exclaimed, "Look, Pepino, isn't that the thief of last night?"

One of the clever women in the cast of Messrs. De Longe and Arthur's



AGNES FINDLAY.

comedy, "The Gay Mr. Lightfoot," which was recently put on the stage of the Bijou theater, is Miss Agnes Findlay. An English actress, Miss Findlay made her initial appearance in this country in the play just named.

The people of Borneo make beer from the pepper plant.

WIFE SEEKS RELIEF.

CHAPTER IN A MILLIONAIRE'S DOMESTIC LIFE.

She Declares That Her Husband Made Life a Burden—Wants Alimony, as She Has No Means of Support—A Sensational Case.



JOHN H. Costello, the millionaire tanner of Costello, Pa., is being sued by his wife, Sarah Caroline, for a limited divorce on the ground of cruelty and abandonment.

In her affidavit Mrs. Costello tells a long story of abuses and suffering during her married life. The defendant is a son of Patrick H. Costello, who founded the town of Costello, Pa., and died worth \$2,000,000.

When Mr. Costello arrived at Olean, he insisted on his wife's "moving out of her comfortable apartments and taking rooms in another hotel, which was cheerless and uncomfortable."



JOHN H. COSTELLO.

husband of calling her offensive names in the presence of her children and the servants, and of making allegations about her character. Mr. Costello has twice sued his wife for an absolute divorce. He brought his first action in 1891, and discontinued it. He began his second action in 1893, she says, and after a long trial before a jury in Coudersport, Pa., a verdict was rendered in her favor, allowing her \$300 a month alimony.

later indicted for conspiracy. Mr. and Mrs. Costello were married in 1881.

LEAPS FROM 13TH FLOOR.

Chicago Man Fires a Bullet Into His Brain and Falls 160 Feet.

William F. Mittman, a Chicago dancing master, stood on a narrow railing surrounding the interior court on the thirteenth floor of the Chamber of Commerce building the other morning and fired a bullet into his brain.

"May 25, 1897.—Now, Flora, you see I have done just what I said I was going to do. I intended to do this yesterday, but I thought I would give you one more chance; but you were just as stubborn as ever. I saw there was no more hope left."

"This is a case of domestic trouble which was brought about six years ago. Not financial, because I had plenty of money. My dancing class was a success, but I did not pay any bills, because it was no use. I spent the money on account of my home troubles.



WILLIAM F. MITTMAN.

and when you get the money from the lodge, National Union and Royal Leagues, you will be able to buy a horse and carriage, plenty of dresses and everything you want. I could have done a great deal more for you if you would only agree with me, but you accused me of something I was not guilty of. You thought I was always giving money to my sister, which was not true."

At the Mittman home it was denied that there had been quarrels between the suicide and his wife. Mrs. Mittman was too much prostrated to talk, but her mother, Mrs. Maria Mundt, who lived with the Mittmans, said she and her daughter were firmly convinced that Mittman had been insane.

Mittman was 38 years old and for many years had taught dancing. He taught classes at Kretschmar's, 631 North Clark street, and gave private lessons at his home. He married Miss Flora Mundt six years ago in the house where the family still resides. For about the same length of time he has been employed by Bunge Bros. The members of the firm say his accounts are all right. Mittman has one child, Ruth, who is beautiful, and seems to have been almost worshiped by him.

Romantic Lover (to himself)—She has refused me. She shall suffer! I will darken her life at the cost of my own. Ah, ha, proud beauty! You shall drag through the coming years knowing that a suicide's blood is upon your head.

Shoots to Save His Wife. Crazed with drink, Clinton Rouck, Newton Fritz and Harry Hufford entered the house of Henry Van Buskirk, near East Stroudsburg, Pa., the other day, and attempted to assault his wife. The husband was in bed with pneumonia. Hearing his wife's cries for help, he secured a revolver and fired. The ball entered Rouck's stomach. The latter fired four shots in return, one striking Van Buskirk in the right breast, penetrating the lungs. Both are dead. Rouck and Fritz are now under arrest, but Hufford has so far eluded capture.

Robbers Murder Man and Wife. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bokell, living in the country near Howard Lake, Minn., were robbed of \$400 and murdered last Sunday night. The instrument of death was an ax, which was found in the yard covered with blood. There is no clew to the murderers.

During the entre-acts of the Greek theater boys sell dates, figs, bread and wine in the seats.