

Secretary Bassett of the League of Amer-Ican Wheelmen regularly issues his weekly Board that on all programs the name of report of membership without comment. It would be superfluous. The figures are the name of the tire and wheel he rides, sufficiently pathetic without words. They provided the entry has been received seven show a steady falling off in the member- days prior to the race meet. In a number ship of the big organization. As late as of instances this rule has been disregarded. March it seemed that the decline would The rule was made for the benefit of the not be arrested, but it was explained that promoters as an incentive for the racing March was a transformation period of the year, because of the old practice of allowing the advantage of the extra advertising all obstructions removed. In the meantime memberships to lapse on March 31, and Few promoters have regarded the rule in a that the true condition of the league's favorable light strength would not be apparent until a

month or six weeks later. Since March the decrease does not appear to have been circumstances unforeseen early in the year any helief in the decadence of the League of American Wheelmen is yet premature.

was reached in the official week ending Jan-102,293 names. By the first week in April this record had shrunk to 92,657. For the official week ending June 3, the membership ested in it to see the rapid growth of the was 90,122. Renewals for the first few weeks after April 1 led to hopes of an early revival with the possibility of an advance over January's total. April 8 the report showed 92,656; one week later 94,194, the folowing week 93,242, and April 29 the membership was reported at 96,001. Then came another decline, beginning to be evident in the report of May 6 of 95,873 members. May 13 it was 93,426, and the following week 92,767. May 27 the record discloses almost 2,000 decrease.

The two big state divisions-New York and Pennsylvania-have shown a corresponding decline. April 8 their memberships were: New York, 25,205; Pennsylvania, 22,277. Massachusetts, the state division third in size, has increased slightly since March. April 8 its membership was 10.828. while last week it was reported as 11,424.

To account for this large decline the explanation that the troublous times are responsible does not strike the average league member with much force. W. S. Bull, the secretary of the New York state division, said from his observations he was unable to give any satisfactory reason for the falling off. He had noted that it was not con fined to any division or section, but affected all divisions in about an equal ratio.

Isaac B. Potter, the league president, basing his opinion on correspondence with chief consuls of other state divisions, in addition to his own observations, said that every one was thinking war, talking war, and going to war, and one gave little consideration to minor matters. "I have fetters from nine chief consuls," he said, "confirming my opinion. It is as Secretary-Treasurer Bush of the Delaware state division told me. 'War has knocked everything into a cocked hat.' Sterling Elliott, the publisher of the League of American Wheelmen Bullletin, tells me that the cycle trade is suffering acutely from the war fever, and the league has come in for its share, while interest in everything but war is temporarily slack."

"Teddy" Edwards rode his 150th century on Memorial day using the Boston-Lowell joute. At 3:30 p. m., after having ridden seventy-three miles on the road, he appeared on the track at Charles River park and enlivened matters by doing an unpaced mile in 2:3). Edwards has decided to remain in the Boston section a few days longer, as he

wishes to favor his recently sprained shoul-

American Wheelmen National Racing the professional entry shall be followed by race. men to enter early and give the promoter

It is estimated that there were over 300 cycle race meets held in the United States checked, but the league officials claim that on Decoration day. Some of them drew an attendance of as high as 15,000, and few of have contributed to the falling off and that them had less than 1,000 people in attendance. In New York state alone there were did list. They are a third time prize, which The top notch of the league's membership and it is a reasonable estimate which puts Young Men's Christian association, and an-1,000 riders participating in the contests, the total number throughout the country at uary 21 of this year, when the rolls held 10,000. The magnitude of the sport of cycle racing may be gleaned from these figures and it is flattering to those who are interlist so far agreed upon: Referee, E. B. last five years. At the beginning of that Henderson; starter, F. D. Barnes; clerk of time it is doubtful if there were 500 riders participating in cycle races in all the states combined, while now there are but few states that cannot alone show that number. The number of meets which have already been sanctioned for the year is over 2,000 and these represent hundreds of thousands

> The national meet of the League of American Wheelmen, which will be held at Indianapolia in August, will be the greatest gathering of wheelmen the world has ever seen. Already preparations are being made by the railroads for carrying the thousands of wheelmen who will be in attendance, and parties are being organized in every section of the country. The wheelmen of Indianapolis have prepared a lavish program for the entertainment of their guests, the meet lasting a week and the attractions consisting of all the entertainments dear to the hearts of wheelmen, including a three days' season after all. race meet, in which will be entered all the riders of note in this country. A new track be completely encircled by stands.

of dollars in prizes.

Now that the warm weather is coming on a word of advice to wheelmen is not amiss. It is sometimes dangerous to ride start will be made from the Omaha Wheel in the middle of the day when the tempera- club rooms, Eighteenth and Douglas streets. ture is highest, but if it is necessary to do so frequent stops should be made to allow slowly until they reach Fort Omaha in order for cooling off. Some riders experience a not to violate the city ordinance which prodizziness when riding during hot weather hibits scorching within the city limits. and those who suffer from this cause should After reaching the old fort they will begin carry with them a small vial of aromatic spirits of ammonia. A teaspoonful in a so until Blair is reached, where the finit glass of water will be found extremely rewill be. A large party of their club mat freshing, but if the weahter has caused unand other wheelmen will accompany the due dizziness the ride should be discon-Both riders are in splendid condition an tinued even though the ammonia is used. confident of winning.

Otto Dorner, chairman of the highway improvement committee of the League of American Wheelmen, is busily engaged in Beatrice had decided not to hold the annu the distribution of 1,000,000 pamphlets dealing with the construction of public roads and paths. He is acting in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture and is sending the pamphlets to every county in every state as well as to muincipal and state authorities, legislators and others. The undertaking is a stupendous one and will occupy his time for several months.

When the tire on either wheel rubs against the frame the use of the wheel should be immediately discontinued, as the tire will rapidly wear through. This advice should be heeded, even though it is necessary to finish the trip by train, because even the slightest wear to the tire cover allows moisture to come in contact with the canvas fabric which will rot out in consequence.

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wheelmen more than anything elce. About pacer. The race will be decided at Hariford all of the details have been arranged and this summer on a date that is to be decided CROOKS WITH promptly at 3 o'clock the first bunch of upon. nandicap men will be sent away by Starter

Rivierre, the French rider, won the recent Barnes. So far there are twenty entries in, among which are those of Omaha's most Bordeaux-Paris road face on a chainless prominent amateurs. The start will be bicycle. made from Nineteenth and Nicholas streets

It is a strange law of racing that record and the race will be to Florence and back, breakers often come from the ranks of pacea distance of about nine miles. Going out makers. Michael and Tom Linton, now the riders will follow the Florence cycle path after leaving Fort Omaha, and on the carefully watching each other, the former the undisputed middle distance champion of eturn trip will follow the path to the north ntrance of Miller park on Twenty-fourth America, and the other the man who is street, where they will turn through the picked to wrest the honor from him, came park and follow the Twentieth street out together as pacemakers on a tandem in 1894, when they helped pace Arthur Linton, boulevard, finishing at Twentieth and Ames

avenue. The course will be marked out to-Tom's deceased brother, in a 100-mile race Eddie McDuffee, the present holder of the morrow by triangle flags, which are to be placed there by the club, so that none of the American paced mile record, once helped pace Pyc Bliss of Chicago to a record of 1:54 riders may get off of the course during the for the mile. McDuffee thinks he will set The idea in placing the flags the mile mark at 1:33 before the season is in position tomorrow is to give those who intend to start in the race a chance to ride closed. "Billy Hamilton," who held the record at 1:39 1-5 till McDuffee lowered it over the course and familiarize themselves with it. The course will be carefully gone last fall, was on the pacemaking team which over Saturday morning before the race and pulled Mike Dirnberger in the spring of 1895, when he lowered the record from all ruts and bad places will be filled and 1:47 2-5 to 1:45 at Louisville rolled. It is the intention of the committee

Tom Linton, who is riding in America to have the road in record-breaking condithis year under the management of the Nation. The Florence authorities have given tional Track Team association, was the first consent to have the race go through the man in the world to ride thirty miles, and city and agree to have their end of the subsequently thirty-one miles in the hour. course kept clear for the riders. Two special He is ambitious to add another mile to the prizes have been added to the already splenpresent record, and before the close of the season he will, assisted by the National Track Association team of pacemakers, make the effort on a track to be later selected. other \$5 in bicycle repairs or sundries for He is confident that in time thirty-three special work. The officials have all been chosen, and, while there may be a few miles will be covered in the hour. changes and additions, the following is the

WHIST NOTES.

In the Washington correspondence of M. ourse, C. L. Hopper; Timers, E. Hayden, the story. F. L. Willis, T. J. Patterson, George Mickel; S. Jenks for the Chicago Inter Ocean mention is made of an evening's play with Sec-retary Gage and others high in official life. udges, Fred Inches, Dr. E. C. Henry, M. O. Daxon; checkers and umpires, E. L. Chaffee, L. G. Williamson, H. L. Eskildson, E. L. Among them prominence is given to Nebraska's infor senator, with whom whist is known to be a favorite relaxation. A por-Platz, Frank Clark and Gus Miller. The handicap limit will be five minutes and is never taken to myself much credit for taktion of the letter is as follows: "Several exone that will give inexperienced riders who ng him the time I did, for it was to a conmay care to enter a good show to win. amples of good maneuvering were shown by Mr. Gage during the evening, of which the siderable degree a matter of good fortune. Requests have been received for entry blanks from Sioux City, Lincoln, Council following is a notable instance: Second hand You see, we were just about that time keeping our eyes open for a bank robber by the Bluffs, Waboo, Plattsmouth and other towns player had king (plain suit), twice guarded, name of Barnes, who had gone into one of throughout the state, which would indicate to Mr. Gage's lead of small card. His partthe banks out there, covered the one man that the starters will not all be local riders. ner, Mr. Austin, chief of bureau of statistics, played third hand ten, which Mrs. Gage who happened to be alone in the place at the time, locked him up in the vault and then There is some talk among the local dealers captured with queen, and opened another coolly walked out of the bank and out of

and club men of holding a professional road suit. At first opportunity Mr. Gage led another small card of his original strong suit; race, to take place about July 1. The second hand marking ace with his partner. Young Men's Christian association amateur plays low. Mr. Austin wins with jack. race seems to be stirring up some enthuslasm among the local wheelmen, and we Trumps are exhausted and Mr. Gage comes may have some good racing here during the out with ace at the end and wins king from second hand and brings in two little cards of the suit.

bird we were after. However, we managed The match road race between Herman "The secretary's wife takes much pleasure to hold him long enough to find out that he is now being built for the purpose and will Muentefering and Louis Flesher, which in the right royal game and, in fact, it is was scheduled to take place today, has been the favorite pastime with the intellect of the postponed on account of the had condition capital city. Those high in authority, cabinet officers, senators, judges, veteran genof the roads. Weather permitting, the race will be held one week from today. The erals, distinguished lawyers and doctors, all find a fascination in the miniature warfare at the whist table. Senator Thurston was been at San Quentin and had escaped from at 3 o'clock promptly. The men will ride present in the evening at a game of whist there with five years unfinished. at the Washington Whist club."

> In the Omaha Whist club rooms Wednes day night the advantage was in favor of the to "burn the road," and will continue to do North and South players by the following his time he was put to work with other con-

so until Blair is reached, where the finish will be. A large party of their club mates and other wheelmen will accompany them. Both riders are in splendid condition and confident of winning.	North and South- Richards and Shea 229 Burrell and Barnes 221 Lawrence and Scribner 219 Bushman and Thomas 218 Jordan and Boulter 218
Chief Consul O'Brien received word from Secretary-Treasurer Allen last week that Beatrice had decided not to hold the annual state meet July 4 this year, as has been the custom heretofore, but will wait until about August 1, in order that the state meet may be made the opening of the Nebraska state circuit which is to run through August. This year's state circuit promises to be the best Nebraska has ever had and the idea of	Total 1,105 Average 221 East and West- 221 Sackett and Scanneil 178 Allee and Meikle 176 Newman and Redick 172 Youngerman and Heth 163 Stebbins and Shans 156 Total 815 Average 189
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opening it with the state meet is a good one The report of a western whist match it was beyond all possibility of being showed in one deal a variation of seven reached. No ladder was to be obtained. Had in view of the fact that nearly all of the tricks. It was thought at first that the such a thing been standing in place against racing men from other states who are atscore had been transposed, but an examinatracted to Nebraska by the state meet will the wall to break from the line and scale it tion of the hands showed a fair possibility for the wide difference. The hands appear



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tow at once, but found we did not have the H. H. HAYFORD, Mgr.

was Frank Steadman, who had become notoportunity he would arrest the whole outfit rious even at that time as a successful jail and break up the gang. He was given the breaker. He had four or five escapes from But he went at it in a different chance. prison in southern Indiana credited to him, way from that which any had anticipated. and got away from Joliet and had still seven With seven men he deliberately attempted years to do at the Illinois prison, had also and successfully accomplished the arrest of over 300. He quietly stationed one detective at each entrance and exit. Then he walked to the center of the hall and with a gun "Steadman was a machinist by profesin each hand announced to the astonished sion and a burglar by inclination. When gamblers that every man within sound of he was sent back to San Quentin to finish his voice was under arrest. The majority of those present were bartenders and butchers, and they fell over each other and rolled

victs in the engine room. It was there that an idea came into his brain that for absolute and tumbled on the floor in their efforts to daring and fearlessness was typical of the reach the doors. When they got to one and man. He had noticed that every evening found two gun barrels barring the way they at the time when the men working in the rushed for another exit. It was confusion engine room were lined up to be marched worse confounded. There were irresponsiaway the machinery was stopped at exactly ble ones who wanted to fight. The detectthe same moment. He had observed as well lives did not flinch. Two of the gamblers that a window leading to an adjacent roof were shot and killed in the first impetuous was not far from the top of the big driving rush to get away. The 312 remaining debelt of the engine. From that roof it was cided that they had really no desire to go across the Potomac in pine boxes. The coup possible to reach the outerwall of the prison. Beyond the wall was freedom. He had eswas a complete success. After Baldwin caped so many times that his mind reverted had arranged for the care of his small again and again to the window high up in army of prisoners he and his detectives demolished over \$12,000 worth of gambling the wall of the engine room. Apparently

sight with all the funds he could get his

"One day a man answering closely the

description we had of Barnes stepped off

the train at Los Angeles. We took him in

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Turner Kyle of St. Joseph and his brother,

Brave Honey is circulating a petition

Campbell, champion long distance rough ider of the world, who is one of the

inspected the wigwam upor

features of the Omaha Wild West at the

Tuesday last under guidance of Brave Casey,

Tieptow, late manager of the North Side

Turner Minstrels of Chicago, who were such a feature of the St. Louis turnfest, is try-

during the coming Transmississippi turn-fest. He expects to reside in the city

until November next and expects to bring

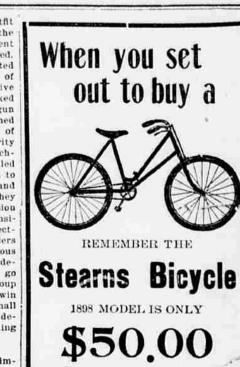
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der by using only good roads that he is acquainted with. If all goes well with him. he proposes to work westward from Boston within a fortnight. He will probably make Springfield his next headquarters for two or three days and then move onward to Pittsfield.

The recent dullness recalls the fact that the month of June, 1896, holds the record for failures in the cycle trade. The causes which led to the disasters of two years ago, however, were deep-seated and constitutional while the present troubles due, evidently to the weather in the main, may be classed as of a temporary nature.

Assistant Secretary Hammond of the National Board of Trade reports that manufacturers find the times very dull. The ex port business is the most prosperous and is growing. American makers are spending more money in advertising in the foreign trade papers than in those published here. All are cultivating English and European trade. That they are making headway is evidenced by the fact that last week America shipped more bicycles to England than the total exports of that country amounted to and the same was true concerning Germany. Largely because of the increased exportation of American wheels the bicycle exports of England fell off more than \$1,000, 000 during the year ending May 1, 1898. Secretary Wardrop of the Board of Trade is now in Wisconsin and will continue to travel in the west for a fortnight. He got in a few days' work fourteen new members for the board.

C. W. Miller, famous as the winner of the six days' race at Madison Square Garden last winter, has been signed by one of the cycle track associations as a pacemaker and will be seen in that capacity at some of the big middle-distance races which will be the track, which is of a dull gray color, to conducted in the cast this season. He is in perfect condition, the grind for six days and nights having left no perceptible permanent effects. He will make a valuable addition to the ranks of the pacemakers, as his "plugging" abilities are exactly what are wanted in men who are mounted on mul- against the proposed annual tax of \$5 on ticycles drawing the long distance riders wheels. Chief Consul Sams of the Maryaround

dispenses with levers attached to the handle bar and employs a train of metal balls running through handle bar tubing and to brake shoe. A safety scraper or brush is provided and arranged thoroughly clean the tire before the brake touches it. screw and plunger device within the handle bar, when the handle is turned, imparts through the balls a downward thrust

the brake shoe. By reversing the screw spring raises the shoe and sends back facturers of bicycle sundries and 1,300 jobthe metal balls into their original positions. The safety scraper is lifted automatically at the same time.

A large Toledo firm claims to have experimented with a double bevel gear chainless model, two examples of which have been completed and given extreme satisfaction. Claims for the double bevel gear cover the entire elimination of backlash, a great reduction in friction and a symmetrical appearance. One of the latest "freak" wheels the sparkling of a Milwaukee inventor's It aims to provide a wheel to be women) when the luxuries of life disappear arai as operated by hand and foot power at the tame time or by foot power independently. The wheel is an grotcaque in appearance that its public use will be attended with some risk of ridicule.

The promotors of cycle races continue to Men's Christian association next Saturday

accompany a party on a scorch from Omaha to Blair and guarantees to beat them all The difficulties of carrying bicycles by rai there or pay for the dinner for the whole have, it is said, been solved by H. B. Fullerparty, if any of them succeed in reaching ton on the Long Island railroad. He has Blair before he does. This is a generous filled an ordinary round-top baggage car offer and he will doubtless have a chance with specially arranged bicycle holders. to try the trick before long, as the Omaha These consist of rows of hooks that run up Wheel club boys are arranging a scorch-

Captain Tom Mickel of the Omaha Wheel

club, who is something of a road rider him-

self, has made an offer which will doubtless

surprise many local wheelmen who think

they can ride, and will give them a chance

to test their speed. Mr. Mickel offers to

WITH THE RACING MEN.

remain and follow the circuit.

the sides and across the ceiling of the car. ing party. The wheels stand on end or hang downward from the ceiling and each tire fits within a hook. In each row of hooks one wheel stands upright on either side of the car Hampden park, Springfield, Mass. the and two hang from the ceiling. A car fortynecca of bicycle racing in this country, was nine feet long holds conveniently 144 bicycles. Each wheel is held so firmly in the scene of some exciting races a week ago, in which three men whom the bicycle place that sudden stops or starts do not race going public has considered "has dislodge it nor bump against another. beens" for the last year or so, walked

away with the most of the money and glory. A press correspondent in San Francisco They were Titus, Cabanne and Cooper. remarks that wheelmen in California live in latter winning from his old rival, Eddie chosen land. The elevated bicycle path Bald, by three open lengths in the one-mile between Pasadena and Los Angeles, running national championship. nine miles through a picturesque country, was completed April 1. This cycle path is big handicap event of the day, while Titus defeated the much-heralded foreign rider, elevated eighteen feet above the level of Tom Linton, in a fifteen-mile match race. the streets and, of course, varies, so that In the open tandem race, in which eight in some places it is elevated fifty feet in teams started, among whom were Sager and the valleys, and through one hill a short cut Swanborough, the well known western team, was made at grade. Electric lights are a practically unknown team won, while placed every 100 feet the entire distance of Sager and Swanborough were among the the track. This is nine feet wide on the roadway, with flaring edges, making the width twelve feet at the top of the guide rail. It is constructed of wood, the floor blowing a gale, which made record riding imof boards turned on edge. In the center of

be restful to the eye, there is a three-inch separator to prevent collisions of cyclists going in opposite directions. It is announced that the thousands of

wheelmen in Baltimore are making a fight land division, League of American Wheelmen, is leading the opposition. He argues A brake with little exterior mechanism that it is all wrong to tax a bicycle worth is the invention of a New Jersey man. He \$50 the same amount as a carriage worth

\$1,000 is taxed. It is argued on the other side that cyclists use the streets and should, therefore, pay for improving and repairing steering head to communicate from handle them, although it is admitted that the wheels do no injury to pavements.

country.

this season as he did last, and the foreign According to a reliable statistician there riders are not winning as it was at first are at present in the United States 316 bicycle thought they would. Kaser was the only manufacturers, having an annual output of one to ride at the Springfield meet, the balmore than 500 wheels each, 2,500 small ance of the foreigners riding at Philadelphia manufacturers, 1,626 jobbers, 2,212 manuwhere Tom Eck held a meet upon the same day as Springfield's. Just when or where bers in sundries. The bicycle trade has the foreign riders will join the national cirshown the most marvelous growth of any cuit is not known, but the first meeting branch of industry in the history of the between these riders and the American champions will be watched with much in-

terest Material from which a bicycle romance may be constructed is contained in this ad-Of the six national championships to be vertisement, published by an eastern paper: decided this season the national meet at In-"Wanted, to sell cheap for cash or exchange dianapolis will have three of the order that for twin baby carriage in first-class condiusually are decisive because of the points tion, a '97 combination tandem, used but awarded being 60, 40, 30, 20 and 10, instead little and in excellent order." Verily there of 6, 4, 3, 2, 1, as usual. The other three come times in the affairs of men (and | 60-point races have been awarded to promot ing associations. At Indianapolis, the halfmile, one-mile and two-mile events will be before its necessities! run. The third of a mile goes to Woodside

Whisperings of the Wheel. park for September 28, the quarter-mile will Just at the present time the road race be run at Ambrose park on October 1, and which is to be held under the auspices of the five-mile at Berkeley Oval on October 8. the Triangle Wheel club of the Young

A match race has been arranged between protest against the ruling of the League of afternoon is agitating the minds of local Clinton Coulter and Joe Patchen, the noted

quite evenly matched on a casual inspection. one side holding ten honors and the other six. The holdings were as follows the four of hearts turned by East:

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Questions and Answers. NELSON, Neb., June 7 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: On what date does the exposition close Ans.-October 31.

TEKAMAH, June 6 .- To the Sporting Ed itor of The Bee: 1. What about the naval reserves as per slip cut from last Sunday's Bee? 2. What is required in regard to edu-cation, height and chest measurement? 3. How is the chest measured to get the cor

ect result? "13." Ans.-1. Governor Holcomb has been in formed that 500 naval reserves would be ac cepted by the Navy department from Ne braska, but no action has been taken Cabanne won the naval reserve bears the same relation to the navy as the state militia does to army. The physical requirements for the both army and navy are much the same The Bee has published the former several times. Knowledge of ship work is not essential for enlistment, but the men who have it stand the better chance. 3. Chest measurement is about the chest under the arms, while the lungs are inflated and empty "also rans." No records were broken at CREIGHTON, June 8 .- To the Sporting this meet, which is an unusual thing for Editor of The Bee: Have any of our war ships an equipment or instrument for calcu-lating or measuring the distance of an en-Hampden park. However, the wind was emy's vessel from them? That is to say possible. The riding of Tom Cooper at this can they secure the exact distance that meet would indicate that he has regained would enable them to send a projectile his old time form and will be a factor in gauged by the distance, to strike the object the championship race of 1898. At present aimed at ?- Fred W. Hufsmith.

Ans .--- Yes. It is simply a surveyor's in-strument, planted in the conning tower or Arthur Gardiner, the speedy Chicago rider, leads in number of points scored in national on one of the fighting tops, as high up as possible, in fact, as the distance is found by championship heats so far this season, with Cooper second and Bald third. Gardiner has triangulation. It is the same sort of a rang the advantage over the latter pair by having finder that is used in shore fortifications to competed in more championship heats than find the distance away of a ship at sea.

they have. Gardiner started upon the cir-HARTINGTON, June 9 .- To the Sporting cuit at the outset, while Bald and Cooper Editor of The Beer 1. Will the Third regidid not join the circuit party until two ment now forming in this state form a part weeks later. Orlando Stevens, the Ottumwa of the army formed under the second call lad, also promises to be a strong factor in for volunteers? 27 Has the secretary of the championship races this season. He is war granted Governor Holcomb's request in regard to his wishing to form the just now in fourth place and is riding like a whiriwind. "Majah" Taylor, the colored regiment so as to take the place of those states which failed to furnish their full lad, in not getting into the money so often quota under the first call? 3. Is it known where the Third willogo, to either Cuba o the Philippines ?--John Schwabland. Ans.-1. Ans.-1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Not

known outside the War department. OMAHA, June 9 .--- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Does the city of Newark, N. J., manufacture more different articles than city of Chicago, 111. ?- J. N. P. Ans.-No.

A Good Letter from an Old Soldier. I served three years in the 19th Iowa nfantry during the rebellion and was a

infantry during the war for ten months, during which time I saw many men die diarrhoea. I am pleased to say to the boys who are now leaving our state for the south and that if we had had Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy at that time many of our comrades would have been Take a bottle of it with living today. 5.011 and you will remember me when you will have use for it. James E. Houghland, Pension Attorney, Elden, Iowa, Late Corp. Co. E, 19th Iowa infautry.

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inal classes are not falling behind the procession," said a chief of a city whose inwith catlike dexterity, although the work of but a few seconds, he well knew would be habitants number several hundred thoufutile, possibly fatal. Bullets travel faster sand, and whose name is not given for obthan legs and the guards were not had shots. vious reasons. "The thief of today has more daring and will take greater chances than But desperate deeds demand desperate means. Some minds may work with an inthe man engaged in the same line of work genuity born of despair, but Steadman's was would have dreamed of twenty years ago. The police departments have got to keep of a different caliber. His plans were the outgrowth of steadfast optimism. He never moving, and at a rapid rate, too, in order ceased to scheme, as he never ceased to to keep abreast of the multiplying methods hope for liberty. of the criminal class. We have to hold

"One day there came to him, as if by in just as many cards in the game as the other spiration, the thought that the big belt fellow, and if we want to be sure to win, i might be the means of carrying him to his is a good plan to have one or two cards goal. He found that it was impossible to up our sleeve. I have in operation at prescount the revolutions of the driving wheel, ent what I call my 'fly cell.' It is somebut there were lacings in the broad belt, thing I would not exploit the location of which he was able to distinguish as a sort through the newspapers for the world, for of blur as it passed a given point. For days that would kill its effectiveness. One of and days he counted and in his cell at night the great troubles every police department he spent his time in calculations. He disexperiences is in getting men to talk. A overed the exact number of revolutions the hold-up occurs in a certain section. We wheel made per minute. He learned also, know just what characters were in the by constant observation, just how many locality about the time it occurred. By imes the belt went around after the engine the time the affair is reported to headwas shut down.

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the arrests the plunder has been stowed "One evening, when the line had been away somewhere out of reach. The men ormed as usual at the close of the day's arrested refuse to talk. They say we have work, and as the big wheel began to lose its nothing for which we can hold them. We momentum, suddenly a convict sprang from run the heaviest sort of bluff's as to the the line, leaped to the belt, with out- dead-sure case we have against them, but dretched arms grappling both edges of the without success. I had racked my brain broad leather. He had calculated well the over the proposition as a how to get such strength that would be required, for the ter- men to give up, and without much success rific wrench did not loosen his grasp. Out- until I hit upon my 'fly cell' cheme. It is ward and upward he swung until he reached merely a small double cell of the most ordithe topmost point of the circumference. The nary kind and there is not one single thing nicety of his calculation had reaped its re- in or about it that would arouse the sus ward. The belt stopped. He leaped to his picion of the most wily thief. The secret feet, sprang through the open window, and lies in the celling and the cell is in reality was gone before the convicts or guards had nothing more than a gigantic telephone rerecovered from their astonishment. He ceiver. When two pals are arrested and we caught up a guard's coat and hat, dropped want to learn something about them they from the wall and got away in the dusk of go to this cell. Then I can sit in a room on the evening. I am inclined to believe that, the fourth floor and hear every word that is as a mathematical proposition, that was spoken between them. I experimented with about as perfect a piece of work as any man this cell for a long time, built and rebuilt it. and finally it works to a charm.

"And did he get away without recapture?" ome one asked.

"No, I am almost sorry to say, he did not," answered the Los Angeles chief, "for a call for a blind run to leave the wigwam that ought by rights to be the denouement at 2:30 p. m. of such a story, which combines so much of daring and cleverness. Steadman was taken again in a short time and put to work at his old job. There are bars over that Bugler Richter is practicing daily upon the club's instrument and has submitted his high window above the big drive belt now. code of signals to Chief Kuehne for correc-Not long after this Steadman cut and nearly killed one of the other convicts, and is now tion or adoption. serving out an additional sentence for at-Gadke and Gernhardt are diligently training, when weather permits, over the Dodge street course. The Indians are willing to tempted murder at the Folsom prison, which is situated some twenty-sight miles from wager their pipes that in their class they Sacramento." will prove themselves to be world-beaters.

"Sometimes you hear of one man singlehanded and alone arresting four or five peo-J. H. Kyle of St. Paul, Minn., who have ple," said a superintendent of an eastern been here upon an inspection relative to classes of their respective societies taking city, "but that slender man over there with the black moustache and bronzed face ought part in the coming turnfest, left Sunday for their homes. to hold the record, and I am inclined to lieve that he does. That is W. G. Baldwin, of Roanoke, Va., and he is chief of detectives among the "braves" praying the city fathers to repair the road lying between Twentleth and Twenty-fourth streets upon Vinton. He for the Norfolk and Western railroad, and chief of the iron and coal police of West is making strong headway, and by so Virginia. He took seven men with him at expects to have the Associated Cycling clubs one time and brought back an average of take up and carry on the fight.

thirty-nine prisoners for each man. About two years ago there was established at Roslyn, Va., a big gambling joint. Being situated just across the river from Georgetown and easy of access from Washington, the He speaks in glowing terms of it and of the fellowship and hospitality of the Inplant waxed strong and the syndicate behind it grew so powerful as to laugh at all attempts at interference. Baldwin had made

a reputation in his country, having been mixed up more or less with the celebrated Hatfield-McCoy feud. He had arrested five of the leaders in that trouble, one of whom was hanged and three were sent over the He heard of the Roslyn layout and declared that were he given the op-Indians.





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