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THE Northwestern railway about to put upon the market funding bonds to the amount one hundred million dollars. drawing three per cent interest. These bonds are issued for the purpose of taking up other bonds drawing interest at the rate of 5.68 per cent. These three per cent bonds have already been contracted for, which is evidence that there is plenty of ready money in this and other countries.

SENATOR ALLEN introduced in the senate a few days ago a bill prepared by the war department to provide for the instruction of the militia, attaching a section calling upon the secretary of war to concentrate at Omaha between June and November, 1898, 30 per cent of the militia of the United States and 30 per cent of the regular army for the purpose of drill and instruction, and to defray the expenses of this mobilization he asks congress to appropriate \$3,500,684.

THAT long expected drop in the price of high grade bicycles has at last arrived, and you can now buy for \$75 a wheel which has heretofore cost an even hundred. The drop in the price of standard wheels will cause the manufacturers of cheaper wheels to also reduce their will be of the chamless order, and this probably accounts for the drop in the price of the 1897 standard.

In last week's issue of his people's party paper Thos. E. Watson charges that the fusionists have entered into a compact to deliver the populist vote to the democrats in 1900, and that the \$1,500 recently contributed to the populist fund by Mr. Bryan out of the proceeds of his book sales is the first instalment of the purchase money. His editorial concludes as follows: "We could wish that Mr. Bryan had kept his money in his pocket. He armies amounted to 200 men each, while has made a mistake-just as he made a mistake when he joyously rushed a telegram of congratulation to McKinley. How such a devoted champion of the people could find it in his heart to rejoice at the election of the representative of the goldbugs and corporations we have not yet been able to comprehend. But having thrown out these remarks we recur to our question, Why have the fusion pops taken Bryan's money if they are not under obligation to deliver him the populist vote in 1900.?"

#### STEBBINS OPPOSED TO FUSION [Kearney Daily Hub.]

"A political party without a valid cause for action had better keep out of the court of public opinion. No fusion party can have any other excuse for existence than that of a desire to capture the offices. No good nor permanent results can ever accrue from continued fusion. Fusionists can not fight for principle. It is impossible to fuse principles opposed to each other."

Such were the words of Lucien Stebbins to a Hub man Friday, in reply to a question as to whether he favored fusion in Nebraska between populists and democrats. Mr. Stebbins is the populist representative from North Platte, and he was in the city enroute to Kansas City. Mr. Stebbins is a populist of the old school, and perhaps did as much or more to organize the party in western Nebraska than any other one man. He was a populist before such a party was ever | measures that were adopted during the hallucinations, delirium and sometimes thought of, and correct historians in his own home call him the father of populism." Strange to say, however, the party up there has on different occasions refused to recognize the person almost individually responsible for its being. A year ago he desired the nomination for representative. The party wanted some body to lead a forlorn hope and they concluded to offer Mr. Stebbins as a sacrifice. He got out and made the campaign alone, driving over the country with an old gray horse and rickety buggy talking to the farmers everywhere he met them.

He went down to Lincoln expecting to be able to accomplish some- side of her sick sister at Ainsworth. thing for his district. He was a Her tale of woe lured several sub- ine Huneau, a comely maiden of 38. straight out populist and he found sidiary coins from their hiding! Mr. Dupuis has been a familiar figure feared one-half of the populist party | disgorge.

The Semi - Weekly Tribune would be in the penitentiary before the next election.

Mr. Stebbins is opposed to fusion an I says the only way the populists can win is to put up a straight ticket and fight the campaign on the issues laid down in the Omaha platform.

He says there are undoubtedly good men in all parties, but he finds that the good men elected to office are in the minority. He thinks it impossible for the masses feeble. of the people to control a party's organization, and thinks the ringsters and disreputable will continue to sneak into office in spite of all precautions that can be used.

### NOTES ABOUT EUROPE.

Facts Political, Medical, Military, Piseni, Financial and Otherwise-

Italy is apparently doomed to misfortune in connection with everything that she undertakes in Africa. Two expeditions recently dispatched into the interior from the northeast coast of the lark continent have been massacred by the natives, and now there is a fresh deadlock between Italy and Abyssinia in consequence of a dispute with regard to the correct interpretation of the stipulations of the recent treaty of peace which concluded the war between the two countries. The Abyssinians insist on one meaning and the Italians upon another, and inasmuch as the recent conflict between the two nations originated precisely in a dispute of this character the outlook is regarded at Rome with a considerable amount of anxiety.

An international conference on leprosy will take place in Berlin in Octo- tions. ber and will remain in session at the offices of the imperial health department from Oct. 11 to Oct. 16. The prinripal purpose of the congress is to bring about an international agreement for the scientific treatment of leprosy, and it will be attended by the leading experts and specialists of Great Britain,

prices, and later in the season a dia, and especially at Bombay, has uated from school. The summer outing pretty good wheel can be bought now reached Jiddah, which is the sea- in Oklahoma was a pleasant prospect. for thirty dollars. It is believed all parts of the world for Mecca and will see Indians, buffalo and other wild that next year the high-grade wheel Medina, the holy places of Islam. This west sights," the happy young girl said no reliance can be attached to anything by his own primitive environments. may do or not do in the matter.

> number of prisoners taken by the rival | chanting to the young schoolgirl. ters throughout the struggle.

A letter has just reached the governor general at Algeria from the governor of

vails in Japan prohibiting foreigners pared form. from living anywhere in the interior, fast as possible from the interior.

Odessa, and, indeed, throughout south- ed, and at once made a special study of ern Russia, by the announcement that Cannabis indica. The young woman is chaplain of the Anglo-American church hopes to restore her to health. This can at Odessa, has committed spicide for no only be accomplished, however, by total known cause by hanging himself in the abstinence from the alluring herb. sacred building, which is not to be used | Dr. Randall says that in the entire for divine service again until it has medical history of this country there are

place. Indeed, so elaborate were the the name of the drug so employed the precautions adopted that neither the English term assassin is derived. people who shipped the cases from Paris nor those who concealed them a Brest had any idea of the contents of the boxes.

Sioux City the other day. She had a passport which set forth that she was on her way from Iowa to the bedhimself the center of one of the places in the capacious pockets of smallest minorities on record. He the villagers. She had her hotel accomplished nothing and when he board paid and when she started returned home this spring he con- away next morning she stole sevfided a secret to a North Platte eral articles of value from the hotel. paper. The secret was that he She was overhauled and made to

## VICTIM OF HASHEESH

PITIABLE PLIGHT OF A ST. LOUIS GIRL FROM ITS USE.

She Acquired the Habit While Visiting an Indian Camp and Is Now a Physical Wreck-Medical Men Deeply Interested

Two years ago a blithe young girl, vivacious, refined and healthy, now a startling specimen of wrecked womanhood-prematurely aged, careworn and

Such is a brief synopsis of the unfortunate transformation experienced by the daughter of an old and aristocratic St. Louis family. The story of this slighted life reads like a tale of fiction. Interwoven in the sad recital is a thread

For some time past members of the St. Louis medical fraternity have been discussing this young woman's peculiar case. It is of rare interest from a medical standpoint.

The victim is a slave to Indian hemp,

a herbal drug. Dr. Ed F. Randall, the physician in charge of City dispensary No. 1, has undertaken to cure the unfortunate girl -for, notwithstanding her haggard appearance, she is but a girl. Only members of the family and interested physicians know the whole truth. The young woman's friends-members of her social set-observe her debilitated condition, but they have never known that she is the victim of a strangely fascinating drug.

Indian hemp is an herb that grows luxuriously in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory and other portions of the southwest. It has been in use by the red men for many genera-

About 18 months ago the young woman, whose name Dr. Randall declines to divulge, went to Oklahoma to visit relatives. She had been reared in St. Louis, and for 18 years had known nothing but city life. A cousin living on a ranch near Perry, O. T., asked the young woman to make her a visit. The France, Russia, India, Japan and Italy. | invitation was accepted. Riding habits and other outdoor apparel were packed The plague which has recently been in a big trunk. Only a few weeks preraging with so much virulence in In- vious the light hearted girl had grad-

is very serious, as it is now almost cer- to her friends who called to say goodby. tain that the plague will be spread by At last the St. Louis girl found the returning pilgrims to the four quar- an opportunity to see the red men. ters of the globe. True, the Ottoman Frontier towns in this advanced age authorities are stated to have increased | are not really frontier towns, and and elaborated the quarantine precau- the Indians at Perry were very much

tions at Jiddah, but orientals are so like the average white citizen in mancareless about such matters and so in- ner and action. This was too tame for different even to the most elementary | the city visitor. She wanted to see the rules and regulations of sanitation that | Indian on his native heath, surrounded that the sultan's medical authorities | Anxious to gratify her whim, the

young woman's relatives took an outing for a week or two. In a farm wag-No more striking illustration of the on they drove about the country, searchrelatively bloodless character of the re- ing for the wildest spots. Crossing the cent Turco-Grecian war can be given boundary line of Oklahoma, they travthan that afforded by the official returns | eled into the Indian country proper. recently issued, according to which the | There they found scenes that were en-

One day the tourists visited a camp in the Greek hospitals there has through- where several noted chiefs had congreout the campaign not been a single gated. The young woman complained Greek soldier treated for a saber, bayo. of headache. One of the "big Injuns" net or lance wound, the only injuries | hastened to give her some medicine. It being those inflicted by rifle bullets or | was Indian hemp in its native state, by the explosion of shells. This is equiv- just as the Indians had gathered and alent to a demonstration that there was prepared it. The amount taken was no hand to hand fighting and that the rather large. Immediately the headache troops never really came to close quar- ceased, and the girl experienced a delightful exhilaration.

The young woman commented upon the pleasant effects of the wonderful medicine. Thus flattered, the Indians the French colony of Senegal by way of gave her a large quantity to carry away Timbuktu. The dispatch was capried with her. She asked for information by Arab couriers on dromedaries, and it concerning the herb and was told that constitutes the first known instance on the was Indian hemp. During the rerecord of Europe and official communi- mainder of her stay in Oklahoma she cations having traversed the great Saz hept herself happy by this artificial method. When the visitor returned to St. Louis she still had some of the med-According to news received in Eu- icine. At last the stock was exhausted. rope, the Japanese seem bent on ruining | Then she made a druggist understand all trade and industry in Formesa, for what she wanted by showing him a they have applied to the island the same sample—the last remaining allowance. barbarous and uncivilized law that pre- The druggist procured the weed in pre-

From that time forward the step to restricting them to certain seaports on ruin was easy. Gradually the doses bethe coast. In Formosa the whole of the came larger and larger. A greater quantrade and industry is in the hands of tity was required to produce the pleasthe Chinese, who number nearly 4,000,- ant effect. Health rapidly declining, 000 and who are now being expelled as semething had to be done. Dr. Randall was consulted.

It was the first case of the kind he A great sensation has been created at had ever encountered. He was interestthe Rev. D. W. Ford, the well known now under treatment, and Dr. Randall

been solemnly reconsecrated by a bishop but few cases of similar excess. In the sent out from England for the purpose. orient the use of the herb is more common than morphine eating in America. The discussion in connection with It is estimated that in India alone there the renewal of the charter of the Bank 'are over 3,000,000 victims of the hashof France, which has just been prolong- eesh habit. A small portion of the preped by the national legislature until the aration produces increase of appetite end of 1920, has brought to light the and cheerfulness. Larger doses produce war of 1870 for the preservation of the catalepsy. The properties of the drug cie and valuables confided to the were known to the assassins, a set of care of the institution to the extent of military and religious fanatics who over \$100,000,000. It seems that the flourished in Persia and Syria during whole of this treasure was packed into the eleventh century. When the leaders some 25,000 cases, marked "explosive wanted an enemy removed they intoxiprojectiles," and was shipped by rail cated a devotee with hasheesh, a prepto Brest, where it was "cached" in such aration of Cannabis indica, the botanica manner in the arsenal that, had even al name of the plant known there as Inthe Germans captured the port, the dian hemp, while that grown here is would never have discovered the hiding known as Apocynum cannabinum. From

The excessive use of the Indian herb | And mechanics, linked with lightning, took destroys the sensibility of the lungs, stomach and other vital organs, and if the habit is persistently followed the victim soon becomes an absolute phys-A female tramp strode into South feal wreck. -St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

> Third Time Married at Ninety. Considerable interest was created in Kankakee, Ills., by the marriage lately | There are problems which we've handled up of Joseph Dupuis, a wealthy French-Canadian, 90 years old, to Miss Joseph-

in Kankakee many years, where he is known by the French equivalent of Tom Thumb, on account of his diminutive stature. He is only 4 feet tall, his wife standing a head and a half above him. This is the third marriage for Mr. Dupuis. His second wife has only been dead two months, the present Mrs. Dupuis having been her servant.

Six sons and a daughter of Mr. Dupuis object to the match.

Mr. Dupuis was born near St. John's, Canada. His parents and three brothers were of usual, stature and lived to be very old. It his youth the short Frenchman was a horse jockey and rode some years in France and England. His savngs enabled him to purchase valuable farming land in Bourbonnais, where he settled in 1854. His fortune is estimated at \$50,000. A good share of it has been settled upon the new Mrs. Dupuis.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He Was Attacked by a Python. Walter Fox, aged 19, is an attendant in a Tremont row (Boston) museum. Recently he started to help the keeper of a python give the snake a bath.

seemed ready for a fight. In spite of their care the python reared his head, made a spring at Fox, his jaws wide open, and his teeth sank into the youth's arm at the biceps.

The snake was in an ugly humor and

The keeper attracted the spake's attention for a second, when it relaxed its grip, and Fox made a leap from the

The snake soon quieted down and crawled to a corner of the cage. Fox's arm was badly lacerated. At the hospital the arm was found to contain two of the serpent's teeth, that had been set into the bone and had been broken off when the young man

wrenched his arm away. - Exchange.

Generous Treatment of Employees. A large London firm has secured for the entire season a commodious and well furnished detached house at Walton-on-the-Naze, where every one of its hundreds of factory hands and warehouse staff will be accommodated in batches of 30 at a time with a fortnight's free board and lodging, in addition to receiving a present of three weeks' wages. Moreover, on June 21 and 22 the works were closed, and to each of the workers was presented three days' pay.

#### HERE AND THERE.

Insanity is increasing in Ireland. English statisticians say that one serious cause of lunacy is the abuse of tea, another an overindulgence in alcohol, a third the disappointment of having tried emigration and failed.

Daughters of the American Revolu tion in Maine are endeavoring to collect Revolutionary arms which Massachusetts gave to Maine when she became a state, in 1820, and were sold by the state in the sixties.

Lady Aberdeen presided at the convention of the national council of women of Carada recently held in Halifax.

A company of men and some officers of the British ship Intrepid were taken recently from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico by the English colony of the capital city, at an expense of \$3,000, and gave concerts there which captured

Tamworth castle, the home of the Marmions, hereditary champions of England, offered by its latest possessor, the Marquis Townshend, at auction, was bid in recently by the corporation of the town for \$15,000.

According to a calculation which ought to be well informed, Dr. Nansen will make about \$150,000 out of his arctic book. So far editions have appeared in England, America and Ger-

Miss Mary Angela Dickens, a granddaughter of the famous novelist, has written a new story and called it "The Love That Wins.'

Inquest on a Small Dead Dog.

An inquest was held recently before Judge Stiner in New York to determine the cause of the death of Cliquot, a blue and tan terrier which perished under suspicious circumstances on Feb. 7 at the age of 4 months. The proceeding took the form of a suit for \$99 damages, brought by Burton Harley, Cliquot's owner, against Samuel K. Johnson, the proprietor of the New York Veterinary hospital. Mr. Harley, who was once a min-

strel, but now raises dogs, said that Cliquot's appetite fell off in February and an eruption broke out on him. He took him to the hospital, where Dr. Rosenkranz gave him a prescription containing arsenic, opium and two ounces of nux vomica. He was directed to give the pup three spoonfuls a day of the mixture. The druggist advised him to give only half a dose. He administered half a spoonful. Cliquot was seized with tremors, and in one minute was dead. Harley thinks the medicine did it. The defense contended that distemper caused death.-New York Herald.

Cannot Drive Him From Mushrooms. Representative Updegraff of Iowa no longer wears boots. Since the paragraph about his footgear appeared recently he has been so pestered with funny remarks that in self defense he has taken to wearing shoes. But nothing could drive Mr. Updegraff to relinquishing his devotion to the mushroom. Out in Iowa he is known as "Toadstool Tom." He knows every variety of mushroom from the plain black and white variety to the gorgeous orange colored beauty that springs up in a night in the dark, dank woods. As for distinguishing between the edible mushroom and the poisonous toadstool, which is so difficult to most people, Mr. Updegraff can tell the difference with his eyes shut. - Exchange.

# Into Futurity.

'Tis an era of achievement. We have had the In spite of all the doubt and the derision that were shown The genius of progression plodded on without

control and came to stay. Twas the lifting of a kettle lid that showed the power of steam And made the locomotive more substantial than a dream,

dismay

And who shall say what mighty things may not be swept in reach When the member from Hawaii takes the floor to make a speech?

scarcely can do less. 'Tis said a distant view oft makes relation ships more clear Than a microscopic study through a glass that's held too near. Perhaps these myst'ries of clouds will clear away
When the man from Honolulu takes

If the new state does no more with them, i

to date with scant success

to make a speech.,

in hand some day. New hope, at all events, will hang on what he has to teach When the member from Hawaii takes the floor

-Washington Star.

MET MANY DANGERS.

EXCITING ADVENTURES OF TWO BI-CYCLISTS IN THE MOHAVE DESERT.

Chased by a Bud, Menaced by Rattlesnakes and Gila Monsters - Narrowly Escaped Death at the Hands of Banditti.

J. D. Maxfield of Los Angeles, crossing the continent on a bicycle, reached Denver recently. He plugged across the Arizona deserts and through the New Mexican mountains, taking the railroad tracks for nearly the entire distance. When he started from Los Angeles, he was accompanied by D. V. Hearn, but the latter stopped at Trinidad to go on down into Kansas and work. Maxfield is a nephew of President Bates, the well known writer of bicycle stories. He left Los Angeles April 19 and has taken his time to the trip. He crossed the Mohave desert from end to end on his wheel. When he left Los Angeles, he had claimed records of four men who said they had ridden across the desert, but when he got out in the sands at every section house they told him the other fellows had crossed it in the cars. He then provided himself with a little book and took the affidavits of every section man he passed that he had ridden the whole way.

The bane of the ride was rattlesnakes and Gila monsters. One night the two tried to go after dark, and, while working along the track, heard the ominous rattle of a snake ahead. They came to a dead halt and peered into the darkness. The rattle could be heard, but the source whence it came could only be conjectured. The boys slipped down the bank and around where he lay, listening intently at every step for another warning signal from another direction, but that was the last night they tried to ride after dark.

Another tremor was sent through their frames when in another camp two hoboes who had been sleeping on the ground awoke in the morning to find their blankets shared by a Gila monster. Thereafter the boys would take their blankets in the recesses beneath water tanks, in outbuildings and anywhere but the hot ground.

Three weeks were occupied in crossing the desert, meals being taken at section houses. Not many years ago section house people in the desert refused time a high tariff has prevailed, but it has been possible to procure meals. The usual price is 50 cents, and in some instances \$1 is demanded. Near the boundary line between Arizona and New Mexico the travelers espied a large mountain 1 on sneaking along a hill. He was in pursuit of several cows and paid no attention to the bicyclists. Several wildcats were seen in rocky places,

but they always speaked out of sight. The terrors of the ride were varied in New Mexico. Near San Jose, at a little place called Rio Perco, on a river of the same name, a large herd of cattle were spread out on both sides of the track. The ordinary cow or steer would eye the travelers for a time and then bolt as if shot out of a gun. The only danger was when the berd was on both sides of the track. The minute one started all started, and they ran in the same direction. If the cattle on the wrong side of the track did not have proper room to get by the wheels, there might be damage.

But at this particular place a monstrous old bull was willing to stand for his rights. The boys had been chased several times by bulls of a like temper, but had each time sprinted from danger. Here they were caught on a rough track with a long way to a safe place. Mr. Bull scraped several times in the dirt to work up his mad and then charged. He was about 300 yards away when he started, and half vanished in a little draw on the way over, but he came out of that on the jump, his eyes rolling and his tail lashing. Half the distance done, he fell to a trot and threw up his head to take another view of his prey. Then he ducked his head and started on a business drive. Maxfield met him as he came the last 50 yards with a bullet square in the head. The old fellow stopped, staggered and fell. The boys mounted their wheels and resumed their ride without ascer-

taining the extent of his wounds. In the Glorietta canyon they met another species of danger. It is the country infested by a gang of Mexican banditti, who rob and then kill that the robbery may not be traced to them. The boys noticed two Mexicans on horseback following them, who were afterward joined by two others. The Mexicans then rode on ahead and came down by the railroad. The boys avoided them by a detour and a "duck" past some low hills to the rext station. They slept in a little station house and piled up every | Washington, Mentana and Idaho, with available article of furniture against the door. Neither slept during the night, and near midnight they heard some one trying to push the door open. In the merning they made haste to get out of the country. In the last year or two eight men have been robbed and murdered in | An I didn't blame my good ole bay fur shyin the San Miguel canyon near Glorietta pass, and the boys firmly believe the gang were after them.

Mr. Maxfield, after remaining in Denver a few days, proceeded to Michigan, his old home. - Denver Daily News.

Found a Miser's Secret Treasure. recently alone and without medical at-

tendance in a shanty in Jersey City. Mrs. Voight was 60 years old. She had been a resident of Jersey City 34 They was goin home on foot. Twus plain thet years and had lived a decade in the shanty in which she died. She was generally supposed to be very poor, and when she died only 13 cents was found

in her pocketbook. Her brothers, Frank Hellringle of Griggstown and Theodore Hellringle of New York, searched the shanty after The ole hay winked one ear at me an tried his her burial and found two bankbooks showing bank deposits of over \$15,000. The money will go to her brothers.

Trappist monks of a monastery in Dubuque county, Ia., who have heretofore had a prior sent to them from Mount Meleray abbey in Ireland, have acquired the right to elect an abbot and have chosen the Rev Father Alberic.

Three Berlin artists, Max Liebermann, the head of the naturalistic school; Richard Friese, the animal painter, and Peter Breuer, the sculptor, were recently the recipients of the large gold medal for distinction in art conferred by Kaiser Wilhelm this year.

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 remembered that she had been there 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 telegram I wrote just now. 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 tele-

gram 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 nas 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 Josiah 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 Slave." He also made the bronze figure of P. T. Barnum for Bridgeport and that of Edwin Forrest for the For-

rest home, near Philadelphia. 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 compelling them to do so. Since that some time this year. - New York Her- state. He would abide by the record, he

Overexertion In Dicycling.

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 dyspuces 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 overexertion is frequent, this dilatation may become permanent, and in a heart that was previously weak an irreparable injury may occur. Another symptom was the presence of albumen and casts in the urine, caused by the kidneys being irritated 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 illustricus 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 railroad 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 the Kootenai and other districts of the northwest and afterward travel through the intention of turning the ores in the direction of Colorado.

Bicycle and Hoss.

I saw 'em goin up the road like flashin streaks An in the distance minglin

Bells an laughter kep' a jinglin Till, ter tell the truth, I felt a heap more envious than polite The bay, he tried ter ketch 'em, but a wreath o' dusty cloud Was all that in the distance told the presence

An I says ter him, "Ole feller, 'tain't no use o' arguing; Amelia Voight, an aged widow, died | The hoss is a back number an the bicycle's the

o' the crowd,

'Twus jes' a bit 'fore twilight when them suthin had gone wrong. The broken bottle scattered

By some tramps their hopes had shattered. I never see a more dejected, weary lookin They all sung "Home, Sweet Homs." I nessed up an took 'em there. An when they gladly paid two dollars each by

best to say, "The bicycle ain't in it, an the hoss is here ter stay.

What is a Guarantee? It is this. If you have a cough or a

cold, a tickling in the throat, which keeps you constantly coughing, or if you are troubled with any chest, throat or lung trouble, whooping cough &c., and you use Ballard's Horehound Syrup as directed giving it a fair trial and no benefit is experiencd we authorize our advertized agent to refund your money on return of bottle. It never fails to give satisfaction. It promptly relieves bronehits. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by North Platte Pharmacy, J. E. Bush, Mgr.

SHE CAME OUT AHEAD.

Noman Excels Her Male Rival For Office

Under Secretary Gage. Woman doesn't always get the worst of it in the government departments. Miss Lillian Pike of Arkansas, a clerk in the office of the coast and geodetic survey, has just distinguished herself by defeating the brightest young man in the office in a difficult mathematical

examination. Recently Secretary Gage needed an expert mathematician to perform certain duties in the treasury. A young man in the ccast survey applied for the place, and so did a young woman from the same office. Sccretary Gage asked the chief of the survey to recommend one or the other of the applicants, but he refused to do so on the ground that both were equally proficient and capable. The secretary then decided to examine the two clerks to determine which should have the place.

The civil service commission was directed to conduct the examination and to make it as difficult as possible. The young man pulled through with a percentage of 84, but Miss Pike got a percentage of 94. She was accordingly given the place.

An interesting feature of this case is that the young woman had very few influential friends, but the young man knew several senators and congressmen, and they all urged Secretary Gage to give him the place.-Chicago Times-Herald.

Colonel Mosby and the Virginians.

Said a Virginia politician recently: Poetry may be losing its held on some people, but it is still pretty strong in Virginia. A happy quotation from Byron recently made capital for Colonel John S. Mosby all over the state. When it was announced that Colonel Mosby would apply to President McKinley for an office, some of his old opponents opened fire on him again for going over to the Republicans after the war and particularly for his always cordially expressed admiration for General Grant. It was rather poor business, and for a time Colonel Mosby paid no attention to it, but finally, when the hope was expressed that if appointed he would not be credited to Virginia, the colonel prepared a card in reply, and it appeared in the newspapers. He reviewed briefly his career as soldier and citizen, stood by his guns and reminded his opponents that he was no lenger a citizen of the ginia chose to reject him let her, said he, quoting from 'Childe Harold:'

"Lift the laurels on a loftier brow

And be the Spartan epitaph on me. Sparta hath many a worthier son than he. "Do you know, the colonel's grit and his poetry caught the popular feeling, and the attacks on him ceased. A short time after that came the accident to Colonel Mosby at Charlottesville, which cost him an eye, and sympathy was er pressed for him in every quarter. The Virginians like sentiment, and that bit from Byron, grittily applied, did the work for Mosby's enemies."-New York Tribune.

Holland's new franchise laws, under which elections have just been held, have resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Catholic party. The Catholics, it may be added, are committed to a protectionist policy and are strongly opposed to the attempts which are being made by the government just defeated at the polls to introduce into the kingdom obligatory military service.

The Russian minister of the interior, acting under instructions from the czar, has alleviated the severity of the press laws in all the larger towns and cities of the empire-in fact, wherever the population is over 100,000-by exempting the newspapers from the obligation of submitting all articles on political subjects to the censor before publicaticn. Hitherto only a few of the prinniral papers at St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw and Odessa have enjoyed this mmunity.-New York Tribune.

They Were Patriotic Paupers.

The paupers in the city of Cork workhouse declined to eat a special meat dinner provided for them in celebration of the jubilee. Ordinarily workhouse fare rarely includes meat, but the patrictic feelings of these poor people prevented them from participating even in that way in commemoration of the queen's record reign. To remove their objections they were assured that the meat had been sent from New Zealand and Australia by their own kith and kin, but the Cork paupers only replied that they would have no part in honoring Queen Victoria in any way whatever as long as Ireland is ruled as it

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