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TAKING a header from a bicycle isn't the best way to get a pug nose, but it's one way.

THE man who can't talk bicycle should be patient; he'll have an inning after awhile.

IF Col. Watterson knows that Mr. Cleveland cannot get that fourth nomination that he wants why does he waste so much space in his paper on the subject?

PAUL SONG would willingly put up a large amount of cash to be governor of Ohio, but he has declined to buy the empty honor of the democratic nomination.

YOU can't always judge a man's nature by where he lives. Two young men, residents of Sweet Home, Texas, killed each other in a fight with revolvers the other day.

WHILE the senate may not be moving as rapidly as it might be, it is making real progress with the tariff bill, and is removing the objectionable features of the proposed amendments.

CONGRESSMAN JERRY SIMPSON and "Jeems" Hamilton Lewis know that they do not worry Speaker Reed by their antics, but they also know that they are getting themselves notorious and are thereby gratifying their egotism.

SECRETARY GAGE's words, "Faith and courage lead to conquest and victory, distrust paralyzes and destroys," should be shouted from the housetops until a full realization of their truth and timeliness has entered the mind of every man.

THERE has never been any probability that congress would abrogate the reciprocity treaty with Hawaii, simply because the sentiment of this country is known to be averse to such action towards the little island republic, which will some time become a member of Uncle Sam's family.

IT may have been accidental that the specifications in the call for bids for furnishing \$200,000 worth of clothing for the Indians were so drawn that only one firm could bid, but Indian Commissioner Jones exercised his privilege and rejected that bid, and will advertise for new bids, with specifications which will give everybody a chance to bid. Meanwhile he will endeavor to locate the responsibility for those peculiar specifications. They were prepared under the Cleveland administration.

Tax boys of the Elkhorn Valley Press association, who were present at the Valentine meeting last Saturday, will long have a tender spot in the region of their hearts for the citizens of that enterprising little city, and to the officers at Fort Niobrara for the hospitable treatment accorded them. The next meeting of the association will be held in this city in June, '08, and we can assure the boys that they can come prepared to have a good time.

AN Iowa editor has the following to say of the rewards of a hard-working editor of a newspaper: "It is one of the most difficult matters in all human experience to gauge the editorial work or influence of a newspaper. As a rule the editor never hears directly from his work except in a case where a criticism may provoke a retort. He may put

out columns of best thought in a political campaign, and get little estimate of its value except through an occasional kick from the opposition. He may spur his wits to their best endeavor in keeping local interest to the front, and receive no especial sign of recognition. He may carefully and skillfully gather up and present the developments within his local field, yet aside from the fellow who happened to be missed, the public is 'silent and silent all.' He may strew with choice flowers the paths of the bridal party, bring myrrh and incense to the bier of the departed; bind up the hearts of the sorrowing, and on all occasions endeavor to write 'words fitly spoken' which 'are like apples of gold in pictures of silver' without the faintest expression—except, perhaps, a suggestion as to a wrong figure or a turned letter that may have appeared in the work."

SCHLATTER THE HEALER.

IT is now about two years since an unknown and humble cobbler of Denver by the name of Francis Schlatter blossomed out into a divine healer. He first attracted general attention by the large following he had among the Indians and greasers in the vicinity of Albuquerque, N. M. Now the news comes from El Paso, Texas, of the finding of his dead body in the foothills of the Sierra Madres, thirty-five miles southwest of Casa Grande, in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. There seems to be no doubt that he died from voluntary fasting.

The career of this man was certainly remarkable. The mode of his death would seem to subserve two purposes of explanation: First, that he was not an impostor; second, that he was insane instead of being under divine guidance. It is not to be supposed that an impostor would carry his make-believe policy so far as the death point. He might pretend to fast, and perhaps actually do so, for the purpose of imposing upon a credulous public, but in this case the abstention from food was carried so far as to be convincing evidence of his sincerity and his insanity. It is not to be supposed that divine influence ever led any man to commit suicide, either by starving or otherwise.

It is not unlikely that a strong resemblance to the usual pictures of Jesus of Nazareth set poor Schlatter to brooding over himself, and finally turned his head. There is no doubt the likeness was striking. Nor is there any doubt that he wrought many wonderful cures. How much of his healing potency was due to the faith of the patient and how much to the potency of the healer is one of those questions which from the nature of the case can never be answered. It is undoubtedly true that his death is much to be deplored. He occasioned, in some way, many cures, not, perhaps, of serious maladies, but certainly there were many sick persons relieved by him, and even if the relief was not permanent it was beneficial for a time. No doubt a good many people imagine themselves to be sick when all they need is to be dissuaded of that idea. Whoever can rid them of the delusion is a veritable "healer."—Inter Ocean.

BIMETALISM ABROAD.

IT is not easy to find much encouragement for the cause of international bimetalism in recent developments abroad. The visit of the American commissioners to France appears to have elicited nothing more than an expression of sympathy with their mission from members of the government. Some of these, and notably the prime minister, are pronounced bimetalists, but they do not seem disposed to favor any advance action on the part of the government. They are friendly to the proposition for an international conference, but they are not willing that France take the initiative. Nor, so far as appears, are they at all hopeful of any practical result from such a conference. They know that nothing can be done without England, and there is not the least reason to hope that the British government will show any favor to international bimetalism.

The annual meeting of the British

bimetalic league, at Manchester, was marked by optimistic expressions. It was said in the report to the league that never since 1873 have the prospects for international bimetalism been so hopeful as at present, and while some of the most prominent advocates of this policy were not present at the meeting they attested by letter their devotion to the cause. One of these said: "Our object will be gained if the United States and France, or some other great commercial nation, agree to carry the matter through, even without England." If this is the general feeling among English bimetalists it is evidently not shared by those on the continent. These are agreed, according to all reports, that for the success of an international agreement regarding silver the acquiescence of England is absolutely necessary. Even so ardent a bimetalist as M. Melin of France is understood to hold this opinion. So far as we know there is no one in Germany of any influence who believes that any plan of international bimetalism could be made successful without the support of the British government.

Perhaps the sentiment in favor of bimetalism is as strong today in Europe as it has ever been, but there is no evidence that any of the governments are more favorable to it. Undoubtedly if a conference were called by the United States, no European nation which might be invited would decline to be represented in it, but there is no reason to believe that such a conference would not end as those which have been held ended—without any practical result.—Bee.

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