



A remarkable conjunction of events gives warrant for the prediction that the League of American Wheelmen has laid the foundation for an international triumph.

Friday of last week Mr. Potter permitted himself to be interviewed and in course of his observations on national affairs he divulged the secret that 90 per cent of the members of the league were ripe and ready to wheel against the Spaniards.

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Among the racing men. Critics believe they have discovered one of the secrets of Jimmy Michael's great racing record in the fact that he follows his peccers scientifically.

The American Cycle Racing association, through P. T. Powers, has issued a statement to the effect that it needs more money to carry out its plans.

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A clatter on the attic stair, A tramping overhead, Small feet that scamper here and there With swift and noisy tread.

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running qualities. It is superior to the chain and sprocket drive in that the rider wears no sweater by back-pedaling, as is the case with the chain machine.

One of the large eastern bicycle manufacturers writes to The Bee that he receives more requests from would-be racing men in Omaha for the loan of racing machines than any other city in the country.

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HEAT BELOW THE EQUATOR. An Iowa Man Writes of the Summer in Australia.

SWELTERING IN THE SUN'S RAYS. Supply of "German Lager and Ice 300 Miles from No Place." Trip to the Interior During the Prolonged Heated Term.

The world is not very large any more, and yet our old ideas lie so conveniently close to the surface that many things which are commonplace on the scale of general average seem strangely interesting when viewed from special and widely separated standpoints.

As I would enjoy a sniff of an Iowa torrid breeze, I have had some and would feel comforted by an inquiring reference to the weather recorded on this side.

It must not be thought, however, that we have really "warm" weather in New South Wales. In February, 1895, I wrote the American press regarding the rather unusual place, but sometimes heated question, and for this article I quoted from the Sydney Morning Herald of January 23 the following readings:

Notwithstanding the fact was very palpable to me, the exhibition of the heat and comparisons by means of adjectives not uncommon among the Anglo-Saxons has been remarked on the "army in Flanders."

A few days ago I was invited by a few friends to "go out in the bush." This means a "run up country" 300 miles or more. Of course I accepted, as I was too well built to decline such an invitation.

The Manhattan Chess club of New York has recently sent a challenge to Oxford and Cambridge universities for a chess match during the Easter vacation. The proposition has been favorably received by the Englishmen and the president of the Oxford club, Mr. C. G. B. has accepted.

The cable match between England and the United States, which is to take place on March 18 and 19, is an event causing much excitement among chess players.

The score of the second was as follows: White-Pillsbury. Black-Showalter. 1-Kt to K B 3. 2-Kt to K 5. 3-B to K 5. 4-P to Q 4. 5-B to K 5. 6-B to K 5. 7-P to Q 4. 8-P to K 4. 9-P to Q 4. 10-Kt to Q 4. 11-Kt to Q 4. 12-Kt to Q 4. 13-P to B 3. 14-B to K sq. 15-P to B 3. 16-P to B 3. 17-Kt to K 4. 18-P to K 4. 19-P to B 3. 20-Q to R 5. 21-P to B 3. 22-R to R 5. 23-Q to K sq. 24-P to B 3. 25-P to B 3. 26-P to R 4. 27-P to R 4. 28-K to R 2. 29-Kt to K 3. 30-P to R 4. 31-R to B sq. 32-R takes R.

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NEBRASKA CYCLE CO., 15th and Harney Sts. GEO. E. MICKEL, Man'gr.

Something Silgo Soil Could Not Do. Recently, while some workmen were digging a drain near the Market Cross, Silgo, a London paper, they unearthed the skull and bones of a man who was slain, and in the sun to hot for calculation.

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