CORP. AL TOURS STATE STATES CAROLE IN 1900



A remarkable conjunction of events gives warrant for the prediction that the League of American Wheelmen has laid the foundation for an international triumph. Future thistorians will undoubtedly attempt to place the laurels on other less worthy brows. He has been riding bicycles for the past five years, and his flesh is as hard and firm as hace it is meet and proper to place before an anxious public the unvarnished truth ere its luster fades or is obscured by oceans of ink and rival claimants. To be sure, the of the and rival calmants. To be directly. It exercise on a bicycle has been the means of league will not receive the honor directly. It keeping him in health. He is 28 years old. must come to the organization filtered through the person of President Potter. Mr. Potter's expansive brow will, therefore, wear the wreath of triumph, and that he will bear the burden as modestly as he did his triumph at St. Louis may be conceded with-

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 more at a time without serious inconvenience. to wheel against the Spankards. To put it in plain figures, 30,000 wheelmen were mounted for the fray and ready to bust a tire in the service of their country. The ominous news did not reach the Spanish capital until Sun-day, consequently it did not receive atten-tion until the day following. Mark what followed. The Spanish fleet, ready to sail from Cadiz, was halted forthwith and its de-parture indefinitely postponed. Equally re-markable was the effect of Potter's pronun-ciamento at the national capital. Whereas, constered the national capital. Whereas, constered in reigned in Madrid, joy enveloped Washington. A feeling of profound calm and security took possession of government officials. So great was the relief that President McKinley dropped the reins of state, made a double century to I. B.'e home and extending his hand, exclaimed. "Potter, there, my boy; you're a patriot and a bird." Congress was prompt to give additional prestige to Mr. Potter's mighty army. The bill carrying an emergency appropriation of \$50,000,000 states the money is to be used for the national defense. The title was purposely broadened to fit the Potter plan of invasion of Cuba or Spain as circumstances might dictate. It is well understood that the motto of the government in this emergency is "millions for wheels, not a cent for footmen." Probably \$10,600,000 of the sum appropriated will be prestige to Mr. Potter's mighty was engaged in directing him in regard to an errand jumped on his wheel and rode propriation of \$55,000,000 states the money is to be used for the national defense. The title was purposely broadened to fit the potter plan of invasion of Cuba or Spain as circumstances might dictate. It is well understood that the motto of the government in 2-ths emergency is "millions for the purposely broadened to the motto of the government in 2-ths emergency is "millions for the purposely broadened to the potter wheels, not a cent for footmen." Frobably \$10,000,000 of the sum appropriated will be used in purctioning '98 chainless models for Potter's army and the balance to provide relays of commissary stores on route. Arms are superfluous. With the scorchers of the leading the charge, the done would have no show at all. And the senors appreciate their critical situation. Bad as things for the mutual pleasure and profit of chees. Among the matering him in regard to an errand jumped on his wheel and rode at the most of the desired, however, not tend to take away the control of ructive at the plan of invasion of Cuba or Spain as circumstances might dictate. It is well understood that the motto of the government in 2-ths emergency is "millions for the Bee: Messrs. To the Chees Editor of The Bee: Messrs at the state mote to take away the control of ructive to take away the control of ructive terms at hand. The stern parent jumped on and raced after her little boy until she out to present a proposition to take away the control of ructive men to the best part of the Meel.

Whisperings of the Wheel.

Chief Gallagher has not yet made an assignment of bleycle policemen again and assignment of bleycle policemen again and assignment of bleycle policemen again and assignment of bleycle are the southersh

to refuse this time."

WHEELING COSTUMES FOR WOMEN.

Latest Designs in Skirts, Jackets and

Veats.
The skirts of new cycling costumes are

the fullness set into godet flutes in the back.

sides flat and smooth over the front and

one of the side seams. A pocket in the other side seam and a row of buttons on both im-

proves the style of the costume. The bodices of these new suits comprise coats with fitted

backs, blazer fronts and low-cut vests, stop-ping at the waist line. These vests are of

a contrasting cloth or of white pique. A white chemisette is worn with these vests, or a white cambric skirt. For coat without

vests there are plaid and plain taffeta skirts

which give a touch of color to the dull-hued

bodice worn open over a linen chemisette is

to be the correct thing. Boleros and Etor

underneath, with grosgrain belt and allver

A Disappearing Prejudice.

Washington Star.

The blessing that's vanished seems wondrously bright.

Though we falled to be grateful before;

And now men would welcome with ardent delight

A question that vexed us before.

How oft have we trembled with angry disday.

dain,
Or in martyrdom mournfully sighed,
As some bore sang once more that familiar refrain,
"What kind of a wheel do you ride?"

To greet us at every turn; And each with an answer that nobody

"What kind of a wheel do you ride?"

WHEELING CHAFF.

"Papa, what is a century rider?"
"A very able liar in most instances, my

"Yes; that is a pretty good bleyele joke.

"Well, what?"
"It has made quite a number of century

But that was ere national queries arose

knows, ome frivolous, some sadly stern.

se divided in the back have the front and

measures for national defense, and the flut-tering bird of peace descended to his perch. Spain trembled and sought a nerve tonic in valu. Therefore, when the tributes for "peace and honor" are dispersed, a grateful nation will not forget Potter and his

One pronounced effect that the reduction in the price of wheels is having in the dries. Dealers state that the demand is very large and that it is chiefly for the higher grade of goods. It seems, they say, as if buyers feel that having saved many dollars in the purchase of their cycles that ter of equipping them. The march of improvement in details on chain wheels has sides. The circular skirts are designed in been somewhat checked by reduced profits, the same manner. The pocket hole is at but the improvements made in accessory fittings seem this year greater than ever. The market bristles with ingenious novelties designed for the convenience of cyclists and sociably inclined riders who like to meet on the road and talk wheel.

It is of great value to a beginner to be as nearly as possible independent of the handles for steering. Many beginners clutch the handles like grim death, blistering the hands quite unnecessarily and encouraging themselves in undue nervousness. There is no need to do more than just place the hands on the handles, and a little pressure to the right or left, as required, will suffice to turn the machine.

costumes. The jackets of some of those costumes are fitted, yet worn open.

Blouse waists will be much worn in the country. The prettlest are left open a little in the front, showing a white chemisette. The edges of the blouse are held together by straps and buttons. For women with New forms of chainless wheels have been by straps and buttons. For women with graceful figures the double-breasted tailo making their appearance every week, but the latest comer is something that confutes both theoretical and practical mechanics. It does precisely what has always been accounted to be out of the question. It is a gear that "turns the corner" by means of swell bicycle girl will bloom out in For fair days in summer, however, the swell bicycle girl will bloom out in the a square-cut teeth that mesh directly instead of by means of bevelled teeth. The inventor calls it "a face gear." It has been skirts, and the jackets cut in all the forms generally accepted that in order to transfer described. The seams of the skirts and the generally accepted that in order to transfer power from one shaft to another running at right angles by means of cogs the cogs the cogs the by stitched bands of pique. White pearl buttons are the only ones allowed on these jaunty coats, only for engagement between wheels turning in a direct line with each other. The ing in a direct line with each other. The new chainless looks much like a bevel new chainless looks much like a bevel gear wheel at first glance, but closer inspection shows that the teeth on the inside of the front sprocket or pinion wheel, as well as those on the driving shaft, are cut personnel. There is also a woolen py cycle women. There is also a woolen pine which is made up into wheel ing suits for the mountains and seaside. All kinds of mixed and fancy cloths as well as plain will be worn. Ribbed velveteen will be also a favorite during the spring fectly square and mesh together exactly as months. Small checks are passe, spur gears. Considerable ingenuity has An elegant costume for spring has just Considerable ingenuity has in the way the teeth have been shown in the way the teeth have been made of the inventor claims the device to be better than bevel gears. One of the things the maker of this new gear than usual, following the English ideas in this respect. A short Jacket is of white cloth, fitted to the figure, but worn open. The eight large pearl buttons down the front are merely for decoration. Bither a platted cambric or a silk skirt will be worn expects to accomplish with it is to transform any rider's chain wheel into a chainless for considerably less than a new wheel

Tom Eck, the cycling manager, now in Paris engaging cracks for the American racing circuit, startled the racing world of the French capital on his arrival there by the announcement that he probably would take a team of American stars to Paris this sum-mer. "I probably shall take a team from the United States and make a circuit of the leading French tracks the coming summer." said Eck to a reporter of a Parls paper. "consider that Morin and Kaiser are the two fastest men in the French and American racing world at this hour, and I want to bring them together again."

Following the announcement that a number of professional racing men will ignore the League of American Wheelmen during the coming season comes the report that Eddle "Cannon" Baid has been asked to accept the presidency of the American League of Racing Cyclists. The latter organization, it is stated, it to be reorganized on a sound basic and will endeavor to assume the directions. Some frivolous, some sadly stern.

Here's hoping that spring will bring respite from care.

From forebodings of what may betide,

That we'll hear nothing worse than those basis and will endeavor to assume the direction of all professional racing interests. Baid is very popular with the racing men and is very antagonistic to the League of American Wheelmen. He, like many other profession la is not willing to pay the registration fee

The registration fee of \$2 from all professional riders by the League of American Wheelmen, will, it is expected, make a big increase to the finances of the racing board. It is calculated that between 2,000 and 2,500 men will register, from which the league will derive between \$4,000 and \$5,000. This income, with the usual perquisites of the racing board, will make the department more than self-supporting. Chairman Mott announces that some well known riders have already registered, so that the reported objection to the imposition of a fee seems to be groundless. The racing officials declare that riders who refuse to register will not be allowed to compete in any contest held under the auspices of the League of American Wheelmen.

Joseph W. Grimes, the heavyweight blog-list, is doing Kentucky. He has recently returned from a trip abread, which was his second with to the old country. He was

A clatter on the attic stair,
A tramping overhead,
Small feet that scamper here and there
With swift and noisy tread.
I hear a scrambling by and by,
The sound of merry squeals,
And know that from the attic high
They're taking down the wheels. one of the secrets of Jimmy Michael's great racing record in the fact that he follows his pacers scientifically. Says one of them:

"No man will ever boat Jimmy Michael, no matter how fast he is, until he acquires the knack of following pace scientifically. The wheelman's success is due not alone to his speed and staying qualifications, but more especially to his proficiency in making light-ning-like changes of packing machines with-out loss of time or ground. It will be no-ticed that Michael in all his match contests invariably gains a lap or a good distance on his opponent in his first two miles. He has paced ruces down to such a science that he instructs his teams to pull him right through for this gain at the start, which is His parents, Kentuckians, lived in Higginsport, O., where he was born, and removed with him to Fleming county, Ky., when he was a boy. Early in life he developed a tendency to fleshiness, and when 16 years old a big advantage. Another feature of his paced races is that he never attempts a weighed nearly 500 pounds. The longest ride he ever made at cue time was eighty-four rushing chase after his advance crew, should miles, covering the distance in ten hours, with a stop of one hour for dinner. Owing bey by any mischance draw away from him On the contrary, he always holds his pace to his great weight, it is difficult for him to walk a square, but he rides a wheel with and waits for his men to come back to him.

Compare all the men who have raced against Michael. They have been very speedy, but they lost through poor pacemaking." very little exertion, and he claims that he could ride ten hours a day for a week or

get didn't like it."
"Why not?"
"No bicycle came with it."

Among the Racing Men.

Critics believe that they have discovered

George had wanted a bicycle for a long time. Last year his birthday was embit-tered by the fact that he did not get the much-coveted wheel, and so he awaited the day this time with much anxiety. The American Cycle Racing association, through P. T. Powers, has issued a state-ment to the effect that it stands ready to match Major Taylor against Tom Linton and will back him for any amount up to \$5,000. Such prohibitive conditions are at-During the week before he regularly and carnestly resorted to prayer that he might tached that Linton cannot be blamed for not accepting it. The race must be held in have his desire granted. His parents really feared for his faith should he again be dis-May or June on the track offering the largreared for his faith should he again be disappointed. Therefore, on the morning of his birthday he found awaiting him by his bedside a beautiful new wheel.

When his mother entered the room shound liftin delightedly gazing von it.

"Well," he called out cheerfully, "I thought the Lord wouldnt have the nerve to refuse this time."

The movement to induce ments, at any distance up to thirty est inducements, at any distance up to the inducements at any

The movement to induce professional racing men to assume control of them-selves has fallen through for this year. The Maternal authority is still triumphant, thanks to the bicycle. Only the other day in Philadelphia a naughty boy whose mother was engaged in directing him in regard to kick on the part of the racers is that they are being taxed by the League of American Wheelmen without being given repre-sentation. It has been decided, however, not

threaten to take the law in their own hands if an effort is not soon made to stop the evil. presses and dies, and wooden rims are con-fined in special dies while being glued, as are also the rubber tires themselves during Barnes and Baldwin were faithful in the performance of their duty as bicycle policethe vulcanizing process. It is safe to say that, without the aid of press-working processes, the modern bicycle would be but a luxury for the rich, and not, as now, the vehicle, companion and friend of the poor. men last year. The Associated Cycling club and once before someone is run down and seriously injured.

A letter from Harry Mulhall, who is now in iBrooklyn, N. Y., to a club mate in this city has the following to say about cycling in Greater New York: "Cycling here is all divided at the back only, or are circular and the rage. The Coney Island cycle path is a the fullness set into rodet futes in the back across a fast crowd which was following a path and went through the crowd reminded me of the finish of a mile open. There is a twelve-mile per hour limit here, but the cycle policemen are not on duty yet and the scorchers can scorch to their heart's con-The Coney Island path is perfectly straight and as smooth as glass, and 2:30 to the mile is an ordinary clip over it. You can imagine the kind of a crowd that goes down when I tell you it was estimated that 25 000 wheels went over it last Sunday."

> The announcement of the death of Harry Brewer, which occurred the latter part of February, was sad news to the racing men of this city. Mr. Brewer was a very en-thusiastic admirer of clean bleycle racing and was always in attendance at rny races, whether important or not, held in this vicinity. His son, Dan J. Brewer, is one of Omaha's most promising young amateurs, having been upon the path during the last two seasces. Mr. Brewer was a firm believer in pure amateurism and it has been mainly through his efforts that amateurism has been kept pure in Omaha during the last two years. He was an admirer of good protwo years. He was an admirer of good pro-fessional racing and during the spring train-ing season each evening and Sunday morn-ing found him at the track watching the boys work out. He was 56 years old.

> At the regular monthly meeting of Omaha Wheel club held in its rooms Tues-day evening last Eli Hodgins, one of the of-ficers and members of the Omaha Guards, who is an enthusiastic wheelman, was admitted to membership.

Registration of professional racing men, quired by the new racing rules, has already commenced, last week's League Bul tin showing the names of several prominent riders who have complied with the rules. So far none of the local riders' names have appeared, but it is expected that they will all get in before the season opens.

The annual meeting of the Union Pacific Wheel club was held at the Millard hotel Tuesday evening last. The club now has a membership of ninety-two, all in good standing, and judging from the reports of the officers, has a past record of which the members can justly be proud. The gold medal offered for the largest mileage on club runs for the season of 1897 was awarded to Mr. B. Lancaster, the silver medal, for the second largest mileage, to H. E. Henabery. In addition to the winter social feature of the club, it was decided to have club pienics during the coming season in connection with the runs and plans were entered into with this object in view. The organization is now two years old and has made the unusual record of not having a single delinquent on its books. Financially the club is in excellent condition. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Richmond An-derson, president; J. W. Griffith, vice president; J. W. Newlean, secretary-treasurer; A. L. Angell, captain; Bernard Lancaster, first lieutenant; W. R. Moran, second lieutenant; W. A. Ellis, third lieutenant; W. H.

Inderson, color bearer.

The club looks for large increases in mem-The ciub 100ks for large increases in membership this year; already applications have commenced to come in. Everything is bright for the future and the members express gratification at their success in maintaining a club of exclusively Union Pacific employes.

The cycling editor of The Bee spent the greater part of a day during the last week in giving one of the new chainless bicycles a thorough practical test, riding it up hill and down, over smooth and rough pavements at a gait ranging from three minutes to the mile to as fast as a 2.15 clip, and for the benefit of those who have not had a chance to ride one as yet, will give his per-sonal opinion. In the first place it has been runs."

Sprocket—I've just joined the Beginners' Cycle club.

Handlebar—What are your colors?
Sprocket—Black and blue.

Mary has a Billy goat, its tall is sort of bent, and everywhere that Mary goes the lamb is aure to went. He followed her to school one day, which made her hot as fire, for Mary had ridden on her wheel, and Billy ate the tire.

sonal opinion. In the first place it has been claimed by many that in climbing steep bills, where a great deal of pressure is put upon the pedals, the bevel gear will be thrown out of line enough to make it bind, and therefore run hard. The writer rode up the Davenport streat hill, from Eighteenth to Twenty-second, and did not notice that the bevel gearing bound in the least, or run hard at all, but on the contrary rode up the hill with greater ease than ever before. It has been claimed by some that the gearing would bind when ridden over rough roads or pavement, but a trip out Seventeenth ror Mary had ridden on her wheel, and Billy ate the tire.

The garling would bind when ridden over rough roads or pavement, but a trip out Seventesuth street, from Davesport to Cuming, which is paved with codar blocks that are now in a most dilapidated condition and therefore very rough, proved that there is not the least form. It has been a fact that there is not the least form and the results of the sun pouring down from the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the sun pouring down from the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the order to death of the triple cared to speak to those about them of the northern heavens, only the Sydney party cared to speak to those about them of the order to death of the those about them of the order to seven sydney the state of the through the northern heavens and in the northern heavens and in the northern heavens at the form is the northern heavens

some thought; "but did you ever watch a bicycle rider putting on a sweater?"

"I sent back that combination rolling pln, meat chopper, egg beater, potato masher, cake cutter, churn and biscuit cutter. Bridget didn't like it."

"Why not?"

"No blevele came with it."

"To blevele came with it." geared to 73½ than is chain wheel geared to 70. As to the wearing qualities of bevei gearing as compared with the chain time only will answer this question, but for pleasure riding it is the writer's opinion that the chainless bleycle is 25 per cent better than the wheel with a chain. the wheel with a chain,

One of the large esstern bicycle manufacturers writes to The Bee that it receives more requests from would-be racing men in Omaha for the loan of vacing machines than any other city in the country and asks if our entire bicycle population is not composed of this class of wheelmen. The makers of bicycles have brought this upon themselves and can blame no one else. If they had not established such a precedent in former years doubtless the would-be racing men would expect to pay for their bleycles as other people do, but in view of the fact that makers have until the last two seasons been very liberal with their racing machines nearly every wheelman who can ride a mile in three minutes immediately gets the idea of a racing machine from any factory in the country and does not fail to ask for it. For the benefit of this class of wheelmen we will say that the time is gone when makers loan machines to every dub that asks for them. For an example it may be stated that when such men as Sager, Gadke, McCall. Frederickeon, Proulx, Hall and other well known western riders get little more than the loan of a racing wheel, and have a hard time to get even that, there is little show for practically unknown riders and they might as well save their 2-cent stamps, pa-per and time writing for free wheels, as the majority of the makers will not so much as even answer the letter.

William Shields of Woonsocket, R. I., who achieved considerable fame by riding down-the west front steps of the capitol building pears in the makeup of a country "Reuben." It is his intention to remain in the city for a week or ten days and will give exhibitions upon the streets as soon as the weather will permit.

The following has been received from Nelson Hald of Dannebrog, Neb., relative to organizing the chess interests of the state for the mutual pleasure and profit of chees players:

should call upon Chief Gallagher and insist enroll names and perfect the organization upon having men assigned to this work at in such further mander us he sees fit. This column will be giad to lessist him by publighting correspondence games or offering a token for superior merit in problem com-petitions. Chess players interested are re-quested to communicate with Mr. Hald and he is requested to keep this column informed as to the progress of the matter.

Cambridge universities for a team chess match by cable to be played during the Easter vacation. The proposition has been favorably received by the Englishmen and the president of the Oxford club, E. Q. Spencer-Churchill, believes there will be no difficulty in arranging the match when the text of the challenge arrives in England.

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 chees players. Since their victory of last year the Englishmen have strongthened their team by the addition of such experts as Burn and Caro. Four of the weakest players on the Ameriand Delmar, who won three and drew three games last year, the Americans have a good chance of winning. The new men on the American side are Robinson, Baird, i Young and Galbreth and they are believed to be stronger in all respects than their predecessors of a year ago.

Pillsbury and Showalter are well along with their retuce match. Pillsbury won last year by a score of 10 to 8 and of the first two games this year each has won one. The score of the second was as follows: RUY LOPEZ.

ı	RUY	LOPEZ.
l	White-Pillsbury.	Black-Showalter.
ı	1-P to K 4.	1-P to K 4.
1	2-Kt to K B 3,	2-Kt to Q B 8,
١	3-B to Kt 5.	3-Kt to H 3.
۱	4-Castles.	4-Kt takes P.
Į	5-P to Q 4.	5-Kt to Q 3.
۱	6-B to Kt 5.	6-Q to K 2.
ı	7-B takes B.	7-Q takes B.
ì	8-P takes P.	8-Kt takes B.
I	9-P to Q R 4.	9-P to Q 3,
9	10-P takes Kt.	10-Kt takes P.
1	11-Kt to Q 4.	11-Cartles.
j	12-Kt to Q B 3.	12-P to Q B 3.
á	13-P takes P.	13-P takes P.
ŝ	14-R to K sq.	14-O to B 2.
ì	15-P to B 4.	15-K to Kt 5.
Ì	16-P to B 5.	16-Kt to B 3.
J	17-Kt to K 4.	17-Kt takes Kt.
9	18-R takes Kt.	18P to Q 4.
ï	19-R to R 4.	19-Q to Q 3.
Ų,	20-O to R 5.	20-P to K R 3.
5	21-R to K B sq.	21-Q to B 3.
Ą	22-R (R 4) to B 4.	22-B to Q 2. 23-Q R to K sq.
	92_Kt to Kt 3.	23-Q R to K sq.
	24-Kt to B 5.	24-B to B sq.
	25-P to B 3.	25-R to K 2.
	26-P to R 4.	26-K R to K sq.
	27-R (B sq) to B 2.	27-R to K 6.
	28-K to R 2.	28-R (K sq) to K 4.
	29→Kt to Kt 3.	29 Q to Q 3.
	30-K to Kt sq.	30-R to K 8 (ch.)
	31-R to B #q.	31-B to R 3.
	32-R takes R.	32-R takes R (ch.)
	1 Deplema	

Problem No. 15, done by Q to Q R sq. followed by Q to K B 6; and Q to K B 7, if Black move K to K 3; by Kt to K 5 and B to K B 7, if Black move K to Q B 5; and by Kt to Kt 5, and B to Q R 4, if Black follow K to Q B 5 with K to Q K 6. Solved by H. W. McBride, Blaff. J. M. Crosby of Premont is referred to Nelson Hald of Dannebrog. Neb., in regardito his desire to ennebrog. Neb., in regard to his desire to en-gage in a chess tourbey. His proposed gage in a chess tourney. His proposed solution of Q to Q B 2, allows the black king to escape through Q 3.1

The Tip Worked.

A hungry guest at a Chicago hotel, who had sat at one of the tables unnoticed for several minutes, called a waiter to him at last and said: "Young fellow, I saw that man over there hand you a tip of half a dollar just now."
"Yes, sah."
"You've got his order, have you?"
"Yes, sah."
"Yes, sah."

"Well, now. I'll give you a tip also—which is this: Bring me exactly the same order, served in exactly the same style as his, and

HEAT BELOW THE EQUATOR

An Iowa Man Writes of the Summer in Australia.

SWELTERING IN THE SU'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 writes United States Consul George W. Bell from Sydney to the Portland Oregonian. The mail just received from the opposite side of this little world of ours is very "re fresling." Not only is it refreshing because it brings reports of murders and executions of accidents and business revivals, of gold discoveries and divorces and great society events, but because it brings news of ic and snow and blizzards and "cold snaps" innumerable. To a fellow sweltering in e close, humid, sunless atmosphere, sending up the "little ball" to 100 degrees in the shade, it is a delicious sensation to read of a Dakota blizzard.

As I would enjoy a sniff of an Iowa tor-nado, or nursing frosted ears and noses, would feel comforted by an inquiring refer-ence to the weather recorded on this side The Telegraph of yesterday said:
"The weather was still showery in the

northeast portion of the colony, but elsewhere fine clear weather, with hot north-

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have really "warm" weather in New South Wales. In February, 1895, I wrote the American press regarding this rather commun-place, but sometimes heated question, and for this article I quoted from the Sydney Morning Herald of January 23 the following

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Albury 112	Euston 11
Balranald 121	Marsdens 11
Bourke 119	Menindee 11
Brewarrina 120	Urana Il
Broken Hill 115	Wagga 11
Cobar 100	Walgett 11
Coonamble 119	Wentworth 11
Cowra 111	Wilcannia 12
Doniliquin 118	Young 11
Dubbo 111	

These stations are widely separated, over country six times as large as our state of In January, 1895, the official readings for twenty-four consecutive days at Gundubooka were: 112, 107, 112, 114, 118, 121, 123, 118, 118, 11,5 114, 123, 117, 121, 129, 128, 124, 129, 126, 120, 126, 129, 119, 98.

Notwithstanding the fact was very palpable to me and doubtless I made some lurid It is without doubt the wish of Nebraska chess players that Mr. Hald should act as the president pro tem of such an association and should be provided with authority to enroll names and perfect the organization in such further many that the president protein of such an association to the most guileless manner that it was hot. Though the provided with authority to was hot. was not. Though I was then little acquainted in Australia, and knew little regarding the veracity of the people, I willingly accepted their statements with child-like credulity.

TRIP TO THE COUNTRY. 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 brought up to decline an invitation that has recently sent a challenge to Oxford and Cambridge universities for a team chess match by cable to be pleased during the country.

lazily in clouds as the trudging wool teams passed, and the scorching sun poured its slightly slanting rays from the northern heavens. I was boiling, and the whole Since Sydney party were quite unanimous in the conclusion that it was hot.

But to get the most out of a trip into the interior of Australia, in addition scorching sun, a breathless air and a can side have also been replaced, and with focating dust, one must not forget the files. Pillsbury, Showalter, Hodges, Hymes, Berry However, there is no danger of forgetting them, as they never fall to be recognized. These terrible flies look much like the American house flies, but they are more industrious, and they stick closer than brothers. These little fellows have a courage worthy of a better cause, and, instead of allowing themselves to be scared, they have to be literally scraped off; they seem to be so sharply shod, and they stick like wax. They are a terrible pest on stock, and people have to wear nets over their faces to protect themselves from a real danger, as the flies

not infrequently communicate very poisonous The day I reached the town the ther mometer registered 103 degrees in the shade. I don't know how hot it was in the sun. The pleasant inhabitants of this pleasant country village held an open field afternoon of sports. Of course, the sports in Australia must not be neglected. These sports con-sisted of all kinds of athletic exercises Running, jumping, wrestling, tugs-of-war throwing of weights and many other vigorous

feats were enjoyed. It may have been the weather, but here It may have been the weather, but here
I became demoralized and made the first
wager of my life. Twelve girls, between
14 and 18 years old, ran a foot race, 100
yards. I won a guinea and then relented
my evil and gave my winnings to the redheaded, freekled-faced little maiden who tempted me to become a gambler. LECTURE ON ART.

As there was to be a lecture in the "school of arts" at 8:30 o'clock, the evening "banquet" began at 6:30. A banquet in this country village, 300 miles from "nowhere!" Think of it, banquet, with a finely decorated table, loaded with as fine a spread as one would wish to see anywhere, with meats, salads, solids, sweets liquor and many varieties of wines, and more than sixty gentlemen in full evening dress, patent leather show, low-cut vests, spike-tailed coats, etc. It was amazing. I don't know whence came all these gentle polished, or how they paid for their good clothes. But there is no end of surprises

in Australia.

At 8:30 o'clock the "school of arts" was prowded with a well dressed, well be have, cultured and happy crowd of people have, cultured and happy crowd of people.

I don't know why the audience was so patient, or where the people learned to appreciate such topics, but for nearly two hours they sat in breathless silence and listened to a chat about evolution, about the origin and forms of life, and thought and the brain, and microbes and stars, and the nebular hypothesis, and such like. Maybe they were too well bred to "fire" the speaker and maybe they were waiting pa-

Side Lights on History.

Chicago Tribune: "You seem sad," said the chief of the commissary department, venturing respectfully into the presence of his chief. "Is it because you have crossed he Rubicon?"

"Not so," moodily replied Julius Caesar, it is because I am dead certain that every ugh-face in Rome is calling me a jinso and the content of the commissary department that every ugh-face in Rome is calling me a jinso and the content of the commissary department that every ugh-face in Rome is calling me a jinso and the content of the commissary department that every ugh-face in Rome is calling me a jinso and the content of the commissary department that every ugh-face in Rome is calling me a jinso and the content of the commissary department that every ugh-face in Rome is calling me a jinso and the content of the commissary department that every ugh-face in Rome is calling me a jinso and the content of the commissary department that every ugh-face in Rome is calling me a jinso and the content of the state of the atmosphere. All but the driver were Sydneyites. They had all content of the commissary department to the interior for half a year at a time. So usual was the day in question, with the sun pouring down from you, these Australians pay great attention the corps of which had all been ruined by the prolonged drouth and the center of a beautiful agricultural district. The corps of which had all been ruined by the prolonged drouth and the care of a beautiful agricultural district. The corps of which had all been ruined by the prolonged drouth and the care of a beautiful agricultural district. The corps of which had all been ruined by the prolonged drouth and the care of a beautiful agricultural district. The corps of which had all been ruined by the prolonged front and the care of a beautiful agricultural district. The corps of which had all been ruined by the prolonged front had content and churches and churches and public buildings, and, of course, a "school of arts" for, let me corps of the corps of a beaut

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the vigor with which he plied the lash increased with the compliments the hea hen in the back seat paid the driver and his "flery bays."

My pity for the foaming animals kept me

quiet, but my discomfort persuaded me to wish hard for a sight of our destination. The country was a beautiful, undulating plain, with scattered patches of gum trees that gave it the appearance of a vast park. But the soil was rather poor, the foliage slight, and, as the thin leaves of these Aus-tralian gums usually turn their edges toward the sun, there is an almost complete absence of shade, and the shimmering light is pain-ful. After a few miles' drive, in this heated interior, the perspiration stops, the skin feels dry and drawn, the lips and nose are parched and the eyes weaken with pain. At the half-way house the high-mettled horses showed unmistakable evidence of weariness, and a short stop revealed a condition which I re garded as alarming. The horses panted like lizards, and I urged a rest, though the scraggy gum, under whose spreading branches we halted, gave small relief from

the scorching sun.
When within some five miles of our destination the driver informed us that a "delegation" from C— would meet us. I suggested that any man but a fool who would the less that any man but a fool who would be the less that any meet "Queen Mah" leave the ice chest to meet "Queen Mab' would prove himself a lunatic who deserved cooking. Some distance in front I saw a cemetery, on a bare sunburnt hill, and suggested that as a proper meeting place, for if in the exuberance of our joy, we surren-dered the ghost, we could be properly deposited before we "spoiled."

A STRANGE MEETING.

Near the cemetery there were some trees of the eucalyptus tribe, with courage enough to flaunt the full surface of their scattered leaves in the face of the sun, which poured down from a little less direct angle, and and in the sun too hot for calculation.

soon, to my surprise, we saw coming to I realize that these things will seem insoon, to my surprise, we saw coming to meet us some covered carriages, or "top buggles." "They come! They come!" and the Italian driver in his rich Corkonian stroke occur when the thermometer is sev-biogue, for this "cavalcade" he declared to be the promised "delegation." Well, it so tioned, but the reidings of the temperaturned out. Just below the cemetery know whence came all these gentle-how they became so educated and trees, and as we all alighted to be introduced to chat and let the horses rest we were de-lighted to see the well filled baskets taken from under the carriage seats and the contents nicely arranged under the spreading trees. This was wonderfully acceptable, but there came another basket, filled with wet clothes, as though the laundry was just be speaker and maybe they were waiting pa-tiently to hear something they could under-stand. I dont know.

of it, and lager as cold as Greenland's ley mountains, away out in those scorching plains. Nothing should surprise one in Ausspeaker and maybe they were waiting patiently to hear something they could understand. I dont know.

But the next day came and the Sydney
party of four were driven twenty miles overland to a beautiful town on the main inland railway. We had early lunch and
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land railway. The language is the state of the state o

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that filled half a dozen carriages, and just to see the country and enjoy an outing we drove ten miles and back while waiting for the train. This day it was 104 in the shale. "top credible to people in some portions of our and country, where hundreds of cases of sunture over several weeks and the evidence of unchecked industry in these localities, with cheerful vivacity of the people when you visit them during the most trying spells, prepares one for believing almost anything reported from the Australian interior.
The "science congress" has just terminated its sittings in Sydney, and the parsons have been reconciling modern scientific facts with the Mosale record of creation. Of course the facts are rather crowded occa-sionally, but that is no fault of Moses.

> Something Sligo Soil Could Not Do. Recently, while some workmen were digging a drain near the Market Cross, Sligo, relates a London paper, they unearthed the skull and bonce of a man who must have been of giggstite stature, and who is sup-posed to have been buried there nearly 300 years ago.

> A number of people gathered round, among whom were a local seed merchant, who had frequently been prosecuted by his customers for selling had seeds, and a staiwart young country fellow, who was in the habit of boasting about his own size and strength. "Well, Michael," said the seed merchant, "you may stop boasting now. You think yourself big and strong, but you'll never

> come up to him." "Begorra, I don't know how ye'd expect me, an' him havin' 300 years of a shtart." "Why, you don't mean to say that he grew in the ground, do you?" "Sartinly!"

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