# TWO NATIONS BEFORE THE BAR

Story of the Greatest International Lawsuit Ever Attempted.

Dispute that Almost Provoked War to Be Settled by Arbitration-Ex-President Harrison's Work as Counsel for Venezuela.

On May 17 ex-President Benjamin Harrison will sail for Paris to take part in the most momentous and important lawsuit of recent years. It will be held before an august in-Britain and the government of Venezuela, backed by the government of the United States. It will settle the question that four years ago nearly precipitated an Anglo-

Ex-President Harrison, who is chief counsel for Venezuela, after nearly three years devoted to a thorough investigation of all of the claims involved, has come to the ceived a grant from Spain of territorial conclusion that England has rights in only a narrow eastern strip of the disputed territory. He will contend for the Venezueian government that the proper boundary should be in the neighborhood of the 59th parallel of latitude, whereas Great Britain has valuable gold mines in which British capital Venezulean government.

Guiana and Venezuela. The United States gathering in the Venezuelan archives at which admitted vessels of some draught and the countries, but boundary line between the countries, but books, supplemented in the research on of the Orinoco." He spoke of the remains books, supplemented in the research on of a fort having been found at Point Barima, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E. W. Allen, C. E. Allen, Thomas Allen, M. O. Daxon, Joel Eaton, W. T. Edylla, E only insisted that Great Britain should sub-mit to the arbitration so frequently urged by Venezuela, in order that the true line might be determined. On Great Britain's refusal the memorable message of President Cleveland was issued and this country determined to find out for itself, by thorough investigation, the true line.

commission consisting of David J Brewer of the supreme court of the United States, R. H. Alvey, F. R. Coudert, Daniel C. Gilman and Andrew D. White was appointed by the United States to determine the boundary. The commission collected a great mass of Information, but it was not necessary for it to complete its work. Great Britain finally consented to arbitration and agreed to a plan after a long correspondence between Lord Salisbury and Richard Olney, secretary of state of the United States. After that the United States had no further official interest in the question A treaty was arranged between Venezuela and Great Britain agreeing to take as fina the decision of a tribunal of arbitration as to the disputed boundary.

### First Case of Its Kind.

It is pointed out by General Harrison and his associate counsel that this tribunal is more like the great courts of justice than any other that has not in an international dispute. Tribunals in such cases, they say have been too much the conferences of the representatives of the disputing nations rather than the consultations of judges to whom the parties are quite indifferent. Venezuela has no direct representative upor this tribunal. It is made up of Sir Charles Russell, lord chief justice of England (succeeding Lord Herschel, recently deceased) and Justice Richard Henn Collins on th part of Great Britain, Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court on the part of Venezuela, and Prof. Martens of the University of St. Petersburg, selected by these four. It had been provided that should the four first named members be unable to choose a fifth within four months King Oscar of Norway and Sweden was to select the fifth, but the use of this provision did not become neces-

Though the treaty of arbitration had been finally ratified in June, 1897, it was not until January, 1898, that definite measures were taken toward having the case of Venezuela properly presented before the tribunal. Then General Harrison, a man of prestige by reason of his having been president of the United States and a man of thorough legal ability, was called to New York and engaged as chief counsel for Venezuela. There was an immense task before him. The documentary evidence extends over four centuries. General Harrison at the time knew little more of the case than many other readers of newspapers and periodicals. Though Venezuela had for a number of years appealed to the United States for assistance in its dispute with Great Britain and though Secretary Blaine, like other secretaries of state, had had some correspondence with Great Britain on the subject, yet the case was only a minor incident in Harrison's administration and did not take on anything like that acute form which it began to assume early in the administration of his successor, President Cleveland.

# How Harrison Has Worked.

From the date of his employment as counsel for Venezuela, something over fifteen months ago, until the present, General Harrison has given his entire time to this

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rided improvement was the result, and after he had taken a dozen bottles, no one who knew of his former dreadful condition would have of his former dreadth; condition while body recognized him. All the sores on his body have healed, his skin is perfectly clear and smooth, and he has been restored to perfect health.

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great case. His law office in Indianapolis Britain and Venezuela provides as a special has not been used by him, and he has rule that "adverse holding during a period worked at his home. Scarcely a day has of fifty years shall make a good title. The passed on which he has not spent the usual arbitrators may deem exclusive political usiness hours of a lawyer, from 9 to 4 control of a district, as well as actual settleclock, on this case. Considering that he ment thereof, sufficient to constitute adverse is a public man, with many urgent requests | holding or to make title by prescription." for use of his time in politics and other business affairs, he has led almost a GREAT BRITAIN VERSUS VENEZUELA secluded life. His sojourn in the Adirondacks last summer was only a change of

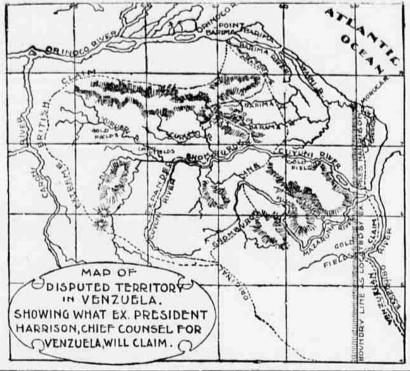
work shop, not a vacation. In this boundary dispute the Venezuelana and the British are the successors, respectively, of the Spanish and the Dutch. The controversy touches many points of Important in this controversy. The Dutch, historic and romantic interest, beginning with the times of the Spanish discovery and conquests in South America. The disputed territory itself was the much-sought EI Dorado of the Spanish and English ad- river, venturers. The Dutch, in the long struggle ternational tribunal of arbitration. The of the Netherlands against Spanish tyranny parties at law are the government of Great and inquisition, attacked their enemy along these far-away coasts and cut off many of the treasure ships that carried to Spain the means of maintaining its long and cruel when consternation was created in Venewars. It was by settlement in territory claimed by Spain and while at war with that at Point Barima, an island commanding the mouth of the Orinoco. A protest was at country that the Dutch got a foothold in once made by Venezuela, and the contro-Guiana, and by treaty of Munster in 1648, after the thirty-years' war in Europe, rerights in Guiana. What is now British Guiana was held for 166 years by the Dutch.

to Great Britain in 1814. tional lawsuit is particularly voluminous for vey a boundary line. He was an enthusiast claimed westward beyond the 63d parallel the two and a half centuries since the treaty for Great Britain, and dwelt in his letters of latitude, taking a number of exceedingly of 1648, which gave no well defined boundary on the great military advantage of controll-valuable gold mines in which British capital between Spanish and Dutch possessions, and is now interested. This contention of thus started all the trouble. There are he said offered water transportation for from counsel will come as a surprise both to Dutch documents, complete and well con- 400 to 500 leagues and had nearly 300 tribu-American and to British interests, and it is nected from The Hague, Spanish documents, tary streams of more or less importance. a great source of gratification to the incomplete, scattered, gathered with great The Orinoco flows into the ocean by many labor from archives without index at channels, of which that commanded by Point The cause of this most notable lawsuit Seville. There was a search also in the Barima, on the island of Barima, is the of modern times was Great Britain's per-sistent refusal to submit to arbitration the Spanish mission settlements in the disputed to the fact that this channel (Boca de Naboundary line dispute between British territory. Material, also, had naturally been vios, or ship's mouth) was the only one

By the treaty of 1648 Spain granted to the Netherlands the territory then held by the Dutch in Guiana, without defining what this territory was, and this started all the trouble. It is contended that the Dutch then held no territory whatever west of the Essequibe except a narrow strip along the coast to the Pomeroon, a river small on the map but It is held, in the 186 years before British ntrol in 1814, never advanced farther unless it was about one mile to the west to the Maruca, another small but much mentioned Spain treated any pretensions the Dutch made beyond this as obviously baseless and drove them back as intruders. Diplomatic correspondence on the subject of the oundary had ceased between the Spanish and the Dutch seventy-one years before 1841, zuela by news that a British flag was flying

versy, so long asleep, was reawakened. Schomburgk's Line.

The flying of the British flag was due to the claims for Great Britain by Hermann By conquest and treaty it was finally ceded Schomburgk, a young German naturalist, who had been traveling in Guiana and had The evidence submitted in this interna- proposed to the British government to sursel now contend that there is no evidence Twenty-Three Volumes of Evidence. in the voluminous and complete Dutch records of any fort's ever occupying this point. All the documents in foreign languages They refer to evidence that the French tradhave been translated and the whole pro- ers once had a stronghold there, and that if



printed and copies of the many volumes the French occupation. What is called case, submitted another atlas. Then came the printed argument, filling two volumes, or about 800 pages, for Venezuela, and only one volume of about sixty-five pages for Great Britain. Thus far, therefore, twentythree printed volumes have been submitted. Further proceedings are to be by oral argument, though such things as the arbitrators may call for will be submitted in printing

and the other side will have leave to print

Assisting General Harrison as counsel for secretary of the navy in his cabinet, S Mallet-Prevest and James Russell Soley, all of New York. S. Mallet-Prevost was secretary of the United States commission on this boundary dispute and had done much work for the commission in placing evidence in shape. He was, therefore, familiar with the details of the dispute and was especially valuable in making up the Venezuelan case in the short time between January, 1898, and March 15 of the same year, when the case was submitted. There is no citizen of Venezuela among the counsel for that country, but J. M. de Rojas of Venezuela is agent for his country in the litigation. General Harrison, engaged in a case for a Spanish-speaking country and one in which documents translated from foreign languages are numerous, is familiar only with the English language. He is, further, making his first trip to Europe in going to Paris

to plead for Venezuela in this case. Immense Territory in Dispute.

The territory in dispute between Venzuela and British Guiana covers over 60,000 square miles and is greater than the combined areas of the states of New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Venezuela contends that all the territory west of the Essequibo river belongs to the republic. Lord Salisbury, in correspondence with Mr. Olney opposing the submission of the dispute about certain parts of this territory to arbitration, spoke impressively of "titles that had been unquestioned for generations." In the masterly printed argument of General Harrison and his associates these pretensions are submitted to a rigid analysis, which make it appear that an undisputed title could not be shown for even one generation. Before the discoveries of gold, beginning less than twenty years ago, the territory west of Essequibo river was practically unsettled, except for Venezuelan settlements near the Orinoco. When the gold movement began the British simply went in and took charge of things, setting up their own government, and now after heavy mining investments they are reluctant to give up

control. Venezuela's claims are based on the rights acquired by Spain, of which country the present republic was, up to 1810, a de-Spain, it is contended, by dispendency. covery and settlement in the sixteenth century, gained title to the whole of the country from the Orinoco to the Amazon rivers. For the Spanish title is claimed the broad rights and liberal construction accorded by nternational law to the discovering nation. The Dutch, as second comers or intruders within this territory, are held by Venezuelan counsel to be bound by narrower rules and to have prescriptive title to such territory only as is settled by them, or can clearly be shown to have been under their control.

the "case," or the opening statement of made in 1841 and pulled up markers of the facts, for Great Britain, takes up one Schomburgk line in 1842. Since then Great seeing a biycle parade and cheered the club volume, with seven volumes of appendices Britain's claims have shifted about, until lustily. or exhibits. The case for Venezuela takes the various lines proposed, when put on the forty-four years later, in 1886.

Venezuela are Benjamin F. Tracy, who was claim to the territory beyond the original ing state secrets to give the names. chomburgk line, but now the "extreme even the "expanded Schomburgk line," tak- | health. ing in all the tributaries of the Cuyuni up to their source, and to within a dozen miles of the Orinoco.

# CONNUBIALITIES.

In these days of private heroism and of daring dashes under fire in the face of the enemy national pride in American valor a rude check in the case of the young New Yorker who broke off his enagement on his marriage day because he lacked the courage to face the crowd at his own wedding.

An Arkansas printer in making up the forms in a hurry the other day got a marriage notice and a grocer's advertisement mixed up so that it read as follows: Brown and Ida Gray were united in the holy sauer kraut by the quart or barrel. Mr. Brown is a well known young codfish at 10 ents per pound, while the bride Miss Grav has some nice pigs' feet which will be sold

cheaper than at any store in town." Practical steps are about to be taken by the authorities to promote the emigration to the colonies of French women. The French colonist continues to complain that it is almost impossible for him to find a wife of his own race unless he makes a General Gallient in Madagascar, and the contemplated action of the government is

largely due to his urgent representations. A woman in deep mourning some time ag upon the proprietor of a Sydney, N. S. W., wax works show and asked to be allowed every Sunday morning to place : clean white shirt on the figure of her hus band (who had been hanged for murder) Her request was granted and for close on six months she never missed a Sunday, when the visits ceased, and no more was seen of the eccentric visitor until one day the way works man was standing at his door, when she came along in gay apparel and explained that, as she had married again, hubby No 2 objected to the little hebdomadal ceremony

When William Reed, a farmer of Villa Fark, N. J., after advertisement and correspondence, found a "young woman" of Long Branch who was willing to become his wife he set the day for the ceremony and prepared a great wedding feast in celebration of the event. The "bride" appeared on time, but while a large number of uninvited friends were partiking of the banquet she mounted a bicycle and rode away. It turns out that "she" was a beardless boy who with some friends, had put up a joke on the farmer. Reed still believes the person wh answered his letters and came to his feasi in skirts is a woman, but he has a shotgun if any more of "her" friends come to his spreads.

A Chicago girl makes a living by The treaty of arbitration between Great ing cats. Her age is to be inferred.



Following is the Omaha Wheel club's new when the thirty days expired. Among hedule for club runs during May:

Sunday, May 7-9 a. m., scorch, Calhoun,

Sunday, May 21-9 a. m., Glenwood; dinner it Glenwood; return afternoon, twenty-five Sunday, May 28-Sarpy Mills, eight miles;

sports and pastimes. Captain Muntefering desires to have it e no scorching on club runs. Any one looking for a nice, easy, pleasant faunt

brough the country should participate. In order to increase their membership the Omaha Wheel club has decided during the next thirty days, dating from May 1, to rithdraw the initiation fee of \$10 which has Itherto been charged, leaving only monthly lues of \$1. Wheelmen wishing to become nembers can do so by submitting their apolications for approval on or before the next nonthly meeting on June 1. To those whose business is in the vicinity of the club house on Eighteenth between Farnam and Douglas the club offers a special inducement by furnishing a wheel room in which to store wheels during business hours. For particulars concerning applications telephone 1634, Omaha Wheel club rooms. Below is a lis of the members taken in at the last club

L. Fried, H. E. Frederickson, B. F. Fisher, Hunt, G. E. Hill, J. E. Howe, W. R. Hunter, T. C. Halr, M. C. Kaege, S. L. Kelley, W. R. Berriman, Frank E. North, J. T. Lyons, H. J. Leonard, L. G. Lowe, G. C. Mc-Intyre, C. F. Metz, J. McKenzie, T. G. Northwall, T. H. Perfield, G. C. Pullman, H. G. Pike, John W. Parish, J. W. Ruan, W. Sheridan, C. R. Schwartz, J. H. Stewart, C. E. Sheppard, A. D. Sears, L. C. Sholes, C. E. Siefken, W. F. Spang, O. H. Taft, J. W. Traill, A. M. Welles, J. G. Wallace, C. T. Williams, Royal B. Comstock, J. H. Wallace, John N. Westberg.

There has been much talk among the officers of the club of enlarging the club quarters. Up to date nothing definite has been decided upon, but it is an assured fact that if the membership continues on the increase as it has in the past few months an enlargment will become a necessity. The club is at present occupying the second floor of the ests of the wheelmen, and not to control Omaha Real Estate and Trust company building on Eighteenth street and can very readily obtain the ground floor and basement; also a large piece of vacant ground adjoining the club house on the right, which ended. The secessionists think differently, bowling alley courts.

the order. The amusement committee reports several novelties on the program and which side will give in first. it is to be hoped every member will be present. The club members are urged to ittend and get acquainted with each other. The club house has now an addition of a new wheel house and boy to clean wheels. That speedy pedaler, George Meierstein, has been elected third lieutenant as the receedings are in English. All the evidence the remains reported by Schomburgk were sult of the hearty co-operation he has been is in. Everything submitted has been really found, they were probably traces of printed and copies of the many volumes the French occupation. have been furnished to the five arbitrators Under the protest of Venezuela at the Mills and helped keep the boys in line so It was also shown that the League of Ameritime Great Britain receded from the claims well that when they passed through South can Wheelmen has lost but three tracks out Omaha the inhabitants imagined they were

One of the bright and shining lights of up one volume, with two volumes of ap- | map in different colors, look like strands of | wheeldom went out scorching on Center pendices. Each side also submitted with tangled yarn. A curious fact in the case is street a few evenings ago. Coming back its "case" an atlas of maps bearing on the that the Schomburgk line published on up that long hill he proceeded to outdo himcontroversy. The "counter-case" of Great maps from 1842 was a line first proposed by self, and spurt all the way up. At the bottom Britain takes up one volume and a volume him before he made a survey. His actual of the hill he passed a peaceable looking of appendices, and the "counter-case" of survey was of a line taking in a respectable citizen smoking a cigar and rolling along Venezuela one volume, with two volumes strip of territory to the west. A map based at a ten-minute gait, he then proceeded to of appendices. Each side, with its counter- on this survey was stowed away in secret | reach the top of the ascent with as little distance from the end, and nearly baked, he the basis of contention in the interior of the glued to his rear wheel and was still smokstraight across the Cuyuni, the larger of stopped and asked the other fellow to come the west so as to take in the entire course part of this story is that the unknown was of the river. Great Britain, it would seem, deaf and dumb and their conversation had to had at first been too modest to make public be carried on on paper. It would be reveal-

Charles Sufken has been appointed bugler claim" of the British extends far beyond vice Mulhall, who resigned on account of ill-

The road race between the Omaha Wheel club and the Owl club of Council Bluffs has been abandoned. After a mutual understanding had been reached it was found that but a few members of either club were very eager for the fray. At the last meeting of the Omaha Wheel club the answer of the Owl club to its challenge was read and the matter was indefinitely postponed. The Owl club's reply to the challenge is as follows: COUNCIL BLUFFS, April 27 .- Omaha party is to be considered in the matter. We believe we have the choice, of course, and something to say as to the number of men, etc. The club bids me say that if you wish to ride a twenty-five-mile-road race on or over such a course as we may agree upon with you-same to take place in May-seven men on a side, tandems barred, no pace from noncontestants, no deposit required from either club, losing party to pay for picnic we will accept, otherwise we would not care to enter into such a contest. It is not a matter of our seeking, but we would agree to a race with the foregoing conditions. It you desire to enter into such a contest on terms herein stated, advise and meet with that is often impracticable for colonists of the poorer class. This state of things has more especially attracted the attention of more about it. Respectfully, D. J. HALL,

Commodore Owl Club. Following is the reply to the Owi club's

ommunication: OMAHA, May 4.-Mr. D. J. Hall, Commo dore the Owl Club, Council Bluffs, Ia.: Dear Sir—Your answer to our challenge duly re-ceived and was submitted at our fast club meeting with the meeting with the result that we have decided to drop the matter, as you do not seem anxious to meet us in the kind of race we nentioned, and it would be impossible for us to be in a condition for a road race in against this proposed race too numerous to mention, but we both want entirely different races, and as we cannot agree on date, course, distance or number of contestants without endangering the friendly feeling now existing between our respective clubs. and as we find you are not seeking a race with us, as we believed, we hereby with-draw our challenge of April 22, 1899, and substitute an invitation to join us in our pienic, Sarpy Mills, May 28, 1899. We hope ou would find it convenient to accept this in vitation. Closing with very best wishes for a presperous riding season, we are, yours very truly, H. S. MUNTEFERING. very truly, H. S. MUNTEPERIS.

Captain Omaha Wheel Club,

thirty-day options on their plants early in been able to sell my goods so much cacaper anteed to give perfect satisfaction or money But several manufacturers declined to re- and do not need to make a profit for by Kuhn & Co

the number are the Western Wheel works of Chicago and the Indiana Bicycle com-Sunday, May 7-9 a. m., scoren, though the promoters of the combine, clock and Bellevue, twelve miles.

Sunday, May 14-9 a. m., scoren, fifteen though they profess that their plans are miles; 2:15 p. m., club run, Calboun, eighreason offered by the independent manufacturers for withdrawing is that the project was not satisfactory. The New York Sun reports that trade circles do not regard the mic, refreshments, band concert, athletic deal as off, but the opinion prevalls that It cannot be made a go without the dependents. A special commissioner has been listinctly understood that there is and will appointed by the trust promoters to ontain options on the plants of parts makers, and the work is progressing, notwithstanding the withdrawal of one of the largest concerns in the country. The most important patent to be bought in is a fundamental one on the crank-hanger conception. This patent in volves the principle used in every machine on the market, and, with that in its possession as a trump card, the trust prompters would have plain sailing. A legal battle to test the patent is now in progress between the owner of it and a big manufacturer, and meantime the trust agents have covered themselves by obtaining an option for purchase from the patentee, the bellef seeming o be that the patent will stand, and that no one can connect the frame tubes of a bicycle with the crank hanger in the manner now ommon without paying a royalty.

> The principal argument of the trust promoters is that a combine is necessary for their salvation. Said one of them: "We buy chiefly three products, namely, steel, brass and rubber. Since December 1 and owing to the action of the trusts steel has gone up in price 100 per cent, brass 50 per cent and rubber 80 per cent. In the meantime we have not been able to raise our prices at all. The question is as to what is o become of us."

The preve boomers of the League of American Wheelmen appear to entertain a lofty dea of the importance of their jobs. They imagine the wheeling world lies awake nights reading their deliverances. They are certainly earning their salaries. But when one sits down to read the stuff that they distribute promiscuously he is more than ever inclined to transfer his sympathy to the riders. The League of American Wheelmen s a good organization without a doubt, but it is an organization to look after the interracing by virtue of a few salaried officials known as the racing board. Still they think that they will surely make the so-called "outlaws" bow to them before the season is will be used for lawn tennis, hand ball and and do not hesitate to say so. They have gone on with their plans and business in a Tuesday the club will give an old-time very decided and careful manner, and do not smoker in honor of the new members. Music, rashly claim things that they cannot subrefreshments and a jolly good time will be stantiate. The racing season starts very soon, and it should not take long to see

Among the tall claims of the boomers is this: "According to the official records of the riders there are 565 professionals loyal to the League of American Wheelmen and fifty-six have cast their lot with the National Cycling association. This record is taken from the registrations and is therefore official. The league has control of 23,000 amateurs and the National Cycling association does not even pretend to cater to them. of a total of very nearly 2,000, and yet the National Cycling association had nerve enough to claim recognition from unbiased authorities.

The Cycling West of Denver has not bestowed much affection on the League of American Wheelmen for three years past regarding the organization more as a clique of racing bosses than a body working for the general good of wheelmen. When, therefore, any prominent leaguer grows weary of archives and not sprung on the world until delay as possible. When but a short the job and drops out of the procession the C. W. consoles the weary with bo-The Cuyuni and Mazaruni rivers, two large casually looked around and was horrified to quets. Here is a sample of its raid on Denstreams flowing into the Essequibo, form discover that his friend with the cigar was ver nurseries for the benefit of an Omaha man: "When such a fighter as D. J. O'Brien disputed territory. While the original ing. The young scorcher nearly fell off his of Omaha lays down his arms in despair Schomburgk line had, in the interior, cut wheel from amazement and immediately then, indeed, is the cause a definitely lost Game to the marrow, honest to the the two rivers, the expanded line bent to and have "something" on him. The best last drop of rich red Irish blood in his veins -the same precious Celtic chrism which has anointed the brow of heroism on every mundane battlefield, the ruby fluid that runs riot wherever there is a doubtful scrap to be forlornly hoped-enthusiastic almost to anaticism and sanguine almost to the ex- in Utab, contains 1,568,160,000,000 pounds o tremity of stuffication, Dave O'Brien has sulphite of soda and 17,560,339,200,000 pounds pent time, money and nervous energy in an of sait. unappreciated fight for league perpetuation which reflects more credit upon his loyalty than it does upon his good judgment.

"Cui bono? His work was heroic and his reward-a throw down. Sickened, tired and disgusted with the uscless, thankless fight against hope, the Nebraska champion of an ungrateful autocracy has doffed the panoply of inutile war, thrown up his hands (and his job) and hereafter will be known no more Wheel Club: Gentlemen—Challenge received and carefully noted. You seem to lose sight of the fact that the challenged him so long.

"O'Brien was honest in his loyalty. Unlike other League of American Wheelmen recalcitrants, he does not recant for cash. He has quit the league because of his recognition of the fact that no honest, deserving man has any logical place in its official holdings. Deceived, defrauded of credit and ecognition, ignored in every capacity exept a servilely donative one, he has soured at last upon the prostituted organization which, in his defection, has lost the most igorous, aggressive, consistent, loyal and valorous henchman that it ever beguiled into doing charity work for it."

Lieutenant P. V. Lansdale, who was killed n a skirmish with natives at Apia, was an planation is that it operates through a sens enthusiastic wheelman and responsible for of companionship or of security, and that the introduction of American bicycles into it may act suggestively. It is said to be Korea. He had the distinction of teaching a the king of Korea to ride. It came about in the early nineties, when Lansdale was atached to the Asiatic squadron. While in the Korean waters the young ensign spent as much of his time as possible on shore riding which is attached a metal tag bearing which is attached a metal tag bearing number. The object is to preserve the expension of the contraction of the contract with him. The cycle excited the natives, and act number of animals raised each year. soon the king heard about the foreigner who was causing a sensation by gliding about the was causing a sensation by gliding about the electric light bulb set fire to a curtain in coast country balanced on two wheels. The the month of May. There are other reasons king sent Lansdale an invitation to visit the Hundred and Forty-fourth street, New York. capital with his wheel and the ensign went His 3-year-old daughter Lily in a party of twelve, for at the time foreigners were in disfavor there and the liplomatic corps had fled from the city in tinguished the blaze with a blanket. fear. The king was greatly mystified by the way the American officer balanced himself on the cycle, but Lansdale explained and offered made \$15,000 in Wall street in a few days o teach the monarch. The king accepted James Seck, head waiter in with alacrity and soon became expert. He credited with a winning of \$15,000 and Max with alacrity and soon became expert. He cohen, another watter, with \$19,000. All of gradered a number of wheels from an Ameri- this was made from tips on the market can make any today bloydes made in the can maker and today bicycles made in the United States have a wide and increasing ployes are winners in smaller amounts. popularity in Korea.

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Some queer documents get into the hands A down east farmer wrote to a local dealer: Dear Sur, I am in need of a few extres fur that there wheel. Yistiday she come down and the wind all come out the hoop partly come unglued from the wood and I don't no ware the hole is but I want some first class glue or wax you no the best, my wheel hum if we can satisfice both partys. The natural flavor, so uncommon bull wheel is sum bent but I guess I can straten it out alrite, my geers is both Telephone 420. twenty-eight inches."

Mrs. Irene Brush, a Brooklyn cyclist, who has no fear of long rides, is the first woman to finish a double century this year. With her husband, Charles Brush, she started at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening over the Long Island roads. At 5:30 Sunday afternoon the pair of long-distance wheelers dismounted in front of their home in Brooklyn with their cyclometers registering 207 miles. Both were dust-stained and fatigued, but neither Mr. nor Mrs. Brush would say that they could go no further.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Mont R. Vickere of Estelline, S. D., is only 0 years old, but he is six feet seven inches all and weighs 348 pounds. There is a quicksilver mine in Peru 480 feet deep. In this abyss are streets, squares

and a chapel where religious worship held. Dr. James B. Hodgkin of Washington owns pair of silver spurs worn by Genera Robert E. Lee on the day of his surrender It is estimated that the great Salt lake

The largest loaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and Italy. The "pipe" bread of Italy is baked in loaves two or three feet long, while in France the loaves are made in the shape of very rolls, four or five feet in length, and in many cases six feet.

A Krag-Jorgensen rifle tested in Kentucky sent a bullet through a black locust ree six feet in circumference, and the bullet, glancing on a rock, went into ground over two feet. The experiments indicated that the range of the gun is over

Most of the rag carpets covering the floors of the Washington mansion at Mount Vernon are woven on an old-fashioned loom by an ancient colored woman, 'Phemy,' whose forbears have for ions been connected with the Washington estate and family.

The two Pacific liners to be laid down soon at Newport News will rank third in displacement among the world's big steamers. Each will have a displacement of 18 500 tons. In this respect they will have been excelled only by the Great Eastern. 27,000 tons; the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse 20,000 tons; Oceanic, 28,500 tons. It is said to be a Russian remedy for

nsomnia to have a dog sleep in the room. a success where other means have failed. The cows in Belgium wear earrings

crees that every animal of the bovine species, when it has attained the age of months, must have in its ear The focusing of the sun's rays by an

by the blaze, she being seated in a chair near the window at the time. Her condition is not dangerous. Her mother ex-

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