NINE ON ONE BICYCLE.

When the tandem was built a num ber of years ago, it was looked upon as a remarkable development of the bicycle, and the two riders skimming along over the road attracted almost as much attention as a small circus parade. The triplet, with seats for three riders, but only two wheels, next made its appearance and astonished the bycling world by its speed. Both the tandem and the triplet were used for pacing riders in contests against time, and some expert finally suggested that a quadruplet or a two wheeled machine for four sturdy cyclists would set a faster pace than had ever been seen on the track.

Many persons did not believe the frame could be made strong enough to support four heavy wheelmen, but the machine was constructed and proved a great success as a pacemaking device. It made its mile on a straightaway course in 1 minute 35 seconds, a better performance by half a second than Salvator's world famous mile on the straight track at Monmouth Park, New Jersey. August 28th 1890.

It was now quite generally believed that the "quad" was the longest bicycle that could be built and operated successfully, but P. J. Berlo very recently demonstrated that the opinion was not well founded. He con structed a quintuplet which carried car. five riders, but had only the usual number of wheels. It proved a valuable addition to the pacemaking apparatus, and encouraged by its success a California inventor is building what he calls a nonaplet, which he expects will carry nine men and display unprecedented speed on a straightaway course. The inventor's name is Al of San Francisco.

This machine will be a world beater, says 'The Wheel. Nothing school, but his identity was not estabcan pace it, and even the lightning lished at that time. must hustle or be distanced. The phenomenon will have two 30 inch wheels, will weigh 180 pounds, and its gear will be 225. Think of the the 12th, was found in the library of speed a gear of 225 will make when a the Emmanuel Church. This discov-90 gear rolls a mile in 1 minute 35 ery led to an investigation and the seconds, or about 451 feet per second! What will be the pace of the " nona- Lamont on the top floor of the tower plet" with nine crackerjacks whirling the big rear sprocket almost four times the diameter of that on the ordinary wheel? They won't do anything to that I minute 35 second record!

TO CHECK FOREST FIRES.

Circulars Sent Out to Connty Commissioners Urging Them to Aid in Preventing Such Destruction.

Commission is now engaged fighting which showed that there the murderer the question of forest fires. He is had rested and permitted the body sending out three sets of circulars, to lay. one to farmers and lumbermen, one to County Commissioners and the the top floor, denuded and laid out Just how much of this is true we are last to farmers. Forest fires are now raging in the following counties to a under the feet, something after the know that the first part of the above Welsh Mountain.

Dr. Rothrock says: "Every fire -maliciousness, carelessness or ignorance. In the first case men very infrequently set fire to their forest property when they have gotten behind on taxes and the land is taken from them. In revenge they set fire to the timber. Hunters often set fire to the forests through very carelessness, and boys start bonfires often through utter ignorance of the damage which may ensue.

"Yet none of these reasons should be legitimate excuses in the eyes of the law. The State alone loses \$1,000, 000 annually through forest fires, and no one at all in Pennsylvania, so far as my knowledge extends, is now under punishment for the offense."

Dr. Rothrock will leave for the scenes of the fires as soon as possible, and he will investigate as thoroughly as may be the origin and extent of the

The Right Thing at Last.

Ex Governor Roberts, of Texas, is a queer character. Recently he was called upon to deliver an address to the inmates of the State penitentiary. The Governor consented, and after reviewing his audience a few minutes,

"Gentlemen-"But no," he hesitated, "you,re not gentlemen or you would not be

here. " Fellow citizens, then-"

He stopped again. "No, you're not citizens, either." The Governor grew impatient for

want of something to say. "Well," he began again, "it doesn't matter what you are. I'm glad to see so many of you here."-New York Journal.

Ask your neighbor to take the COLUMBIAN. It is by far the cheapest paper in the county when the amount of reading matter is considered, and as a valued subscriber recently expressed it, "it is a clean sheet." At least we try to make it so.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Durrant Found Guilty.

The Jury in the Durrant murder case went out at 3.25 P. M. last Fri day, took one bailet and found the medical student guilty of murder in the first degree. The facts in the case were as follows:

On the 3d of April last Blanche Lamont left her home at 8:30 A. M., in Powell street, near Clay, for the cooking class, which she left about 3 her, raised his hat and escorted her to the car at Clay and Powell streets. The two sat on the east side of the dummy, and rode in that position to Market street.

En route to Market street Miss Edwards sat inside of the car, and paid close attention to Miss Lamont and her escort. She saw them last at excited much interest among the state Market and Powell, where she left officials. the car, and proceeded down Market to Fourth street. As the car on which Miss Lamont and Miss Edwards rode passed the corner of Powell and California, Misses May Lanigan and Alice Pleasant, who attended the Normal School and saw Miss Lamont there that day, noticed the young lady and her escort sitting on the outside of the

NEVER AGAIN SEEN ALIVE.

Blanche Lamont was never again seen alive by any one who knew her. She failed to return home, and her disappearance was reported to the police. They not only failed to find her, but were unable to get a clew which would show whether she had been murdered or had eloped. The bert Thompson, and he is a resident latter was the most accepted theory. It became known that a young man had escorted the missing girl from the

On the 13th of April the mangled body of Minnie Williams, who had been murdered on the night of Friday, finding of the remains of Blanche of the church.

FINGER MARKS ON HER NECK.

She had been strangled to death, and the marks of the murderer's fingers were plainly to be seen on the neck. It was evident that the murder had not occurred where the body was found, but that the body had been carried, or rather dragged, to that spot district. by the murderer from some point outside of the tower. There was a large blood stain at the second floor of Dr. J. T. Rothrock, of the Forestry | the tower and other bloodstains below

which the murdered girl had carried had been disposed of by being thrown can be traced to one of three causes into dark recesses above the ceiling of the church on a level with the lower floor of the tower.

ATTEMPTS AT CONCEALMENT.

The murderer, probably upon the day of the crime, had broken the outside knob off the door of the tower leading to the gallery and had broken the lock. This was done from the inside, and necessitated his departure from the scene of the crime by going through an aperture communicating with the space above the church ceiling and thence crossing over the top of the ceiling to the rear of the church whence there was a passageway down to the auditorium floor, and from there to the floor below, on which the Sunday School room and the library room were located.

When the murder of Minnie in his clothing to justify his arrest on Sunday morning, April 14. Durrant was then at Mount Diablo. He was brought back to this city and an Blanche Lamont on him.

The two school girls positively seen leave the Normal School with Miss Lamont on the afternoon of April 3.

An attempt was made by the defense at the trial to arouse suspicion against the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Gibson, but it proved a weak invention and was abandoned.

Next year, 1896, will be leap year. The girls will do well to make the most of the opportunity, for it will be eight years before another comes. The year 1900 will not be a leap year. The year is 366 days six hours long, less eleven minutes. The eleven minutes amount to one day in 100 years, when leap year is dispensed result. with. The year 1900 will therefore not be a leap year.

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Metallic Furniture Agents Alleged to Have Combined to Cheat the Commonwealth.

John Hine, representative of the New York firm which furnished the metallic furniture this summer to the departments on Capitol hill, Harris burg was held in \$500 bail last evenand went to the Boys' High School ing by Alderman Kinneard on a for the morning session. In the after charge of conspiracy. Evidence show-noon she attended the Normal School, ing that \$6,000 had been divided among the agents of several metallic furniture companies in the interest P. M. As she walked from the school of the successful bidder was adin company with Miss Minnie Ed duced and that the state had paid wards, a young man stepped up to about \$30,000 for metallic cases which could have been furnished at a reasonable profit for \$20,000.

H. N. Booz, of Philadelphia, agent for a metallic furniture company, who was refused a contract by the board of public buildings and grounds last June because his bond was defective, is the prosecutor. The case has

The Downfall of Bill Nye.

Bill Nye, the humorist, had an experience at Peterson, N. Y., last week that he will hardly write up for the Sunday papers. and his lecturing companion, Poole, the lightning characturist, were engaged to give an entertainment in the First Baptist Church, for which they were to receive \$250. The church was crowded with the best people in Peterson when Nye and Poole appeared. Poole came on first and gave great satisfaction, but when Nye came on he was so drunk that he could scarcely talk. His behavior and language were so disgusting that many of the audience left at once. After the entertainment was over a number of young men who had been "faked" armed themselves with decayed eggs and fruit and laid for the humorist at the railroad station and "soaked, him well. He was a miserable object when he finally got into his car, and the other occupants of the car cleared out and left him alone in his glory. He was besmeared from head to foot with spoiled eggs, but immediately sunk into a drunken stupor and slept till he reached New York. Mr Poole has announced that he will cancel all engagements with Nye. Nye cut up the same sort of a caper at Atlantic City a few nights before.

The " Sullivan Review " publishes the following article in reference to the recent Judicial contest in that

Since the adjournment of the contest court the way in which certain prominent citizens voted last fall has been openly proclaimed, and it is said that the ballots of men whose votes were not challenged were opened up during the final court, their vote The body had then been taken to ascertained and commented upon. greater or less extent : Mifflin, Hunt- method in vogue in a dissecting room. statement is correct. The secrecy of ingdon, Centre, Cumberland, York, The clothing had been torn to pieces the ballot is jealously guarded by the ly) has proved a phenomenal success. Chester and Lycoming. One thousand and stuffed into interstices in the walls law, and if the learned exponents of It is a Semi-Weekly of six pages, acres were burned last week on the of the tower. The school books the law allowed this secrecy to be mailed Tuesdays and Fridays; eight violated they are unworthy the posiwith the court as attorneys or officers, themselves as to reveal the secret to confidence of the court. An offense against decency has been committed, or some one is doing considerable lying. Are the parties who committed law for their misdemeanor? This one brought to justice, even if it reaches within the sacred? precincts of the bar of justice.

Judge Mitchell's Decision

A Justice of the Peace can not act as agent or attorney for one of the parties and afterward sit in judgment Williams became known suspicion was over both in the same case. To do directed toward Theodore Durrant, so is to become guilty of a highly agand detectives found enough evidence gravated misdemeanor indictable at common law. So says Judge Mitchell of Tioga county, in an opinion recently handed down in a case brought before him from Lawrenceville in effort was made to fix the murder of which the Justice wrote the defendant two letters, the first informing him that he held the claim for collection, identified him as the man they had the second saying to him that he was instructed to bring suit unless the balance of the claim was paid at once.

Lost a Hand.

George Houghton, who was sentenced to the Huntingdon Reformatory by Judge Ikeler some time ago, upon conviction of stealing money of Jere Brobst of Catawissa had his right hand taken off at the wrist one day last week. He was engaged in running some planing machinery and carelessly attempted to remove some shavings from the knives with his hand, contrary to instructions, with the above

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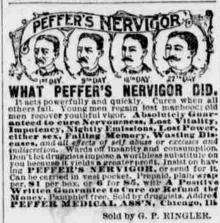
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