

NINE ON ONE BICYCLE.

When the tandem was built a number 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.

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 was now quite generally believed that the "quad" was the longest bicycle that could be built and operated successfully, but P. J. Berio very recently demonstrated that the opinion was not well founded.

This machine will be a world beater, says The Wheel. Nothing can pace it, and even the lightning must hustle or be distanced.

TO CHECK FOREST FIRES.

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

Dr. J. T. Rothrock, of the Forestry Commission is now engaged fighting the question of forest fires. He is sending out three sets of circulars, one to farmers and lumbermen, one to County Commissioners and the last to farmers.

Dr. Rothrock says: "Every fire can be traced to one of three causes—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.

"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 fires.

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.

"Gentlemen—

"But no," he hesitated, "you're not gentlemen or you would not be here."

"Fellow citizens, then—

"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 Friday, took one ballot 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., and went to the Boys' High School for the morning session. In the afternoon she attended the Normal School, in Powell street, near Clay, for the cooking class, which she left about 3 P. M.

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 Market and Powell, where she left 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 car.

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.

On the 13th of April the mangled body of Minnie Williams, who had been murdered on the night of Friday, the 12th, was found in the library of the Emmanuel Church. This discovery led to an investigation and the finding of the remains of Blanche Lamont on the top floor of the tower 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 by the murderer from some point outside of the tower.

The body had then been taken to the top floor, denuded and laid out with blocks of wood at the head and under the feet, something after the method in vogue in a dissecting room. The clothing had been torn to pieces and stuffed into interstices in the walls of the tower. The school books which the murdered girl had carried had been disposed of by being thrown 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 Williams became known suspicion was directed toward Theodore Durrant, and detectives found enough evidence 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 effort was made to fix the murder of Blanche Lamont on him.

The two school girls positively identified him as the man they had 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 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, Harrisburg was held in \$500 bail last evening by Alderman Kinneard on a charge of conspiracy. Evidence showing that \$6,000 had been divided among the agents of several metallic furniture companies in the interest of the successful bidder was adduced and that the state had paid 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 excited much interest among the state officials.

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. Nye and his lecturing companion, Poole, the lightning characterist, 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.

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 district.

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 ascertained and commented upon. Just how much of this is true we are in no position to know, but we do know that the first part of the above statement is correct. The secrecy of the ballot is jealously guarded by the law, and if the learned exponents of the law allowed this secrecy to be violated they are unworthy the positions they hold. If persons connected with the court as attorneys or officers, after coming into the possession of the secret of the ballot, so far forget themselves as to reveal the secret to the world they are unworthy the future confidence of the court. An offense against decency has been committed, or some one is doing considerable lying. Are the parties who committed the offense above punishment by the law for their misdemeanor? This thing should be investigated and some 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 over both in the same case. To do so is to become guilty of a highly aggravated 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 which the justice wrote the defendant two letters, the first informing him that he held the claim for collection, 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 result.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Wells is waging war on dealers in oleomargarine in Lancaster and Bradford Counties.

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Democratic Negro Honored.

James C. Matthews, colored, formerly recorder of deeds at Washington, D. C., under President Cleveland's first administration, has been elected judge of the recorder's court of Albany, New York, which office carries with it powers of a supreme court judge. His majority is over 2,000. He was nominated and elected on the regular Democratic ticket. It is the highest judicial office ever held by a man of his race in this country.

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