

VELOCIPEDES.

Velocipedes have become very fashionable in Paris, and we hope the time will soon come when they will be brought into general use in this country.

In France, the three-wheeled velocipede is generally used by ladies; the two-wheeled one, which requires some skill and practice in balancing, is used by men.

The speed attained by the swifter kind of French velocipedes averages from twelve to thirteen miles an hour; and it is no difficult matter to accomplish fully fifty miles within five hours without once alighting from their vehicles.

That Box.—The Truth About It. Jacobin papers are making very merry over the recent story in the New York Tribune reporting the discovery of a tin box, in possession of Treasurer Spinner, which was handed him some time since by Marat Stanton, and which, upon being opened the other day, was foolishly said to contain the disguise in which Hon. Jefferson Davis was captured, in the spring of 1865.

Instead of these being the clothes of Jefferson Davis, they were the toggery of one Stanton, who used them as a disguise at the time when Ad interim Thomas was after him. The cowardly villain dare not go into the street in shape to be recognized; hence he sought to cloak his filthy carcass in the raiment of woman.

Gen. Sherman announces that a reunion of the officers of the western armies will take place at Chicago on the 16th and 17th of the present month. The private soldiers, who carried the muskets, carbines, and ammunition pouches—who fought the battles and did the rough work—are not invited.

James Shunk, Esq., of York, Pa., who is well known to some of our citizens, has purchased the Argus newspaper establishment, in Easton. Under the able management of Mr. Shunk, the Argus will no doubt flourish unprecedentedly.

Gen. Grant is fleeing from city to city to avoid office-seekers and hordes, but all in vain. He may well exclaim "Let us have peace!" but there is no peace for him now.

A Mexican was held at Cooper Institute, New York, on Tuesday evening, to petition Governor Cleary to commute the death sentence of Hester Vaughn, convicted of infanticide.

White with Indians—35 Regulars and 102 Savages killed and wounded. Fort of Beaver and Wolf Rivers, I. T., via Fort Donak, Dec. 1.—On November 23, before daylight, in the midst of a violent snow storm, General Custer, with eleven companies of the Seventh United States Cavalry, left this point under orders to move against hostile savages in the direction of Washita river and mountains, and attack them wherever found.

After a severe march of five days, General Custer struck a village of hostile Indians, consisting of forty-seven lodges of Black Kettle's band of Cheyennes, two lodges of Arapahoes, and two lodges of Sioux. These were afterward reinforced by the Kiowas, who were near by.

The attack commenced on the morning of the 27th ult., and lasted until afternoon, resulting in the destruction of the entire village, and the killing of 103 warriors. The capture of supplies is immense.

The casualties are Major George L. H. Elliott, Captain Louis M. Hamilton, and nineteen enlisted men; and the wounded are Brevet Lieut. Colonel Albert Barnitz, Captain Seventh cavalry, supposed mortally; Brevet Lieut. Colonel T. W. Custer, and Second Lieutenant J. M. Marsh, slightly, and eleven enlisted men. Colonel Benton had his horse shot under him.

Another despatch says: "The battle commenced on the morning of Nov. 27th, and lasted until the afternoon, and resulted in the total destruction of the village. One hundred and fifty Indians were killed and fifty-three taken prisoners. An immense amount of stores, consisting of 1000 horses and mules, arms, ammunition, horse equipments, robes and provisions were captured and destroyed. The Indians, including the women and boys, fought desperately under the cover of the bushes and grass, and many of the wounded are reported to have escaped."

Wonderful transformation! And these old clothes are said to have been worn by Hon. Jefferson Davis at the time he was captured. Shades of the government widdy! was there ever such impudence practised before?

They were snugly encoined in the mysterious tin box, and the inquiry is now raised: "Where are the thirty thousand dollars?"—New York Democrat.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe Converted. We hear from Florida that Mrs. Beecher Stowe, the authoress of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," who a year or two ago, bought a place on the St. John's River, near Jacksonville, says she wants to live long enough to write another book to correct the mistakes of "Uncle Tom," and show that a great blunder was committed when slavery was abolished. From her original condition of sentimental attachment to the negro, she has relapsed into a state of unqualified dislike and aversion. She will not have them about her, either indoors or out.

Chicago, December 2.—A suit has been commenced by the individual members of the firm of Carson, Pierce & Co., of this city, against the Tribune, for damage done to their characters in a report of a \$2,000,000 fire, wherein it was intimated that they had committed arson. The suit was first instituted by the firm, and \$50,000 damages claimed. The defendant answered that a firm could not commit arson, and thereupon the plaintiffs quashed their declaration. The members of the firm, four in number, have each commenced a suit against the Tribune, laying damages at \$25,000 each.

Emigration to Western Iowa. Des Moines, Dec. 2.—There has been an immense rush of emigration to Western Iowa, suddenly sprung up, large numbers of farmers selling out their possessions and taking up the line of march. It is occasioned by the greater cheapness of the land, and inducements held out to take possession of property that is fast rising in value.

Frank—Disappearance of an Albany Aidman. ALBANY, Dec. 2.—Alderman A. W. Smith is reported to have disappeared from this city on Saturday last, on account of financial embarrassments. It is asserted that a few days ago he bought of a Chicago drover, 300 head of cattle, giving him a check for \$17,000; that the cattle were sold in New York for \$16,000, and that the check was protested. It is further asserted that another gentleman holds a promissory check for \$8,000, given him by Mr. Smith, and that he was indebted to his brother \$18,000. His creditors have attached his property.

Important Decision by Chief Justice Chase at Richmond. RICHMOND, Dec. 2.—Among the most important cases decided by Chief Justice Chase at the present term of Circuit Court is one establishing the right of stockholders in the loyal States to dividends declared during the war upon stock held by them in the Southern railways, notwithstanding the confiscation of such stock or dividends by the Confederate Government. It explains clearly what is meant by the term "de facto government," and promulgates the rule that Confederate notes received in the Confederate States, on account of parties in the loyal States, innocent of acts violating the interdiction against commercial intercourse, must be accounted for in lawful money, equal in value to the Confederate notes at the time of the receipt.

Wyoming.—There is now living in Westchester, Massachusetts, the last survivor of the Wyoming massacre, Mr. Amos Adams, born in the Wyoming settlement, near Old Kingston, August 16, 1778. He was not quite five years old at the time of the massacre, which occurred in July, 1778. The lives of those in the fort where his family was, were spared, but they were stripped of clothes and food and turned in the wilderness. The Adams family consisted of five members—the father, mother, and three children—Amos, five years old, one three, and the other one year old. The mother carried the babe, the father the next, and the eldest had to walk the journey of 150 miles, and he scarce five years old, in constant dread of the Indians, to Fishkill, New York, on the North river. They lived on roots and berries. He is now very active, and is a hard worker; his sight, hearing, and general health are excellent. He is now a widower, having had two wives and ten children.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

THURSDAY, Dec. 3.—The private property of the Elector of Hesse has been confiscated by the Prussian government. Paul Pacha, Representative of the Grand Turk, at Rome, has been ill. He was visited and kindly treated by the Pope, who was received in an affectionate manner. The Presidential Electors met yesterday in the several States, and cast the votes of their States for President and Vice President in the prescribed mode.

It is claimed that the Democratic candidate for Congress in the First Arkansas District is elected by 3000 majority, notwithstanding the rejection of the vote of five counties. The Alabama House of Representatives has passed a bill repealing all acts forbidding the marriage of negroes and whites. Charles O'Connor, Esq., has arrived in Richmond, to take part in the argument in the Davis case.

It is stated on semi-official authority that the Stay law in Virginia will not be extended beyond January 1st. Members of Congress are arriving at Washington by every train. Annie Engles, whose skull was fractured by Henry E. Whiffany, in New York, on the 21st, is dead. N. M. Ludlow, of St. Louis, has gone into bankruptcy, and among his liabilities are \$8000 to Fanny Kemble and \$5000 to Charlotte Cushman.

A foundry and machine shop at Hannibal, Mo., were burned on Wednesday. Loss \$40,000. A fire at Palmer, Mass., on Tuesday evening, destroyed \$40,000 worth of property. By the burning of John A. Huck's residence at Chicago, on Tuesday night, a very valuable collection of paintings and library were destroyed. The Arizona Legislature met on Nov. 10. Indian depredations and reprisals by the whites continued to be reported in Arizona. General Grant's majority in Iowa is 46,870. The National Board of Trade began its session at Cincinnati yesterday. The New England Temperance Convention met at Boston yesterday. Ex-Governor Buckingham, of Connecticut, was chosen President. Representative Lynch, of Maine, proposes to introduce in Congress a bill regulating the currency, and providing for a gradual resumption of specie payments. The Tennessee Electors in casting their vote yesterday, adopted a resolution recommending that Mr. Maynard be given a position in the Cabinet. General Sheridan has given his official report of the recent battle with the Indians, in which the camp of the Arapahoes was taken. His forces are now moving to the southern country, where the Indians intend to spend the winter.

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An Old Man Threshes a "Carpet Bag" General. [From the Vicksburg Herald, 15th.] When W. J. Quinsell Smith—who lately ran for Congress on the Radical ticket, and was beaten by Letwith (Dem.) in the Memphis district—was robbing the citizens of Hardeman county during the war, and on the plea that he was a United States soldier, he went to the home of Mr. E. J. Trice, and demanded his money from the family; and on their refusal he took a son, aged about seventeen, and hung him until he was nearly dead, and on his still refusing, he took a daughter about fifteen years of age, and treated her in the same way; but as neither would give him the information, he then, with three of his ruffians, rifled the house of everything valuable.

Lately Mr. Smith went to Jackson, Tenn., to a political meeting, and old Mr. Trice went to the same place to meet him, but, not knowing Smith personally, missed him, but learned he was going off on the cars. The old man then went to the cars and passed through with one who pointed Smith out to him among the passengers, when the old man went for him, and gave him a most terrible thrashing. This is all the satisfaction we suppose he will ever be able to get out of the fiasco.

A suspicious looking craft was discovered off Cape Verde Islands, on the 22d of August, by the French ship La Place. She hoisted the French flag on the appearance of the La Place, but answered her hail in English, saying she was bound for New York. She appeared to be of English construction, but no officers in uniform were seen among the men on deck. The La Place sailed away and was followed by her some distance.

A newspaper at Salem, Oregon, says it is called upon to deny "the rumor that the steamboat owners had employed a street sprinkler to lay the dust in the bed of the Willamette river. One of the company had dampened his feet in walking from shore to shore in woolen socks." Austria raised \$15,000,000 worth of beet sugar this season.

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