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Thursday, Mar. 25, 1897.

Another Proposed Steal.

Now Dr. Atherton wants the Legislature to pass a law that will provide for the creation of free scholarships in the State College in the proportion of two each for every legislative and senatorial district.

Dr. Atherton has pulled about all the money out of the State Treasury he can get in the old way. He now wants to taffy the members and Senators with the plea that they can send their own sons to be educated free.

What an outrage! And of course if the bill ever becomes a law Hastings will sign it. It goes to Centre county, you know.

To Tax Bicycles

Two bills were introduced in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg last week providing for levying atax on bicycles. One was from

stantly increasing variety of accessories A recent paper stated that of the

26,000 patents granted in England during the past year, one third related in some way to the bicyclist's

proportion of applications for pai- name. ents in the same line has increased

enormously. In the Patent Office all inventions and fiteen classes, and there are about one hundred and sixty assistant examiners, so it will be seen that on an average each assistant

will have to take charge of one class and part of another.

Bicycles are examined in Division 7, and the number of assistants has had to be almost doubled in the past two years. Nearly the entire force is engaged in examining applications work. At the present time there are nearly 1,000 applications on hand na to the Union County line. awaiting action, and these do not include bicycle pumps or bells.

On our streets may be seen almost every kind of machine that is ty. made, because inventors of new types of apparatus bring them here to demonstrate their good points to the Patent Office Examiners, or to organize stock companies for their manufacture. Here you can see the motor bicycle, monocycle, sextuplette, Eiffle Tower wheel, water bicycle, etc., etc.

The growth of the "wheel" industry commercially is seen from the great increase in the number of stores dealing in bicycles and bicycle sundries. Eight years ago there were about five or six, and now there are about five or six hundred. The Patent Office records disclose some queer applications of the apparatus. One of the earliest patents covered a vehicle in which dogs were used for motive power. They were placed within the hollow front wheel and as they tried to climb up the forward slope of the wheel they caused the same to rotate and the

machine to advance. One inventor proposes to use the the bicycle gearing to operate the propelling apparatus of a flying machine. Still another devises a machine suitable to use on the long fences in the west. With this the farmer can in the springtime, when the ground is wet, make tours of observation abcut his ranch or visit his neighbor.

Bitterness of a South Carolina Editor.

From the Hartwell Sun. The Lord loves a cheerful giver He'll take care of the editor. He has a charter from the State to act as a door mat for the community. He Representative Spatz, of Berks will get the paper out somehow, and stand up for the town, and whoop i up for you when you run for office, and lie about your pigeon-toed daughter's tackey wedding, and blow about your big footed son when he gets a four-dollar-a week job, and weep over your shriveled soul when it is released from its gasping body, and smile at your wife's second marriage. Don't worry about the editor; he'll get along. The Lord only knows how-but somehow.

The Gov. Snyder Questions Answered.

BY PROP. D. S. BOYER, PRESBURG, PA. will endeavor to answer the Ι questions you ask in your last issue. 1. The name Snyder was originalrequirements. Iu this country the ly spelled Schueider, a German

2. Snyder County taken from Un ion County, by act of Legislature, March 2, 1855, and ratified by a vote are grouped into about two hundred of the people for division, 1688 against 1643. It is bounded north by Union County, east by Northumberland, south by Juniata, west by Mifflin County.

3. The inhabitants are mostly of German decent.

4. The Sunbury and Lewistown R. R. traverses the county from east to west, through Middlecreek valley, the entire distance of the county. Also the P. & R. R. R. in this one class, and even then it is crosses the Susquehanna river to impossible to keep up with the Sunbury, and is located along blue hill on the banks of the Susquehan-

5. The county town is named Middleburg, because it is located in the middle or central part of the Coun-

6. The Middleburg and Pleasant Valleys noted for good soil, good farm buildings and good farmers.

7. The Susquehanna University, a Lutheran, Classical and Theological Institution, located at Selinsgrove. The Freeburg Academy, a charter ed Institution, having a threa story building, spacious grounds around the building, a good opening for a

teacher. The property could be purchased at a bargain. 8. Lutheran and Reformed are the

leading denominations. The United Evangelical and U. B. have each sev eral ministers in the county, and in the western part there are several Mennonite churches .- National Ed ucator.

THE CHANGE OF LIFE.

INTELLIGENT WOMEN PREPARE FOR THE TRYING ORDEAL.

A Time When Women Are Susceptible to Many Dread Diseases.

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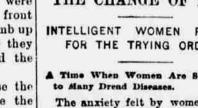
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county, which would tax each bicycle, owned in the State, one dollar to be paid into the State treasury, for the improvement of the public roads. The other was offered by Representative Tipton, of Adams county, and seeks to levy a tax (no amount named) on all bicycles, except those held by manufacturers and dealers for sale, for road purposes.

It would be just as well, perhaps. for some other member of the House to have those bills amended to cover buggies, carriages, wagons and wheelbarrows and then for the rest of the members to get on to them with their brogans and stamp the stuffin out of them. A more unjust and ridiculous measure could not be conceived in the brain of an average law maker. To single out bicycles for a tax of that kind would be unfair, unequal and a disgrace to they boast, and of such a victory ! the State. The present method of taxation might be improved but the equality with which the levy is made seems to be all right and it would be very strange that the vehicle that does as little damage to roads as the rubber tired bicycle does should be taxed to keep the roads in repair. If the proposition were confined to building narrow paths at the side of road for the use of bicycle riders a different view might be taken of the subject.

Washington and the Bicycle Craze.

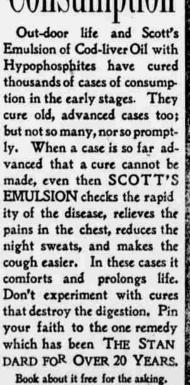
The ubiquition makes it importance felt in many ways in Washington. The miles upon miles of asphalt streets and avenues from an ideal place for wheeling, and the fad has taken possession of all classes of society.

The growth in the popularity of the bicycle has been particularly rapid since the introduction of the pneumatic tire. It has been enthusiastically seized by women and children as a means of health-giving exercise, and within the past year the riders of this class have been increased by thousands.

Perhaps the enormity of the industry may be appreciated better by inquiring into the relative number of of patents granted relating to new forms of wheels, and their con-

Nothing to Beast Of.

Joe Lumbard boasts of a victory made possible by promises of six or eight postoffices, several positions as storekeeper and guager, fourteen dollars worth of whiskey and \$ \$. His crowd got a committeeman so full that he could not walk without assistance and then tried to put the blame on innocent parties. Now



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