

Settled the Question of Age.

D. W. Caldwell, the late president of the Lake Shore, and John F. Miller, general superintendent of the Southwestern system of the Pennsylvania, were friends all their lives, but there was one thing on which they could never agree, and that was as to which was the older. One day they were driving up to Caldwell's country home in a buggy.

"John," said the Lake Shore man, "you have always insisted that I am older than you."

"Why, of course. I was born in—"

"That's all right, John; if you are younger than I am suppose you open the gate."

Without a word Mr. Miller climbed from the buggy, opened the gate, and Mr. Caldwell drove through. And then he did not stop, but went on to the house, leaving Mr. Miller to follow through the dark and mud as best he could. When the house was reached the soil was scraped off Mr. Miller and nothing more was said. He had proved that he was the younger man of the two.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Wheeling and the Hearing.

An eminent Italian physician, curious to observe the effect of fatigue on cyclists, recently examined twenty-four men who had ridden thirty-two miles in two hours and a quarter, and found that, with reference to the hearing, in nearly every instance it was defective, though it became normal again after two or three hours' rest.

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NEVER SEEN A BICYCLE.

Dutch Fishing Village Surprised by the Sight.

Vollendam, Holland, is one of the few places in the world that have never known a bicycle, or, at least, it never had until lately. Vollendam is a little fishing village. The people who live there are the oldest, most old-fashioned folks imaginable. The men wear magenta waistcoats and remarkable trousers, buttoned with huge silver buttons that are heirlooms. In Vollendam a man never loses his trouser button, but if he happens to do so a search is ordered all through the village, and no one rests until the button has been found and returned.

Vollendam is the quaintest village, visitors say, they ever saw. There are funny little peak-roofed houses, with the walls painted bright yellow and covered with old Delft ware that the people will not sell. The women wear aprons of bright blue, with a piece at the top of the brightest possible plaid. The bodies are of flowered chintz of bright yellow, embroidered in different colors, and even the sabots are grass green or yellow.

The little girls dress exactly like their mothers, and so do the little boys, in skirts and all, until they are 7, when they are put in bloomers; and the only way they can be told is by a little disc the size of a dollar embroidered on the back of their tight little baby caps.

The people of Vollendam never take up new things. But a few days ago there was a sensation in Vollendam, and it was caused by the arrival of two American girls. They were bloomer girls, who came over from Paris to see Holland. One of them was from Chicago and the other from a Southern city. They had heard that there were strange places in Holland, and they set out to find one of them.

When these girls arrived in Vollendam they went to the hotel, and there prepared to go forth; but when they came out they found a crowd of Vollenders around the door. Asking some one what was the matter, they received the reply:

"It is your bicycles."

Vollenders never saw a bicycle before.

When they learned that Vollendam had never before seen a wheel, they were astonished. After a little persuasion they kindly consented to give exhibitions of some simple feats. Their small tricks, that are known to every American girl who rides a wheel, filled the Vollenders with wonder, and one of them, more venturesome than the rest, asked to be allowed to sit on the saddle. Of course, she had to be held there, and this only increased her wonder at the performance of the American girls.

When asked if they would like to have bicycles introduced in Vollendam, they looked wistful, but shook their heads and glanced furtively at the men, as much as to say, "They would never allow it."

One of the little boys of Vollendam cried when the American girls started away, so the Chicago girl good-naturedly brought back her wheel and put the little fellow on it, allowing him to rest his big wooden shoes on the pedals. This so delighted him that he stood up and lost his balance and fell over the handle bars. He pointed to his wooden shoes and laughed, as much as to say that they were the reason why wheels were not known in Vollendam.—New York Press.

She Practices Law.

Miss Little A. Little, a bright young negress, of Topeka, Kan., was admitted to the Memphis bar recently and has already begun to practise. Miss Little is as handsome as she is bright and clever, and great things are expected from her. She is twenty-two years old and a graduate from a law school of Nashville, Tenn., in which State she was born, though her parents removed to Kansas when she was quite a child. Her father, who is a man of means, spared no expense in her education, and she is the first colored woman of the South who has begun regular practice in a court of record. Miss Little is said by her friends to be the most eloquent young woman they have ever known.

The Worry of It.

The world has come to know that the muscles have much to do with the health of the system, and the era of athletics has so developed that the whole man is a stronger being than in former years. But the worry of it is that the muscles are of the flesh, fleshy. A little twist, or slip, or jerk—these happen in all work—and then a sprain. Sprains disable and are costly in time and money, but not if St. Jacobs Oil is used, for it cures sprains and promptly and the worry of it is over.

Around Copenhagen all cyclists are obliged, under penalty of a fine, to walk their machines down hill, no matter how slight the incline.

GREAT ROAD IS SOLD

UNION PACIFIC DISPOSED OF AT AUCTION.

The Reorganization Committee at Omaha, Neb., Makes the Only Bid for the Property—Full Amount Received Is \$57,564,932.76.

Bonds Brought About One-Third.

The Union Pacific Railroad was sold in Omaha on Monday. The sale was forced by the United States, holder of a second mortgage. In order to protect stock and bondholders, the reorganization committee bid in the property, real and personal—that is to say, track, rolling stock and bonds. For the railroad proper the committee offered \$50,000,000. For the bonds, \$13,645,250.96. There were no other bids. The price obtained is sufficient to pay the government in full. Mastery in Chancery W. D. Cornish of St. Paul conducted the sale, and it is said his fee will be the largest ever given an auctioneer, as the Union Pacific is the most valuable property ever sold at auction.

The idea of uniting the Atlantic and Pacific coasts by a system of railways took shape in a bill that passed the United States Senate June 20, 1862, by a vote of 25 to 5. This was the actual starting of the Union Pacific. The House passed it by a vote of 104 to 21. Four days later President Lincoln made it a law by affixing his signature.

A charter for \$100,000,000 was given the corporation and a land grant of 20,000,000 acres attached. The company was formally chartered July 2, 1862, with authority to construct a railway from Omaha to the eastern boundary of the State of California. The act incorporating the company provided for a government subsidy equal to \$16,000 per mile for that portion of the line between the Missouri River and the base of the Rocky mountains; \$48,000 per mile for a distance of 150 miles through the mountain range; \$32,000 per mile for the distance intermediate between the Rocky and Sierra Nevada ranges, and \$48,000 per mile for a distance of 150 miles through the Sierra Nevada.

The company had also a land grant equaling 12,800 acres to the mile. "The original act provided that the government subsidy should be a first mortgage on the road, but by amendment it was made a second mortgage, the company being authorized to issue its own bonds to amount equal to the government subsidy as a first mortgage on the line. The whole available capital of the road that was ultimately to cost \$50,000,000 was only \$218,000.

The government had offered in subsidies more than the cost of the construction of the road, and Oakes Ames, of Boston, Mass., who was interested in the building of the road, formed a corporation which became known as "The Credit Mobilier of America," which was to receive all the profits of the construction and divide them among the stockholders in the Credit Mobilier. The profits were enormous, amounting to \$43,029,328. Under the Ames contract alone and within one year dividends were paid amounting to 549 per cent. on the capital stock.

The matter was investigated by Congress and the expulsion of Ames from the House of Representatives, of which he was then a member, was recommended. It was, however, never carried out. The first eleven miles of the road were completed Sept. 25, 1865, and the road was completed to its junction with the Central Pacific at Promontory Point, Utah, May 10, 1869.

The meeting of the two roads was duly celebrated. Gov. Leland Stanford of California, president of the Central Pacific, was present, as was Vice President Grant of the Union Pacific. Ties were laid for the rails and when they met the last spike, which was of gold, was driven. Telegraph wires were connected, so that each blow of the silver sledge was reported instantly in all the large cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

BANDIT GANG ESCAPES.

Break Down the Prison Bars at Deadwood, S. D.

The notorious Curry gang of bandits broke jail at Deadwood, S. D., Sunday night, and after exchanging several dozen shots with citizens who intercepted them accidentally made their escape to the mountains. The daring of the escape was commensurate with the boldness of the men who accomplished it. The fugitives are "Tom" O'Day, Frank Jones, "Tom" Jones and Walter Puncy. They tore the bars from their strong cells by sheer strength of arm, assaulted the jailer with their fists and reached the open air.

The jailer was well armed, but the ferocity and daring of the men was too much for him. The first he knew that trouble was coming was when the side of the big steel cage in which the bandits were confined gave way beneath their united strength. With a roar the men carried the wooden partition before them and burst into the view of the jailer and guard. He drew a revolver, but was knocked down. When he revived an hour later he was covered with wounds, but was able to tell the story.

As the jail was a regular armory the men had no trouble selecting a supply of the finest weapons. Each carried a rifle, four revolvers and a quantity of ammunition. They rushed boldly from the place, and started on a run across lots toward the hills. They ran over "Pete" Bella, a special nine watchman, a block away. He was knocked down, but arose, drew a revolver, and fired at the escaping bandits. In an instant a wild scene was being enacted. Citizens gathered from all directions, and the outlaws retreated into the dense forests of the mountains, turning and firing as the pursuers gained on them. Streams of fire followed them from a score of revolvers in the hands of as many citizens.

That many deaths did not result is due wholly to chance and darkness. Fred Swobe was desperately wounded. Frank Elliott was shot through the body and several citizens were injured more or less. If the outlaws were out there was nothing to indicate the fact. They finally disappeared in the hills, making for the region known as the Bad Lands.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

An Increase of \$8,441,188 Reported for the Month of October.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business on Oct. 30, 1897, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,020,563,901, an increase for the month of \$8,441,188. This increase is principally accounted for by a decrease in the amount of cash on hand. The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold, \$190,387,256; silver, \$509,351,943; paper, \$133,441,000; bonds, disbursing officers' balances, etc., \$18,489,756; total, \$831,669,957; against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$623,913,857; leaving the net cash balance in the treasury \$207,756,099.

Sparks from the Wires.

The Catholic mission at Hne, Cochinchina, reports that a disastrous typhoon swept over that part of the country.

Fire in the business section of Warren, Mass., caused \$75,000 damage. The town hall was partially burned and several blocks destroyed.

DEATH OF HENRY GEORGE.

Noted Apostle of Single Tax Succumbs to Apoplexy.

Henry George, the apostle of single tax, died suddenly at 5 o'clock Friday morning in his room at the Union Square Hotel, New York City. Apoplexy was the cause. Mr. George made four speeches Thursday night in his campaign as candidate for Mayor of Greater New York, and was very fatigued when he retired. It is believed the sudden attack that ended his life was brought on by the unusually severe strain occasioned by his speech-making.

Henry George was the mayoralty candidate of the silver Democrats of Greater New York. He had made up to the night before his death a red hot campaign, in which he promised, if elected, to do his best to send Richard Croker to the penitentiary. To his denunciations of Croker he added denunciations of Senator Throres C. Platt. He had entered the contest with great earnestness, and his campaign speeches throughout were marked with



HENRY GEORGE.

great fervor and earnestness. His exhaustive labors are thought to have led directly to his death.

Henry George was born in Philadelphia on Sept. 2, 1839, and as a boy went to California. He drifted into journalism in San Francisco and attained some celebrity as a writer on political theories. In 1879 he published Progress and Poverty, which acquired a world-wide reputation. In it he gave the result of his investigations among the poor of the great cities, and his theories of reform. About the same time he first expressed his plan of taxing property on a single value—that is, taxing the land itself and not the improvements thereon. This was the origin of the single tax doctrine.

In 1880 he removed to New York. The following year he published a volume on Ireland and England. His publications of various theories on political economy made him one of the best known men in the country. In 1886 he was the candidate of the laboring element for Mayor of New York, but was defeated by Abram S. Hewitt by 22,000 votes. He led Theodore Roosevelt, the Republican nominee, by 8,000 votes. Ever since then Mr. George has been more or less identified with political movements.

WORK FOR THE GOVERNOR.

Washington's State Treasurer Arranges a Big Job for the Executive.

Gov. Rogers of Washington has proclaimed his intention of investigating State Treasurer Young's accounts. He has announced that he, in company with one of the Supreme Court judges, will call on the treasurer in the treasury.

In order that the Governor may have a much enjoyment as possible out of his



A LARGE JOB.

self-appointed job, Mr. Young has changed every piece of gold and paper currency in the treasury to its equivalent in silver cartwheel dollars. This will enable the Governor and his assistant to bend their backs, lame their wrists and consume a good deal of valuable time in counting 120 tons of silver dollars. Moreover, Treasurer Young will not permit either the Governor or the judge to enter the treasury without giving bonds.

Blanco says he will end the Cuban war in seven months. Weyler was going to do it in six.

Among recent incorporations in New York is "The Motherhood Company, Limited." Very.

Notwithstanding the reports from London, Salisbury probably will neither resign nor blow out the gas.

There is a rumor afloat that the Yerkes telescope is the finest one in the world; scientists ought to look into that.

"The Last Fly of Summer" is the title of a poem printed recently in a Maine paper. It is a very spectacular production.

The writer of an article in a current review who says that "there is no excitement in modern military life" evidently had not heard recently from Fort Sheridan.

A young woman in Brunswick, N. J., has just fallen heir to \$25,000,000. The dispatches do not state whether she is beautiful or not, but she certainly has a magnificent figure.

We suggest that Gen. Weyler's hand baggage be searched before he leaves Cuba, and notify the Yaguet that precaution he will probably take his famous trocha away from the island.

Luertgen says "the suspense was terrible." The suspense might have been worse.

Of course a great many families have skeletons in the closets, but comparatively few have skeletons in a vat.

It is to be hoped that during all this extended investigation into bones, chemicals and morality the Yaguet jury will not overlook the minor issue: Is it the defendant guilty of murder?

Minding Outside, Not In.

Parents, it seems to me from my limited but interested observation of them, generally bring up their children, morally, according to one of two theories. One is to constantly point out a child's faults and defects, and punish it because it possesses them. The other is to constantly hold up an ideal, and punish the child where it falls short of it.

For instance, the mother of one of the most successful and charming families I know told me she never enforced obedience. "Until a child has learned to obey," she said, "I punish her for disobedience, and then let the matter drop. I used to have sieges that wore out both sides with my self-willed little daughter to make her obey me in even trifling things."

"One day, after a particularly lengthy battle, she finally said: 'I'm minding you, mamma, because you're bigger than I am. But I want you to know that I'm not minding one bit inside.' The personal element, the conflict between her will and mine, was all that her childish reasoning had grasped. And that wasn't at all what I wanted. "After that I put obedience before her as what was right, disobedience as what was wrong, and made her feel that disobedience was promptly punished, while all happiness lay in the path of obedience and right. Little by little her growing instinct upon right and wrong, her developed sense of moral responsibility, made her always choose to obey. She had learned more than simply the hopelessness of holding out against somebody bigger than herself. And meanwhile she hadn't lost confidence in herself from being constantly made to feel naughty."—Harper's Bazar.

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