

DES MOINES, IOWA

The bicycle record has been over-topped by the fish yarer.

Corbett now knows what it is to run up against a real fighter.

It is time to stop talking about New Jersey "sneakers." There are no flies on Jersey now.

Miss Kate Horner is the coroner at Pender, Neb., and they say she is very pretty.

Mr. Corbett is fortunate in having received his pugilistic quietus from Mr. Sharkey at this particular time.

It is now officially stated that the number of lives lost in Moscow during the coronation was a few less than 4,000.

The fool joker is almost as dangerous as the didn't-know-it-was-loaded gun.

The old note swindle is being operated among the farmers in Central Illinois.

The city authorities of Cleveland have ordered the drinking fountains through which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been dispensing a concoction known as wild cherry phosphate removed.

The women of Ellis, Kan., are making it hot for law-breakers.

For several weeks a protracted meeting has been in progress at Kilmore, Clinton county, Ind., under the directions of Mrs. Mershon.

J. C. Monaghan, United States Consul at Chemnitz, in a report to the state department, writes: "There is now no doubt that New England apples are welcome in the markets of Germany."

Those who are curious as to the result of the last Sunday at the supreme court, Misses Mattie and Edna, who were charged promptly a good time, are going to kill the young man who is going to save St. Paul's A. M. from becoming a second and central.

Reports from Alaska are to the effect that two persons have discovered a "solid ledge of gold quartz, 600 feet long and 3,000 feet wide, beside which great Treadwell ledge is a mere speck going 100 years night and coming on the eve of the failure of the blueberry crop at West Superior, this is important.

The prince of Wales manifests a disposition to become chummy with Mr. Astor. Mr. Astor is rich and can afford it.

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

The Victim a Beautiful Girl Whose Home Was at Bellevue.

DEBUIQUE, July 8.—Bellevue, thirty-two miles below Dubuque, has a murder mystery. The victim is Minnie Kell, eighteen years old, the beautiful daughter of a widow living on a farm four miles below the town.

She left home alone to go to Joseph Ginter's farm, two miles away, and thence, with the younger members of the Ginter family, to a dancing party at Peter Huff's house, two miles beyond. She did not appear, and search was made for her. Her body was found lying in a meadow with the market basket she carried, its contents disarranged, resting five feet away.

Her face was badly mutilated and a report that she had been gored by a bull reached town, but it soon transpired that this was impossible, as the meadow contained only yearlings and no footprints of cattle appeared near by.

On the contrary, there was present the evidence that the girl had had a terrible struggle with the murderer. The grass for ten feet in one direction was beaten down. Her skull was fractured in several places and the edges of a bloody stone found by her side fitted into the wounds on her forehead and scalp.

Lying by her side were the broken pieces of the limb of a tree which had been used as a weapon. These pieces bore blood and the hairs of a man and woman, leading the coroner's jury to the theory that Minnie, a powerful girl, had struck the murderer over the head with this weapon and that he had snatched it away from her and broke it over her head.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder by some person unknown.

DEBUIQUE, July 9.—Two young men, Chris Eckert and Kilborg, son of the man who owns the pasture where the dead body of Minnie Kell was found, were arrested on the charge of murdering the girl.

It is proved that Eckert was not in Bellevue, as he claims he was, at the time of the murder. It is said the evidence against them is strong.

DENIES HIS WIFE'S CHARGES.

Sioux City Man Replies to a Sensational Divorce Suit.

SIoux CITY, July 6.—Peter Moller has filed his answer in the sensational divorce suit recently commenced against him by his wife, Jennie E. Moller. He makes a sweeping denial of all charges against him and accuses Mrs. Moller, on the other hand, with immoral conduct, naming Frank H. Harlow, a railroad man, as co-respondent.

He denies that he has wasted his wife's money, but says she and her parents are living in a house which he built. As to the claim that he has indiscriminately charged her with improper conduct, he declares that he has always resented such allegations and knows of no one who has spoken so unkindly of her as her own father, John Pierce, who, he claims, dictated the petition against him. He demands the custody of his children and asks that the action against him be dismissed.

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Cedar Rapids Council to Proceed Against ex-Treasurer Stoddard.

CEdAR RAPIDS, July 6.—The city council has instructed the mayor and city attorney to begin criminal proceedings against Joseph C. Stoddard, charging him with embezzlement. Mr. Stoddard was treasurer of the city for about twenty years, and when he retired last March there was a shortage of about \$11,500.

MURDER AT MASON CITY.

Charles D. Martin Shot in a Drunken Brawl.

MASON CITY, July 7.—During a drunken brawl, Dick M. Vandenberg (colored) shot and fatally wounded Charles D. Martin. One ball passed entirely through his body about an inch above his heart. The second inflicted a scalp wound. Vandenberg gave himself up to the officers.

Evidence of Infanticide.

MUSKALOOZA, July 9.—The corpse of a murdered baby girl was found by some campers in Skunk river near here. As well as could be judged, the child had lived at least a week and had been murdered by tying a crash towel tightly around the neck. It was wrapped first in several papers, then in a sheet, and about this was wrapped about forty feet of clothes line. It is possible the body had floated down the river for some distance. The police are at work upon a rather obscure clue as to the guilty parties.

A Murder in Clarke County.

OSCEOLA, July 9.—A shooting affray took place in Knox township, which resulted in John Likens killing John Davis. A political argument was the cause. Both were democrats, one gold and the other silver.

KILLING AT WINFIELD.

Tragic Ending of a Drunken Row in a Country Town.

MT. PLEASANT, July 7.—John Myers and his brother-in-law, Ed Supplee, got into a drunken row at Winfield, resulting in Myers shooting Supplee three times. The wounded man has since died. The tragedy is the final outcome of a series of drunken rows that have disgraced the little village for some months. Myers will put up a plea of self-defense, claiming his brother-in-law was about to brain him with a hammer.

DANGERS OF FLIRTATION.

Young Lady Loses \$235 by Indulging in the Article.

DEBUIQUE, July 5.—A young lady from Chicago, who had become acquainted with a nice appearing young man while on the train into the Illinois Central depot, gave him her purse with the request to buy her a sandwich. He was very willing and left for the purpose, but he failed to return. The purse contained \$235. He was subsequently arrested and most of the money was found on him, after he had attempted to escape.

Woman Shoots Her Daughter and Then Commits Suicide.

SUMNER, July 7.—Mrs. Ida Fussell, formerly of Fayette, but for the past year first cook at Hotel Tibbitts, of Sumner, shot her little 9-year-old daughter in the back of the head with a revolver and then killed herself. When the door of her room was broken open she was found to be dead, but the little girl was alive, but unconscious, and the attending physician thinks that with careful treatment the child will recover. Mrs. Fussell's husband died about three years ago and since that time she has been despondent.

Des Moines Celebrates Its Semi-Centennial.

DES MOINES, July 6.—The city of Des Moines and the county of Polk yesterday celebrated their semi-centennial. Two splendid parades, one on the main streets and one up the river, attracted thousands of people. At Union park a program of great interest was enjoyed by the citizens. The celebration closed with an immense bicycle parade at night.

May Try Bloodhounds.

DEBUIQUE, July 8.—City Marshal Morgan received an application from the sheriff of Jackson county for the use of bloodhounds, if such were to be had, to track the murderer of Minnie Kell. It is thought he is hiding in the dense woods near Bellevue. The excitement is intense.

Ruinous Fire at Dyersville.

DEBUIQUE, July 7.—Fire at Dyersville destroyed Scheumel's flouring mill, the jail and several warehouses. Loss, \$10,000 to \$15,000 covered by insurance.

Dies in His Field.

BAGLEY, July 9.—Samuel Horine, 74 years old, one of the early settlers of Guthrie county, dropped dead while mowing in his orchard.

BREVITIES.

A boy named Earl Darling, living at Leeds, near Sioux City, held too long to a big fire cracker and his hand was torn to shreds. The hand had to be cut off.

While mixing quick silver and nitric acid as a medicine for horses, John Barrels, of James, lost both his eyes by the explosion of the bottle. His mother was also terribly burned about the face.

Sam Smith, who stabbed William Shnell at Cedar Rapids during a drunken quarrel, inflicting a wound that proved fatal, was held to the grand jury in bonds of \$1,500 on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder. Frank Williams and Frank Powers have been held in bonds of \$1,000 each on the same charge for preliminary hearing.

Webster City dispatch: Kendall Young, a pioneer resident of Webster City, and president of the First National bank, died recently at Battle Creek. His will provides for a handsome memorial, in the way of a public library. Practically his entire fortune—estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000—is to be devoted to the purpose.

Mott Lee, a well-to-do and popular farmer living south of Lacey, committed suicide a few days ago. He took a 32-caliber revolver from the house, and walking past his wife and son, went out into the barn yard, behind some corn cribs, and placing the revolver to the left side of his head, pulled the trigger. Lee was about 50 years of age. He seemed cheerful enough at breakfast, did not complain, and apparently had no reason for committing the act.

At Des Moines recently James Howe, district attorney, filed a bill of exceptions in the case of the state vs. Suel J. Spaulding, charged with stealing \$14,000 while secretary of the state pharmacy commission. Spaulding was indicted as a public official, under the meaning of the law, and tried. The defense objected, claiming he was not a state official, and Judge Holmes held the objections good and turned Spaulding loose. Attorney Howe claims he is sure he was right and that Spaulding is guilty as a public official. On this point he makes his appeal. No matter how the case is decided Spaulding cannot be again tried under the same statute. It will simply establish a precedent.

Sioux City dispatch: Articles of incorporation of the Western Iowa railway company, an organization backed by the populists in this locality, have been filed at Primghar, O'Brien county. It is planned to run the line between Sioux City and Hartley, with Paulina and Sutherland as intermediate stations. Its headquarters will be at the latter town. Among the peculiar provisions included in the articles are clauses that no interest-bearing debt may be created, no salary in excess of \$2,400 paid, nor dividend of over 5 per cent declared. No stockholder is allowed more than one vote, however many shares he may own. The capital stock is fixed at \$750,000. Shares are \$29 each, payable at \$2 when issued and \$2 per month thereafter until the total is paid.

Sioux City dispatch: The Northwest bank refused to cash any more city warrants when it found that the city was taking in less than it was paying out. They refused to cash any more unless expenses are cut down.

Alderman H. H. Johnson, of Sioux City, has been removed from office by the unanimous vote of the council on the charge of bootlegging. He will fight the case in court.

Palmer, the merchant who left Waterloo on a wagon to walk to Dubuque, ninety-four miles, in forty-eight hours, reached there in forty hours, winning a hundred dollars by the feat.

The Keokuk Presbytery a few days ago concluded the trial of Rev. William P. Nelson, late pastor at Montrose, which had been in progress for several days. He was found guilty of unministerial financial dealings and questionable moral conditions. He remains suspended until he shall give satisfactory evidence of having reformed.

L. F. Gemmett, city assessor of Fort Madison, who was recently injured by the accidental discharge of his gun while out hunting, is dead. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his death.

CUBA.

LONDON, July 6.—The broad statesmanship and sagacity of General Martinez Campos were never more forcibly illustrated than in his speech in the Spanish senate defending his policy in Cuba and appealing for peace. If his advice were followed, there would be a quick end of disorders in the island and of friction with the United States. Campos spoke with caution, yet with boldness. He did not directly attack the policy of the Canovas cabinet. But he did say that during the period of his recent captain generalship he had repeatedly urged the government to carry out home rule reforms. "If I did not carry them out myself," he declared, "it was because the government never instructed me to do so."

The peroration of the speech was a lofty and pathetic appeal to the cabinet and the nation to make whatever concessions were necessary to bring about peace. "Let us end a war," he exclaimed, in tones of warning and indignation, "which costs 20,000 lives and \$100,000,000 annually." It was the speech of a patriot and of Spain's most far-seeing statesman, as well as ablest and most humane soldier. But it did not find a pleasant sound upon the ears of ministerialists or military politicians of any school. They were better satisfied with the energetic retort of Canovas, who reiterated, amid the applause of the chamber and the galleries, that while a complete scheme of reforms was ready, not a single concession would be made until the insurrection had been quelled. "We have no peace offering for rebels," was the text of the premier, and the extraordinary credits for the Cuban war were voted without further debate. In the lobby, afterward, Campos stated that to end the war, as the cabinet proposed, would require the military occupation of the island. This, in his opinion, would mean 400,000 men in the next five years and \$1,000,000,000.

HAVANA, July 7.—Campos' early return to Cuba with full power to implant autonomy in the island is generally believed to be the only feasible way to maintain the Spanish flag. The forces are disheartened and the homeless country people are begging in the streets, flocking to the towns in a vain search for work. The misery is widespread.

CHALLENGED TO A DUEL.

An American Newspaper Man in Cuba to Fight a Retired Spanish Officer.

HAVANA, July 9.—Bradley Johnson, a newspaper correspondent here, has been challenged to fight a duel by a retired Spanish military officer who was offended by remarks in General Johnson's published correspondence about the Spanish army. The challenger finds himself in a somewhat ridiculous position as the officers in active service refuse to recognize him as their champion. General Johnson, who is an ex-officer of the confederate army, has seen much of war, and is in no wise troubled over the vapors of the self-constructed champion of the honor of Spanish officers. He says if his statements are such as to render necessary a meeting on the field of honor he is perfectly willing to fight when the proper person to meet him is decided upon. News is received that unknown parties have burned the Santa Barbara estate near Baro, province of Matanzas. The estate is owned by Senor Manuel Coronado, editor of La Discusion. The damage is estimated at \$300,000.

GOT THE DROP.

Then He Made His Enemy Eat the Bullet That He Had Carried.

BLUE RIDGE, Ga., July 8.—Jim Tucker, of White Top, N. C., and Frank Edmiston, who lives a few miles across the Virginia line, had trouble which resulted in a shooting affray. Tucker shot Edmiston, the bullet taking effect in the latter's leg. He had the doctors out, the bullet out, and saved it, declaring that some day he would make Tucker eat it. The men met and Edmiston got the drop on his late assailant. Then making him throw his hands in the air, Edmiston put the bullet in Tucker's mouth and made him swallow it. Edmiston jumped on his horse and rode back to his mountain home, apparently satisfied.

Earthquake Shocks in Cyprus.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 7.—Advices received here from the island of Cyprus say that severe shocks of earthquake have occurred throughout the island and that the inhabitants of the towns of Limosia and Larnaca have deserted their houses and taken refuge in the open fields, where they are living in tents.

Can Guide Balloons in the Air.

CONTEVIDE, July 9.—A Spanish resident, an electrician, declares he has discovered the means whereby he can guide balloons any direction in the air. The inventor has been asked by the Spanish government to visit Madrid for that purpose. If found to be practical, may be applied to use in Cuba.

Potatoes baked in their skins should have a piece cut off their ends to allow the steam to escape. This assures their coming out dry and mealy.

Recent Austrian observations in the Mediterranean sea prove that the deepest spot in that body of water is 2,400 fathoms, or nearly three miles.

Queen Victoria is no longer able to walk out to see her old friends, the cottagers. As a matter of fact, she cannot take any walking exercise, and can only cross the room with the assistance of her stick and an attendant.

A sedate wheelman, who is anxious to strictly follow the rules of etiquette, wrote to an Indianapolis paper and asked this important question: "Would it be all right to ride a bicycle to the funeral of a distant connection by marriage, providing you keep behind the horse?"

Professional gossips are common in China. Most of them are elderly ladies, who have regular patrons of the female sex, whose houses they visit and whom they entertain by narrating the news and scandal of the day. They thus earn about enough to maintain them in a life of laziness.

Increased the earnings of our people and, consequently, has diminished our consumption.

LONDON, July 7.—Sir Charles Dilke has just astonished the British public in a manner that has set diplomats talking. Probably no other man in England is so well acquainted with the trend of European affairs, and when he seriously predicts that Great Britain is on the eve of a fierce continental struggle, the English public begins to think that a conflict is near at hand. Sir Charles solemnly declares that Great Britain, single-handed, is destined to engage in a terrible struggle with Germany, Russia and France combined. The fight, he asserts, may come at any time within a decade, ostensibly about Egypt, but really on account of jealousy of Great Britain's colonial expansion.

Therefore, Sir Charles urges Great Britain to hold herself free from any alliance which might only prove illusory, and to devote herself to the development of her defenses. The publication of this letter has stirred up the editors of England, and, strange to say, they all with singular unanimity take the same pessimistic view of the continental situation that has been taken by the eminent writer of the alarming note. As showing the tension in regard to the Venezuelan question, the Spectator proposes the question as to what role America will play in the event of such an European struggle, leaving it to be implied that the United States would be likely to espouse the cause of the enemies of Great Britain.

CAST OFF SULTAN'S YOKE.

Provincial Government Formally Elected by the Cretans.

LONDON, July 8.—A dispatch to the Standard from Athens says that the Cretans have elected a provincial government, decided to proclaim the union of the islands with Greece, and expressed the hope that autonomy will be granted the islands under the surveillance of the powers.

Had Not Asked Withdrawal of Troops.

LONDON, July 9.—In the house of commons, Right Hon. George N. Curzon, under secretary of the foreign office, stated that the powers had not asked that the Turkish troops be withdrawn from Crete, but, he added, in consequence of representations on the part of the powers, the porte had suspended military operations in Crete unless the troops should be attacked by the insurgent Cretans.

Shot by Her Drunken Husband.

DERRIOT, Mich., July 8.—T. H. Otten, a drunken horse shoer, shot his wife, the bullet lodging in her shoulder. He also shot Mrs. Henry Desrusseaux, at whose house Mrs. Otten had been staying, she having left her home on account of her husband's dissipated and dangerous habits. Mrs. Desrusseaux was shot in the abdomen. Both women will probably recover.

More Turkish Outrages.

LONDON, July 9.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Constantinople says that it is reported that 60,000 Kurds in the Diarbekir district have revolted and are pillaging the villages indiscriminately.

Yale Defeated.

HENLEY, England, July 8.—In the grand challenge cup boat race between the crews of Yale college and the Leander Rowing club, the latter won by a length and three-quarters.

TERSE NEWS.

At San Francisco recently Miss Lillian Ashley, of Boston, whose case against "Lucky" Baldwin for seduction under promise of marriage has been on file several weeks, created a sensation in court by walking over to Baldwin, drawing a revolver and firing at his head. A bystander knocked the weapon aside, so the ball merely grazed his scalp. It is believed the woman's mind is unbalanced.

AST. Paul dispatch says: The most sensational manifesto in Minnesota's history is that issued by the silver republicans, who refuse to support McKinley for president, Clough for governor, or any of the republican candidates for congress. The prominence of the men signing it attracts widespread attention. Among them are Lieutenant-Governor Frank A. Day, Congressman Charles A. Towne, ex-Congressman John Lind, State Senators Morgan, Sanborn, Howard and Smith.

Bloodshed has again marked the trouble at the Brown Hoisting works, of Cleveland, O. One man was shot dead by a non-union man who had attempted to leave the works on his bicycle and was attacked by a portion of the mob. The police managed with great difficulty to rescue him, and the police detail was besieged in a shop, and had great difficulty in preventing the lynching of their prisoner. Finally a call for troops was made, and two of the four companies under arms were hurried to the scene. The prisoner was finally loaded into a patrol wagon and locked up in the central police station. The troops remain on guard.

The committee appointed by the republican national convention to inform Garret A. Hobart of his nomination for vice-president, performed that duty on the 7th, and Mr. Hobart formally accepted in a short speech.

It is reported the Cretan insurgents defeated the Turks between Kissam, on the northern coast of the island of Crete, and Solino, on the southern coast, killing 200 of them and capturing three of their cannon. The Turks were advancing to raise the siege of Kaudane, in which 1,600 Turkish troops are besieged by the rebels.

The republicans of Nebraska have nominated J. H. Maccoll, of Dawson county, for governor.

A dispatch from Cairo says the cholera returns for June show 4,419 cases and 3,598 deaths.

Chicago dispatch: Three robbers entered the Canal street depot of the Metropolitan Elevated railroad, situated in the heart of the city, and while one of them guarded the ticket agent with a revolver, the others carried off all the money. The robbery was committed while trains were passing through the depot every three minutes.

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AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, July 7.—At a meeting of the Iowa delegation the following selections were made: Chairman, S. B. Evans; national committee man, Charles A. Walsh; committee on resolutions, J. S. Murphy; credentials, Will A. Wells; permanent organization, R. F. Jordan; honorary vice-president, M. H. King; honorary secretary, S. A. Brewster; member of committee to notify nominee for president, L. T. Genung; to notify nominee for vice-president, W. H. Stackhouse; member of committee on rules, F. D. Bayless.

CHICAGO, July 7.—The sixteenth national democratic convention was called to order at 12:45 p. m. and prayer was offered by Rev. Ernest M. Stires, rector of Grace Episcopal church, of Chicago. The chairman then presented the name of David B. Hill, of New York, for temporary chairman. A minority report from the national committee, signed by twenty-three members, favored the substitution of the name of Senator Daniel, of Virginia. Several addresses were made for each side, and the minority report was finally adopted, 556 to 349. This was a victory for the silver forces. Senator Daniel was then introduced and made a ringing speech for free silver, which was received with enthusiasm. After the completion of the standing committees, the convention adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Bois was the slogan of 150 democrats at a meeting of the gold standard men to-night. Not a bolt from the convention that was decided against, but a bolt from the ticket and the platform that the convention makes. Every suggestion was received with applause. Every contrary suggestion was received with silence. This is the significant resolution suggested by Mr. Irish, of California, and adopted:

That each sound money delegation select a member to return to his state and get the views of his party on the matter and report back to the chairman (Senator Gray) in July, if possible.

CHICAGO, July 8.—At 10:30 Senator Daniel called the convention to order. The report of the committee on credentials was called for, but as it was not ready, speeches were made by Governor Hogg, of Texas; Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky; Governor Altgeld, of Illinois; ex-Governor Overmeyer, of Kansas; and Congressman Williams, of Massachusetts. The credentials committee then reported on all states except that of Michigan, and the report was adopted. Convention then adjourned until 5 p. m.

When the second session was called to order the credentials committee reported, seating four silver delegates for Michigan, which changed the delegation, under the unite rule, from gold to silver. A minority report favored the gold delegation. After a dozen speeches had been made for each side of the question, a vote resulted in a defeat of the minority report, 368 to 558, and the silver delegates were seated. The committee on permanent organization reported in favor of Senator White, of California, for chairman and Thos. J. Cogan, of Ohio, for secretary. Mr. White was escorted to the chair and made a short speech, after which the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Spain Will Stand Alone.

MADRID, July 9.—The chamber of deputies defeated a Carlist amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne to the effect that Spain ought to join the Franco-Russian alliance in conformity with the exigencies of her colonial and Mediterranean interests and in order to resist the "perfidy of the United States."

Walling Will be Hanged August 7.

NEWPORT, Ky., July 7.—Alonzo J. Walling, convicted of the murder of Peter Bryan, is sentenced to be hanged August 7.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, July 9.—John Miller, assignor of one-fourth to E. E. Gatchel, (both of Stuart, Iowa), has been allowed a patent for hardening copper. The primary object of the patent law is not for individual benefit, but for the public good and a monopoly of any scientific discovery or invention is granted in view of getting it on record so it cannot become a lost art. Mr. Miller's invention consists in a composition and a process for hardening copper, (covered by separate claims) and is an important improvement in metallurgy. A razor and other edge tools exhibited show that ductile copper has been hardened to adapt it for making edge tools that require strength and durability. Mr. Miller claims that his process also prevents oxidation and deterioration, and consequently there will be no verdigris to poison persons who may be wounded by tools made of copper. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address. Printed copies of the drawings and specifications of any United States patent sent upon receipt of 25 cents. Our practice is not confined to Iowa. Inventors in other states can have our services upon the same terms as the Hawkeyes.

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MEN OF THE WORLD.

It is said that Gladstone has promised his physicians never to make another public speech.

It is said that last year when Cecil Rhodes was in England he fell in love with Georgina, dowager countess of Dudley, who is still a beauty though a grandmother.

Louis, the Greek peasant, who won the foot race between Marathon and Athens, has since been treated as a sort of demigod. His sayings are reported in the papers, crowds of men and women follow him in the street and the king of Greece has invited both Louis and his father to the palace.

There is an Italian in New York who employs 125 bookbacks to work for him on the various ferryboats plying about the city. The boys receive \$3.50 each a week and in return give up to the man everything they have made during the day, including tips. He makes sure of getting all that is coming to him by searching their clothes every night. His income is said to amount to some hundreds of dollars a week.

Through Yellowstone Park on a Bicycle. The passenger department of the Burlington Route has issued—and will gladly mail to anyone who will ask for it—a little booklet giving full information about the best way to make the tour of Yellowstone Park on a bicycle. There is nothing experimental about the idea. The trip has been made again and again—to the supreme satisfaction of every one of the dozens of riders who have been bold enough to undertake it. The booklet contains a good map of the park and also tells the reader what the trip costs, what the roads are like, what to take, etc. Write for a copy. J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Neb.

A life of pleasure makes even the strongest mind frivolous at last.—Butler.