NO REMITTANCE YET.

County School Funds Lying Idle at Olympia.

WHILE INTEREST IS PILING UP.

Three Months Since Money Was Transmitted, but No Apportionment—All Due to Barefoot Law.

The school districts of King county seem to have good ground for complaint against the state treasurer, and also against the so-called barefoot school-boy law. As yet there has been no apportionment made of funds collected for the quarter ending March 31, amounting for King county to $6,715.23, although the money was transmitted to the state treasury April 9.

The apportionments already made under the barefoot law have been of state funds, but nothing has been received from taxes actually collected in King county. Altogether the county has sent to Olympia the sum of $34,494.74, a remittance of $21,770.81, having been made July 9. On a basis of 40 per cent., which is about what King county will get back under the law, there is now lying idle in the state treasury $21,296.84 of the county's money, $4,-[illegible].14 under the remittance of April and $11,507.70 under that of the present month.

School Superintendent Layhue and Deputy Treasurer Padden have been expecting money from Olympia for some time past, and they are inclined to think that the laxity of the state officials is working a hardship against the taxpayers of the county. Seattle school district No. 1 is the only one in the county on a cash basis, all of the outside districts having warrants outstanding. If the money were here the warrants could be called in and the interest saved for the taxpayers. It is said that a month is ample time for the state officials to consume in the matter of an apportionment, and that the delay, especially that due on account of the April remittance, ought to have been sent back long ago.

GETS HER $10,000.

Mrs. Nixon Wins Her Case Against the Equitable Life.

Mrs. Nixon gets the $10,000 for which she brought suit in the United States court against the Equitable Life Insurance Society of New York. The jury brought in a sealed verdict, and Judge Hanford, on his return from Tacoma, received it at 8 o'clock last night. It awarded to the plaintiff the full amount of the policy, with nearly $700 interest added.

There was practically but one question for the jury to decide, viz., whether or not the insurance company had served on Mr. Nixon the notice prescribed by the statutes of New York of the falling due of the premiums on the policy. This was the strategic point around which the fiercest part of the legal battle waged, and there was evidence on both sides, the defendant company endeavoring to prove that the notices had been properly mailed, and the plaintiff to show that they had never been received. The jury decided the conflict in favor of the plaintiff.

The case bears a close resemblance to the Phinney insurance case, recently appealed from a similar verdict in the same court, with this difference: In the Phinney case the defendant insurance company did not claim to have served the statutory notice. In the case decided last night the company, as already stated, claimed to have served the notice by mail; but the plaintiff claimed that the notices not having been received, were never properly served.

W. A. Warburton, of counsel for the plaintiff in the Nixon case, said last night that in his opinion there was only one question on which the case could be appealed, viz., whether or not it was necessary for the insurance company to serve notice at all or not. He said further that the resemblance of the case to the Phinney case was so close that a decision in the latter, if reached soon, might forestall an appeal from the decision reached last night.

Cruickshank Adjudged Insane.

An examination of John Cruickshank, of Issaquah, before the superior court yesterday resulted in his commitment to the asylum at Stellacoom. The examination was conducted by Judge Osborn. It was found that the unfortunate man's malady was due primarily to an injury to the head.

New Suit Filed.

In the superior court yesterday Lilly, Bugardus & Co. began an action against W. H. Asmus to recover $100.63 alleged to be due for merchandise. An attachment was issued.

Court Notes.

Fred Foth, a native of Germany, was admitted to citizenship yesterday in the superior court.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Mathias Quist, of Granite Falls, and Lena Lee, of Seattle; Henry M. Norman and Bessie Overley, both of Seattle.

Mining locations were filed with the county auditor yesterday for the Seattle Consolidated by L. J. Rickard, and Black Bear by G. W. Morley, both in King county.

J. H. Sims, who had been sentenced by the municipal court to more than the statutory imprisonment for petit larceny, was released under habeas corpus yesterday by Judge Osborn.

The 150,000 mark for instruments filed of record with the county auditor has been passed. The first number is dated April 1, 1882, and the average number of instruments per year is nearly 11,000.

THE MUNICIPAL COURT.

Round-Up of Thieves, Drunks and Disturbers of the Peace.

In the police court yesterday morning a warrant was issued for the arrest of Jack Roberts, a petty larceny thief with a literary turn of mind. He was accused of pilfering the news stand at the union depot of three bound volumes, entitled "Mad Love," "East Lynne" and "She," the possession of any one justifying the penitentiary. Officer J. W. Glascock made the arrest just as Roberts was about to make another descent upon the depot library. The books were found at a small store on Columbia street belonging to a man named Wood, who also identified the thief. Roberts is supposed to be a pretty smooth crook and when searched at police headquarters his pockets were found to be full of combs of all sizes and kinds.

If any policy player had been present at the municipal court yesterday morning there is little doubt that he would have played "20" as soon as court adjourned, that number seeming in some way or other to figure in most of the proceedings. John Cody, who created a disturbance in the Villard house bar, throwing free lunch and lamps about promiscuously, was fined $20, in default of which he went to the tank.

Mike Freeman, who was arrested by Officer Burkman for fighting with a woman in front of a Washington street restaurant, was also fined $20. He was dissatisfied with the amount and took an appeal.

Pat Loftus came in, while the court was in session, in a drunken condition and desired to take a hand in the proceedings, although he was only a spectator. Judge Glasgow accommodated him and gave him twenty days to sober up in.

The first evidence of Sanitary Inspector Swyney's determination to enforce the plumbing laws was the arrest yesterday of Herman Schroeder, a plumber, for a violation of ordinance No. 3,782. Schroeder was putting in plumbing at No. 1217 Yesler way and failed to file his plans and specifications with the board of public works.

John Davis, a broker and real estate dealer, was arrested on a warrant sworn to by C. R. Frasch, deputy market inspector, who charged him with letting his cesspool overflow and in the violation of an ordinance regulating the connecting of cesspools with the sewer system. Both of the last named defendants of yesterday's municipal court cases took the statutory time to plead.

WEDDING AT THE CITY HALL.

The Mayor Asked to Officiate and Nearly Faints From Embarrassment.

Nothing appeared so alluringly to Mathias Quist in his matrimonial calculations, except matrimony itself, as the ceremony which he determined should be performed by the mayor, and yesterday, armed with his license, with his intended on his arm, he sought out Mayor Wood at the city hall and asked him to perform the ceremony. The license he held in his hand bore the names of Matthias Quist, of Granite Falls, and Lena Lee, of Seattle, and he assured Judge Wood that he would feel honored if he would pronounce the words that would make Lena his wife. Lena blushed and hung her head; Mayor Wood blushed and stammered. It was the first time he had been asked to perform a marriage ceremony since his incumbency of the office of mayor. Signing ordinances or refusing to sign them were as nothing compared with the present responsibility, and the city's chief official coughed, blushed, cleared his throat, blushed again and asked the couple to be seated. He then dispatched Sam Edwards for Justice McElwain, who he offered as a substitute. It was not quite what was expected, but the mayor's evident embarrassment as he rushed from room to room was too apparent to be mistaken and the terms of compromise were accepted. Then Judge Wood went in to Comptroller Parry and to Corporation Counsel Brown, asking advice and information as to his qualifications as a marrying officer. Mr. Parry sympathized with him, Mr. Brown pulled the code on him and showed him that mayors were not included in the list of persons qualified to perform marriage ceremonies. Then Mayor Wood breathed freely.

In the meantime Justice McElwain had reached the city hall and with a recklessness born of familiarity with marriages was making his preparations to tie the knot. The wedding party was formed with the bride and groom in the center, flanked on either side by Mayor Wood and ex-Mayor Phelps, while the background was illuminated with the faces of Corporation Counsel Brown and Sam Edwards, Comptroller Parry and his pretty stenographer, Miss Chisholm, Councilman James, Deputy Treasurer Perkins and a Post-Intelligencer reporter.

The ceremony was almost brutal in its brevity, lasting by actual time three-fourths of a minute. The first to salute the bride was Mayor Wood, who demonstrated his familiarity as a competent witness. He was followed in turn by ex-Mayor Phelps, who said some gallant things about the bride, her beauty and blushes, and then by Corporation Counsel Brown. After Mr. Brown had paid his respects Mr. Quist led his newly made wife away. The affair throughout was elegant to a degree, and all united in saying that it was the most recherche function that ever took place in the city hall. As the party passed out of the building and down the steps James Agnew threw a pair of old shoes out of the window for luck. They were afterwards returned to their owner by the janitor, who picked them up.

A Day's Funerals.

The body of John Johnson, the young Finlander who was killed by a falling tree near Silverdale, Kitsap county, was yesterday afternoon brought to the city by the steamer A. R. Robinson, and taken to Butterworth's undertaking rooms. The accident which resulted in Johnson's death occurred while he was engaged in a logging camp cutting down a tree. The fact that he was a cripple, one leg being three inches shorter than the other, might lead to the supposition that he was unable to get out of the way as the tree fell. Between 200 and 300 of the dead man's countrymen called yesterday and last evening to view the remains. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Butterworth's, and the interment will be in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Mrs. Annie Armstrong, who came to Seattle to be operated on for cancer of the stomach, died at Providence hospital yesterday morning, at the age of 47 years. The deceased lived at Cascade tunnel, and came to this city in the hope of finding relief from the disease that must sooner or later result in death. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Bonney & Stewart's chapel, and the burial will be in Lake View cemetery.

John Rankin, an old Seattle resident, died at the Seattle General hospital Wednesday night, and will be buried this morning. The funeral services will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart at 9 o'clock, and the interment will be in Calvary cemetery.

Henry Wilson Bound Over.

Henry Wilson, charged with holding up Billy Burdette and robbing him of a watch and some money, was up before Justice McElwain yesterday morning for preliminary hearing. Upon his arraignment he waived examination and was bound over to the superior court on a charge of highway. His familiarity with legal procedure justifies the belief that he is an old hand at the business, his statement of his case being couched in legal terms equal to those of a lawyer.

P.-I. Campaign Offer.

The subscriptions are rolling in. Bring in yours today. For $2.50 cash in advance the Daily and Sunday Post-Intelligencer will be delivered to any address until November 15. The Weekly P.-I. will be sent for the same period to any address for 25c cash in advance. Here's a chance to keep yourself posted on all the news of Seattle and the country at large for a small sum. Get your subscription in early, so that you won't miss any of the news.

Librarian Smith Reappointed.

Mayor Wood yesterday appointed Charles W. Smith librarian of the public library at a salary of $80 per month. The appointment was made upon recommendation of the library commission, to whom the mayor referred the naming of a competent person for the place. Mr. Smith's familiarity with the duties of his position will make his appointment generally acceptable. His bond for $1,500 will probably be filed today.

Art League Outing Today.

West Seattle is the objective point of the Seattle Art League and School of Design today. The greater number of members will take the 1:30 o'clock boat. Sketching will be done from the summit of the bluff as well as along the beach.

Reward.

A reward of $10 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any one stealing copies of the Post-Intelligencer delivered to subscribers throughout the city.

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THE PEOPLE TO SING.

Programme for the P.-I. Concert Tomorrow Night.

BANDMASTER WAGNER'S LIST

From the Hundreds of Requests Made—Signor De Caprio to Play "Oh, Promise Me."

Following is the programme Bandmaster Wagner has made up for tomorrow night's Post-Intelligencer concert from the suggestions sent in by the people. After it has been read it will readily be conceded that Mr. Wagner is an artist. From the hundreds of selections presented to him he has chosen a list that contains something to please every one.

The opening march, "High School Cadets," is followed by a group of jolly college songs. Sig. A. De Caprio will play "Oh, Promise Me" on the baritone and the first part will close with "The Star-Spangled Banner." The second part is commenced with the "Torchlight Dance," and then comes the "Pilgrim's Chorus," for which so many requests were sent in. There is "The Darky's Dream," the "Spring Song," selections from "Bohemian Girl," and a number of Southern melodies.

The last number is "Auld Lang Syne," and here is where the people will do their part. As the band starts the old, well-known song, the audience will add their voices to the music of the instruments, and the noise of the brass should be drowned in the volume of sound swelling from a thousand throats. Everybody is expected to sing and help raise the grand chorus. You should bring a good throat with you Saturday night.

It has been said that last Saturday night's Post-Intelligencer concert was the most successful one yet given. The one tomorrow night is going to be better. It is not often that one has an opportunity of hearing a whole street full of people singing together. It will be worth coming out to hear. Then there are so many favorites on the programme, and most of them favorites of everybody that there is no doubt that an immense crowd will be out.

Following is the programme:

PART I.

March—"High School Cadets" ..... Sousa
College Songs, introducing "Upidee," "Bulldog," etc. ..... Moses
Overture—"William Tell" ..... Rossini
a, "Kathleen Mavourneen" ..... Crouch
b, "American Patrol" ..... Meacham
Baritone Solo—"Oh, Promise Me" ..... De Koven
Sig. A. De Caprio.
Encore—"Serenade" ..... Schubert
a, "Ma Angeline" ..... Johnson
b, "The Star Spangled Banner" .....

PART II.

"Torchlight Dance" ..... Meyerbeer
a, "Pilgrims' Chorus," from "Tannhauser" ..... Wagner
b, "The Darky's Dream" ..... Lansing
"Spring Song" ..... Mendelssohn
Selection—"Bohemian Girl" ..... Balfe
Introducing "I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls," "The Heart Bowed Down," "Then You'll Remember Me" and others.
a, Intermezzo—"Cavalleria Rusticana" ..... Mascagni
b, "Southern Melodies" ..... Conterno
Introducing "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground," "Old Folks at Home," "Dixie," etc.
"Auld Lang Syne" ..... Burns
Everybody sing:

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to min'?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o' lang syne?

Chorus—For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

We twa hae rin about the braes,
And pu'd the gowans fine;
But we've wandered mony a weary foot
Sin' auld lang syne.

We twa hae paidl'd i' the burn,
Frae mornin' sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roared
Sin' auld lang syne.

And here's a hand, my trusty fier,
And gie's a hand o' thine;
And we'll tak a right guid willie-waught
For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp,
And surely I'll be mine;
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

—Robert Burns.

DIXIE.

I wish I was in de land of cotton,
Old times dar am not forgotten;
In Dixie's land whar I was bawn in,
Early on a frosty mawnin'.

Old missus marry Will de weaber,
Will he was a gay deceaber;
When he put his arm around her,
He looked as fierce as a forty-pounder.

His face was as sharp as a butcher's cleaber,
But dat didn't seem to grieb her;
Will run away, missus took a decline,
Her face was de color ob de bacon rine.

While missus libbed she libbed in clober,
When she died she died all ober:
How could she act the foolish part
And marry a man to broke her heart?

Buckwheat cake and cawn-meal batter
Makes you fat or little fatter;
Here's a health to de nex' ole missus,
An' all de gals dat wants to kiss us.

Now if you want to dribe away sorrow
Come an' hear dis song tomorrow;
Den hoe it down and scratch de grabble,
To Dixie's land I'm bound to trabble.

CHORUS.

I wish I was in Dixie, hooray, hooray!
In Dixie's land
We'll take our stand,
To live an' die in Dixie;
Away, away, away down Souf in Dixie;
Away, away, away down Souf in Dixie!

—Dan Emmet.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Other Side.

The seceding members of the Hodges theatrical company are indignant at Mr. Hodges' statements published yesterday. In a written communication to the Post-Intelligencer they claim that he had no authority to discharge any member of the company, and that instead of his firing them, they fired him; that they can prove that he was at all times in debt to them; that he was not competent to make even a satisfactory business arrangement, and that he has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman and detrimental to the success of a show company. "Perhaps," says the letter, "Mr. Hodges judges merit by its attitude towards him. If so, he can be forgiven for regarding as incompetent the actors who had the courage, character and principle to uphold one another in a refusal to continue working when salary had ceased and mismanagement had ruined all prospects of any improvement in business. Any person who knows Mr. Hodges will be highly amused to hear him speak of any actor as incompetent and liable to discharge by him for such cause."

"The Confidential Clerk."

Tonight the player-students of Wilson's business college will present "The Confidential Clerk" at the Seattle theater. The young actors have been well drilled, and the dress rehearsal yesterday was a success in every way. The cast is headed by Elmer A. Friend as Mike McCann. Several specialties will be introduced, among them being an operatic selection by Miss Charlotte Clough, protege of Prof. H. J. Stewart, musical critic of the San Francisco Examiner.

"The Water Palace."

A steadily increasing attendance at Madison Park water palace shows that the bright sketches and clever specialties have caught the taste of Seattle audiences. Dana Thompson, the high diver, unfortunately cut his foot while bathing yesterday afternoon and was unable to perform his perilous feat last night. He will make his dive on Saturday evening.

NOT A STRIKE MADE.

More Discouraging Stories From the Great "Land of Gold."

The 2,000 or more prospectors now in Cook inlet may be miserable but they differ from the ordinary run of mortals in not wishing others to share their discomforts. A. Baim and D. Minshull, of New York, returned from Alaska on the steamer City of Topeka, and before leaving Cook inlet on the steamer Dora, June 10, they were asked by "the boys" to "just drop into the Post-Intelligencer office and give the straight story so other people will be warned."

The straight story given by Mr. Baim is in line with other accounts received. His news is as late as June 24, for he was at Kodiak on that date, when the steamer L. J. Perry came from the inlet with a large number of miners aboard and dropped anchor alongside the Dora in Kodiak harbor. Up to that time not a strike had been made, and Mr. Baim said that claims for which $100 had been asked in Seattle sold at the inlet for a side of bacon and $10. Baim and Minshull left Seattle in April on the schooner Ella Johnson.

"The country is very rugged and mountainous," said Mr. Baim last night, "and a man out prospecting must carry his grub and blankets on his back. He cannot stay out more than two weeks, as his grub gives out and he must return to the head camp. Cook inlet gold is not considered the best by jewelers, and they refuse to give more than $15.50 an ounce for it. There is no suffering, as the weather is fine and grub plentiful. There are a lot of the boys who have nothing to do anyway, and feel they may as well spend the summer there and eat up the grub.

"There have been probably a dozen persons drowned in Turnagain. The two Seattle boys who went under were Tom Bismo and a man named Evanson. Three others were with them in the boat at the time, Henry Peterson, Erland Larsen and Matt Linsen, and they were saved. Our party was encamped near the spot where the men were carried by the incoming tide and the two dead men were buried from our camp."

"Skagit" in the Grave.

The funeral of the late Henry Robbins ("Skagit") was held yesterday afternoon from the undertaking rooms of Bonney & Stewart, at 2 o'clock. There was a large attendance of the friends of the deceased, who listened to an eloquent address by the Rev. John F. Damon. The minister reviewed the better side of the life of the old man and paid a tribute to his many charities and his sterling worth. The body was encased in a neat casket, with heavy silver trimmings and a massive plate, on which, besides the name and date, was engraved "G. A. R., Our Comrade." The pall-bearers were members of the Grand Army of the Republic, to which the deceased belonged, and were John Convery, M. V. Mills, F. H. Harkins, D. C. Alexander, W. Phillips and T. H. Campbell. The interment took place in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

The Road Commission Today.

The state board of road commissioners will probably meet at the Butler hotel this afternoon. Had R. O. Welts arrived in time yesterday the commission would have proceeded at once with whatever business is in hand. He arrived last night and explained that at the time the telegram calling them together was sent out he was away and did not receive it until next day. The commissioners are disposed to be very silent as to the object of the meeting. It is known that several letters have recently passed between E. M. Wilson, president of the board, and Commissioner R. O. Welts, and the matter is thought to be some disagreement in regard to the method of work.

THE MAGAZINES.

The most elaborate cover ever made for an American periodical will grace the fiction number of Scribner's. It is printed in twelve colors on a background of gold, and is from a drawing specially made by Will H. Low for this purpose. The same drawing has been reproduced in much larger size for a poster, and 100 copies of it on Japan paper have been signed by Mr. Low.

Rudyard Kipling is now putting the last touches on a 50,000-word novel dealing with the Gloucester fishermen and their life on the Grand Banks. It is written from close personal study of the scene and the people. It is American in its characters, and in its plot seafaring and adventurous. It breaks entirely new ground. The title is "Captains Courageous." There has been a lively competition for the serial rights of "Captains Courageous." They have been secured for the United States by the S. S. McClure Co., and publication of the novel will begin in the November number of McClure's magazine.

An Electric Light for Bicycles.

New York Journal.

An electric light for bicycles is the most recent and up-to-date addition to the complete bicycling outfit. The bicyclist of the future will, when his electric light goes out, go into the nearest cycle outfitters and buy a quarter's worth of electricity, and then he is doing nothing out of the ordinary.

These lamps are the invention of A. C. Fletcher, who gained considerable notoriety by his invention of the electric necktie pin, which was nothing but a tiny incandescent light, supplied from a small pocket storage battery. The Ohio establishment is now manufacturing these electric bicycle lamps which are warranted to show a brilliant light for four hours after each charging of the batteries.

In general appearance, the new lamp does not differ greatly from the ordinary oil bicycle lamp, except that it is a trifle narrower, and the reflector projects further from the body of the lamp. The light comes from a small incandescant bulb set in about the center of the lamp and surrounded by a circular reflector much like the glass shades in common use around incandescent office lights. A pair of special coils connect the lamps with the batteries, which are carried in the body of the light. The wires are detachable at the top and the lamp and reflector can also be removed from the batteries.

The battery fluid is made by dissolving two pounds of voltalc in three quarts of water, and one ounce of bi-sulphate of mercury should be added to keep the zincs amalgamated. With this fluid the batteries in the light are filled three-quarters full, and after the zincs are inserted, the lamp is ready for use and will burn, as stated, for four hours without refilling.

Disastrous.

Tid-Bits.

"Poor Jack! He never could spell, and it ruined him."

"How?"

"He wrote a verse to an heiress he was in love with, and he wrote 'boney' for 'bonny.'"

ESTIMATES CUT DOWN

How the Municipality Is Going to Save Money.

LABOR OFFICE OPEN HALF A DAY.

Chief of Police Reed Says He Can Get Along With Eight Less Men—Kellogg Would Give Up Engine Houses.

There were a number of conferences yesterday about the city hall bearing generally on the matter of retrenchment now uppermost in the minds of the various officials and heads of departments and the scheme is gradually taking on a practical shape that is bound to appeal to the heavy investors of municipal securities in the East, where the plan of anticipation will be presented.

The regular meeting of the finance committee was held in the morning, at which the estimates for the departments were fully discussed. The measures of economy that are suggested are a general scaling down in the estimates of expenses where the demands are not imperative. The feature of reduction in forces did not present itself, the matters of economy only being suggested as the estimates were read. Among the estimates was one from Secretary Groat, who asked for additional help in the labor bureau. Upon Mr. Groat's showing that it was impossible for one man to discharge the functions of his position the committee recommended the closing of the employment office in the afternoon until further notice. This ruling will go into effect Monday, July 20.

The special meeting that was to be held in the afternoon did not take place, but the committee will probably meet this afternoon to finally shape their recommendations to the council.

Comptroller Parry has submitted the scheme of anticipation to the local representatives of Eastern brokers and if practicable will place the negotiations in their hands, provided, that the deal can be consummated in the short time allowed. He has already written between thirty and forty letters to Eastern capitalists placing the matter before them.

Yesterday Chief Reed, of the police department, and Chief Kellogg, of the fire department, called on Mayor Wood and discussed informally the cutting down of their forces and the general scheme of retrenchment as applying to their departments. Chief Reed suggested that his force might be cut down eight men and Chief Kellogg advised the discontinuing of engine houses at Yesler way and Market street, Queen Anne, and of Broadway chemical No. 2. The matter of maintaining those stations with "minute men" or "call men" will be discussed at a later date. The scheme recommends itself from an economical standpoint, and in its favor it is said that a large part of the fire department of Portland is maintained in this way.

BICYCLES TO BE CHEAPER.

No More New Models and Prices Must Fall.

New York Commercial Advertiser.

The storm of indignation stirred up in the bicycle trade by that misleading article relative to the cost of "wheels" which was published lately in the columns of a morning newspaper in this city has not yet subsided. Manufacturers and dealers are vowing vengeance for what they consider a deliberate, unwarranted and unprovoked attack on their business, and several of them are alleged to have already canceled advertising contracts executed with the guilty newspaper.

That the price of bicycles will be reduced as time goes on there can be no doubt. All the trade agrees upon this; but that intending purchasers should be led to believe that an attempt to swindle them is being made when they are asked $100 for a high-grade wheel is the point where the makers and sellers of bicycles rise to object. The genius who concocted the story referred to, while adding a certain percentage for profit to his remarkable calculation as to the cost of a bicycle, omitted to show where the manufacturer should repay himself for the initial outlay for plant, machinery, etc., to say nothing of office rent, office employes, cost of shipping, and the one hundred and one little items absolutely necessary to the conduct of the business. When it is remembered that before a single wheel can be made it is necessary for the manufacturer to expend anywhere from $5,000 to $10,000 for tools, dies, etc., alone, and that as fashion changes these dies and tools become worthless and new ones have to be purchased, it will readily be seen that something more than an ordinary percentage over the actual cost of a machine must be added thereto to insure a reasonable profit.

But that the price of wheels is doomed to fall considerably unless something remarkable, and as yet unforeseen, occurs, no one can deny. Nor will the manufacturer or dealer suffer thereby, for this reason: The bicycle of today has arrived at an apparent fixity of pattern. The initial cost of plant, machinery, dies, tools, etc., has been paid and the manufacturers will be able to produce and market a high-grade machine at less than heretofore. The fierce competition in the trade, which has progressed with the wheel craze, will compel him to do so, and the consequence is wheels will be cheaper.

In speaking of this yesterday, Alec Schwalbach, the well-known bicycle dealer, who is generally regarded as an authority on cycles and cycling, said:

"As soon as there ceases to be a new fashion in cycles prices will drop. When a maker can produce a second year's output without new tools, jigs and dies, there is a great saving in the factory cost. If this becomes true, competition will speedily effect a reduction in the selling figures.

"Reduction in the price means greater popularity for the sport and increased sales, but on the whole the makers are not anxious for it. It is well argued that such a thing as a fashion in cycles is unnatural and unhealthy, but it must not be forgotten that there is a public demand for it.

"The American people are peculiar in this respect. They are faddists and demand constant change of style, while their English and European cousins are content to plod along conservatively on the same old lines. We have not only fashions in clothing, but in wagons and in houses and furniture, and they desire it in cycles. Aside then from the question of whether or not this frame of mind on the part of the public and the makers is deplorable, the fact must be recognized that it exists and that it must be supplied.

"The tremendous demand of late made upon manufacurers for their produce has forced them to keep their mechanical designers in a rut. They have not been striving after new ideas. They have been too busy following and producing old ones. Yet here is an unmistakable public tendency to look for new patterns in bicycles every year, and in response to it there is the tendency of the commercial man to supply an article to meet any demand."

But the question remains, is a radical change in the pattern of bicycles approaching? On this point Mr. Schwalbach says: "It is curious to note that cycle making has progressed in decades. From 1866 to 1876 was the term of the wooden velocipedes and bone-shakers. In 1876 came the first radical change, through the introduction of the good old ordinary.

"For ten years more the high wheels had their heydey, and then were routed by the dwarf form of safety, which today seems to have reached perfection.

"In looking more closely into this coincidence of periods there is discovered a fact much more significant in its bearing upon the present search for tendencies. The change from one pattern to another occurred each time when just such a point of congestion had been reached as seems now at hand, when the highest point of perfection of design and detail seemed to have been reached.

"The old bone-shakers were modified and improved until in 1876, then the changes ceased. It appeared as if nothing further could be done, and that the machine of that day was the machine of the future. Then blossomed forth the high wheel, which went through the next cycle of time until, at the end of ten years, it was again thought that the acme of perfection had been reached. The ordinary was at a standstill so far as improvement went in 1886. It seemed as if not another detail could be added and that the permanency of pattern had come. But again history repeated, and no sooner was the ordinary perfested than it was abandoned for the safety.

"For ten years now makers have been improving the safety. The diamond frame is practically universal. The point of standstill is reached."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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G., Easton—Corrected answer: Congressman J. T. McCleary lives at Mankato, Minn. He is an authority on the money question, and will probably be glad to send you his work on application.

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