

RACED BEHIND A FAST TRAIN

The Daring Performance of Bicyclist Charles P. Murphy.

A MILE IN SIXTY-FIVE SECONDS

Rode Close to the Rear Coach Upon a Ten- Inch Strip of Board Laid Between the Two Rails.

NEW YORK, June 30.—Faced by a locomotive Charles M. Murphy, the Brooklyn cyclist, rode a mile in 65 seconds, at Maywood, L. I. Murphy not only broke all cycle records for a mile, but he actually rode his bicycle faster than any other man using his own power only, has ever propelled any vehicle for a mile. It was the first time he had ever ridden behind a locomotive and he faced unknown dangers, for death would certainly follow any accident to the train or himself.

Murphy seemed to have no trouble in following the pace. Although his wheel was geared up to 112, his feet were traveling so fast on the pedals it was scarcely possible to follow them with the eye.

His eyes were set on a broad perpendicular stripe painted in the center of a dark red shield. His face was drawn and anxious, but he never faltered. The tire of his wheel almost touched a little buffer rail and at no time during the mile did he get further away from it than three or four inches, nor at any time during the mile did Murphy leave the center board, which is only ten inches wide, so perfect was his pace following.

The two preparatory flags flashed by almost unseen. Then came the red flag which marked the beginning of the mile and the thrilling race against Father Time was begun. Almost before the silent spectators on the rear platform looked for the first quarter flag, it had flashed by. The watches tallied 16 2-5 seconds. The next quarter was a fifth of a second slower and the half was passed in 33 seconds. The third quarter was slightly faster, and the watches tallied 49 1-5 seconds. Murphy in the meanwhile was pedaling like a mad man, losing not an inch. There seemed to be little motion to his body above the hips. Nothing but a slight balancing motion, by which he followed every motion of the train.

Nothing but an accident could mar the trial, for Murphy showed that he

could ride as fast and faster than the train could pilot him. The engine was warmed up as it flew into the last quarter, and it was finished in 154 1-5 seconds, or a minute and five seconds for the entire mile.

Then came the most dangerous part of the ride, and an unexpected difficulty. Murphy was unable to hear the long whistle, which was to notify him of the finish—in fact, he heard nothing. Fullerton reached down and waved his cap in front of Murphy's eyes. For a moment Murphy misunderstood this for a signal to come on, but discovered his mistake almost immediately and prepared to slow down. But his impetus was so great that he could not stop. He did not dare to back pedal for that would throw him and his bicycle. So he quietly steadied his wheel and let it run.

As quick as thought the train got away from him, but he still came tearing on through the dead air that followed the train. A second later he had reached the end of the vacuum and found himself in a whirlwind of dust.

The train had given the air a rotary motion in the vacuum, and it attacked Murphy from both sides furiously, rocking his wheel. He was in serious danger, and nothing but his marvelous control of the wheel and his wrists of steel saved him from going down. For an eighth of a mile he staggered from side to side on the narrow track, making no attempt to back pedal, but devoting all of his energy in the superhuman effort to keep on the board surface and save his life.

Finally he got his wheel steadied and began to cautiously back pedal, but his impetus was so great that he was unable to stop within the limits of the board track, although he had slackened considerably. When he reached the end of the boards he took his only chance and jumped into the cinders, landing on his feet unhurt.

STATE NEWS.

Walla Walla is to have a public park. . . .

There are 350 Chinamen in Fairhaven. . . .

Aberdeen will also celebrate the Fourth. . . .

A new saw mill is to be built at Fairfield. . . .

Yakima wool growers held a convention last night. . . .

A bicycle path is to be built from Arlington to Edgewood. . . .

There were seventeen arrests at North Yakima on circus day. . . .

The Centralia council has refused to pass an ordinance taxing bicycles. . . .

Whitman county farm lands and improvements are assessed at \$6,329,584. . . .

There are 909,000 acres of land still unsurveyed in the Seattle land district. . . .

The sale of tide lands at Port Angeles last week brought the state \$10,716. . . .

The Bellingham Bay Railroad company has 75 men at work ballasting the roadbed. . . .

The Union carpenters of Spokane have refused to join in the proposed strike of the building trades. . . .

New Whatcom's school report shows 1576 scholars in that district, a gain since last year of 137. . . .

The canning season at Blaine has opened up. It is expected to put up 300,000 cases there. . . .

At a special election held Wednesday the people of Walla Walla by a vote of 979 to 167 decided to bond the city for the purchase of the . . .

PUNISHED BY WHITECAPS

DANVILLE, Ill., June 30.—Early this morning 12 citizens of Rossville a thriving church and school village 20 miles north of here, went to the house where James Brilly was quartered, called him out of doors and when he came out caught him and forcibly took him to the outskirts of the village, tied him to a post of a barbed wire fence and lashed his back with a buggy whip, one stroke from each member of the crowd, lacerating his flesh on the back and arms, and making large gashes from which blood flowed profusely. They then poured tar on his back, turned him loose and told him to leave the town.

He managed to get a little clothing from the night operator at the railroad station and on a gravel train came to this city, where his strength failed him and he was taken to the Vermillion county hospital. His condition is considered critical.

This is the first whitecapping ever occurring within a hundred miles of here. James Brilly is a stout man, married, and has three or four living children. He is a laborer. His earnings, it was charged, he spent in saloons or at the gambling table, and the complaint of the regulators was that he would not support his wife and family. Last winter he got his provisions from the county and lived in the house of a widow whom he did not pay. His household goods were carried into the streets last March. Brilly then left the city after being warned to go from anonymous correspondents. He stayed until this week, when he returned and went to the house where his wife was living.

THE ARMOUR FRUIT COMBINE

NEW YORK, June 30.—It is reported that P. D. Armour is at the head of a movement to attempt to control the fruit and vegetable trade of this locality. J. W. Coupland, the manager of the California Fruit Transportation company, is authority for the statement. Mr. Coupland has just returned from a meeting of the fruit growers of the South, held at Wilmington, N. C., at which he said an organization was effected to fight Armour's plan.

It was said that Mr. Armour, assisted by others, had secured control of the fruit trade of the Pacific coast, and that he is now endeavoring to get control of the fruit and vegetable trade of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas. Mr. Coupland said that the combination included the Porter Bros. Fruit company, the Continental Fruit Exchange and the Earl Fruit company.

THEY CONDEMNED THE WRONG MAN

CINCINNATI, O., June 30.—The police have been annoyed for a year by a petty swindler, who went from house to house engaging women to make artificial flowers. He agreed to pay 50 cents a hundred for the flowers, but as a preliminary required a deposit of from \$1 to \$3. He then disappeared.

Edward Pittman was arrested on suspicion of having positively identified him as the swindler, and he was sent to the workhouse despite protests of innocence.

A detective who had believed Pittman innocent yesterday arrested P. Gilbert, and he was brought before the same 16 women. Every one of them quickly admitted that they had made a mistake about Pittman, and swore that Pittman was the swindler and wanted to tear his hair. Gilbert confessed and Pittman will be released.

POLITICS CAUSE A DUEL IN KANSAS

GALENA, Kan., June 30.—Last night, as the streets of the Kansas mineral metropolis were crowded with people, Sam Evans, one of the prime movers in the Herroll faction in the temperance politics of the town, pulled his gun and directed a fusillade at R. P. Bland, supposedly a member of the Robertson faction. Both men emptied their guns and were reloading for another exchange of courtesies, when the officers arrived. The men were about 15 feet apart, the streets were jammed with people, yet only one shot took effect. Bland was shot through the right leg. Evans, who is said to have been a great furrow in the front of a sand stone building. The plate glass front of one of the buildings behind the firing was shattered.

THE RESULT OF NOVEL READING

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 30.—After reading in a half-time novel about the extraordinary hanging of a wild Western desperado, George Van Rohr, who was only 15 years old yesterday, in a most novel manner, strung himself up in the cellar of a grocery at which he was employed, at the southwest corner of Cumberland and Alder streets. Groceryman George Lentz missed the boy after he had been absent from the store half an hour, and upon going into the cellar found the body, still warm, suspended by a strip of clothline from a board that had been nailed across two joists.

The boy had wrapped a soft muslin bag around his neck, evidently to keep the rope from cutting the flesh, and, sitting on top of three soap boxes he had piled up, he placed the noose over his head, then threw over the nailed board the other end, which he tied around his legs at the ankles. Then he jumped off the box, and with his legs drawn up, slowly strangled to death. The lad had tied himself in the usual way because the cellar, being low, there was not room for him to stretch out at full length. Everything was done so quietly that his employer, who was eating breakfast, had no suspicion that the lad had left the store.

Voil, the Assayer, 34-35 Roxwell bldg. 4th July Decoration Flags, Bunting, Festooning, Denny-Coryell Co., 1st av.

A DIVINE HEALER AT CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, O., June 29.—For two weeks Cincinnati has been under the spell of a "divine healer," Dr. Blandford and his coadjutor, both of England. Blandford was born with closed eyes about thirty years ago. Twenty-one days after birth his eyes opened. At 12 years of age he hypnotized a hungry and ferocious tiger into a lamb-like sleep.

Three times daily—morning, noon and night—the healers have taken their stand on a raised platform on Fountain square, while hundreds of patients—deaf, blind and paralyzed—have passed under their hands. Some have recovered their lost senses as if by miracle, according to their own statements. Men, women and children have painfully hobbled to the square on crutches and departed unaided home.

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The Priest is a Candidate

CHICAGO, Ill., June 29.—Rev. Father George D. Heidman, of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, has announced his candidacy for congress on the Democratic ticket. In 1887 a priest was elected from Detroit. The district is now represented by William R. Lorimer, who will be a candidate for re-election.

MURDERER OF AMOS SNELL

CHICAGO, June 30.—Information as to the whereabouts of a man supposed by the informant to be W. B. Tascott, who in February of 1888 murdered Millionaire Amos J. Snell of this city, was furnished Clerk W. Murphy at Detective headquarters today. The man who thinks he has discovered the murderer for whom the Chicago police have been searching 11 years in Louis Miller, of Black Rock, Ark.

Miller came to Chicago for the sole purpose of notifying the police of the whereabouts of the supposed murderer. He told Clerk Murphy he was positive of the identification of the man. Miller's information is based on statements made by the man in his sleep.

When questioned as to whether he

tonserial artist. "But why do you wish to see it?"

"Oh, merely to see if you hadn't made a mistake in calling it a razor," replied the other. "I thought perhaps it might be a piece of an old barrel hoop."—Chicago News.

...Some Stray Facts...

Spain has had 31 wars in the last 100 years. . . .

One's memory is stronger in summer than in winter. . . .

Two thousand saloons have been opened in Cuba since the war. . . .

Jonas Brooks, of McPherson, Kan., walked 27 miles to see a circus. . . .

A giant reaping machine at Redlands, Cal., cuts a swath 50 feet in width. . . .

The Chinese emperor is obliged by his religion to fast 64 days in a year. . . .

Since 1883 military operations in the Sudan have cost the British government about \$40,000,000. . . .

The British government used 124,000 gallons of corn whisky last year in the manufacture of smokeless powder. . . .

In 1888 the Erie canal carried 10 million tons of cargo; it carried only 744,000 tons in 1897. . . .

The value of bicycles owned in Maine is \$224,420. This is only \$7,000 less than the value of the entire street railways in the state. . . .

Of the 1,600,000,000 people who constitute the population of the entire world, about 1,400,000,000 are represented in the peace conference at The Hague. . . .

Hawaii will import 7000 Japanese laborers this year. This will increase the Chinese and Japanese population to about 65,000, as compared with 31,000 Hawaiian natives and 3000 Americans. . . .

About \$65,000,000 of insolvent insolvent indebtedness has been wiped out or discharged since the new bankruptcy law went into effect. It was most long standing indebtedness and practically uncollectible. . . .

Not So Slow.

"You villagers seem to be a rather deliberate lot of people."

"I s'pose we be. There wuz a feller drowned down in the creek a spell ago. He yelled 'Help, help!' afore he went down th' last time, an' the editor of th' village paper heard him an' went back to th' office an' put in his paper two 'help wanted' ads an' charged 'em up to th' estate, by gum!" . . .

"A Brooklyn woman locked her husband in the woodshed because he talked politics too much."

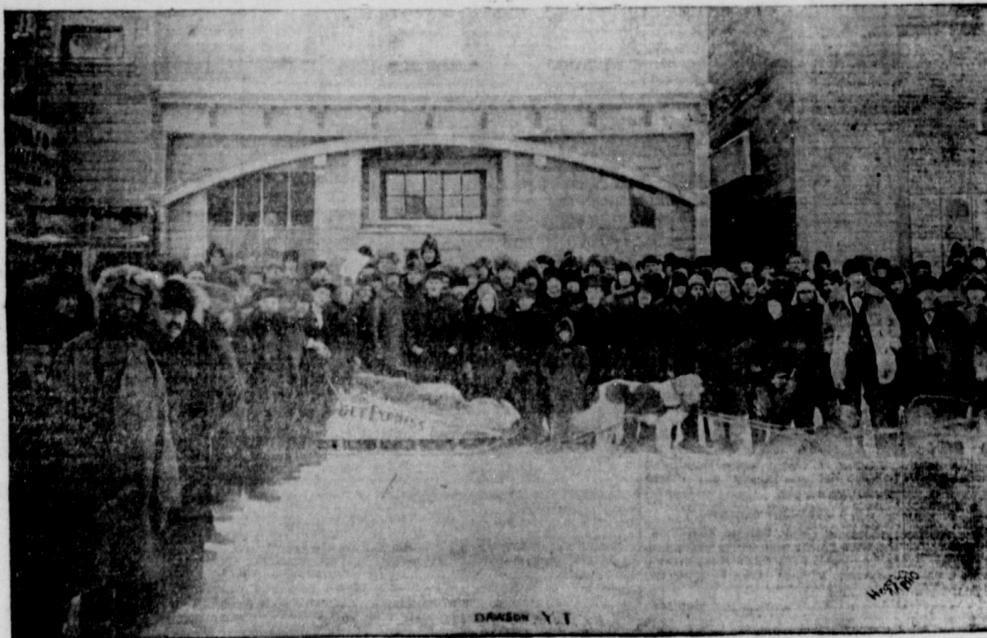
"Say, they'd have to build bigger woodsheds and more of 'em in Ohio!" . . .

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