GREAT BIKE TRIP.

Two Michigan Boys' Great Task Almost Completed.

New York, May 30.—Thirty hours without food or water on an Indian reservation in South Dakota, scorched by forest fires in Idaho, lost in the mountains of Washington and nearly asphyxiated in a three-mile railway tunnel, these are some of the adventures related by C. M. Darling and C. C. Murphy, who arrived here yesterday on a bicycle trip through the states and territories of the Union.

The boys started from Jackson, Mich., on a wager a little more than a year ago after the members of the Young Men's Social club had worked themselves up over the question of whether two bicyclists starting without a penny could visit every state and territory within a year and a half.

Since May 2, 1904, the day of their start, they have traveled 10,902 miles and visited thirty-six states and four territories, as well as the District of Columbia. They figure that they are seven weeks ahead of their schedule, and expect to finish on Aug. 24, having only Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky still to visit.

A Mysterious Attack.

Howell, Mich., May 30.—Miss Maggie Wakeman of Tyrone township, who became the bride of Rex Reed of Osceola Saturday afternoon, had an exciting experience a few evenings before her wedding day. She was on her way in a carriage to the home of her brother, Charles Wakeman, returning home from a visit with neighbors, when two men sprang out into the road and attempted to seize her horse. She saw them in time to apply the lash to the horse and escape, but two shots fired after her put bullet holes in the top of the carriage very near to her head. The horse was so frightened that it ran for nearly a mile before she could get control of it, and when she reached her brother's home she was in a state of nervous collapse from fright. Police are investigating and have certain young men under suspicion.

Where Is the Snake?

Pontiac, Mich., May 30.—While employed in tearing down an old wooden structure, next to the Columbia hotel on North Saginaw street, John Deconick, a laborer, discovered the skin of a diamond back rattlesnake, having thirteen rattles. It is supposed to be one that was lost, probably by the Wallace Bros. when they were here two years ago. The skin is about six feet long and is most beautifully marked. The question which is agitating the people of the neighborhood is what has become of its snakeship since it shed its coat.

Sold Apples Twice.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 30.—Louis Hoffman, a prominent commission merchant, has been convicted of grand larceny. Sentence suspended until Wednesday. Last October Hoffman sold a carload of apples to Vinkemulder & Co. and later resold them to a Chicago firm. He then skipped to Toronto, Ont., where he was arrested and brought back.

MICHIGAN BRIEFS.

The board of supervisors of Ogemaw county has appropriated $425 for an exhibit at the state fair in Detroit this fall.

Mrs. Isabella Black of Detroit, aged 80 and deaf, was struck by a trolley car Monday and her face and arms cut, but she was not seriously injured.

The coroner's jury in the case of the death of Maurice Melner, who fell down a shaft at Bogdell Bros.' factory, Detroit, returned a verdict that he came to his death through his own carelessness.

Thomas Haynes, a prominent pioneer resident of Niles and old-time railway engineer, is dead at Ann Arbor, aged 78 years, whither he went to undergo an operation. He leaves a widow and one son.

While Mrs. Anna Donovan of Detroit was out for a drive Sunday evening thieves entered the house by breaking open the back door, and stole a watch chain, valuable charm, an ostrich plume from a hat, and other valuable property.

Saginaw is protesting against the proposed mustering out of Company C of the state militia. The company has been in existence thirty-two years and Saginaw people do not want it done away with. A protest has been sent to Gov. Warner.

Rev. Henry Beets, pastor of Lagrave Street Christian Reformed church, Grand Rapids, declared Sunday that because wickedness was rampant in that city it had aroused the wrath of God, who has visited the city with a smallpox epidemic.

Daniel A. Abbey, aged 38 years, a mailing clerk who has been employed in the Flint postoffice twenty years, was detected in the act of opening a number of decoy letters and placed under arrest. He has confessed to rifling letters. He has a wife and three children.

Two rigs, one driven by Tom Gaylord and the other containing Dell Plummer and Charles Cole, collided at Davidson. Plummer received an ugly gash just under the right eye and his rig was demolished. The others escaped unhurt. Gaylord, it is said, has offered to settle.

VERY LITTLE DISTURBANCE.

Practically No New Developments in the Strike Situation.

Chicago, May 30.—Renewed aggressiveness on the part of the employers, whose teamsters are on strike, is expected on Wednesday. Taking advantage of the legal holiday, plans will be formed for extensively increasing the amount of deliveries to be made from lumber yards. The downtown business houses, where strikes exist, have 400 unemployed drivers. These they cannot use on account of the inability of the police to furnish protection; and on Wednesday these men will be sent to the firms in the lumber yards. The lumber dealers had 200 teams in operation yesterday. There was little disturbance during the day and none of the fights was sufficiently serious to call for the interference of many policemen. Nearly all the teamsters employed by the hardwood lumber dealers are tied up with the exception of one firm, which continues to do business with union teamsters.

The May grand jury has begun an investigation into the strike, directing its inquiry particularly to the feature which is said to involve the payment of money for an attempt of the labor leaders. It was also proposed to inquire into the existence of an alleged blacklist against the striking express wagon drivers.

The day failed to bring out any new evidence and the jury adjourned until Wednesday.

Porto Rico Wants More Liberty.

Washington, May 30.—President Roosevelt had a talk yesterday with Tulio Larrinaga, the Washington resident commissioner of Porto Rico, about the wish of the people of Porto Rico for a greater measure of self-government. Mr. Larrinaga maintained that the people of Porto Rico were being treated as if they were not capable of self-government, and declared that many actions of Porto Rico house of representatives were practically annulled by the executive council. The president asked Mr. Larrinaga to submit a written statement and promised its careful consideration.

American Women Failed.

London, May 30.—The American entries in the women's golf championship failed to secure a prize in the stroke competition on the Cromer links. Miss Harriet Curtis of Massachusetts recorded the best score of the Americans, making the eighteen holes in a card of eighty-nine. Miss Lottie Dod, the English champion, failed to return her card, and Miss Dorothy Campbell of North Berwick won with a score of eighty-two.

BRIEF DISPATCHES.

Whitelaw Reid, the new American ambassador, will be presented by Foreign Minister Lansdowne to King Edward at noon on June 5, when he will present his credentials.

Statues of Presidents Lincoln and Grant, occupying conspicuous positions in the famous statuary hall in the capitol, have been decorated with flags and flowers, according to annual Memorial day custom.

The split in the Liberal party in Cuba is widening, and many local organizations are resuming the name "National" and refusing to support Gomez. This seems to add to the strength of President Palma.

David W. Ross, general superintendent of the Illinois Central railroad, has been made purchasing director of the Panama canal, a position of much power and responsibility. He will move at once from Chicago to Washington.

Gifford Pinchot, chief of the bureau of forestry, department of agriculture, has decided that a forest officer may exercise his rights under the homestead and desert land laws, provided he intends to make the claim his permanent home.

Dr. Diego Mendoza, the recently appointed minister of Colombia to the United States, was presented formally to President Roosevelt Monday. The presentation was made by Acting Secretary of State Loomis in the blue room of the White House.

Secretary Hitchcock has rendered a decision which will result in forfeiting to the government all purchase money received with applications for timber and stone lands which are afterward found to be fraudulent. The decision will result in many forfeitures under applications now pending.

President Henry C. Pulliam of the National League of professional baseball clubs, is in Boston to attend a meeting of the league directors to pass upon the charges filed by President Barney Dreyfuss of the Pittsburg club against John W. McGraw, manager of the New York club.

A contest at the National Sporting club, London, Monday night between Joe Bowker, champion bantam of England, and "Pinkey" Evans of Yonkers, N. Y., for the bantam championship and a purse of $3,750, went the full twenty rounds and Bowker won on points easily. Evans received much punishment, but gamely contested every round.

Mr. Jusserand, the French ambassador, called upon Acting Secretary Loomis at the state department, bringing a letter from President Loubet in reply to one from President Roosevelt, announcing the termination of Gen. Horace Porter's mission to France as American ambassador. President Loubet's reply spoke highly of Ambassador Porter's service.

RAISING COLTS BY HAND.

How to Prepare Cow's Milk For the Youngster—Feed Frequently.

In answer to the query, "What is the best substitute to feed a colt for the mare's milk when the youngster must be raised by hand?" Breeder's Gazette says:

Milk, of course, is the only thing on which very young animals have much of a chance to live, and the commonest article is that of the cow. Therefore cow's milk should be fed to the orphan colt, but in small quantities. The milk of the mare is much sweeter than that of the cow and therefore a tablespoonful of good white granulated sugar should be added to each quart of the cow's milk. Do not add any water to the milk. Take enough hot water to dissolve the sugar nicely and add to the milk, then let the colt drink it at the temperature of blood heat or just as he would get it from his mother had she lived.

The rearing of a foal by hand is a tedious job at the best. In the first place it is well known that a foal gets only a very little at a time, but sucks many times a day; therefore if he is allowed when hungry to fill his little stomach up with a great ration of cow's milk he will quickly get to scouring, and then trouble looms on every side.

The writer has fed a motherless foal as often as twelve times a day or more from an old teapot with the thumb of a kid glove pierced full of holes over the spout, and then after a few days gradually reduced the feedings to six, then to four. Later warm skim milk was substituted for part of the new, the sugar discontinued and finally the colt got to drinking what he wanted the same as a bull calf that was in the same lot, three times a day, all he wanted. At the same time get the colt to eating ground grain as soon as he will. Pet him, coddle him and give him some sort of a companion, if it is only a runty calf, and be sure that he is not banished far from human beings or he will not be fed often enough.

Pasture For Hogs.

For early pasture for hogs sow barley or a combination of barley and oats. A little later sow rape—in fact, rape may be sown almost as early as barley on a well prepared seed bed, and by having two fields of rape the hogs may be supplied with pasture the whole season as soon as the rape reaches a sufficient growth to pasture it. This is accomplished by turning from one pasture to the other, allowing the rape to grow in one field while it is being pastured off in the other. For late summer or fall cowpeas make an excellent pasture for hogs. The same land which is sown to barley early in the spring may be planted to cowpeas after the first of June, and this will furnish pasture in August and September.—A. M. Ten Eyck in Farmers Advocate.

THE SHEPHERD

The Delaine is a pure bred Merino sheep, the result of improvement by careful selection, breeding and feeding with a definite ideal constantly in the minds of its breeders, writes R. Wood in Breeder's Gazette.

The chief characteristic difference between the American Merino, or Spanish Merino, as it was formerly called, and the Delaine is the entire absence of folds or wrinkles either on the neck or body of the latter, a longer staple of wool and a lighter weight of fleece. As distinguished from the Rambouillet, the latter is a larger and more rangy sheep than the Delaine, while the fleece is generally denser, but not so oily nor quite as fine nor as long as the Delaine. All these breeds are merely families of the one great breed, Merino.

Avoid Haste In Culling.

Because a ewe is in poor condition and generally ill looking is no reason why she should be culled, for such are usually the best of mothers and are the ones that raise big, lusty twin lambs. After her lambs are taken from her she will soon flesh up.

When Lambs Need Dipping.

If mature sheep are troubled with ticks and lambs run with the flock most of the ticks in two or three weeks after shearing will have left the old sheep to live upon the tender skin and amid the longer wool of the lambs. It is therefore evident that money will be saved by dipping the lambs. In badly infected cases a second dipping will prove advantageous unless the old sheep were dipped at the first application. Ticks multiply very rapidly, and even if a few escape death their progeny will cause the whole flock untold discomfort.—American Cultivator.

The Sheep's Foot.

That old common saying, "No foot, no horse," applies with equal truth and force to the sheep. Indeed, the sheep's foot is far more liable to injury and disease by neglect under even ordinary conditions of management, not to mention the frequent instances of want of due care, than the foot of the horse is. The cloven foot, with a very sensitive lining between the claws; the small size of the foot and the peculiar structure of it all combine to make this part of the body extremely subject to disease and needful of the most watchful attention and immediate care when it becomes injured.—Irish Farming World.

Sheep Notes.

Keep plenty of salt before your sheep at all times.

It is easier to prevent the stomach worm than to kill it.

A well fed ewe is the best assurance of a big, strong lamb.

No man should attempt to keep more sheep than he can keep well.

Always dock and castrate your lambs before they are two weeks old.—Shepherd's Criterion.

PROBATE ORDER.

State of Michigan, County of St. Clair } ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County of St. Clair, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Port Huron, on the 23rd day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

Present, Stephen A. Graham, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Benedict Gardner, deceased. Paul L. Gardner having filed with this court his petition praying that William Collins or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate.

It is ordered, that Monday, the 3rd day of July next, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing thereof.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Yale Expositor a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of St. Clair.

(A true copy.) STEPHEN A. GRAHAM,
E. H. DRAKE, Judge of Probate.
Attorney for Petitioner. 5-4

PROBATE ORDER.

State of Michigan, County of St. Clair, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County of St. Clair, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Port Huron, on the 9th day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

Present, Stephen A. Graham, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth A. Beadle, Deceased. Henry P. Ohmer having filed with this court, his petition praying that James Wallace, the administrator of said estate be authorized and directed to execute a deed of conveyance of certain land to him according to the terms of a certain land contract, entered into by said deceased during her life time.

It is ordered, that Monday the 5th day of June next, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing thereof;

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Yale Expositor, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of St. Clair.

(A true copy.) STEPHEN A. GRAHAM,
J. A. RAPLEY. Judge of Probate.
Atty for Petitioner. 3-4

PROBATE ORDER.

State of Michigan, County of St. Clair } ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County of St. Clair, held at the Probate Office in the City of Port Huron, on the 18th day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

Present, Stephen A. Graham, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John Albert Jackson, Deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Katie Jackson, praying that she may be authorized and licensed to sell certain real estate belonging to the estate of the said deceased.

It is ordered, that Monday, the 19th day of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license should not be granted to said Katie Jackson to sell real estate as prayed for in said petition.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Yale Expositor, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of St. Clair.

(A true copy.) STEPHEN A. GRAHAM,
JESSE A. RAPLEY. Judge of Probate.
Att'y for Estate. 4-4