WHEELING.

CYCLING COMMENT.

Collamer's Defence in Full—Its Weakness Exposed in Short Order—Woodside's Arrival in Europe—Matters of Import to Pennsylvania Wheelmen, Etc.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec. 22.—Well, Mr. Collamer steps up at last and, in response to my offer of a fifty dollar gold medal if he will solve his own problem, publishes the following reply in the *American Athlete:*

IN DEFENSE.

"Some kindly-disposed (?) person has endeavored, in the current SPORTING LIFE, to 'show up' this department for the benefit of 'the innocent cycling public.' Let us see how well he has succeeded.

"He says, first, that we hoped to make a few pennies at such public's expense. True, too true; and alas! How have our hopes been crushed. But does he think there is dishonor in 'making pennies?' If so, may we ask him how much he receives per inch for the matter he writes for the wheeling column of that journal? He goes into a calculation to prove we make $2.50 out of our department. To produce that figure of profit he sets the number of contestants at 50 and the value of the prizes we offered at 50 cents, both estimates of his own and too ridiculous to be denied, as the item above this will show. Not satisfied with that, he further on draws again on his fund of imaginable estimates and figures us as raising the price of our entrance fee and value of prizes offered, with a net profit to us of $10. This latter, need it be said, is entirely a creation of his own fertile brain, as it was never our intention to raise the entrance fee one cent. On the contrary, in the last issue we offered a *reduction* in that fee if the contestant would try for answers to several lists, and announced our intention of giving more valuable prizes as the interest grew.

"Finally, our friend, who objects to our making a few pennies, although our plan of doing so was honest and open, tries his hand at answering one of the problems proposed (No. 1), and takes us to task for asking how far the rider's foot would travel in a circle in that case. He discovers that the foot does not travel in a circle at all, but in a 'cycloidal arc,' whose periphery even his massive brain is incapable of measuring. Here, once again, is he correct, and we bow to his superior intelligence! The lonesome *three*, who braved the dangers of being 'done' for six cents each, did not discover this, although we had it in mind when we drew the problem. We did not ask 'how *far* the rider's foot traveled,' because if we had even our friend might have been stuck. He must remember there is the distance forward of five and one-half miles this foot also travels, and the few feet occupied in throwing the foot over the handles in the act of coasting and down again. Why, here was another flaw in the problem he did not discover—How often the foot was so thrown over and down for coasting steep hills? No; we purposely asked 'how far in a circle' the foot travels—perhaps we should have said, 'How far around the axle,' to be more explicit. But what we did say was understood by those who contested.

"Viewed in the one-sided light in which his article paints this department, we are indeed a demon, but when we sift his objections they are these:—1st. It's wrong to 'make a few pennies.' 2d. He thinks we might, perhaps, in the future make more, and that's wrong, too. 3d. By a strenuous effort he is able to find a technical flaw in the statement of one of our problems, and if he construes that problem all out of shape, instead of in the way it was intended *and understood by others*, he cannot solve it, therefore our whole department is a fraud and a deception.

"But what of the *Athlete's* thousands of other readers, whose intelligence—not sharpened by malice—was devoted to a keen perusal of the department? Did *they* not see that we must make a few pennies out of it, and did *they* begrudge us that princely profit? Did *they* endeavor to distort the problems, or did they accept them as they were meant? No; our anonymous friend alone discerned our criminal intentions, and kindly gave them publication for the benefit of 'the innocent cycling public.' Perhaps he believes *he* could coin a fortune with such a department. If so, he is welcome to try, and if he can state a problem of reasonable depth that an intelligent man who is so disposed cannot pick to pieces, we'll make him a present of the same fifty-dollar medal he so magnanimously offered us."

As to the penny making, you see he admits that is what he is after, and so disposes of any argument on that head; but if you will read his original proposition carefully you will see that the stamps he expected to get from you and didn't were only to *help* pay for the prizes, which implies, of course, that there was a loss entailed. Penny making is honest enough, but false pretense is downright dishonesty. Whether I am paid or not for my work in THE SPORTING LIFE has nothing to do with the case. I have never pretended that I was working for fun. The present case, however, is an exception.

Well, as to the problem, he admits that the rider's foot does not travel in a circle, and says he had the fact "in mind" when he drew the problem. Here is *ex post facto* wisdom for you! He knows it all after he is told.

"Did *they* begrudge us that princely profit?" Well, I should say they did, if out of the thousands who read your question you received but three answers. There is no doubt about that at all. He makes a bad mess of the problem in trying to explain what he meant by the expression "how far in a circle" and shows the densest ignorance of simple mathematics and logic. He does not seem willing to trust himself to the pages of a public journal with a solution of the problem, but promises the "lonely three" that they shall hear from him by letter.

A man who confesses that he cannot "state a problem of reasonable depth that an intelligent man who is so disposed cannot pick to pieces" should not attempt to edit a "brain" department. He should go to school.

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"A powerful hydraulic tube-press for forming metal and steel tubes from circular plates by pressing or forcing them by the aid of mandrils through dies or annular rings, has just been designed and built, says the *Universal Engineer*, by Henry Bessemer & Co., Sheffield, for the Birmingham Small Arms Factory. The press will be used for the manufacture of tubes of large size."—*Exchange.*

Does this mean that the weldless steel tube monopoly has at last been broken?

The Birmingham Small Arms Co. have for many years been manufacturers of an extensive line of cycles, and are, of course, large users of steel tubing. This weldless steel tubing has heretofore been made under one patent and only in the two factories owned by the Credenda Steel Tube Co. The price of the article is unnaturally high, being about eleven times that of the welded iron tube, though it is said to be cheaper to make.

The cheapening of this product, which is the most expensive part of a bicycle, would lessen the first cost of machines considerably.

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Woodside has returned to Ireland, and the *Scottish Cyclist* has had an interview with him in Glasgow, of which it gives the following account:

W. M. WOODSIDE HOME AGAIN.

"We have just had a visit on the eve of going to press from W. M. Woodside, the famous Irish-American professional bicyclist, who arrived in Glasgow yesterday on the steamship State of Indiana, after a pretty rough passage. Mr. Woodside reports having left professional cycling in bad repute in the States owing to the recent disclosures in the Rowe-Temple series of 'faked' races. He says if anyone is less to blame than another, that one is Rowe. But all around the case is so unclean that the less said about it the better. Woodside had split company with Morgan and Temple before the affair, having got tired of his copartners. His sympathies were all with Rowe, whom he protected against the machinations of the astute couple. Woodside has come home to rest a bit, but does not mean to leave the track yet. If any winter tournaments are got up in this country he will probably take part in them. He tells us that Morgan is now traveling for the Coventry Machinists' Co. in the States, and Temple has gone into the haberdashery business with a brother. Neither of them can ever show face again in public, or they would be mobbed. Rowe is in the same box, but feeling is not so bad against him, as he did not instigate the fraud. Woodside has a great opinion of Temple, and believes in a straight race the only man that could beat him is Dick Howell. About the Howell and Temple races, Woodside sticks to the statement that these were also arranged with the object of taking Temple back to America as the conqueror of the great Howell. Woodside is getting over a sample of the Springfield roadster, which he proclaims the most wonderful bicycle of the age. It is driven by levers and has a clutch action. He says it can get up a hill that could not possibly be ridden on any other ordinary or safety. 'Woody' is looking exceedingly well, and is full of stories about his partners in 'the American team.' He left for Ireland last night."

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The first official action looking toward the election of our chief consul was last night taken at the special meeting held at the Colonnade Hotel. Every member of the board present heartily endorsed the action, and it came out in a quiet way that two or three had been quietly pushing the matter among League members in their respective vicinities. We are already assured of enough votes to carry the election, and from present indications the opposition, if there be any, will prove very weak.

Mr. Jessup was born at Montrose, Pa., Feb. 5, 1838, and was educated at Montrose and Homer, N. Y. He served with honor and distinction in the late war, and at its close was appointed assistant assessor of the Internal Revenue, and assessor's clerk, which [...] 1871. Since then he has been engaged in the banking business at Scranton, Pa., and is at present president of the Scranton City Bank. He is also treasurer of Scranton Illuminating Heat and Power Company. Mr. Jessup has for some time been an active cycler, has been president of the Scranton Bicycle Club for four years, and chief consul of Pennsylvania for two terms. He is held in very high esteem by all who know him.

Next week we shall publish a fine portrait of Mr. Jessup.

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A special meeting of the Board of Officers Pennsylvania Division L. A. W. was held Friday evening at the Colonnade Hotel. Chief Consul Jessup occupied the chair and Kirk Brown acted as secretary pro tem.

The following members were present:—Geo. A. Jessup, Thos. Hare, E. P. Burtt, W. R. Tucker, G. S. Osborne, H. R. Lewis and Kirk Brown.

The following members were elected a committee on nominations:—G. S. Osborne, Philadelphia; J. J. Van Nort, Scranton; D. K. Trimmer, York.

The secretary's salary was fixed and the treasurer's report was read and received.

The secretary was instructed to furnish the road book to the book trade at a price agreed upon.

The road book will be ready for delivery by the end of February, and from advance sheets shown the Board by John A. Wells it is evidently going to surpass anything of the sort ever before attempted.

Kirk Brown moved that the State delegates to the National Assembly be instructed to place Mr. Geo. A. Jessup in nomination for the presidency of the League of American Wheelmen. The motion was quickly seconded and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. PERSEUS.

Wheel Notes.

Champion Howell, of Leicester, was recently caned. It had an elegant gold handle.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the Camden County Clerk's office last week by the Camden, N. J., Wheelmen.

The Banker brothers, of Pittsburg, will ride a 47-pound Ivel tandem next season, and will make the entire racing circuit.

John A. Wells, of hill-climbing fame, will become a member of the Strong & Green Cycle Company after the first of the year.

The South End Wheelmen last Monday evening celebrated the second anniversary of the opening of their new club house, at 1726 South Broad street.

Some wheelmen say that professionalism in cycling is dead as a door nail, while others are sanguine as to its future. The outlook, however, in this country is not very promising.

Mr. F. A. Elwell, of Portland, Me., has organized a European cycle trip. The success which has invariably attended Mr. Elwell's efforts in getting up cycling tours will, no doubt, attend this latest one.

The Harvard Bicycle Club has decided to challenge Yale to a bicycle road race immediately after the final examination in June next. The choice of distance, course, etc., is to be left to Yale, the number of competitors to be from 5 to 10. Harvard has left almost all the conditions to Yale in the hope that she may accept the challenge.

The Genesee Bicycle Club, of Rochester, has elected new officers as follows:—President, Gordon S. Montgomery; vice president, M. F. Shafer, secretary, Henry Goetzman; treasurer, F. H. Cross; property clerk, J. Oettinger; executive committee, H. B. Rapalje, N. J. Montgomery, C. J. Conolly; captain, M. F. Shafer; road committee, Robert Thomson.

A six-day race between horses ridden by Beardsley and bicycles mounted by Prince and Eck came to an end at Omaha December 15. The bicycles won by nearly 8 miles. The total number of miles made by the horses was 667 miles and 8 laps, and by the bicycles 674 miles and 1 lap. Prince made a total of 332 miles and 1 lap, and Eck made 342 miles even. The total receipts was over $2,000. Of this amount Beardsley gets about $200 and Prince and Eck get about $250 apiece, as well as their share of a purse of $500.

The following invitation road runs will be held this winter:—January, 1889—Staten Island Athletic Club, on Staten Island. February—Pa-time Athletic Club, Sixty-seventh street and East River. March—New Jersey Athletic Club, Bergen Point, N. J. April—Suburban Harriers and Olympic Club, One Hundred-and-Eighth street and East River. All athletes are cordially invited to participate in these runs, the exact dates of which will be fixed later in the season. The committee of arrangements consists of Messrs. J. H. Mellor, Prospect Harriers; L. Levien, American Athletic Club; G. J. Bradish, New York Athletic Club.

The Oak Leaf Wheelmen, of Stockton, Cal., had a race meet Nov. 29. The quarter-mile track was soft from rain. The results were:—One mile novice (racing wheels barred)—H. A. Crocker, 1st; F. E. Southworth, 2d; time, 3:52. One-half mile L. A. W. State championship—W. G. Davis, 1st; J. E. Hickenbotham, 2d; H. G. Toll, 3d; Chas. B. Wheaton, did not finish; time, 1:32½. One mile L. A. W. State safety championship—C. P. Fonda, only entrant, 3:26¼. One mile Oak Leaf Wheelmen Club handicap—F. E. Southworth, ordinary (scratch), 1st; H. A. Dodge, rear-driving safety (100yds.), 2d; time, 3:25¼. One mile handicap—L. G. Hodzkins (100yds.), 1st; J. E. Hickenbotham (scratch), 2d; time, 3:17 2-5. One mile scratch—H. G. Toll, 1st; C. P. Fonda, 2d; time, 3:18 4-5. J. E. Hickenbotham was distanced by 25ft. Two-mile scratch—H. A. Crocker, 1st; F. E. Southworth, 2d; L. G. Hodgkins, 3d; time, 7:48 3-5.

THE KENNEL.

SOLD CHEAP.

Well-Bred Fox Terriers Bring Moderate Prices at Auction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Thirty-one fox terriers, the property of Messrs. L. and W. Rutherford, were sold at auction yesterday at the American Horse Exchange. There were about two hundred gentlemen present, but the bidding, except for one or two lots, was only of a moderate nature. The sale did not begin until four o'clock, and in consequence it was soon too dark for the buyers to really judge quality and color.

Mr. H. B. Cromwell paid the highest price of the afternoon, as after considerable competition he secured Warren Jollity, by Venetian—Warren Jostle, a bitch, whelped June 8 last, marked with tan on head and body, for $46. Warren Jealousy, a sister of Jollity, brought $36, and fell to Mr. Farley Clark. Another bitch, with black and tan head and white body, by Splauger—Venebiana whelped last May, brought $27, the purchaser being Mr. H. B. McVicar, and a sister, with black spots on head and body, was obtained by Mr. R. D. Winthrop for $22. Mr. J. S. Bacon bought a bitch by Splauger—Warren Violet, whelped last May, with black and tan marks, for $25, and Mr. G. Sancton secured a bitch by Warren Jim—Temptation, whelped October, 1887, for a similar sum. A dog, whelped last August, by Warren Discord—Warren Vanity, was knocked down for $19 to Mr. Tuckerman, and another, by Resolute—Warren Jingle, whelped November, 1887, was sold to Mr. Ira Brown for $16, while a like amount gave to Mr. J. H. Bonnell a bitch by Splauger—Warren Swansdown, with black and tan head and white body. Warren Spyder, by Splauger—Diana, whelped September, 1886, winner of the second prize in the New York puppy class, 1887, and of the Pot Luck Cup, Hempstead Coursing Club's second meeting, all white, went to Mr. R. D. Winthrop for $15, and $13 only was paid by Mr. W. H. Osgood, Jr., for Warren Swagger, by Shovel—Warren Violet, whelped November, 1886, winner of the third prize in the puppy class of 1887.

Other buyers were Mr. F. Besson, Mr. A. W. Lawrence, Mr. William Maddox, Mr. John Miley, Mr. J. Rutherfurd, Dr. Carmody, V. S.; Mr. F. Fox, Mr. C. W. Sedgwick, Mr. George Dahlman, Mr. J. Maddox, Mr. Charles Purroy and Mr. W. Jones. The thirty-one sold brought $483, and the indifferent prices of many were due to their being very young.

Kennel Notes.

The Texas Field Trials Club's trials will be run near Marshall, Tex., commencing Feb. 26, 1889.

Flotsam, one of the famous black pointers imported from England by the Pittsburg Kennel Club, died Dec. 18 at the kennel.

Mr. Charles H. Mason writes he will judge everything at New Bedford, Mass., next month, and has been asked to judge at San Francisco in the spring.

The Memphis and Avent Kennels have sold to Mr. O. W. Donner, Coosaw, S. C., the setter dog Roi d'Or, by Roderigo—Bo-Peep, winner of third in the American Field Trial Club's Derby.

Messrs. McEwen and Gibson have sold that very good young dog Guelph, winner of three firsts and specials at Buffalo, and two firsts at London, Ontario, bench shows this fall, to John L. Lincoln, Jr., Chicago, Ill.

The premium list for the Meriden Poultry Association's bench show of dogs, to be held at Meriden Conn., January 1, 2, 3 and 4, is ready for distribution, and may be had on application to the secretary, Joshua Shute, Meriden, Conn.

The well-known Laverack setter Don Juan (Tam O'Shanter—Laklem), whelped 1879, died from blood poisoning at Percy Ohl's kennels, Plainfield, N. J. Don Juan was a winner of many prizes, and the sire of many good bench and field dogs. He was originally imported by Mr. Jas. Goodsall.

The Columbus Fanciers' Club, Columbus, O., having been admitted as a member of the American Kennel Club, the bench show to be held February 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1889, will be given under A. K. C. rules. The dogs will be benched and fed by Spratts Patent. The show will be held in the City Hall building.

The American Kennel Club Stud Book will hereafter contain a classification for "American Gordon and Setters," in place of the present one for "Gordon and Black and Tan Setters," the official definition of which shall be:—"All black and tan setters born before January, 1889, containing not less than 62½ per cent. of black and tan blood, shall hereafter be known as the American Gordon Setter."

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O'CONNOR'S NEW MOVE.

He Will Row Searle Anywhere But in Australia.

America's champion sculler, O'Connor, and his backer, Mr. Rogers, of Toronto, have evidently abandoned the proposed trip to Australia, judging from the following challenge, just issued:

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—I hereby challenge Searle, of Australia, to row a three-mile race in best-and-best boats for the championship of the world and $1,000 a side, the race to take place in neutral waters, to be mutually agreed upon, the Thames, London, England, or San Francisco, Cal., preferred. Upon hearing of his acceptance I will immediately forward a deposit to either place he should name. WM. O'CONNOR.

The above challenge has created considerable surprise in the aquatic world, as it has been generally understood that it was O'Connor's intention to visit Australia next spring to get on a race with Searle and other scullers in that country. In fact it has been given out frequently that the champion had arranged to leave on March 1st for the Antipodes. However, if these were his plans, they have been changed, and the projected visit to Australia finally abandoned. O'Connor's proposition is a fair one, although Searle will not be harshly criticised for refusing to accept, inasmuch as champion of the world he has the unquestionable right of forcing a challenger for his title to row in Australia. Remembering, however, that the title which he now holds was won by a countryman from Hanlan in Australian waters, Searle may, partly from this fact, not stick for the proprieties, and, further, actuated by a desire to get on a race which, if he wins, would prove highly remunerative, consent to meet O'Connor either in America or England. The American champion says he is not afraid of Searle, but of the climate, and this is his reason in a nutshell for not going to Australia.

SEARLE'S TRIUMPH.

Details of the International Regatta at Brisbane.

The following details of Searle's triumph in the recent great four-days' open regatta, at Brisbane, Australia have come to hand:—"Searle easily won the international sculling contest here on Tuesday, defeating Beach, Stansbury, Kemp, Matterson, Neilson and MacClear. The first prize in the regatta, which was rowed in heats, was £500. In the semi-final heat it was apparent that Searle and Matterson engaged in an attempt to obstruct Beach, who was rowing in capital form. Beach appealed to the referee and claimed a foul. The referee failed to allow the same, and disqualify Searle and Matterson, whereupon Beach refused to row the final heat and the consequence was that the champion won with ease. Matterson was a former trainer of Searle. The latter was trained for the regatta by George Fearn, the English swimmer, and was in the pink of condition. Harry Searle is a very smart athlete, scaling 160 pounds in condition. He is only 22 years of age and is a native of the Clarence district. Searle has now sufficiently demonstrated that he is head and shoulders above all Australian oarsmen, with the probable exception of Beach, and he waits with the greatest confidence the arrival of the American champion, O'Connor or John Teemer."

ENGLISH SCULLERS.

Their Decadence Admitted and Lamented in England.

Pegasus thus writes to the *News of the World:* —"With our Thames and Tyne scullers at the bottom of the list at the present time, and the best of them a bad lot (taking the line through Wallace Ross), I cannot see the slightest probability of restoring the prestige of old England in contests for the sculling championship of the world, but a race on neutral water between the Canadian and Australian champions would create tremendous excitement in all parts of the world where the English, Irish or American language is spoken, and (both men well on the day) I incline to the belief that O'Connor would defeat Searle. The latter is only 22 years of age, 5ft. 10½in. and scaled 11 stones 7 pounds, when he easily beat Kemp on October 27. O'Connor is 23 years of age, scaled 11 stones 12 pounds in his recent match, and sculls equally as well as Hanlan did in his best day, with the advantage of being considerably stronger than Hanlan. From the contents of my private Australian letters, I shall not be at all surprised if Stansbury is distinctly proved (at an early date) to be 'the second best' sculler in the colonies, and Beach will act wisely if he does not 'measure blades' with either Searle or Stansbury."

Ripples.

Courtney will train the Cornell crew next season.

The Harlem Yacht Club, on Dec. 20, celebrated the occupation of its new club house, at One Hundred and Twenty-first street, with a reception.

The Toronto Canoe Club has chosen these new officers:—Commodore, Dr. Powell; vice commodore, D. J. Jacques; rear commodore, A. Shaw; secretary-treasurer, W. H. P. Weston, executive committee, J. D. Kelly; regatta committee, Messrs. Fraser, Tyson and Jacques.

It is said that there is a general opposition at Harvard to the Freshman race at New London, for which the Yale Freshmen recently sent a challenge. If the Harvard Freshmen decline to row, the University Freshmen will be Yale's only antagonist this year.

The New York Canoe Club has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—Commodore, R. B. Burchard; vice commodore, B. F. Curtis, M. D.; secretary and treasurer, Charles J. Stevens. The executive committee comprises the above officers and Dr. F. F. Grant and T. H. Naval.

The Passaic Boat Club, of Newark, N. J., has elected new officers, as follows:—President, J. Kendall Smith; secretary, Elmer L. Rodrigo; treasurer, Rudolph von Seyfried; captain, S. Cutler Dentz; lieutenant, Wilbur H. Pierson; delegates to Passaic River Amateur Rowing Association, J. Kendall Smith, E. E. Hershell, Fred Freeman.

The Dauntless Boat Club of New York has elected the following—J. H. Redfield, president; T. H. Froelich and Charles M. Hall, vice presidents; E. H. Anderson, secretary; L. M. Edgar, treasurer; M. F. Connell, captain; F. S. Polo, first lieutenant; C. A. McIntyre, second lieutenant; trustees, W. F. Bacon, J. J. Duff and F. H. Burke.

The definition of an amateur oarsman is not uniform throughout the Australian Colonies. In New South Wales the English definition, which excludes men who work with their hands, prevails, but the Victorian Rowing Association is in accord with the American idea, that any man who has not rowed for money, and who does not row for pecuniary gain, is an amateur.

Canoeists are interested just now in the suggestion to place sliding seats in canoes. One of the enthusiasts has had the innovation in use for a full year. He tried the experiment, knowing the unused power which was brought into the stroke by the use of the great muscles of the legs. The greatest objection to their adoption is the vertical motion given the boat, an alternate raising and dipping of the bow and stern making the craft drag or bury.

The nominating committee of the New York Yacht Club, of which Commodore James D. Smith is chairman, have just completed their labors and announce the nomination of the following officers and standing committees to serve for the ensuing year:—Commodore, Elbridge T. Gerry; vice commodore, Latham A. Fish; rear commodore, Archibald Rogers; secretary, John H. Bird; treasurer, F. W. J. Hurst; measurer, John Hyslop; fleet surgeon, Morris J. Asch; regatta committee, J. Nicholson Kane, Chester Griswold and William E. Iselin. The election will be held in February.

The efforts of the Pennsylvania University rowing authorities to form a triangular league with Columbia and Cornell have at last met with success. Last week the representatives of these three colleges met and agreed to have an annual three-mile race at New London, between June 12 and 25. This date was fixed so as to allow the University to row Yale at the same time, the date of the latter race being about June 25. The Childs' Cup race is also to come under this agreement with the exception that it is to be rowed in Philadelphia, and probably some weeks after the New London races.

SPORTING NOTES.

The National Association of Trotting Horse Breeders, at New York, Dec. 13, elected the following officers for the ensuing year—President, H. W. T. Mali; first vice president, Leland Stanford; second vice president, J. V. Baker; third vice president, A. J. Cattor; secretary, L. D. Packer; treasurer, John W. Grey; board of censors, Guy Miller, T. D. Norris, W. B. Dickerman, E. G. Doolittle and E. H. Pratt.

A horseshoe-making match took place in Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 11, between Fred A. Gelwix and A. H. Bumbaugh, rival blacksmiths, for $100 a side and a division of receipts, the winner obtaining 75 per cent. Each man was allowed three helpers, and the shoes were creased and punched. The match was won by Gelwix, who made 100 shoes in 1h. 17m. Considerable money changed hands on the result.

Women whistlers are jumping up everywhere through the country. Mrs. Shaw's example bids fair to be pernicious, and girls who formerly whistled because they thought it rather a lark and a hoydenish thing to do, now whistle with a well-defined idea of $200 a week before them if they succeed in whistling themselves into prominence. The craze seems ephemeral, for its novelty is its main attraction.

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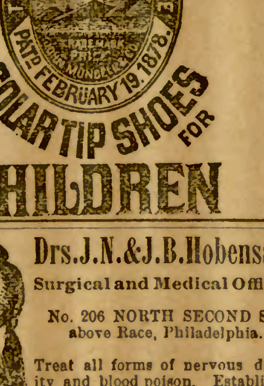

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