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BICYCLE RETURNING TO FAVOR.

THE return of the bicycle is one of the sporting and social features of this year of grace. The sale of bicycles in Marshfield this early in the season has been the largest in many years.

The price of standard makes is declared to have dropped to about a fourth of what it used to be. So it seems not unlikely that the wheel will eventually regain its normal degree of use for healthy exercise and business convenience.

There is a difference now in favor of the bicycle. The automobile has helped to bring about the making of good roads, and these are more numerous in every northern state than in the heyday of cycling.

VAIN YEARNINGS.

I push the mower o'er the lawn, I push it to and fro, and sigh for happy days long gone when I could shovel snow. I strain like Dobbin in his tugs along the mower's track, and drive kinds of ants and bugs are crawling up my back.

DEADLY PRACTICAL JOKER

In making a list of the people that the world could well get along without, the practical joker should be given a place well up toward the top.

A few of these deadly individuals turned the full force of their humorous powers loose upon a poor, ignorant Russian in a lumber camp over in Idaho a few days ago.

Being unaccustomed to that type of funny man that sees humor in telling a colossal and lop-sided falsehood and then inducing some ignorant person to believe it, he took their word for what they were telling him.

As a result of these humorists' efforts, a good man has gone to his grave, his life snuffed out in the midst of his usefulness, and a misguided peasant who came to America because he thought it was the land of enlightenment, faces the gallows or the gray and dreary walls of a cell.

The jokesters who framed up the story are not laughing about it as they expected to. They are telling everyone they meet that they did not mean it that way, and that if they had thought the poor fool would take it so seriously, they would never in the world have told him such a thing.

NEW RAILROAD SURVEY

The Eugene Register says: Engineer H. W. Libby and crew of surveyors returned from Roseburg yesterday. They have been at work for some time between Eugene and Roseburg and it is said were doing work for Portland parties.

MEMORIAL DAY

Editor Times:

All nations and fraternal organizations have set apart a special day for memorial services in honor of their noble dead. In the year 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, commander in chief of the grand army of the Republic, issued an address, requesting that the 30th day of May be set apart to decorate, with flowers and flags, the graves of the union dead of the Civil War, and holding special memorial services to honor their memory.

It is not a good idea for our Memorial Day speakers, in their addresses, the ministers from their pulpits, especially on Memorial Sunday, to make special effort in this matter? But the most important part of this work lies with the teachers in our public schools.

—OLD SOLDIER.

HEARD ON THE STREETS

Parents of Marshfield who wish to teach thrift and economy to their boys and girls should have them enter the contests inaugurated by the Marshfield Improvement Club and take out garden plots for their children.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

THE OPTIMIST. Is your lot in life a hard one—do you toil for other's gain? Ease and luxury denied you—feeling all privation's pain?

Has the girl you loved to madness on you turned her chilly frown? Has she scorned your humble wooing or, in plain word, turned you down?

I am not a saint or hero, nor on hardships do I dote, In this world of toil and trouble there are things that get my goat.

THE BACHELOR GIRL SAYS: Apollo used a lyre in his love-making, but most men don't need any such artificial adjuncts now.

Eggs are only five cents a dozen in China. But we have never yet seen a china egg that we wanted to eat.

A Los Angeles Church is reported to be contemplating the establishment of a free lunch. It seems crowds in that city are not to be attracted by the announcement that salvation alone is free.

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS: Of course those white buckskin shoes do not make a girl's feet any larger. They merely attract attention to what has always been.

AS IT HAPPENS ACCORDING TO HOWE. Is every man a tremendous egotist, and perfectly honest in thinking himself better than others?

There is little enthusiasm that will not cool in presence of real danger. Farmers probably dislike town people most because they do not eat more radishes, which are easier raised than anything which grow on a farm.

Patent medicine advertisements are attractive reading for women because they have a great deal to say about women who suffer in silence.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

The Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest. Each letter must be signed by the writer, and so far as possible be limited to 200 words.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

The opponents of women suffrage say, the place for a woman is the home. Sure! Nobody disputes that claim. Nobody denies it. But will the franchise necessarily deprive any home of any woman? Not a bit of it.

The franchise, instead of taking women out of the home will necessarily add one more home duty, the duty of teaching herself and her children the science of government.

I can't understand how any man can look his mother, his wife or his daughter in the face, who refuses to allow them to have any say at all in the enactment and execution of laws which they must obey and to which they must conform their lives.

PASSING OF SPRING

The gentle season goes its gait, and soon will vanish from our ken; then summer, with its head on straight, will broil the panting sons of men.

THE MEN WHO WENT DOWN

Peasant and merchant and millionaire. Soldier and scholar and man of the sea. Mourned by the world they are resting where No towering monument ever may be;

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