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RICYCLE RETURNING TO FAVOR.

HE return of the bicycle is one of the sporting and social features of this year of grace. The of bicycles in Marshfield this early in the season has been the largest in many. One cause of this has been some splendid advertising; an-other more good roads, and a third reason the lower prices at which the best makes may be purchased.

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, though it prob-ably will not return to the heights of universal popularity that it once

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 heydey of cycling. The comedown in the cycle's price from \$100 to \$25 is a financial factor that should increase the use of it again.

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 divers kinds of ants and bugs are crawling up my back. The chiggers on my legs have fed until those legs are wrecked; the sun beats down upon my head and fries my intellect. Ah, lamentations loud I raise as o'er the lawn I go, and weep for happy vanished days, when I could shovel snow! O winter is the joyous time! There's nothing half so sweet! To have your face incased in rime, your whiskers full of sleet! No weeds to pull, no grass to mow, no bugs to sting or bite, but just to gambol in the snow and thaw your feet at night! I mow along in sun and shade, the cogwheels screech and hum, and bits of wire get in the blade and knock it out of plumb. ! hew the tall and luscious grass and groan and shriek and cuss, and say.
"Things reach a pretty pass when
man must labor thus! I'll file objections never more when wintry blizzards blow; and never will me head be sore when I must shove!

Copyright 1912 by Walk Mason DEADLY PRACTICAL JOKER

the world could well get along without, the practical joker should be given a place well up toward the It is said that it is an ill wind that blows no good, but that the practical joker does is so infinitesimal that no one in this busy world can devote the time necessary to finding out what it is.

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. Knowing that he was unable to read, they conceived the idea that it would be splittingly funny to make him be-Heve that the papers were printing monstrous stories about him. They showed him the headlines in the Spokane Chronicle, and told him that the whole front page was desaid that the story was as big as the Titanic and the Carpathia, and showed aim the pictures of the vessels to prove it.

Being unaccustomed to that type of funny man that sees humor telling a colossal and lop-sided falsebood and then inducing some igno. ant person to believe it, he took their His uncouth and untutored instincts told him that such an insult could eat. only he washed out in blood. Therefore, he went to Spokane and shot down City Editor Rothrock of the Chroniele

As a result of these humorists' efforts, a good man has gone to his attracted by the announcement that his life snuffed out in the midst of his usefulness, and a misguided peasant who came to America of enlightenment, faces the gallows or the gray and dreary walls of a

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 nev-er in the world have told him such a

That is the way with the practical joker. Eugene Guard.

NEW RAILROAD SURVEY The Eugene Register says: Engi-neer H. W. Libby and crew of surveyors returned from Roseburg yes-They have been at work for some time between Eugene and Roseburg and it is said were doing work for Portland parties. Mr. Libby was absolutely noncommittal as to the nature of his work, but it is conjectured that it is a continuation of the line surveyed from Eugene to Creswell some time ago and that the P., E. & E. is back of it.

MEMORIAL DAY

Editor Times: All nations and fraternal organiza-ons have set apart a special day for tions 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 otle teaching. The graves of the union dead of the Civil set apart a special War, and holding special memorial ing their pupils in services to honor their memory. The for this one day. jority of our people mistakenly call have their patriotic instructions, whose duties were to lead the public mind more fully in the observance, particularly, of memorial day, but their earnest labors have not been as far reaching as they desire; they need assistance in their work. Would

pits, 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, thousands of the pupils having reached the receptive period to become interested in patriotle teaching. The teachers might set apart a special time for interesting their pupils in the patriotic duties decoration ceremony may have found a basis for the misapplied designa-tion of the day. It is not, in any sense, "Decoration Day," as the mation might live-both the "Blue" and it, but "Memorial Day" the G. A. R. the Gray"—each striving for the have their patriotic instructions, right as they believed. And may we

to teach thrift and econ-Garden

provement Club and take out garden plots for their children," said a mem-ber of the club today. "Parents should encourage their children, especially the boys, to take up gardening. Children need assistance and encouragement, but they should be giv-en the impression that the garden is their own in order to make them take a greater interest in the work. During the summer months, the boys naturally will take more interest in swimming and playing ball. When interest in gardening lags, the par-ents should help out by taking care of the gardens and turning them over to the children again when the boys and girls feel more like working. In this manner, the children will take pride in their gardens and may be taught many valuable points concerning nature and economy.'

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

THE OPTIMIST.

Is your lot in life a hard one toil for other's gain? and luxury denied you-feeling all privation's pain? Shall I therefore whine and sniffle-

rage in bitterness of mind? Nay, my friend, with courage lofty. shall strive to be resigned. Knowing Poverty's a blessing, Fate is kind when she denies

bravely, almost cheerfully devote you To the life of sacrifice.

will not in weak dejection pine about your broken heart, with philosophic calmness view this matter for my part. cheer myself by thinking and my courage thus renew

With the sane rational reflection She was not the girl for you.

I am not a saint or hero, nor on hardships do I dote,

world of toil and trouble there are things that get my goat. are times I kick and grumble; oftentimes I feel quite peeved. of some dear hope or project most unkindly I'm bereaved. think among my virtues this I

safely may include: bear the other fellow's troubles With most Christian fortitude.

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 word for what they were telling him. in China. But we have never yet seen a china egg that we wanted to

> 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 salvation alone is free.

he thought it was the land 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.

people most because, they do not eat more radishes, which are easier and Tar Compound with the best of raised than anything which grow on a results. He tells us: "I think

are attractive reading for women be- vears and can recommend it to any cause they have a great deal to say one needing a cough medicine.' about women who suffer in silence. For sale by Red Cross Drug Co.

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. In publishing these letters it must be understood that The Times does not indorse the views exomy to their boys and pressed therein; it is simply affording girls should have them en- a means for the voicing of different ter the contests inaugurat- opinions on all questions affecting ed by the Marshfield Im- the public welfare.

> WOMAN SUFFRAGE Editor Times:

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. There is not a particle of evidence anywhere that it will do anything of the sort. Then why assume that the right to vote will deprive any homes the mothers, wives or daughters. Is it any more of a task to cast a ballot than it is to go to church? As the laws are now, no one is obliged to vote, although they should be.

It is not necessary to require women to do jury duty unless they desire. That matter should be op-tional with them, as it is at present lawyers, doctors, ministers, priests, members of the legislature, teachers, ferrymen, millers and fire-men. However, experience has taught that they are able to perform those duties as conscientiously and

intelligently as men.

The franchise, instead of taking women out of the home will necessarily add one more home duty, the duty of teaching herself and her chil-

dren 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. I

don't understand it. GEO. WATKINS.

PASSING OF SPRING 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?

Has the girl you loved to madness on and soon will vanish from our ken; then summer, with its head on straight, will broil the panting sons of men. The heat will soak us day and night and night and night soak us day some of men. The heat will soak us day and night and night soak us day some of men. The heat will soak us day and night soak us da and night, and man will cuss it as he fries; and all the doctors will unite to tell us how to swat the flies. I try to be a cheerful jay, but I con-fess, with downcast face, I hate to see the spring go 'way, and sizzling summer take its place. multiply my sins beneath the burning summer skies, when health department bulletins inform us how swat the flies. I try to be an opt'mist, but even cheerful hearts grow ore; last year I slew a relentist who left a pamphlet at my door explain-) ing that I am to blame when'er a human being dies because I shun the swatting game and don't exterminate the flies. A bard can take his lyre and sing with emphasis and fiery zest, concerning harmonies of spring, the babbling brooks and all the resa; but poets never take their harps to sing that time of brazen skies, when all the scientific sharps are telling how to swat the flies .- WALT MA-

THE MEN WHO WENT DOWN Peasant and merchant and million-

Soldier and scholar and man of the Mourned by the world they are rest-

ing where No towering monument ever may

the waves that go rolling above

them there. Where the pitiless fogs hover over the tide.

never efface and shall never impair glory they gained when they manfully died.

With only an hour in which to pray, Where death had found them and would not wait,

They sent the young and the weak Intrusting them to the whims of

Robbed of hope they had strength to While the helpless ones and the women went,

the dark sea rolling till judgment Day Is their ever-enduring monument

Henry Ferris, Hadar, Neb., is the Farmers probably dislike town father of ten children and for the past 20 years has used Foley's Hone Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is the best cough medicine in the world Patent medicine advertisements for I have used it for the past 20

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