

President McKinley was 55 years old on Jan. 29.

The authorities at Madrid have decided to concentrate the whole Spanish navy at Havana.

The Yukon being a treacherous stream the question now arises of getting enough pilots who are acquainted with the channel to guide the rush of vessels next spring.

Joe Leiter, the Chicago wheat speculator, has cornered all surplus and 6,000,000 of the future, and now talks of \$1.25 wheat. He knows of sixty large British vessels now enroute to this country for wheat.

The feast of the manufacturers' association in New York and at which Mr. McKinley made the most important speech that he has made since his inaugural address has been characterized as the "feast of Belshazzar," at which the "handwriting appeared on the wall."

Hollands holds the first place in the world as a nation of smokers. Every Dutchman consumes on an average 100 ounces a year. The Belgian comes a good second with an annual consumption of 80 ounces, followed closely by Turkey with 70 ounces and the United States with 65 ounces.

James McIndoo, of Madelia, Minn., is only eighteen, yet he is 6 feet 10 inches tall and growing at such a rate that before his next birthday he will exceed 7 feet.

As a child he was of ordinary size, but at the age of twelve he began to broaden and fatten, and at fifteen he weighed 247 pounds. His feet are 15 1/2 inches in length and of remarkable breadth; he wears a No. 24 shoe, a pair of which take a calfskin of pretty large size. He wears a No. 8 hat, although his head seems rather small for a fellow of such gigantic frame.

He is in perfect health and eats more than a 1,500-pound ox. Whenever he wants a drink he takes up a gallon pail and drains every drop from it. He has no particular appetite for anything stronger, so his capacity for cider, brandy and soda and vermouth cocktails is not known.

He has been known to eat a common basket full of grapes and ask for more. Recently he ate twenty-three large apples for dessert at dinner.

He is of good form, and, except for his height, does not look abnormally large.

He is very powerful, and when fifteen years of age lifted 1,100 pounds. In a test the other day he spanned with one hand 12 3/4 inches.

His intellectual development is normal. He has a surprisingly good head for mechanics, and can take a clock or watch to pieces, repair and clean and put it together perfectly again. A short time ago he made a violin, upon which he plays fairly well. He doesn't yet ride a bicycle, but intends to this season. On account of his great height a special machine will have to be made for him. His parents are Americans and are not above the average size.

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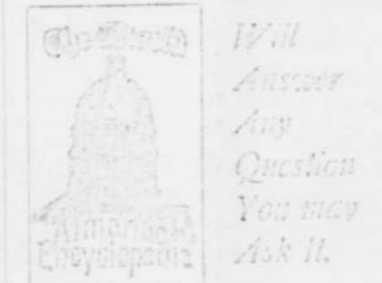
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