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MILLIONAIRES RIDE BICYCLES.

Helen Gould and John D. Rockefeller Often Seen on Wheels.

Miss Helen Gould, heiress to some of Jay Gould's millions, is now an expert at cycling. She has six bicycles at her country seat, Lyndhurst, at Irvington, for the use of herself and her friends. She is often seen riding on the macadamized roads of her private park, and sometimes takes a spin to Ardsley Casino. One day recently she gave a bicycle tea to several of her friends. Miss Gould wears a chic costume a wheel and rides with the easy grace of a professional. She wears a short skirt with waist to match and a dark alpine hat. She never rides on Sunday.

John D. Rockefeller is an enthusiastic cyclist. He is laying out a cinder path on his country estate, Boxwood, Poconos Hills, for his own use. Mr. Rockefeller sits erect on his wheel. While the Standard Oil multi-millionaire is at his estate he is much of the time on his bicycle. He takes long rides and often goes to Ardsley Casino, of which club he is a director, and to his brother William's place at Scarborough. His bicycling suit consists of mixed cloth knickerbockers, brown leather leggings, sack coat and a black alpine hat. On his hands he wears brown kid gloves. William Rockefeller has 23 wheels in his stable for the use of his family and friends. He has everything, from a tandem to a motorcycle. The wheels are kept in his riding academy, which he uses on rainy days. This branch of the Rockefeller family spend a large part of the time in wheeling.

NEW BRIDGE AT NIAGARA.

Magnificent Structure That Will Divide Upper Suspension Bridge.

Another new bridge is to span Niagara's gorge. It will take the place of the upper suspension bridge and is to be finished by April 1, 1898. When the latest projected bridge is completed the Canadian and American Niagara will be connected by two of the finest steel arch structures in the country, equipped for railroads and trolley lines, carriages and pedestrians. A meeting of the directors of the Niagara Falls suspension bridge was held at the Lafayette hotel, on the Canadian side, behind closed doors. Among the bidders for the bridge are the Buffalo iron works and the Pennsylvania Steel company.

The bridge designed to replace the upper suspension bridge will be built on the parabolic principle and it will undoubtedly be one of the greatest engineering feats of the year. When it is finished changes on both sides of the river will take place. The trolley cars will carry people from one side to the other, connecting with the observation line on the Canadian side, and the local Buffalo & Gorge cars on the American side.

The Queen's Only Woman Appointee.

Princess Beatrice enjoys the distinction of being the only woman that the queen, ever, in all the 60 years of her reign, has ever appointed to an executive office, such as the governorship of the Isle of Wight. The queen relies strongly on her sound judgment and knows that her heart is in the right place. Her majesty's life would have been dull of late years had it not been for her younger daughter.

Big Club of Automobiles.

The new "annuaire" of the French automobile club, which has just been issued, shows that the club has now close upon 1,000 members. Those possessing motor carriages or motor cycles have a small illustration of a motor vehicle against their name, the total number of actual "chauffeurs" being 130.

Queer City.
The city of Banian, in Great Bucharest, is cut in the shape of a mountain. There are 12,000 artificial caves, some very large, and two statues, one 90 and the other 20 feet high, each hewn from a single stone.

Men in Hospitals.
At the siege of Metz the French in the hospital averaged 17,000 men, nearly ten per cent. of the garrison.

FALLS HEIR TO A FORTUNE.

Projector of the Union Pacific Road Is Left Four Millions.

News was received at Ocala, Fla., the other day that John G. Reardon, ex-mayor and one of the leading attorneys in the state, was leading heir in an estate worth many millions. It is a queer story, but Reardon states that he is satisfied of the truth of the matter.

Mr. Reardon's mother's maiden name was Caroline Reinhardt. Her father was David Reinhardt, of Lincoln, N. C. The Reinhardts, as their name implies, were Hollanders. David early settled in North Carolina and was the first person in the United States to suggest the building of the great Union Pacific railway across the continent.

His letters on the subject attracted wide attention and are still preserved in the archives at Washington. He was also first to suggest the construction of the Nicaraguan canal. He became as enthusiastic on the two subjects that his mind became unbalanced, and while ascending the steps of the state capitol at Raleigh he fell and was killed.

While David was working out his long schemes in America his brother Philip had established and was carrying on a shipping traffic with Japan. The business grew to immense size, and he died possessed of many millions.

The estate has been tied up by the claims of many litigants and false heirs, but the end is now in sight. The estate is valued at about \$29,000,000. The ex-mayor's portion will be something over \$4,000,000.

The heirs to this big fortune reside in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina.

GUNBOAT WHEELING TESTED.

New Terror Meets All Expectations at San Francisco.

The four-hour official trial run of the gunboat Wheeling took place the other day back and forth over a 12-mile course in the bay, at San Francisco, and at the finish her maneuvering powers were thoroughly tested. She ran the four hours at 231.4 revolutions a minute with steam pressure of 180 pounds, which gave a speed of 12.75 knots an hour.

Everything worked satisfactorily, her performance being even more creditable than that of her sister ship, the Marietta, less coal per horse power being required and the engine and fire rooms cooler. This difference is due to the dissimilarity of boilers used in the two vessels, those in the Marietta being of the Babcock-Wilcox, and in the Wheeling of the ordinary Scotch type. The boiler power in both vessels is slightly in excess of the capacity of the engines for using the steam generated, so that no trouble will be experienced in working the engines to their full power at any time.

The Wheeling will be ready for delivery to the government in two weeks and the Marietta in three weeks, when they will go to the Mare Island navy yard to be masted and to receive their batteries, boats and equipments.

FUNERAL ON WHEELS.

Elizabeth (N. J.) Takes the Lead in Mortuary Novelties.

A bicycle funeral is the very latest thing in Elizabeth, N. J. Mrs. Jane Rea died, aged 54, and was buried. Most of the mourners, men and women, followed the hearse on bicycles from the church to Christ Episcopal church, where Rev. H. H. Oberly performed the funeral services, and after they ended mounted their wheels and slowly rode after the body to Evergreen cemetery, three miles distant. While looking over the New York daily papers the other day he discovered his name linked with that of his brother, G. A. Gordon, who had died on May 19, leaving an estate valued at \$250,000.

Gordon at once drew what money was due to him at L. & D. Edwards & Co., and boarded the first train for New York, where he will make himself known as an heir to the estate of George A. Gordon, who was a member of the firm of Meyers & Gordon, leather merchants.

ATHLETICS IN CALIFORNIA.

Organization to Be Formed to Manage Amateur Sports.

California is to have two distinct organizations devoted to managing amateur sport. A conference of club leaders was held at the Olympic club in San Francisco and the matter was canvassed in secret, and it was resolved that a new amateur athletic association, to be hereafter named, be formed, which shall extend its jurisdiction over the Pacific states and shall be composed of legitimate amateur athletic clubs or associations organized for the purpose of advancing general athletics.

The new organizations is to be made in the strictest athletics, and it is given out that no club belonging to it will be allowed to give professional boxing contests. This will put the Olympic club out of the pugilistic game.

WAITRESS WEARS BLOOMERS.

Engaging Young Woman Booms Business in Boston Restaurant.

"Miss Bradford, of New York," is the name by which a very handsome waitress who has just begun work in a Milk street restaurant, Boston, is known. There are other pretty waitresses in Boston, but they do not wear black bloomers as Miss Bradford does, and the proprietor of the place is reaping an unusual harvest as the presence of the former is spread among the banks, insurance and brokers' offices in the vicinity. She is a very modest young woman and does not wear her odd costume on the street. When informed by a customer that she was attracting great attention her only comment was: "I don't mind that, for I am used to it."

Prize for Noble Living.
In appreciation of her work in the slums of that gay city, Miss Hocart, a daughter of a Wesleyan minister residing in Paris, has been awarded the second of the prizes annually presented by the French academy for "noble living." The prize has a cash value of \$300.

CAN PICTURE WHOLE HORIZON.

Successful Test of New Special Photographic Apparatus.

William A. Eddy, of New York, has just taken the first double photograph in midair that has ever been secured. He did this with special apparatus after a year's study. By his invention it will be possible to take from midair a perfect photograph of the entire horizon line. With such an apparatus Eddy claims that a photograph can be taken at sea which will show a ship approaching when it is ten miles beyond the horizon line as seen from a ship's deck. The inventor is confident his apparatus can be used to great advantage during wars. The photographs were taken with two cameras, but it is proposed to arrange eight, so that they will photograph the entire horizon at once.

Twenty at Four Births.

Aristotle mentions a woman who had five living children at one birth four times successively. Menage tells of one who had 21 in seven years.

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