

CONGRESS

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS.

The House.
Washington, April 13. — The house yesterday after a spirited debate adopted the resolution reported from the insular affairs committee to authorize the secretary of the treasury to designate depositories in Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines for the deposit of government funds. By the terms of the resolution it applies to Cuba only so long as the island shall be occupied by the United States. An amendment to include the Philippines in this provision as to Cuba, offered, as stated, to emphasize the desire of the opposition not to retain the islands was defeated by a party vote. A senate bill which will permit the dependent mothers of soldiers or sailors of the Spanish war, even though they married Confederate soldiers, to receive the benefit of the general pension law, was passed. The remainder of the day was devoted to debate upon a resolution from the committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress for a constitutional amendment empowering the legislatures of the states to decide whether United States senators shall be elected by the legislatures or directly by the people. A substitute resolution was offered by the minority of the committee, which differed from the majority resolutions in giving the states no opinion but providing that in all states the people should vote directly for United States senators.

The Senate.
An effort was made in the senate by Mr. Morgan to displace the present unfinished business — the Spooner Philippine bill — by the substitution in its place of the Nicaraguan canal bill. While Mr. Morgan's motion failed — 15 to 33 — the Philippine measure had a narrow escape from being displaced by the Alaskan civil code bill on motion of Mr. Carter. The motion being defeated on a roll call — 22 to 24. The feature of the day's proceedings was an exhaustive discussion of the Quay case by Mr. Burrows of Michigan. Senators on both sides of the chamber gave him most careful hearing, and at the conclusion of his speech warmly congratulated him. Mr. Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic national committee, opened the session with a sharp retort to a charge made against him in the house Wednesday by Mr. Dolliver of Iowa.

The House.
Washington, April 14. — The house yesterday, by a vote of 240 to 15, adopted a resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. Fourteen Republicans and one Democrat voted against it. By the terms of the resolution the amendment to be submitted to the legislatures is as follows: "The senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, who shall be elected by a direct vote of the people thereof for a term of six years, and each senator shall have one vote. A plurality of the votes cast for the candidates for senator shall be sufficient to elect. The electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislatures, respectively. "When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or otherwise in the representation of any state in the senate the same shall be filled for the unexpired term thereof in the same manner as is provided for the election of senators in paragraph 1; provided, that the executive thereof may make temporary appointment until the next general or special election in accordance with the statutes or constitution of such state." The remainder of the day was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills. During the course of the debate there were several sharp attacks upon Mr. Talbert of South Carolina for his course in delaying action on bills.

The House.
Washington, April 17. — The house entered upon the consideration of the naval appropriation bill with the prospect of a severe struggle ahead over the question of armor plate, building the ships in government yards, which appropriation for the coast and geodetic survey. The bill carries \$13,000,000 more than any previous naval bill. Yesterday Mr. Foss, the acting chairman, and Mr. Cummings, the ranking minority member, defended the bill. The latter declared himself in favor of paying \$545 for Krupp armor, at least until all the ships authorized were built, and said that the committee had information, the source of which he was not at liberty to reveal, showing that we could obtain Krupp armor at a price lower than any other country in the world. Mr. Kitchin of North Carolina, one of the members who signed the minority report criticized what he termed the general extravagance of the bill, and advocated the establishment of a government armor plate factory to protect the government against extortion.

The Senate.
During almost the entire session yesterday the senate had under consideration the Alaskan civil code bill. The amendment providing for the mining of gold along the beach in the district was perfected after a discussion lasting nearly four hours.

The Senate.
Washington, April 18. — For more than three hours yesterday Mr. Hoar the senior senator from Massachusetts, occupied the attention of the senate in a speech in opposition to the policy of "imperialism," upon which he maintained this government had embarked. As prepared, the address was 50,000 words in length, but Mr. Hoar omitted much of it owing to an incipient attack of grip from which he was suffering. He spoke for three hours, and while it was a tremendous strain on him, the more important passages of the argument were delivered with force and vigor. The speech was brilliantly written, was illuminated with splendid rhetorical figures, and was rich with citations from history.

One of the notable parts of the address was the eulogy of Aguinaldo. Mr. Hoar did not liken the insurgent leader to Washington, as has been done heretofore, but to Kossuth, Oom Paul, Joubert, Nathan Hale and other builders of the church of liberty. In statecraft he likened Aguinaldo and his associates to the best minds ever produced in the Asiatic race — a race which handed down to us the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the poetry of David, the eloquence of Isaiah, the wisdom of Solomon and the profound philosophy of Paul. One of the most effective parts of the address was his fanciful roll calling of some of the distinguished statesmen of the United States on the question of the retention of the Philippines. He began with George Washington and closed with William McKinley, each in a sentence giving the reason for his vote. Every vote was in the negative, except that of Aaron Burr, who voted "yes," and explained: "You are repeating my unbecoming expedition down the Mississippi. I am to be vindicated at last." When the name of William McKinley was called he replied: "There has been a cloud before my vision for a moment, but I see clearly now; I go back to what I said two years ago: 'Forcible annexation is criminal aggression; governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, not of some of them, but of all of them.' I will stand with the fathers of the republic. I will stand with the founders of the Republican party. No." The effect was dramatic as Mr. Hoar pronounced his peroration; the stillness in the chamber was intense. Applause swept over the galleries, but it was hushed quickly by the president pro tempore.

The House.
The second day's debate upon the naval appropriation bill in the house was continued closely to the subject matter of the bill, and was, as a rule, devoid of interesting features. The questions of armor plate and the building of warships in government yards attracted most attention. General debate was closed yesterday and to-day the bill will be read for amendment under the five-minute rule.

Washington, April 19. — The debate on the naval appropriation bill under the five minute rule yesterday drifted into politics and for a good portion of the afternoon members fought hammer and tongs across the political aisle. The partisan rancor almost culminated in a sensational scene between Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, the champion of the administration, and Mr. Williams of Mississippi. Some of the Democrats began worrying Mr. Hawley of Texas by pointedly asking if the president had not changed his mind on the Porto Rican tariff question, and Mr. Grosvenor finally threw himself into the breach. Mr. Williams made an interruption that drew a sharp rejoinder from the Ohian about "the unfair advantage" taken by the Mississippians. This aroused the wrath of the latter, and after Mr. Grosvenor had concluded he made a stinging response in which he said parliamentary language would not permit him properly to characterize Mr. Grosvenor's offense. Later Mr. Grosvenor disclaimed intentional affront, and there the matter ended. Some progress was made with the bill, but most of the controverted points went over. A motion to strike from the bill the contingent fund of \$500,000 for the navy department was defeated. A point of order against the appropriation of \$350,000 for the new naval academy at Annapolis was pending when the house adjourned.

The Senate.
During almost the entire session of the senate yesterday the Alaskan civil code bill was under consideration. In this connection Mr. Stewart of Nevada delivered an address of nearly three hours on the mining laws of the United States and their relation to the proposed amendment of Mr. Hansbrough as to the rights of alien locators of claims. Mr. Nelson of Minnesota, Mr. Carter of Montana and Mr. Teller of Colorado discussed the pending amendment at length, both Mr. Nelson and Mr. Teller being particularly vigorous in their denunciation of it.

For Wheeler, Lee and Wilson.
Washington, April 20. — Representative Grosvenor of Ohio introduced a bill authorizing the president to appoint three volunteer officers as brigadier generals with a view to their retirement. The bill is an administrative measure, having been presented by Mr. Grosvenor after conference with administration officials and at their request. It is designed to benefit Gen. Joseph Wheeler, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and Gen. James H. Wilson, all of them volunteer officers, who, by the terms of the bill, would be given rank as brigadier generals in the regular service and subsequently retired.

Puzzles Physicians.
New York, April 20. — Physicians are much puzzled over the long sleep of Kate Knepper, three years of age, who has not awakened since she closed her eyes after dinner a week ago. The child appears healthy and remains apparently in a refreshing sleep. Kate has never had a serious illness in her life. A month ago she fell out of bed, but there seemed to be no serious after-effects and no importance was attached to the incident. A week ago she complained of a headache after dinner, and, going to bed, she fell asleep. All efforts to awaken her have been futile.

Guarantees Against Riots.
Berlin, April 20. — According to advices from Kiaochow, Shan-tung, the German officials there have succeeded in obtaining guarantees from the new government general against native riots and interference during railroad construction. All is quiet now.

Quiet Day for the Queen.
Dublin, April 20. — The queen enjoyed a comparatively quiet day, the only public function in which she took part being the reception of a number of addresses at the vice regal lodge from the sheriffs and mayors of Dublin and Cork and various Irish counties. Later her majesty took a two-hour drive.

Say It Is Smallpox.
Spring Valley, Wis., April 20. — The state board of health has pronounced the disease at Woodville, near here, to be smallpox, and it is being strictly quarantined.

News of the Northwest

GREAT INFUX OF JAPS.

Mikado's Subjects Flooding to Puget Sound in Unprecedented Numbers.
Tacoma, Wash., April 20. — The present importation of Japanese to Puget sound has reached unprecedented figures and thousands more of the subjects of the mikado are now about headed this way. During the month of April 3,500 Japanese have landed in Puget sound ports and British Columbia, and two-thirds of the men landed in the latter ports find their way across the border. The reason for the present rush is that the Japanese are leaving their native land in consequence of the renewed imminence of war between Japan and Russia and that the closing of the gates of Hawaii has diverted the stream of Japanese this way. The rush will end as suddenly as it began within a few days, when the demand for men in the canneries and the railroads is satisfied.

SWOLLEN RIVERS.

Wisconsin Streams Threaten Heavy Damage.
Warsaw, Wis., April 20. — The Wisconsin river all the way north of here has reached the highest point in twenty years. All the railway bridges are threatened with a washout, and in many cases the rails are now under water. Men are working building piers to hold booms containing millions of feet of logs. Rain has been falling for nearly a week and the water has reached one block into the city.

Merrill, Wis. — The water in the Wisconsin river is the highest here it has been in many years. It rose two feet last night and is rising every hour. The mills have stopped running and there is danger of bridges going out. Black River Falls, Wis. — The water in the Black river at this point has risen twelve feet in the past twenty-four hours. This is the highest point reached for many years. La Crosse, Wis. — Two and one-half inches of rain fell yesterday and all railroad traffic is delayed.

SMELTER AND MINES SOLD.

St. Paul Man at the Head of a New Organization.
Spring Valley, Wis., April 20. — The smelter, iron mines, stone quarries and all the property necessary for the production of pig iron at this place have been bought by a newly organized company, with a St. Paul man at the head of it. Extensive repairs will be made and the works started up with a larger crew than ever before. The business men are making an effort to locate an iron foundry here for small castings.

LARGE TIMBER SALE.

Sixty Thousand Acres Sold Near Elk Lake, Wis.
Chippewa Falls, Wis., April 20. — A. B. McDonnell, president of the Lumbermen's National bank of this city, with J. J. Kennedy of Rib Lake, has purchased a belt of timber of 60,000 acres. The timber on it is estimated at 1,000,000,000 feet. The tract is located immediately north and northeast of Rib Lake, Wis. This is the largest timber sale made in Wisconsin for years past and involves a large amount of money.

CHINESE IN PRISON.

Charged With the Murder of Chief of Police Main.
Vancouver, B. C., April 20. — Eight Chinese are now in the jail at New Westminster, charged with the murder of Alexander Main, the chief of police of Stevenson, or with being accessory to the crime. Main had been missing three days, and yesterday his mutilated and dismembered remains were found in a freshly-made grave near a group of shacks occupied by Chinese market gardeners.

Ordered to the Kearsarge.

La Crosse, Wis., April 20. — Ensign John Holley Roys, U. S. N., who has been at home enjoying a thirty days' furlough, has received telegraphic orders to report for duty at once on the new battleship Kearsarge, and he is much pleased with the assignment. His friends have been seeking to get an assignment for him on the battleship Wisconsin, but he is better satisfied with the battleship Kearsarge.

Sauk Rapids Suicide.

Sauk Rapids, Minn., April 20. — Frank Jedlicka, a Polisher living about twelve miles from here, deliberately committed suicide by hanging. He took a rope, fastened it to the rafters of the barn, and, placing the noose around his neck, swung himself into the air. No cause is assigned for the deed. This is the third suicide in the county within two weeks.

Mitten Acquitted.
Eldoria, Iowa, April 20. — The case of J. A. Mitten, tried Monday before Justice Burling, resulted in the acquittal of the accused. Fred Filbrandt had the defendant arrested last Saturday on the charge of forgery. Mr. Mitten is one of a party of three men who have been in the city for several weeks representing the Practical Wire Fence Company of Huntington, Ind.

Favor Revision of Creed.
Milwaukee, April 20. — At a meeting last night of the Milwaukee presbytery, which embraces a large portion of the state, steps were taken looking to a reform in the Presbyterian creed. An overture was offered by Rev. J. G. Blue of Waukesha and passed petitioning the general assembly to take the matter up.

To Build Water Works.
Enklton, Minn., April 20. — The village council has decided to commence work at once on the waterworks plant. They will build a ninety-foot tower and a 500-barrel tank. The well is to be ten feet in diameter.

A Chance for Meditation.
Mandan, N. D., April 20. — In the district court Dean Williams was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon in the Hebron train hold-up of last week and sentenced to the penitentiary for four years.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations from Grain and Live Stock Centers.
St. Paul, April 20. — Wheat — No. 1 Northern, 65 1/4 @ 66c; No. 2 Northern, 64 @ 64 1/2c. Corn — No. 3 yellow, 39 @ 39 1/2c; No. 3. 38c. Oats — No. 3 white, 25 1/2c; No. 3. 24 1/2c. Barley and Rye — Feed barley, 33 @ 34c; malting grade, 35 @ 38c; No. 2 rye, 51c; No. 3 rye, 50 1/2c.

Minneapolis, April 20. — Wheat — May opened at 64 1/4c and closed at 64 1/4c. On track — No. 1 hard, 65 1/4c; No. 1 Northern, 63 1/4c. Corn — Yellow, 37 1/4c. Oats — White, 24 1/2c. Flax, \$1.69.

Duluth, April 20. — Wheat — May opened at 65 5/8c and closed at 65 5/8c; No. 1 hard, 68 1/8c bid; No. 1 Northern, 66 1/8c bid; No. 3 Northern, 61 1/8c bid; No. 1 hard, to arrive, 68 3/8c bid; No. 1 Northern, 66 3/8c bid. Corn — Cash, to arrive, 36 3/4c bid. Flax — Cash, \$1.71 1/2 bid; to arrive, \$1.71 1/2 bid. May, \$1.72 bid; September, \$1.18 3/4 bid; October, \$1.13 3/4 bid.

Chicago, April 20. — Wheat, cash — No. 2 red, 69 @ 70c; No. 3 hard winter, 62 @ 63 1/2c; No. 1 Northern spring, 69 @ 71c; No. 3 spring, 61 1/8 @ 66c. Corn — No. 2, 38 7/8c; No. 3, 38 1/2c. Oats — No. 2, 23 1/2c; No. 3, 23 3/4c.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 20. — Flour is steady. Wheat lower; No. 1 Northern, 66 1/2 @ 67c; No. 2 Northern, 65 1/4 @ 66c. Rye lower; No. 1, 58c. Barley cash; No. 2, 43c; sample, 38 @ 42c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 26 3/4 @ 27 1/4c.

Chicago, April 20. — Cattle — Good to prime steers, \$4.90 @ 5.00; poor to medium, \$4.10 @ 4.75; stockers and feeders, steady at \$3.40 @ 4.00; cows and heifers, \$3 @ 4.05; Texas-fed steers, \$4 @ 5.20. Hogs — Mixed and butchers, \$5.50 @ 5.80; good to choice heavy, \$5.65 @ 5.85; rough heavy, \$5.40 @ 5.50; light, \$5.35 @ 5.60; bulk of sales, \$5.55 @ 5.60. Sheep, \$5 @ 6.45; lambs, \$5.50 @ 7.40.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 20. — Cattle — Beeves, \$4.45 @ 5; cows, bulls and mixed, \$2 @ 4; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 @ 4.50; calves and yearlings, \$3.75 @ 4.75. Hogs, \$5.40 @ 5.50; bulk, \$5.47 1/2.

South St. Paul, April 20. — Cattle — Choice butcher cows and heifers, \$3.75 @ 4.40; fair to good, \$3 @ 3.60; thin cows and canners, \$2.25 @ 2.75; choice butcher steers, \$4.60 @ 5; fair to good, \$4.25 @ 4.50; fat bulls, \$3 @ 3.40; bologna bulls, \$2.50 @ 3; veal calves, \$4.50 @ 6.25; choice stock cows and heifers, \$3.50 @ 3.65; fair to good, \$3.25 @ 3.50; common and tailings, \$2.25 @ 3; steer calves, \$3.75 @ 4.65; stock and feeding bulls, \$2.50 @ 3.25; stags and oxen, \$2.75 @ 3.50; milkers and springers, \$2.50 @ 4.50. Hogs — Mixed and butchers, \$5.47 1/2 @ 5.52 1/2; good to prime heavy, \$5.50 @ 5.55; rough heavy, \$5.15 @ 5.30; stags and boars, \$2 @ 2.25; pigs and skips, \$4 @ 4.50. Sheep — Fat sheep, \$4.50 @ 6; stock sheep, \$3.25 @ 4; feeders, \$3.40 @ 4; fat lambs, \$6.50 @ 6.90; yearlings, \$5.75 @ 6.15; stock and feeding lambs, \$5.50 @ 6.25; buck lambs, \$3 @ 4.50; bucks, \$2.25 @ 4. Shorn sheep and lambs sold 50c @ \$1 a hundred less than these quotations.

TORNADO IN IOWA.

Does Considerable Damage in the Town of Hamburg.
Hamburg, Iowa, April 18. — A tornado did considerable damage in the north part of town yesterday, completely wrecking Fred Johnson's brick yard. All of his sheds, corn crib, wind mills, etc., were piled in a heap in the middle of his lot. His stock was considerably injured by flying missiles and his house was removed from the foundation. The residence of Lark Miller is a complete wreck. So also was that of John Crane, but no one was seriously injured. All the damage was done within a radius of one mile. There was considerable damage to other property in the destruction of small buildings. No reports have been received from the country, but it is not thought that any great damage was done there.

INDEPENDENT TUG LINE.

Mayhams of Buffalo Prepare to Back a Trust.
Duluth, Minn., April 18. — J. E. Mayhams of Buffalo is here making arrangements to establish a line of independent tugs to oppose the tug fleets at all principal ports at which the combination is represented.

Under Governor's Control.

Pierre, S. D., April 18. — The supreme court has answered the query of the governor as to what branch of the state government has control of the military parade ground at Fort Sisseton, holding that without legislation on the matter it is under control of the governor as commander-in-chief of the state militia. This settles the power of leasing on the governor and he is in position to arrange for the care of the buildings.

Bank Changes Hands.

Brainerd, Minn., April 18. — Ex-Mayor Dr. Werner Homestead and J. F. McGinnis have purchased 313 shares out of a total of 500 of the stock of the Northern Pacific bank of C. N. Parker and others, which gives them a controlling interest. The stock was sold at par value. A meeting of the stockholders will be held April 24 to elect new directors and officers.

Crushed Under Wheels.

Sheldon, Iowa, April 18. — The little son of Dr. T. E. Andrews of this place met with an accident which may prove fatal. He was riding on a wagon loaded with dirt when one of the sideboards gave way and he fell under the wheels.

A FRONTAL ATTACK.

South Dakota Man Badly Disfigured by His Horse.
Sioux Falls, S. D., April 18. — K. N. Anderson, a business man of this place, was riding. He leaned forward to grasp the reins and the horse kicked and landed both feet in Anderson's face, knocking him out of the buggy. The glasses he wore were smashed and portions entered his eyes. His nose was broken, a number of his teeth knocked out and he was otherwise seriously injured.

In Minnesota.

State News of the Week Briefly Told.

Southern Minnesota dentists meet at Mankato.

The lumber sawing season on the St. Croix has begun.

Fire in the Hale block at St. Paul caused a loss of \$12,000.

Minnesota Felled cattle are being bought for the Western ranges.

The electric light plant at Pipestone was partially destroyed by fire.

Henry Marfort of Sauk Rapids suicided while temporarily insane.

Stillwater's new council organized, with G. S. Westhousen for president.

Peter Polkily and Matt Mathison, Finns, knife each other in Duluth.

G. Steen, aged sixteen, was accidentally killed while hunting at Luverne.

Patrick Reilly, woodman, drank eight whiskies and then suicided at Duluth.

Peter Scherer, an old resident of New Ulm, died on his way home from Germany.

The Fourth district Republican convention will be held May 14, at Cambridge.

The St. Paul presbytery met at Red Wing. Rev. D. D. Mitchell was elected moderator.

Mrs. R. W. Ludlam, wife of a Clinton Falls minister, was fatally burned at Owatonna.

Martin Pick was seriously wounded in a mysterious shooting affray in Benton county.

Rev. Simmons of Minneapolis has been invited to address the Winona normal graduates.

F. N. Laughern's livery stable at Luverne burned. Forty horses were lost. Loss, \$20,000.

John Gazette's store at Rice was burglarized. \$20 in money and \$1,000 in checks being taken.

The estate of S. M. Bristol must pay taxes on loans. Washington county will collect \$35,000.

G. H. Hatler, while intoxicated, fell in front of a rotary street sweeper at Duluth and was killed.

Cass Lake is the prospective seat of government of a new county to be carved out of Cass county.

The board of trade of Mankato has raised \$500 to aid in paying for the survey of the proposed road to Duluth.

Senator Davis has introduced a bill to determine the feasibility of establishing a national park in Minnesota.

Joseph Klein, a saloonkeeper of Wyckoff, was found dead in bed. Heart disease is the supposed cause of death.

Arthur McBride will be the next postmaster at Walker, Cass county. Representative Morris having filed a recommendation.

Representative Morris has recommended Austin Perryberry for superintendent of construction of the Indian schools at Red Lake.

While playing along the banks of the Wild Rice river at Hendrum, a four-year-old son of H. J. Rask, a prominent farmer, fell in and was drowned.

The hardware store of Denro & Ballard, at Stewartville, was broken into and about \$40 worth of knives and razors stolen. No clue to the burglars.

The United States supreme court has decided in favor of the Minnesota Iron company against T. W. Hyde of Duluth, in a suit over iron lands in Lake county.

The committee reported favorably the bill introduced by Representative Stevens authorizing the construction of a railroad bridge across the Mississippi at South St. Paul.

A bill was passed in the senate granting the right of way to the Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad company across the cedon portion of the Chippewa (Red Lake) Indian reservation in Minnesota.

At a meeting of the Lambertton school board, the following teachers were re-engaged for another year: Prof. S. W. Wolfe, Miss Mary Groling, Miss Mary Lahey and Miss Catherine Kelly.

A case of small pox has been reported at the home of James McCadden, about five miles south of Kenyon. Another case is suspected near Fairport, but it has not been pronounced small pox as yet.

Mark Wilson died at Winona at the age of eighty years. He had been a resident of Winona since 1866, and prominently connected with both the Second National and Merchants banks, being the founder of the latter.

G. L. Evans of Redwood Falls, special United States disbursing agent, was at Hastings last week, making a distribution of \$5.12 per head to the Sioux and mixed bloods in that vicinity, numbering about a dozen families.

The consolidation of the Bank of Marshall and the First National Bank of Marshall was effected recently, the former being merged into the national bank. The deal was a genuine surprise, and was accomplished within two days. The Bank of Marshall was the first bank in the county, established in 1873, by Owen & Dibble, from Kasson.

Parties living at the foot of Otter Tail lake were startled by the discharge of a quantity of dynamite Tuesday night, and on going to the dam discovered that some one had been trying to blow a hole in it, placing a charge under the apron of the structure. The explosion did little damage. This dam, to a certain extent regulates the flow of water in the river there, and its destruction would be a serious matter to the municipal electric plant and the manufacturing enterprises of the city.

For carelessly causing brush and prairie fires, which damaged the property of John Fee and others of the town of Parnell, Polk county has been fined \$30, and William Daw, of the town of Rusheba, Chisago county, has been fined \$15, besides \$13, costs of prosecution.

T. B. Sheldon, who died at Red Wing last week, gave one-half of his estate to his wife, \$500 to the Episcopal church, \$11,000 in private legacies, and the remainder, estimated at \$40,000, to the city of Red Wing. Mrs. Sheldon, E. H. Blodgett and F. Busch are named as trustees for the latter.

A NEW BICYCLE BRAKE.

The New Melvin Automatic Coaster. A New Invention is put on the market this year by M. Smith & Bro. of St. Paul. The coaster has been tested for nearly two riding seasons and has been perfected until it is believed to be the best free wheel coaster and brake made at the present time.

The mechanism is simple and automatic. Any child can understand and operate it at first trial. By means of this device a bicyclist may coast with feet at rest, on still pedals, and at the same time have perfect control of a powerful pedal brake, on the rear hub, operated by means of a slight back pressure of the pedals. Under ordinary conditions a rider can ride one hundred miles and only pedal about half that distance.

The working parts are compactly contained inside the rear hub sprocket, leaving only the brake clamp to show on the outside which does not detract from nice appearance of wheel.



BRAKE COMPLETE. This labor saver is composed of five main parts, four coaster balls and four brake balls, and operates as follows: The sprocket clutch screws on to the rear hub with a right-hand thread, and forms a shoulder for the sprocket to rotate upon. The coaster balls are forced into the clutch by the four brake balls. This insures the coaster balls catching the clutch the instant the rider starts to pedal forward. Now to apply the brake requires a slight back pressure on the pedals. This starts the brake balls up the inclined grooves in sprocket, and brings them in contact with brake plate. The lock nut screws on to the hub with a left-hand thread, and forms a shoulder for the brake plate to play against, besides acting as a guide for brake. The ball retainer has two functions to perform: One of them is to throw the four brake balls against the side of brake plate when back pedaling, and to throw the brake balls against the coaster balls when pedaling forward or remaining stationary. This is an important factor in coaster brakes, as the brake balls force the coaster balls into clutch, making it impossible for coaster balls not to act instantly when starting to propel the machine forward, no matter at what speed the rider may be coasting.

The additional weight is about three ounces. They will fit any hub.

Beechers vs. Smiths. Once upon a time Rev. Mr. Thomas K. Beecher of Elmira, brother to Henry Ward Beecher, got into some sort of a quarrel with a man named Smith down at Cohoes. Thomas K. Beecher wrote the presumptuous man a defiant little note, saying curtly: "Do you want to get into a quarrel with the Beecher family?"

And the man wrote back with a snarl: "Do you want to fight with the Smith family?"

And no Beecher could stand that. Thomas K. laughed and hastened to make terms. — R. J. Burdette in Los Angeles Times.

Macaulay the Wit. During the time when Lord Disraeli was starting sober Englishmen by his eccentricities of dress, Lord Macaulay, that was to be, was electrifying his dull-witted constituents by his witty sallies and repartee. Having been defeated in 1847, he ran again for parliament in 1852. For a change he was the popular candidate. One day while standing on the hustings, side by side with his opponent, he was violently struck by a dead cat. The man who threw it immediately apologized, saying he meant the cat for his opponent. "Indeed," said Macaulay, "then I wish you had meant it for me and struck him." — Collier's Weekly.

A Misunderstanding. Mrs. A. — It's really extraordinary! My nurse tells me that gentlemen are always stopping her in the streets to admire my little girl.

Mrs. B. — How lovely she must be!

Mrs. A. — Oh, I don't know. Of course, I think her pretty because I'm her mother.

Mrs. B. — Oh, I meant the nurse, dear. — London Punch.

Disillusioned. Tommy — Paw, this paper says a professional punster is one who makes a business of "playing on words." What does that mean?

Mr. Tucker — It means what it says, my son; but it is incorrect. A professional punster is one who works on words. — Chicago Tribune.

Not a Man's Life. "Such a double life as his not altogether manly."

"No, the life he leads at home is no more than a dog's life!" — Detroit Journal.