

we will write an article, several pages in extent. India has 18 full pages, besides a fine double page map, with each administration indicated in order with the chief events of each briefly stated from Warren Hastings in 1773 to Lord Elgin in 1894, the best thing we ever saw in a cyclopædia. The same style is adopted in the article of 50 pages in the article on United States. Turn to Andrew Jackson for instance, and you see the names of his cabinet officers, and the chief events of his administration. The centre of population in each census is given; with lots of tables of population, manufacturing, etc. The Pamirs, the "Roof of the World," is scarcely mentioned. Under Armenia, there is nothing of the recent atrocities. Palestine has a good map, tribes colored, but the elevations of Jerusalem, Dead Sea, etc., are not given on the map. The Turkish Empire is treated well, though scarce a line on events later than the treaty of Berlin.

**RAILROADS.**—Our tests of accuracy, in a work like this, is to try it on railroads. In Siberia, as above noted, there is not a mark, nor is the Joppa and Jerusalem, or the Mount Carmel and Damascus roads indicated on the maps. But everywhere else, of any note they are on. In India they are there in full up to Darjeling in Nepal to Peshawer and the Khyber Pass towards Cabul, and Kandahar in Afghanistan. In Turkestan from the Caspian, via Geok Tepe and Merv to Samarcand, now being extended to Andijan far up toward the Mongolian frontier, showing Russia's purpose to have a great Central Asian railway into the very heart of China early in the 20th century. In Russia the complete lines from Samara to Cheliabinsk, on the Great Siberian, the one from Tiumen, on a branch of the Obi to Perm, on the head waters of the Volga, and the Caucasus line between the Black and the Caspian seas, are all clearly indicated to our unbounded delight. So is the ferrocarril from Caracas to LaGuira, in Venezuela, the crookedest road on the face of the earth, putting the Baltimore & Ohio all in the shade. We never saw anything like it, so complete, and the railroads on these maps are in heavy red lines and the eye catches them at once.

**CITIES, ETC.**—Chicago and New York have each four page maps and up to date descriptions. The World's Fair has ten pages and lots of pictures. "Old Sarum," which used to send two members up to parliament, and was Lord Chatham's first constituency, though for generations

without a house or inhabitant, is described. Lake County is said to contain Grass Lake, the Desplaines river and Waukegan; New Orleans is handsomely and accurately treated and so are scores of cities and towns examined. The several states have each a page for tabulated statistics by counties, of area, population, etc., in 1880 and 1890, so that the whole story is told at a glance. The state maps are admirable, as are all the numerous maps in these 15 volumes. New institutions, like the post office, in England and this country is fully described.

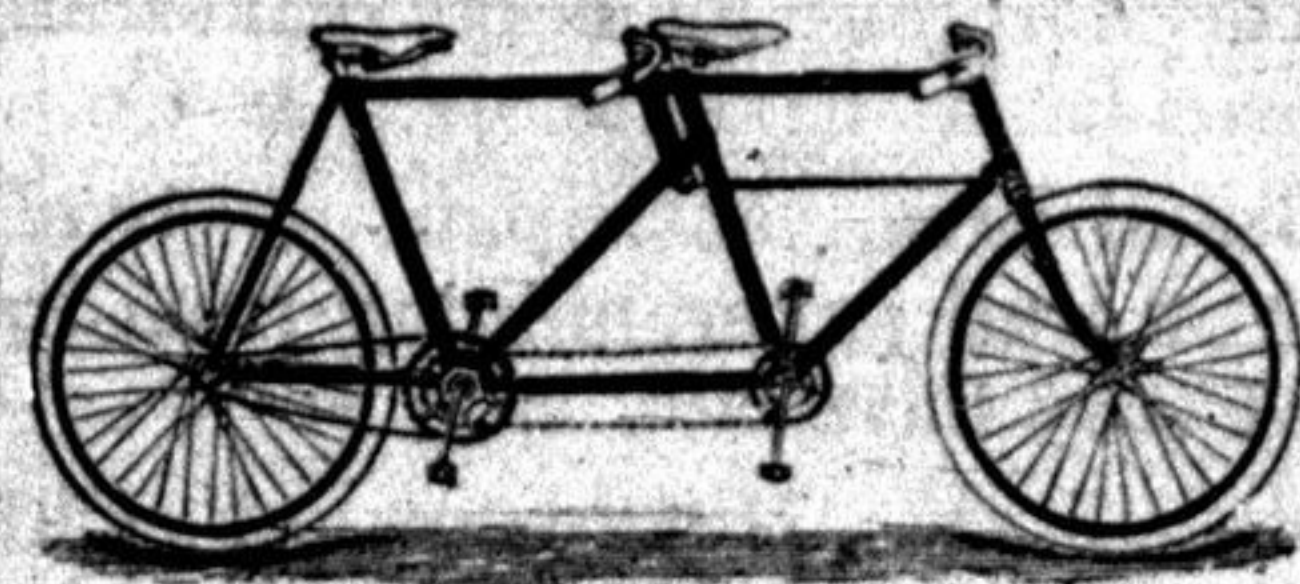
**PERSONS.**—When it comes to these, its pleasing contrast with the provoking, and sometimes exasperating silence of the Britannica, is very marked. You wish to know about the active British statesmen of the day, Gladstone, Salisbury, Balfour, Morley, Harcourt, and the late "Randy" Churchill, they are all here as are also our own Americans.

In this notice we have purposely omitted all points of excellency, and they are many, mentioned in the publishers' prospectus: the agent will show you these, that is his business. We wish the publishers would have someone prepare a supplementary volume once in two or three years with full necrological list so as to keep everything up to date, and make it permanently the best, most serviceable cyclopædia extant. The printing and binding is first class.

Having been asked to tell what are the duties of assistant supervisor, we quote the statute of the state of Illinois for such cases made and provided, as follows, to wit: "Assistant supervisors shall have no power or duties as town officers, but shall be members of the county board of their respective counties, and shall have and enjoy the same powers and rights as other members." (See chap. 130, sec. 110, revised statutes, 1889, page 1373.) It will be seen that in the handling of the township moneys, care of the town poor and meeting with town officers, the assistant has no part, but up in Waukegan he is as big as any other "Cuffy." Assistant Hogan understands all this, and is perfectly willing that Supervisor Fletcher should do all the work and have all the glory.

Zimmer & Morton have the contract for rehabilitating the Charles B. Soule house near the Presbyterian church. They found a sorry mess of it, debris nearly a yard deep in the lower floors and every timber in the house as thoroughly soaked as it could be. It will be reconstructed on the old plan.

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