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THE Supreme court of Missouri has decided that railroad companies are not obliged to carry bicycles free as baggage. Don't let any wheelmen be troubled over that; these United States are not in Missouri.

THEY are flooded with rain down in New England, roads and fields washed and bridges carried away. Now if we could get up a weather board of equalization, so as to give us westerners the surplus, how happy we would be.

CONGRESSMAN GROUT of Vermont has a level head on the postoffice business. He sends or goes to the town where the fight is on and has a popular election of the patrons of the office to find out their choice and then recommends his or her nomination, irrespective of color, politics or religion.

OUR esteemed contemporary, the London Times, of June 4, 1897, says the New York Tribune is the leading Republican journal of the United States. That certainly is news in this country, and when the "Thunderer" receives a marked copy of the NEWS he will see why we say so.

MASSACHUSETTS appropriates \$800,000 for improving the roads for the benefit of bicyclists; Pennsylvania expends this year \$1,000,000, while plucky Vermont gives not a cent—"nary a red," is her motto, believing

of course that wheelmen have no rights the green mountain state is obliged to respect. Come west, come west, cyclists!

SCHOOL SUGGESTIONS.

The course of study in our public school pleases us very much. It seems to be a sensible and practicable affair, though of course the test of all puddings is in the eating. How well this curriculum works can be told only by those connected with the schools. The high school has an old antiquated course of study, which has been changed and improved all out of recognition, so that no one not identified with the school knows what they do study. But Professor Wilson gets the work out of his pupils, and that is the main thing, after all.

The great and grand thing in a course of study, or getting an education, is not the amount of knowledge of this or that the student acquires, but the character he forms and the learning how to study. In other words, learning how to educate himself. Boys and girls don't know how to study, any more than they know how to read Hebrew, till they learn. The world is full of books and facts, and the object of an education is how to get hold of and use these books and facts and principles to the best advantage in their life work. The old farmer was about right who said that lawyers were not smarter or better than other men, but they know how and where to find the law and its application to a given case.

Now we want another branch of study added to our schools; the art of learning how to use the dictionary and cyclopedia. There are hundreds of families and thousands of persons to whom a dictionary or cyclopedia would be of no use, though the books are chock full of the information they need. But they don't know how to use the books themselves. Put a dictionary into their hands and they could not use it to any advantage; they don't know how. A cyclopedia is still worse. Hence, we want the pupils in our schools taught how to use the dictionary, the spelling, pronunciation, origin

and use of words, and also to become able to go to a cyclopedia and exhaust its contents on a given subject, not read one article, but perhaps half a dozen and portions of a dozen or two more; that is, learn how to get out of books what there is in them.

FRIENDLY ADVICE.

Ere the spring city election and its important lessons have entirely faded from the minds and memory of our people, the NEWS has one or two practical suggestions to possible candidates of the future. The sores and wounds of our spring campaign are so fully healed, and the scars on the politicians' epidermis so far effaced, that we can speak without injury to the delicate sensibilities of the office-seeker.

First of all when you decide to enter a campaign for office, accept the fact that you will get a good many hard knocks. Very many things will be said of and about you that are absolutely false; it may be said that your father went to state prison, or ought to have gone; that it was a failure of justice that he did not, and so on. Bear in mind on the other hand that should your ancestry fortunately be above reproach, this generation of voters will not support you on account of the virtue of your sires.

Secondly, don't label yourself, "Glass—handle with care," as you enter on your canvas; for people will not give heed to it. On the contrary they will "shake well before using," and afterwards, too, without any label. When the campaign is all over, the votes counted and you, not elected;—why, let it be over. Don't nurse any grievances, as a mother does a sick baby. Above all else do not act foolishly about your dignity, and your character and the promises made to you before election; too many voters' promises before election are no more reliable than the average campaign lies. Let other folks do the talking; no matter what they say, cherish no grudges, but go right about your business and if you are worthy you will win next time, though politics is "mighty onsartin" business.