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"Go Slowly."

at attempt by Mr. Justice to see a shorthand speed dictated the failure of the experienced public speakers to at an accurate idea of the pace of their own utterances. The judge trying to read at about thirty words a minute, but his first attempt was a speed of at least eighty, and round about sixty. These are the most rapid speakers among shorthand writers have to do. Among platform speakers with his clear-cut sentences and even delivery is one of the men to report, though his usual use of an unfamiliar word concerning. Haldane is the reporter's who lulls the note-taker into a sense of false security with a few words spoken at a deliberate pace, then dashes on for two or three minutes at an overwhelming rate. He is conscious of his error, and constantly to correct it. He confessed that he always writes words of notes in his hand, these two words were "Go

The Soldiers' Tribute.

(From the Manchester Guardian.) The demonstrations of enthusiastic loyalty that have attended the King's public appearances during the past fortnight culminated in the amazing scene in Hyde Park yesterday afternoon. It was an imposing Staff that accompanied the King as he rode towards the parade ground, where the fifteen thousand silver badge men could check the spontaneous outburst of cheering and waving of sticks and hats by those disciplined soldiers. When he reached the third side of the square the ranks broke and hundreds of men rushed forward to surround him, and he laughed jovially as he shook the eager hands held up to him. Quiet was only stored when a squadron of Guards came to his rescue and enabled the march-past to begin in orderly fashion. An enormous crowd had assembled, and the cheering was tumultuous as the disabled men passed by, the most severely disabled in long lines of lorries, hundreds of others supporting themselves on sticks, the blinded men, led by Captain Towse, V.C., each with a hand on the shoulder of the man in front, and behind them those whose disability was not so obvious. It was an heroic but a sorrowful sight.

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English Girls As Brides.

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Here and There.

WEATHER ACROSS COUNTRY.—Calm and dull; 20 to 30 above.
When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets and Collops, try ELLIS.
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Bicycle Snatchers' Tricks

To-day is the bicycle snatchers' harvest. The push-bike having come into its own again, owing to limited train and bus services, the bicycle thief is finding plenty of scope for his tricky ways. His favourite hunting ground is the suburban shopping area, where people make a practice of leaving their bicycles outside shops while making purchases. Working with a confederate, he will ride up on an old bike, rest it against the one it is proposed to steal, and after making a pretence of entering the shop, mount it and ride off. If the owner catches him, he simply apologises for the mistake and gets on his own machine. If not, the confederate quickly arrives on the scene, mounts his partner's machine, and rides off. Morale: Invest in a small padlock and chain for your bike. Quite a number of cycle dealers have been victimized lately by the cycle thief who hires a machine two or three times, insisting on leaving a deposit on each occasion. It is a variation of the confidence trick. One day the third turns up to hire a bicycle. He explains that he has left home without money, and the cycle dealer, thinking he knows his man, readily lets him have the machine without a deposit. Needless to say, he never sees the machine again. Germany teaches us a lesson, by in fact, in dealing with cycle thieves. There all bicycles are, or were, at any rate, before the war, registered for military purposes. Consequently the stealing of bicycles was almost unknown.

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Train Notes.

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Are You A Barometer?
Undoubtedly there is a great relation between the elements and certain complaints, in the same way that some seasons of the year render certain people liable to illness more than others. The lower we investigate in the animal world the more prone are its subjects to be affected by the weather. A cat for as much as three days beforehand feels a coming storm; a horse's fine nostrils can sniff approaching rain in an uncanny manner. The birds of the air have but to be watched to see the way in which they seek their nests at a hint of danger in the air.
The very trees and plants tremble in a peculiar manner before a severe storm. Many human beings are just as sensitive to the march of the elements but do not always realize the significance of their sensitiveness. People who suffer from gout, rheumatism, or neuralgia know at once when bad weather is approaching. Old wounds make themselves felt at certain times, and the stumps of members long since amputated give pain. Medical men have never satisfactorily explained these strange phenomena, neither can they tell why some people instinctively become restless and excited or moody and sullen, before a thunderstorm.

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QUICK RUN.—Messrs. T. H. Carter & Co. received word yesterday that the schooner Nanna, after a run of 16 days from here, had arrived at Gibraltar.

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HAD ROUGH TIME.—The Portia met a very rough trip last week when crossing the Gulf with a load of herding from Bonne Bay to North Sydney.

AT BALSAM PLACE.—The following are guests at Balsam Place:—J. Badcock, Cupids; H. E. Wyatt, Heart's Content; Miss A. Hartigan, Placentia; S. L. Keats, Argentinia.

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THE WILFRED MARCUS.—Deputy Minister of Customs received a message yesterday that the American steamer "Martha Washington" saw the schr. "Wilfred Marcus" afloat on Dec. 12th, and that she afterwards sank. A message received previous to this stated that the Marcus had been abandoned at sea and the crew picked up.

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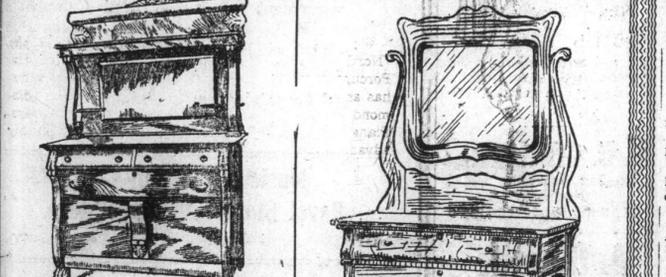
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