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LOCAL ITEMS.

On July 17th, the "News" published a sensational account of some bicycling done by Mr. Albert E. Shannon, while item hunting. We read it all with interest and bated breath, until Albert was described as experiencing a peculiar sensation and dropping into a ditch. At this point we became sceptical, as we know the young gentleman very well indeed, and believe him quite incapable of doing such a thing, to say nothing of his getting off a bicycle to feel for the middle of the road. Some people may do such things, but Albert never.

Our Mr. Gage and Mr. Irving Smart left for Starvation Isle, Gananoque, a few days ago. They will camp as long as provisions last, and expect to have a grand time among the merry, merry maidens of the east.

Dr. C. K. Clarke gave a public lecture on Heredity, in Science Hall, Queen's University, on the 22nd July.

The long talked of matches between Iris and Viola are still things of the future. Some say that there has been a disagreement between the skips on the Iris, others again put it down to the fit of the club topsail, at all events the races hang fire.

The Kennel Club will hold a Show at an early date. Great things are promised. If it was absolutely necessary to appoint an American Judge, it is a pity that one more friendly to Canadians than Mr. C. H. Mason could not have been found. A good many lovers of dogs wonder why Canadian judges are not asked to do the work of judging. The experiment was tried before, and certainly was not a failure.

Lawn Tennis seems to have suddenly lost its popularity about Kingston, and very little has been played this summer. It is all bicycle, bicycle, bicycle.

The work on the new wing is progressing rapidly.

The back hill in Portsmouth is at last being put in good shape.

The Wildflower it is said has shown her heels to all of the Kingston yachts. Surely the ice-boat experience is not to be repeated. It would break up the yacht club.

Now that the employees at the Penitentiary have got Sir Oliver as an official head they will experience some of the "Evidences of Christianity." They will certainly find Sir Oliver an ideal Minister of Justice.