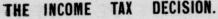


HAD THE GOLD CRAZE AN INSANE MAN WANTED TO



Enthusiastic Bicyclist -- The Depor-

An infirm man loaled down with yards of brass chain, his coat and hat fairly covered with cheap gew-gaws, lugged a heavy bag up to the White House portico at 8:30 o'clock this morning and asked if the President was still buying gold for the Treasury. He claimed to have a job lot of the precious metal which he was willing to let at par. He emptied the bag, which contained nothing but brass castings and tin clip pings, inside the big front door, and drew from his pocket a lump of glass, which he offered to part with for \$15,-000,000 in United States securities.

Then the patrol wagon took him away to the nearest precinct station house, where he gave his name as William Lavery, his age as 85, and said his home was in the asylum at the Little Sisters of the Poor. The police department confiscated most of his treasure and told him the gold reserve had been fully replenished.

ton like to see ex President Harrison mounted on a bieycle, and dashing along Pennsylvania avenue?" enquired Louis Osborne, of Indianapolis, Ind., at the Metropolitan. "Perhaps if Mr. Harrison ever returns to the Capital they will witness this sight, for he has taken to the wheel, and it fits him as easy as water fits a duck. He has become an enthusiast on the subject of bicycling, and almost on any fine day the ex-Presi-ident can be seen seated on a wheel and picking his way through the streets of Indianapolis as unconcerned as others who have taken to the bicycle for health and transportation. All of his household also have the fever, and Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Dimock, "Baby" McKee and Ruth McKee have been supplied with wheels, which they ride with grace and dignity.

from talking politics, and says the only subject upon which he can be inter viewed is the industrial affairs of the

ception to the rule applying to other sections of the country. In the period of depression it has furnished no tramps, Coxeyites or strikes. Poor as we are, we are not poor in the sense of being in want. There is no suffering for the lack of clothing or food. This marvel is due to the fact that after the war we began life anew, and every one knew that he had to make his own living or starvo

were five years ago. The fact that we could not borrow money has been a godsend to us, and, though we are in debt, it is not to the extent that exists in Kansas and other sections of the Union."

