

THE KISSING HABIT.

Dr. Anna Hatfield, the chief factor in the anti-kissing movement started by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has studied the kissing habit...

So far as the negro is concerned, the discrimination against him is not in the law itself but in the way it is enforced. A would-be voter must be able to read an intelligent interpretation...

There are, at least, no moral bacteria lurking there, but from a medical standpoint no person should kiss another unless an antiseptic wash is used in the mouth daily.

These girls confide in me; they tell me their little hopes and aims and plans and secrets. And nine out of ten of them confess they kiss the men they know.

Of course the crusaders know the habit is a very deep-seated one and will be hard to break up.

Certainly; but they must begin with the mothers. Girls are left alone too much. When a young girl and a young man are left night after night down in the parlor their conversation becomes exhausted, and they resort to kissing and cooling.

Striking figures have recently been published and commented upon as showing the effect of the southern negro disfranchisement laws.

The answer is furnished by late and authentic statistics. From 1880 to 1890 the increase in the population of Missouri was 150,000.

Thus the decrease since 1876 is equal to 105,675, and this has occurred notwithstanding a considerable increase in population.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

One of the most remarkable invalids in the world lies in a little room at No. 109 Gates avenue, Brooklyn.

It is the strangest case that ever puzzled scientists. It has baffled the medical profession. It is vouched for in its main facts, not by one or two people, but by a large number of unimpeachable witnesses.

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GENERAL NEWS.

United States Senator Frye was unanimously renominated by the joint republican caucus held in Augusta, Maine, on December 30, 1900.

The railway mileage of the United States to December 31, 1900, is placed by the Railway Age at 105,155 miles.

The body of the late Lieut. George H. Barber, paymaster in the navy and a nephew of President McKinley, has been taken from the transport Grant at San Francisco and sent east for burial.

The Toronto Manufacturers, Ltd., with a capital stock of \$3,000,000, has been formed by the amalgamation of the Toronto furniture dealers, controlling about 75 per cent of the furniture trade of Canada.

The yearly coinage statement of the director of the mint shows the total coinage of the mints of the United States was \$137,599,401 as follows: Gold, \$99,272,942; silver, \$38,295,321; minor coins, \$2,031,138.

Fire underwriters suffered terribly during 1900. The aggregate fire loss of the United States and Canada during the year just closed, as compiled from carefully kept records, was \$163,362,250 an increase over the loss of 1899.

Prof. Edward A. Ross, recently of Stanford university, has been engaged by the regents of the University of Nebraska. He will begin work next month at a salary of \$2000 a year.

More than 100 men have been confined to the hospital at the Brooklyn navy yard during the last week suffering from the grip. Col. R. Wade, commanding the barracks, and Capt. A. I. Marx and Lieut. L. Pickering are among the sufferers.

James H. Eckles, president of the Illinois forestry exposition, has invited Governor Rogers to direct the state department of forestry, fish and game to make an exhibition of Washington products at the fair and an exhibition to be held in Chicago, February 9 to 21, 1901.

MASSACHUSETTS INDUSTRIES.

The Massachusetts labor statistician reports 192,597 persons, out of a total population of 2,305,346, to be engaged in manufactures, as many as 82,624 being engaged in the making of leather and shoes, 77,092 in building, 45,488 in clothing, 9445 in food preparations, 58,016 in machinery and metallic goods, 9887 in paper and paper products, 127,117 in textiles, 21,374 in wooden goods and 61,413 in "other industries."

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CONSUMPTIVES EXCLUDED.

One of the significant signs of the times, says the San Francisco Call, is the appearance in the advertisements of what are known as "resort hotels" in the Eastern and Southern states of the phrase, "Consumptives excluded."

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

Henry Hahn was elected president of the Portland chamber of commerce Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah Addison, sister of A. F. Jessup, died in Walla Walla, after a short illness.

Portland spent for government in 1900, \$88,000 more than her receipts from all sources.

The debt of Albany is \$95,000 in bonds and \$15,042.37 warrants, both forms bearing interest.

Ex-Senator Dabois was nominated by joint caucus for United States senator at Boise City Monday morning.

John James is missing from his car near Marquette Lake, and has not been heard of for three weeks.

The Multnomah delegation to the legislature will introduce a bill to reduce the salary of the sheriff from \$4500 to \$2500.

Mrs. W. K. Beans, wife of the former pastor of the Vincent Methodist church at Spokane, died Saturday at Los Angeles, Cal.

A. Russell, pioneer farmer of Walla Walla county, died at his home at Valley Chapel, nine miles west of Walla Walla, aged 68 years.

THE SHORMAN COUNTY POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

The Shorman County Poultry Association has organized with the following officers: J. B. McVey, president; R. G. Tozier, vice-president; W. B. Johnston, secretary and treasurer; A. C. Thompson, S. Huff, H. A. Page, executive committee.

J. A. Kolan, of Albany, cabinet-maker and undertaker, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court. His liabilities amount to about \$800. His assets amount to \$276, the greater part of which is exempt.

Theodore Colwell, employed at the smelter at Tacoma, was terribly burned Monday about the face, hands, arms and neck by falling into a pot of boiling slag while at work. Although badly burned, it is thought Colwell will recover.

The sum of \$9125 was paid into the federal court at Tacoma, by the Preferred Accident Insurance company of New York on a judgment in the United States court. His liabilities amount to about \$800. His assets amount to \$276, the greater part of which is exempt.

Some time ago a prominent capitalist offered to build and operate a smelter in Portland if he should be guaranteed \$800,000 of bonds. Traffic Manager Campbell of the O. R. & N. Co. announced that the guaranty had been filled by mining companies operating along the line of the railroad.

The sheriff of King county brought to the Walla Walla penitentiary a few days ago a full carload of prisoners sentenced to terms in prison by the courts in Seattle. It is the first car on record where a car load of prisoners were taken to prison at once, but Seattle never does anything by halves.

The people of Seattle have completed the raising of a \$100,000 bonus to be paid Moran Bros. company of Seattle upon the issuance of bonds by the shelled battleship which they have been awarded by the navy department. Moran's bid of \$3,337,500 must be sealed \$100,000 to bring it within the limit fixed by congress.

H. G. Donald, a well known mining agent of Spokane, who a few years ago held a prominent position in Spokane's mining world as the local agent for a number of British mining corporations, committed suicide in his office in the Exchange National bank building some time Wednesday night. His body was found late Thursday.

Lloyd B. Egbert was killed in the Northern Pacific yards in Portland, while coupling two vestibule cars. He gave the signal that caused his death while being unconscious of his dangerous position for the time being, as he was an experienced switchman and brakeman.

An order confirming the sale of the East Side Railway company's property was made by Judge Ballinger in the United States court in Portland, Monday, and the property passed into the hands of the purchaser, F. S. Morris, of Morris & Whitehead, bankers. The road runs between Portland and Oregon City.

L. Oldenburg's fruitryer and fruit-house, north of La Grande, was totally destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. Practically nothing was saved. The loss includes the dryer and fruit-house, 42,000 pounds of dried prunes, 15,000 pounds of dried apples, 3500 pounds of dried pears and 1500 boxes of apples. Insurance \$4000.

The receipts of the Baker City postoffice for the past year amounted to \$13,247.57. This represents an increase over 1899 of about \$1200 and an increase in three years of over \$5000. The Baker City office is now the third postoffice in the state in point of receipts, Portland and Salem having a greater showing. Astoria, while showing a larger population, fell 1000 or more short in postoffice receipts.

The bonded indebtedness of Idaho is \$340,500 and the warrant indebtedness \$2,840.11, making a total of \$343,340.11. It is stated in the report that when the administration came in to power, in January, 1900, the warrant indebtedness was \$234,463.60 and bonded indebtedness was \$293,000, making a total of \$527,463.64. The reduction during the last two years has been \$184,123.50.

A Remarkable Case. A remarkable case of a father giving his child as a hostage to secure the payment of debt came to light at Spokane, when James Grant, a stone-mason, was given a writ of habeas corpus in the superior court for his 3-year-old child. The child has been for a year in the custody of C. J. Secare. It was delivered to Johnson Secare, a debt contracted by Grant during a long illness preceding the death of his mother. Grant also agreed to pay an additional amount for the child's maintenance. Johnson has agreed to return all his interests here, to return to Sweden, his native land. He refused to give Grant his child, and threatened to take it to Sweden with him unless the debt was paid. Grant has promised to pay the debt. The state's attorney has agreed to return the child to Johnson Secare, and the habeas corpus proceedings resulted.