

THE SNUFF TRADE.

Its Present Condition Indicated by a Statistical Paradox.

Last year, contrary to the usual run of the tobacco trade, a large decrease in the manufacture of snuff was reported. In 1899 nearly eighteen million pounds were manufactured and less than fourteen million pounds in 1900. On the face of it, one would say that the taking of snuff was passing away with the nineteenth century and the lingering "last leaves" who cling to the historic and un-aesthetic practice. As a matter of fact, however, these figures really show an increase. The average for some years previous to 1899 was between ten millions and eleven million pounds. The competition of the enterprising firms and the growth of the industry caused no little production, which has now been stopped by the consolidation of the snuff manufacturing interest. The last year managed, therefore, to raise the average snuff production some three million pounds, besides using the surplus in 1899.

So there is plenty of snuff in the United States. Who takes it? An ordinary mortal probably numbers no snuff takers among his acquaintances; but, according to dealers, this may be because he has no access to the sanctum sanctorum. It is in the east that the sale of snuff is most decidedly increasing, and, of all the cities, Boston seems most enthusiastic over the gentle art. There is a legend that women are beginning to exchange silver snuff boxes as Christmas presents, but this story seems to bear the light touch of playful fancy. But statistics, in spite of their evil reputation, must tell a certain amount of truth, and figures declare that New England is now the happy hunting ground for the snuff seller. The speculative brain of a mathematical turn may find pleasure in calculating how long it will be before snuff taking assumes the dignity of a Boston fad, and what will be the effect, if any, on the Anti-Imperialist league.

In the south it is less surprising to find snufftaking. Among the old negroes and the "po' white trash" the habit is known to be general, but few realize how wide spread among the older generation of gentle women is the practice of "dipping" or rubbing the gums with snuff. The poorer classes use a stick for the purpose, while the manufacture of little ivory wands for the rich is a steady if diminutive industry. But among the well to do "dipping" is losing ground, for, as the old enthusiasts die none arise to take their places. But "dipping" is said to be on the increase in this state. Certainly the sale of snuff goes merrily on.

Until recent years New Jersey and Pennsylvania made most of the country's snuff. Last year, however, the output of these states showed a decline of 1,000,000 and 300,000 pounds, respectively, while Tennessee alone gained almost 225,000 pounds. In fact, the industry, while more and more supplying the north and the east is steadily being carried south.—New York Tribune.

The Albion Normal Scandal Aired.

Senator Smith of Cassia county made a very sensational statement from the floor of the senate during the consideration of the Albion normal school bill, which had been recommitted for the purpose of allowing him to make an amendment. He charged that an effort was being made to hold up the people of his county and brand J. E. Miller, a former member of the legislature with being a party to it. The senator also intimated the scheme was being aided and abetted by others at present in Boise.

The bill, which originated in the house, provides for a bond issue of \$13,000. The senate amended it by making the act operative only after a deed in fee simple to the ground on which the normal school stands should be given the state.

When the news of this action reached Albion, Hon. J. M. Pierce started at once for Boise with a certified copy of the deed in his pocket. He submitted it to Attorney General Martin, who pronounced it an absolute deed. It was then desired to recommit the bill in order to have the conditional amendment stricken out.

When the bill came up in committee of the whole Lieutenant Governor Terrill changed his tactics somewhat, modifying his former statement that the title was not sufficient, but insisting that an amendment by him, which would require the execution of another deed, should be adopted, saying, if the title were perfect, the adoption of his amendment would harm no one. He occupied the floor sometime urging this amendment. It looked for some time as though it would be adopted, but when it came to a show down the senator from Cassia told the real reason why the Terrill amendment was not desired, disclosing to view the skeleton in the closet of the normal school.

It was, in effect, that J. E. Miller, who formerly owned the land on which the

normal stands, would not execute a new deed without the people paid him a large sum of money. Senator Smith also said Miller had stated the people of Pocatello where Lieutenant Governor Terrill resides, had offered him \$5000 to make a new deed so Pocatello could get the normal school, but that he had asked more and the Pocatelloites would not put it up. The desire on the part of the Pocatello people back of the scheme, as explained in the senate, was to remove what they considered a reversionary clause in the deed, which stood as a bar to removal of the normal school to any other point.

After all the discussion, during which considerable feeling was aroused, the bill was amended as the Cassia representative wanted it, and not as the lieutenant governor wanted it, and sent on its way to the final passage.

But for the attitude of Miller, the friends of the passage would, they say, never have interposed an objection to Terrill's proposition.

One View of Free Silver.

The of the southern states seem to be perfectly willing to vote for free silver every four years, knowing that it can not win and that the republican policy is sure to maintain the price of cotton as well as the stability of the national currency. It would be a little more honorable, however, if the south would occasionally vote its real sentiments in a presidential year.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Waning Popularity of Juries.

Is trial by jury becoming less popular? There would certainly seem to be some ground for believing that it is. The proportion of actions to be tried without juries in the Queen's Bench Division during the present term is exceptionally large; the jury cases number 205, and the nonjury cases 190. Even more striking is the want of faith in trial by jury displayed by litigants in the country courts.—London Law Journal.

The Teller prints the news.

NOTICE CORPORATION MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the First Baptist church, of Lewiston, a religious corporation organized under the laws of the state of Idaho, will be held at the residence of Mrs. Ben Silverman, at Lewiston, Idaho, on the 18th day of March at 8 o'clock p. m. Said meeting is called for the purpose of voting on the proposition to sell certain real property belonging to said corporation and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 8, blk 2 of Mulkey's addition to Lewiston.

C. W. COLBY
A. L. DONALDSON
W. H. SKINNER
D. S. DENT
W. P. HURLBUT.
Trustees.

Dated Lewiston, Idaho, February 20, 1901.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned did take up on the 15th day of February 1901 and have now in my possession about four miles east from the city of Lewiston and known as the L. L. Strong farm, the following described animals' to-wit:

1 mare of gray color, weight about 900 pounds, branded TP on right hip and SR on right shoulder; 1 mare of brown color weight about 1000 pounds, no brands visible; 1 horse of roan color, weight about 900 pounds, with one wire cut on right fore foot, no brands visible; 1 mare of bay color, weight about 800 pounds, no brands visible; 1 horse of gray color, weight about 800 pounds, branded on left shoulder, brand illegible. B. H. Tertling witness to description and brands. The owner of said property is hereby notified that unless he appears and substantiate his title thereto, and pays all charges thereon, within 40 days from the date hereof the said property will be sold as by law provided. M. E. SHERLER
Lewiston, Feb. 23, 1901.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have taken up at my place, two and one half miles west of Leland, one coal black yearling heifer, no brands or marks visible. Owner may have same by calling, proving property and paying costs. If not same will be sold as prescribed by law. BURGESS WARD.
Dated this 26 day of Dec. 1900.

NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT.

In the Justice's court of East Lewiston precinct, Nez Perce county, Idaho, before Samuel L. Thompson, justice of the peace. Seraphin Wildenthaler, plaintiff, vs. Alvin J. Manning, defendant. Notice is hereby given, that in the above entitled action of Seraphin Wildenthaler, plaintiff, vs. Alvin J. Manning, defendant, an attachment has been issued out of the above entitled court against the property of the defendant, Alvin J. Manning.

SAMUEL L. THOMPSON,
Justice of the Peace in and for East Lewiston precinct, in Nez Perce County, Idaho,
Dated Lewiston, Idaho, Jan. 10, 1901.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have taken up the following described animals:
One black mare about 15 years old, with white hind feet and star in forehead.
One black horse, no brand visible, right hind leg swollen.
The above animals are at my ranch about 3 1/2 miles east of Uniontown, Wash., on the state line.
C. BURGER.
Dated Feb. 9, 1901.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that I took up at the residence of B. H. Tertling, three and one-half miles southeast of Lewiston on the 27th day of September, 1900, the following described estrays, to-wit: One bay mare, strip in the face, about 8 years old, weight about 900, branded, diamond with straight line over it, on left shoulder, a few saddle marks. One bay mare, weight about 850 pounds, about 8 years old, branded O on right stifle and 111 on left stifle. One brown gelding, about 10 years old, weight about 900, white stripe in face, branded with a bird picture on left shoulder, saddle marks. Owner can have said property on proving same and paying charges as prescribed by law.
Dated Jan. 6, 1901

P. B. TERTELING.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of William Andernacht, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration on the estate of William Andernacht, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of December 1900, by the probate court of Nez Perce county. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, at my place of business in Kamiah, Idaho, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred.
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