

Kisses are selling at rather high figures in Alabama. A young woman down there was kissed by a railroad conductor and he had to pay \$245 for it.

There is a tribe in central Africa among whose speakers in public debates are required to stand on one leg while speaking and to speak only as long as they can stand.

The ancient copper mines of Sinai has just been reexplored. These were worked by the Egyptians, and their slaves, 7,000 years ago, and are believed to have been abandoned about 3,000 years ago.

Mrs. Cannon, of Utah, was elected state senator by a majority of 4,000. Her opponent on the ticket was her husband. She is a Mormon and a democrat and is the first woman in Utah elected to such a trust.

David Starr Jordan, who has been investigating the sealing question for the government, estimated that in 1894 there were 2,000,000 seals in the Alaska herd; to-day there are not more than 400,000, according to a careful census made last summer. That all there need be said in regard to the protection of that valuable herd.

The authors who cooperated in forming a publishing company in New York, with the intention of escaping from the soils of the publisher and incidentally showing him how to run his business, probably now wish that they hadn't. The concern has gone bankrupt, and the assets out a very small figure. It is still an excellent thing for the cobbler to stick to the last.

Out of 343,267 immigrants who have reached our shores the past year 2,923 were sent back as lacking in the qualities of good citizens. The government will be wise, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, to use even greater care in the future. Uncle Sam is not hankering after "the refuse population" of Europe. He could more easily spare some of "the refuse" already on hand.

James Thornton, a foodoo doctor, has died at Pittsburgh of laughing. His laugh was infectious. Sometimes he would start to laugh and it was only with great difficulty that he could stop. These spells weakened him. The other day he had a severe attack of laughter. When he reached home he went to bed, where he had another laugh. Then he fell asleep. Next morning he was found dead.

The Sheats laws of Florida, that made the teaching of mixed classes of white and colored pupils an offense punishable by imprisonment have been declared unconstitutional and void. Last spring teachers in the school of the American Missionary society at Orange Park were arrested for violation of this law. The case was carried before the supreme court of Florida, and brought about the recent declaration.

According to Gen. Miles' report "the boys in blue" have had a comparatively easy time of it the past year. There has not been a single outbreak even upon any of the reservations. A few cut-throats and outlaws upon the southern frontier alone caused the soldiers an hour's anxiety. They have drilled and rested and enjoyed life, and have now settled down into quarters with no prospect of active duty in the field.

A learned scientist has recently been investigating the effect of food, particularly vegetables, on the human character. He finds that a diet of carrots ameliorates harshness of character and reduces nervous irritability; peas create faty tissues and encourage joyousness; white turnips have a depressing influence. Cabbage is good for pulmonary complaints, while lettuce acts as a sedative upon the human frame, owing to the opium contained in its milky juice.

The sequel of the Nansen arctic expedition is not encouraging from a scientific point of view. An auction sale of the effects of the steamer Fram resulted in the payment of a few francs for the surplus tins of meat, soup, and other staples. There is danger that this episode will invite a flood of arctic expeditions this year, whose only object will be to bring back as much canned food as possible. The patient north pole, which has waited so faithfully to be discovered, must not be slighted in this manner.

King Oscar II. of Sweden and Norway has given full evidence of his kindly feeling to Americans by erecting a granite monument on the spot where Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Youmans of New York city, met their death on July 4 last. The circumstances of King Oscar's act are reported to the state department with photographs of the monument. Mr. Youmans and his wife, while driving along a road near Bergen, were knocked off a declivity and killed. Consul Many writes that when the king passed the point soon afterward he directed that the wooden cross be replaced with a granite monument.

J. M. Barrie, the novelist, says in an interview that before he saw America he thought chiefly of his big towns. "I never realized," he adds, "the pleasant life led by the people in the little towns. There I find that the people all settle their own little differences. People all seem to be so much satisfied with their surroundings. They have an air about them as though they just lived for themselves, and didn't care what their neighbors thought of them. They seem so independent. I like that." It doesn't need a prophet from abroad to tell our people how independent and happy life is in the small towns.

A football player was killed in a game at Lawrence, Neb., and another was seriously injured at Lafayette, Ind., that his life is despaired of. These are the first two fatalities of the season, although the list of seriously injured has been long. The sport of football is a glorious one, says the Chicago Tribune, but one death offsets every advantage that can be claimed for it. The game must be freed from even the possibility of such tragedies or it should be eliminated from college life. The frequency of accidents has been treated too much to jest. No game can be tolerated that holds out a constant menace of death.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The president and Mrs. Cleveland entertained at lunch the seven day-boys of Scotland, known in the literary world as Ian MacLaren, and Mrs. Watson. Commodore Melville, chief engineer of the navy, shows in his annual report that all the modern ships are in good condition. The bureau has expended \$975,000 during the past year.

The National Grange, patrons of Hus-ban-dry, at the annual meeting in Washington adopted resolutions recommending a stable currency; that United States senators be elected by the people; equal protection for the farmer; pure food legislation and rural mail delivery.

In the United States there were 344 business failures in the seven days ended on the 20th, against 258 the week previous and 223 in the corresponding period of 1905.

At the leading clearing houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 20th aggregated \$1,235,722,441, against \$1,191,117,147 the previous week. The increase compared with the corresponding week in 1905 is 9.3.

An experimental test made by a Buffalo (N. Y.) street railway company on two of its lines of the electric power from the Niagara Power company has proved a success.

In his annual report J. J. Crowley, supervising special agent of the treasury, states that the number of arrests made during the year for violations of the customs laws was 45; number of seizures, 1,256. The receipts for the year exceeded those of the preceding year by \$8,053,188.

In session at Rochester, N. Y., James R. Sovereign was reelected general master workman by the general assembly of the Knights of Labor.

In New York city the one hundred and twenty-seventh annual banquet of the chamber of commerce was held at Delmonico's and a letter was read from President Cleveland which congratulates the country over the result of the recent election.

Fire nearly wiped out the town of Mercer, Pa., county seat of the county of Adams. The fire destroyed the town hall, the school house, and the mercantile buildings.

At the age of 82 years Mrs. Lucy C. Freedley, the first woman to secure a pass to the southern battlefields as a nurse, died in Boston.

Warden McCrae, of Erie, Pa., was en route to Riverside penitentiary with 22 prisoners when one of them jumped from the train and the warden jumped after him and broke his neck.

In New York John R. Gentry, 2:00 1/2, the king of harness race stallions, was sold for \$19,500 to Lewis J. Tewksbury, owner of Robert J., 2:01 1/2.

In almost the lower branch of the legislature declined to pass the senate woman suffrage bill by a vote of 135 to 89.

In New York city Frank P. Arbuckle, a wealthy resident of Denver, Col., and chairman of the democratic state central committee, died suddenly.

James Corbett has accepted an offer made by the New York Athletic club of a purse of \$25,000 for a glove contest with Fitzsimmons in that city on January 15.

At the age of 81 years Frederick Miles died at his residence at Twin Lakes, Conn. He was three times elected to congress from the Fourth congressional district of Connecticut.

At the union passenger station in Columbus, O., M. Klippart, traveling salesman for a New York jewelry house, was robbed of a value containing \$5,000 worth of gold watches.

Near Dawson, Minn., Seblom Bloomquist, a farmer, shot his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Bloomquist, and then shot himself. No cause is known for the crime.

Florida's official vote for president gives Bryan a plurality of 15,872. A portion of the business section of Danville, Ky., was burned by incendiaries.

Granville M. Dodge, of Iowa, was reelected president at the twenty-eighth annual meeting in St. Louis of the Army of the Tennessee.

At Mason, Ga., 500 feet of a platform held 30 people and 3,000 bales of cotton went down in a crash, some of the persons being fatally injured.

In Iowa the official vote gives McKinley 229,578; Bryan, 223,206, making McKinley's plurality 6,372.

In Woodford county, Ky., all the toll gates were put down and destroyed by a mob. Similar depredations have been committed in Franklin, Owen, Anderson and Washington counties.

Fire destroyed the business portion of Centre Point, Ind.

At Memphis, Tenn., Frank Waller lowered the American 100-mile bicycle record, his time being 3:52:14.

The first national bank at Sioux City la., closed its doors with liabilities of \$577,598 and the Sioux City bank followed suit with liabilities of \$100,000.

For prize fighting Earl A. Moore was taken to the penitentiary from Springfield, O., to serve one year.

In northern Wisconsin wild animals are more numerous than they have ever been before.

The legislature of Alabama has been asked to call a convention of the people of the state to remedy the election laws so as to require an educational qualification for voters.

The official returns show that the republicans will have a majority of 4 on joint ballot in the next Illinois legislation.

In commercial and industrial circles continued improvement was reported throughout the country.

Flames in the building at Cleveland, O., occupied by H. W. Luetkemeyer & Co., wholesale and retail hardware and paint dealers, caused a loss of \$350,000.

On the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad a train caught a buggy at a street crossing in Concord, Ky., and instantly killed Al Pollock, a young lawyer, and Miss Lulu and Lizzie Lind, daughters of the proprietor of the Lind hotel.

Six white and five native gold hunters who started for the new gold fields on the Solomon islands from Samourai were murdered by cannibals.

Frank Addison, of Baltimore, Md. and Mrs. A. C. Swain, of New Lockford, N. D., who registered at a hotel in Valley City, N. D., as Thomas Owens and wife, were found dead, clasped in each other's arms. Prussic acid had been taken.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

REV. WILLIAM HANCOCK was arrested at Paris charged with illegal voting. CALDWELL county has elected its first democratic treasurer in 34 years.

W. P. DELANEY, of Hale, has resided continuously in that township for 73 years. An expensive set of chimneys was recently placed in the tower of the Catholic church at Booneville.

A MAN at Liberty boasts of being the possessor of a pair of boots, still in good repair, which he has worn 18 years.

One of the most radical silver men of Chilhowee had to pay an election bet by making a gold speech before a large audience.

It has been judicially decided in Missouri that the courts must recognize a common-law willover the same as a will made in compliance with the statute.

A HIGHLY interesting case has gone into effect at Nevada, and all boys and girls under 16 must be off the street after eight o'clock p. m.

Mrs. HOLLY LANVILLE, who died at her home in Livingston county recently at the age of 84, had been a resident of that county for 64 years.

EX-SENATOR WALLER YOUNG died at St. Joseph recently. He was a prominent democratic politician and had held many offices of trust.

JULIUS WOLLEGE, a St. Louis commission merchant, is the possessor of a freak in the shape of a chicken with three legs, and perfectly formed.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT RICHARD P. GILES, of Shelby, died recently of a tumor, just after an operation performed by several noted physicians.

The coming general assembly will be called upon to make provision for a deficiency of about \$200,000 in the appropriation for payment of costs in criminal cases.

NEVER before has such interest been shown in the Missouri farmers' institutes in connection with the state university agricultural department as is manifested this year.

It is reported in political circles that Chairman Rozelle, of the populist state committee, will be appointed state labor commissioner by Gov. Stephens as a reward for his work in behalf of fusion.

WHILE under the influence of liquor Charles W. Bland, a farmer near Milan, made a savage attack on his wife with a razor and would have killed her had she not made a heroic escape and escaped.

WHILE running a steam saw mill near Marshall, John Reno carelessly began to fill the engine boiler with water. A terrific explosion followed, blowing Reno's head completely off his shoulders.

CHARLES C. BLAND, a brother of "Billie Dick" Bland, will in January be sworn in as justice of the St. Louis court of appeals. It is the best office in the state, the term lasting 12 years, at \$2,500 per year.

All but 10 of Missouri's 114 counties make not only enough butter for home consumption, but enough to furnish their neighbors 300,000,000 pounds a year. From 107 counties nearly 50,000,000 pounds of poultry are shipped every year.

INDIANATOR KNOWLTON, who has been running on the Missouri Pacific from Kansas City to St. Louis for 12 years was stricken with paralysis in St. Louis recently. He was known by every traveling man in the west as "Santa Claus."

THE MESSAGE OF THE PEOPLE.

His ye, Bryan! Did you hear it? How it rolled from sea to sea! Did you hear the thunderous answer of a people great and free?

His ye, Tillman! Have you noticed how people of this land have arisen in their honor to strike down your pirate hand?

His ye, Altgeld! Can you read it? Can you read the message through? 'Tis a message that the people in their might intend for you—

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HOW BRYAN GOT IT.

Inside History of His Nomination is Disclosed. Bryan's nomination was no accident, so far as he and his friends were concerned. When he stood up to make his eventful speech he was throwing loaded dice, which had been prepared nearly two years before.

This information was gleaned in Nebraska during the week preceding election, and the authority for the story which follows is no less person than James C. Dabham, chairman of the democratic state central committee of Nebraska, Mr. Bryan's confidential political adviser and friend.

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Eyes Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Pills. Difference in Soils. The mechanical condition of the soil is of as much importance as its fertilizing constituents.

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