

Notes and Gleanings.

..Russia annually spends \$150,000,000 on her army.

..Columbia has had seven constitutions, and the title of the republic has been changed three times.

..While man has approached the North Pole within 238 miles, no one has yet stood within 772 miles of the South Pole.

..The biggest wheat field in the world is in Argentina, and is owned by an Italian. It covers over 100 square miles.

..There are no less than 1,250,000 cases of consumption in the United States every year, with an average of over 150,000 deaths per annum. This scourge is estimated to cost the people of the country \$330,000,000 a year.

..Most fishermen on the French coast avoid going to sea on the first two days of November owing to a superstitious fear of the "death wind," and the belief that drowned fishermen at that time rise and capsize boats.

..The Chinese in the United States have sent back to China a leader, taking with him a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to help forward the cause of reform in their native country. That means a good deal for Chinese development at home and abroad.

..The Crown Princess of Denmark is rated as the wealthiest as well as the tallest woman of her rank in Europe. She inherited nearly \$15,000,000 from her maternal grandmother, as well as the bulk of her father's fortune. Her height is six feet.

..It is supposed by some that Panama derived its name from the native word for butterfly. Missionaries write home of swarms of butterflies which at times rise on the slopes of the mountains in dense clouds, darkening the sunshine. Others maintain that the name is from an Indian word meaning "abounding in fish."

..The temperance movement which began in Japan in 1873 with a society of foreign residents Yokohama, has grown until now there are forty-six of these societies united in a national temperance league. The league represents 3,617 members. As a result of their agitation a bill has been passed prohibiting the use of tobacco by children under twenty years of age.

..Here is "a sample of the work done inside." A poor old drunkard, known as "Old Joe," dropped dead in a Tacoma saloon the other day. He made a bet that he could drink twenty-five glasses of beer in a few minutes. A big crowd gathered. He drank seventeen glasses and fell dead. He was once a wealthy farmer. He was murdered in cold blood. But the law allows that sort of thing.

..A primeval forest, containing 120,000 camphor trees, measuring from seven feet to eighteen feet in circumference, has recently been discovered in Formosa. It is estimated that the yield of camphor gum from these trees will amount to thirteen million pounds. The forest is not entirely composed of camphor trees, but contain other varieties, including an abundance of "red-grained" oak.

..Newspaper work in Russia is a pleasant sort of a life, and the Government spends more money on its press censors than on its schools. Last year 83 papers were suspended for various periods, and 26 were forbidden to accept all advertisements, while 259 editors were told they could have a short vacation in Siberia if they continued their methods of reviving various public questions. A Russian paper is a valuable thing from a news standpoint.

..The Philippine Islands have a general coast line of about 11,444 statute miles, or double that of the main part of the United States, while the total area is 115,026 square miles, or less than

that of New Mexico. There is a mile of coast line to every ten miles of area, while in the United States the proportion is 1 to 555. There is nearly 1,700 islands having names, and it is possible to count 3,000 islands and islets on the charts. Even the larger island masses are so elongated in figure that no point in any island is more than sixty miles distant from some part of the coast.

..The proposal of the aeronaut Capazza, Professor Berget, of the Sorbonne University, and M. Keclus, the well-known geographer, to make an attempt to cross the Atlantic in a balloon, under existing conditions, reads like a bit of news from some insane asylum. No balloon has yet been kept afloat in the air forty-eight hours, the longest period, forty-one hours, having been achieved by Comte de la Vaux, a balloonist. The object of the attempt is said to be a study of the trade winds. It will probably result in the publication of a volume of posthumous memorial biography.

N. B. LEGISLATURE.

The Provincial Legislature assembled Thursday, and was opened with the usual formalities. The Governor's speech—in other words, the government's programme—mentioned increased interest in agriculture, the railway from Chipman to the Minto coal fields, the development of coal areas, the dry dock, the fisheries dispute, provincial subsidies, etc. It was intimated that a factory act might be introduced, and some changes made in the lunatic asylum.

Mr. McLatchey moved the reply to the speech, seconded by Mr. Legere. Both made speeches commending the government, followed by Mr. Hazen, in criticism of the government's policy.

Friday.—Mr. Tweedie and Mr. Grimmer spoke on the addresses, which was passed without division. The House then adjourned till Wednesday.

What Others Say.

JUST THE SAME.

You might as well sell the liquor yourself as to vote a license for some one else to sell it.—*The Pioneer*.

HOW TO MANAGE THEM.

The best way to manage a growly man is to let him growl; and the best way to manage a fussy woman is to let her fuss.—*The Telescope*.

JUST KEEP AT IT.

Never mind whereabouts your work is. Never mind whether it be visible or not. Never mind whether your name is associated with it. You may never see the issues of your toils. You are working for eternity. If you cannot see results here in the hot working day, the cool evening hours are drawing near, when you may rest from your labors and then they may follow you. So do your duty and trust God to give the seed you sow "a body as it hath pleased him."—*Alexander Maclaren*.

NOT THE BEST KIND.

"We have all met the man who prides himself on the fact that he is not as other Christians," and remarks that he can read his Bible at home and worship God among the hills and fields, amid the beauties of nature as well as in the church. Others may need the strength that comes from public worship, from communion and from Christian fellowship, but he is self-sufficient, and does not need anything that is symbolic in religion. I would not judge this man lest I misjudge him. All I will say is that the specimens I have met have not impressed me with their religious attainments, and I do not know any easier way for a man to destroy his own soul, to forget God, and

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lose his moral susceptibility than just that way.—*Rev. Hugh Black*.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

It is said, and no doubt with truth, that the corruptions of government are largely due to the respectable and prosperous business men who give bribes to secure favors. The excuse made by these "respectable scoundrels, who make good government impossible," is that they do not give bribes, but play blackmail, that, in order to do their business in peace, they are obliged to submit to extortion, that they are the victims, and not the agents, of degradation. If they are slaves, let them strike a blow for freedom.—*Chris. Register*.

THE MAN THEY WANT.

The chairman of a pulpit committee wrote an editor of this paper, asking for information concerning a certain pastor whom the latter very well knew. The inquirer said: "We have just lost our pastor. . . . He is a man of strong faith, deep spirituality, unusual common sense, large missionary spirit, believes and teaches the old-fashioned Bible, thinks the business of the office is to save the lost and then build up the saints. He is cheerful, never blue, has no fads nor frills, is very industrious, loved by everybody, regardless of denomination, etc., etc. If possible—which I doubt—we desire to get another like him." There, now, who is offering himself? Let every man who thinks he can fill the bill take two steps to the front. There they are, a great string of them. Now, Mr. Chairman, inspect them for yourself and take your choice.—*Journal and Messenger*.

EDITORIAL OUTLOOK.

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The latest notable convert in the United States to the Roman Catholic faith is Capt. Sartoris, a grandson of General Grant.

Owing to British occupation, Darkest Africa can now be penetrated without discomfort, as the steamers which ply on the Nile are equal to the floating palaces on the Hudson or St. Lawrence; while the trains have cars like the C. P. R. and a good service.

Mr. W. T. Stead's latest journalistic

venture, the *London Daily Paper*, lived just five weeks.

Japanese soldiers are fed on rice, salted fish, dried seaweed, and pickled plums. When they are on a campaign they are allowed meat, but rarely eat it. In the navy, however, rations of meat are served.

A Prohibition Convention for the Province of Ontario is to be held in Toronto about the middle of this month.

Kruger is said to have been greatly enraged when he heard that Dr. Jamieson had become Premier of Cape Colony.

A number of St. John teachers have been asked to go to the Northwest where good positions await them. Probably some will go unless the School Board increases their salaries.

The proposal to establish a home for feeble-minded children in Nova Scotia meets with favor. The government has been asked to appoint a commission to investigate the subject and report at next session of the legislature.

A new daily paper is to be established in St. John, in the interests of the Dominion government. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000. The paper will be called *The News*.

The British admiralty has despatched a ship to get the Canadian missionaries who are endangered by the war.

The *Hartland Advertiser* announces that it has suspended publication until its delinquent subscribers pay up.

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