

Notes and Gleanings.

The French post office department is now operating twenty motor-car postal routes in various parts of the country.

Since the beginning of last century no fewer than 52 volcanic islands have risen out of the sea. Nineteen have disappeared and ten are now inhabited.

A postal curiosity is the fact that one of the smallest countries in the world, San Salvador, has issued the enormous number of 405 different postage stamps.

The Arkansas legislature has recently passed a law which makes it possible to fine any woman wearing a stuffed bird on her hat from \$25 to \$50.

Windsor, Ont., is the Greta Green of Canada. During the past six months 560 couples have been joined in wedlock by the ministers of the city, over 80 per cent. of whom were from over the border.

The San Francisco police have unearthed a school for shop lifters. They found three men and three women in a room fitted up with counters like a store, and there they taught people to steal.

Edwards county, Ill., has the distinction of not having a saloon within its borders, not a prisoner in its jails and not a criminal case pending. Saloons have not existed in the county for many years.

It is said that the Emperor of Austria has had more hard luck during his 56 years' reign than any other monarch. He has lost every battle he has fought, his wife was assassinated, and his oldest son committed suicide.

Eight Irishmen were inaugurated as mayors of eight cities in Massachusetts last month. And there are others. It is proposed that England give Ireland her independence and that the island then be made a State of the American Union.

A Greenland Eskimo boy is now one of the brightest pupils in one of the large New York public schools. He was brought to America a few years ago by Lieut. Peary and belongs to a tribe which has only about two hundred and fifty members, and they are the northernmost inhabitants in the world.

There is now keen competition in railway construction in Asia, France, Germany, Great Britain and Russia. All are engaged in this business in order to develop trade, or to extend political influence. India is largely provided with railways. China is just entering on her early railway age, Persia, even Arabia, as well as the great Siberian region, are to have the benefit of the locomotive run on its lines of steel.

The ordinary marriage customs of the Orient are reversed in Thibet. Instead of the men having a plurality of wives, the women have the privilege of a plurality of husbands. Lately a photograph of one of these women, a rather pretty young woman of not more than 21, who was the proud possessor of four husbands, was seen; she looked fairly cheerful, and was seen to be rather nice and bright in manner, and altogether quite a superior specimen of a Thibetan woman.

PARLIAMENT.

The House got down to something like work in the last week. A bill, by Mr. Guthrie, protecting employes against the intimidations of employers, was read a first time.

A second part of the auditor general's report, covering public works and railways and canals, was laid on the table Tuesday.

The bill for the regulation of traffic in seeds was considered at considerable length. It is to come in force September 1st.

In answer to inquiry by Mr. Foster, it was stated that the total Canadian importation of merchandise for consumption in the last six months of 1904 was \$123,043,650, of which \$28,923,454 was from Great Britain, and \$74,739,987 from the United States. Total exports of home products from Great Britain was \$113,229,216, of which \$63,072,205 went to Great Britain, and \$38,977,738 to the United States.

A bill, introduced by the Premier, increases the pay of the N. W. mounted police—the officers by \$400, and the men by 25 cents a day.

A resolution providing for the appointment of Judge Killam to the chairmanship of the Railway Commission was passed. It gave rise to an animated resignation was referred to, and the government was advised to investigate the matter of alleged conspiracy.

THE MAGAZINES.

Success Magazine for February opens with the first of a series entitled "The Shameful Misuse of Wealth." The series will take up every phase of the misuse of wealth—its effect on law, marriage and the people of the community, and show that the luxury of rich Americans is greater and more pernicious than that of the Romans before the fall of the empire. Aside from this feature, the number is full of good things, including a life-sketch of Robert Hoe, the great printing-press manufacturer, and "Tolstoi—the Only Free Man in Russia." There is a department devoted to the affairs of the home, and articles on the leading topics of the day.

The *Canadian Magazine* has an illustrated story for February on "The Northland of Canada," and one entitled "How to Save the Yukon." The former is accompanied by some photographs of the Eskimo portion of our population, with pictures of their iglus or snow-houses. "A Visit of Genoa" is beautifully illustrated. "Is Great Britain Preparing for War?" and "Roberts and the Influences of His Time," are of the more serious articles. The departments are varied and interesting.

Those who miss the February number of *The Missionary Review of the World* will miss some things worth reading. The opening article is a suggestive missionary study of "The Gadarene Demoniac who Became a Missionary." "The Missionary Situation in the Soudan" points out important facts as to the present opportunity and progress. Two articles on China are worthy of careful reading, the first shows "The Present Crisis in China" and the opportunity of the Christian church, while the second critically examines the "Letters of a Chinese Official," and shows "The Reality and Romance" contained in it. Other noteworthy papers describe the remarkable "Ko San Ye Movement in Burma," "Native Christians in India," "Work Among Japanese Soldiers," "Christianity and Cannibalism in Melanesia," etc. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 44-60 East 23rd Street, New York. \$2.50 a year.

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JAPAN'S GIBRALTAR.—What Gibraltar long has been to England, Port Arthur becomes to Japan. "By this," says a correspondent, "one of the greatest military achievements in the annals of any people, the relations of European powers to each other must, directly and perhaps painfully, be affected." In the language of the *Spectator*, "the owners of the Philippines, Indo-China, Kiaochou, Java, and perhaps even the owners of India and Australia, must recognize with a more perfect certainty that a new and most powerful state has been born into the world."

Marriages.

CAMPBELL-McALLISTER.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Apohaqui, K. Co., by Rev. G. Swim, on the 25th of January, Asa Campbell, of Studholm, K. C., and Louisa McAllister, of Norton, K. Co.

MINUE-HAINES.—On the 25th inst., by the Rev. H. H. Ferguson, Marvin W. Minue and Alma Haines, both of Marysville, N. B.

BIRD-CURRIE.—At the home of the bride's father, January 25th, by Rev. A. W. Currie, uncle of the bride, Miss Nettie, daughter of W. A. Currie, Royal Road, and Alexander Bird, of Birdton, York Co.

Deaths.

WAMBOLT.—In Boston, on the 20th of January, Mrs. L. E. Wambolt, of Westfield, Q. Co., N. S., aged 26 years, leaving a husband and five children to mourn their loss. The funeral was at Westfield on the 27th January.—L. A. COSMAN.

NEVERS.—At his home, Lincoln, Sun. Co., January 19th, 1905, Ashley M. Nevers, aged 43 years, died of consumption. Bro. Nevers had been in failing health for some months, and, except for wishing to remain a while longer with his family, he was content to go. For him to die was gain. He leaves a sorrowing wife and three children. At his request the service was conducted by the writer.—E. H. COCHRANE.

STOCKFORD.—At Hibernia, January 17, Charlotte, widow of the late John Stockford, aged 86 years, leaving three sons and one daughter. Her husband was deacon of the Free Baptist Church, Hibernia. They became members of the church at its organization. Sister Stockford was respected by all who knew her. She gave evidence through life of strong faith and devotion to Christ as her personal Saviour.—C. B. LEWIS.

KERSHAW.—At McDonald's Point, Wickham, January 16th, Earnest, aged 4 years, second son of John and Mary Kershaw. This little boy died very suddenly of pneumonia, and the parents have the sympathy of the community. Funeral service by the writer.—C. B. LEWIS.

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