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DEATH OF LECKY.

Brief Sketch of the Great Historian's Career and Outline of Some of His Famous Works.

The Right Hon. William E. H. Lecky, the historian, died in London, England, on the 22nd October, 1903. Mr. Lecky had achieved enviable distinction as an historian, whose works are not merely meritorious but popular. His life was devoted to research exclusively until he was elected, to the British House of Commons in 1895 to represent Dublin University, from which he had graduated as Bachelor of Arts in 1859 and Master of Arts in 1863. Though he had always been a Liberal in politics, he joined the Unionist revolt against Mr. Gladstone's home rule bill in 1886. He was still attached to the



LATE RT. HON. W. E. H. LECKY

party led by the Duke of Devonshire, but he never became an important or influential politician. His first great work was "A History of the Rise and Progress of Rationalism in Europe," published in 1865 and frequently republished since. This was followed in 1869 by "A History of European Morals from Augustus to Charlemagne." Both of these works have appealed strongly to the learned of all countries and have been translated into many languages. His most monumental undertaking was "A History of England in the Eighteenth Century," the publication of which, in eight volumes, extended from 1878 to 1890. Though a Liberal-Unionist in politics Mr. Lecky had always shown himself in sympathy with Ireland, his native country. He published anonymously as early as 1861 a volume on the leaders of public opinion in that country, and it was sufficiently appreciated to warrant its re-publication under his own name in 1872. In his outlook over human civilization, which he had regarded from so many sides, Mr. Lecky was often pessimistic, though not unphilosophical, and his tolerant spirit and conscientious devotion to truth give his works an enduring value. He was born in Dublin in 1818, and was therefore only sixty-five at his too early death.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Map Showing the Understanding of the New Line by the United States Department Officials.

The accompanying map, republished from The New York Tribune, was published by that paper as showing the understanding of the United States State Department officials regarding the Alaska boundary line agreed upon by a majority of the recent commission. The Tribune, which is regarded as the organ of the present United States Administration, says that the official view is that apparently the United States loses about one-sixth of the territory claimed. The Philadelphia Inquirer, in an article on the same subject,



THE NEW ALASKA BOUNDARY.

says that the village of Bennett, north of the Lynn Canal, where a United States postoffice has been established, goes to Canada. With The Tribune, The Inquirer says that the territory hitherto claimed by the Americans, and now conceded to be Canadian, is thought to be worthless, but adds, "there may be another Klondike lurking somewhere there." Those who have felt so confident that Canada had no case will find food for thought in a study of the result indicated, while to many the exact inland boundary of the claim put forward by the United States and the extent of disputed territory actually secured to Canada by the commissioners' report may be a surprise.

Fish That Cannot Swim.

More than one species of fish is met with by naturalists which cannot swim. The strangest of all, perhaps, is the maltha, a Brazilian fish, whose organs of locomotion only enable it to crawl or walk or hop after the manner of a toad, to which animal this fish bears some resemblance. It is provided with a long, upturned snout. The anterior-pectoral-fins of the maltha, which are quite small, are not capable of acting on the water, but can only move backwards and forwards. Both these and the ventral and anal fins are very different from the similar fins in other fishes and could not serve for swimming at all. Other examples of non-swimming fishes include the sea-horse, another most peculiarly-shaped inhabitant of the sea which resembles the knight in a set of chessmen, and the starfish.

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Who Are "They"?

"They say; what say they? Let them say," said Bishop Berkeley. Who are the "they" thus so boldly apostrophized? "We may say with one of the fathers, 'I know when you do not ask me,' but how difficult it is to get near 'they'! We all have those mysterious 'they' on our lips, and yet we cannot define them. Yet, though we cannot define 'they,' partly because there are so many of them and partly because none of the great elemental things like time, love, death and sleep are capable of definition, we can still know and say a great deal about 'they.' 'They' in Dolly Winthrop's mouth meant Providence. 'I wouldn't speak ill of this world,' she was accustomed to say, 'seeing them as put us in it knows best.' In her sense it is of course rarely used, though the slang expression 'as good as they make 'em' recalls it. Still, 'they' has generally a slightly mysterious significance. When we say it we allude to some power we cannot define or to the incomprehensible element in some set of people.—London Spectator.

Chalking Sunday.

In the west of Ireland the majority of marriages take place between Christmas and Lent—a great number of them on Shrove Tuesday. In the county of Limerick it is customary on the first Sunday in Lent for the bachelors and spinners who have allowed the festival to pass without pairing to mark each other on the back with a piece of chalk or with a chalked stick. The marks of distinction are not rigidly confined to eligible parties, but are often bestowed upon boys and girls without regard to their original significance.

It is asserted, that the custom prevails in other agricultural districts in Ireland, that the chalking mostly goes on when the people are going to or from church and that in towns where it is carried on to a very great extent the footpaths are white at night with powdered chalk.—London Telegraph.

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Places to Which They May Go and Be Safe From Extradition.

There are scores of little nations with which the United States has no treaties at all. Abyssinia is one, and were an American fugitive to reach Addis Ababa he might remain there the rest of his life without fear of molestation. In the West Indies are two republics in which the American evil doer is almost as securely safe. One is Haiti, and the other is Santo Domingo. Both are usually so torn by revolutions that the existing government is almost unrecognizable. In consequence both are favorite resorts for American adventurers and fugitives of the more enterprising sort. One American who left New Orleans inconspicuously because of a little difference with the law rose to high rank in the Haitian army and was eventually killed in a fight with revolutionists on the Dominican border.

The little republic of San Marino, in the south of Europe, is another secure stronghold for American fugitives, but it is so small that the average evil doer does not seek it out for fear that he may lose in his sleep and roll over its frontier into Spain. And far to the eastward there is Sarawak, in the east Indies, where an Englishman holds forth as absolute monarch and every stray soldier of fortune is welcomed.

Were he to be a daring knave, an American fugitive might find safety, at least from American justice, in a dozen or more of the queer nations of central Asia, though it is more than likely that the natives would soon finish him. In Afghanistan the ameer would be glad to see him, and in Baluchistan the rulers of the state would treat him as a distinguished visitor. In Tibet proper he would be under the eye of the Chinese authorities, but outwardly Tibet is not Chinese territory, and the treaties with China do not affect it.

High up on the central Asian tableland are perched Kaftristan and Turkestan, neither of which recognizes even the existence of the United States. Southeast of Arabia is the independent kingdom of Oman, and toward the north are Bokhara and Khiva, vassals of Russia, but still not affected by Russian treaties. And in Africa there is the vast expanse of the Kongo Free State, unhealthy, maybe, but still safe. In the west are Borum and Waday, independent kingdoms, and Kanem and Bogirmi, no man's lands.

The Bible Brick.

M. G. Acheson of Niagara Falls, while he was searching for the best clay to make crucibles, read the statements in the fifth chapter of Exodus about the use of straw and stubble in the manufacture of ancient Egyptian bricks. He procured some straw, had it boiled and mixed the dark red liquid thus obtained with clay. He found that the plasticity was greatly increased. Investigation showed that tannin was the active agent, and when he treated other clay with a solution of tannin in water he obtained surprising results. The strength and plasticity of the clay are increased, and the tendency to shrink and warp is greatly reduced. In this process sun drying is far superior to burning, and in ten days the clay is better tempered than in months or even years by the old process.

Pacific Coast Lumber.

Unofficial estimates put the annual cut of lumber and shingles of the three Pacific states at 4,000,000,000 feet, of which California supplies 800,000,000 feet, Oregon 740,000,000 feet and Washington 2,800,000,000 feet. At this rate it is calculated that the forests of the Pacific coast will be exhausted in forty years. Shipments by water alone at Seattle were 664,472,801 feet of lumber in 1902 and 508,964,749 feet in 1901. In 1902 rail shipments to the interior amounted to 562,175,000 feet and in 1901 to 364,530,000 feet. Portland, Ore., shows a traffic toward the interior by rail ranking next to Seattle in importance. In the calendar year 1900 11,986 cars of lumber were shipped from that port, 13,517 in 1901 and 15,876 cars in 1902.

Cotton From Flax and Hemp.

The Revue Generale des Questions Economiques states that a Russian engineer, M. Scherveline, has discovered a process by which the fiber of flax and hemp can be transformed into a substance similar to cotton by being treated with the residuum of naphtha. This causes the fiber to decompose and to acquire the appearance and qualities of cotton. This substance can then be worked with cotton spinning machinery, and the manufactured article has all the qualities of cotton tissues. No preparation of the flax is necessary. The plant can be used just as it is pulled out of the ground. The inventor does not intend taking out a patent for his discovery.

Preserving Cork Trees.

So much cork is now used in the manufacture of linoleum and in shipbuilding that the protection of cork trees has become a matter of prime importance. Italy is taking steps to this end in Sicily and Sardinia, where there are large cork forests, those of Calabria having been nearly destroyed in the making of charcoal. It is said that Spain is showing a like interest in protecting these trees, as the manufacture of corks is a large industry there. Only a few years ago the exportation of wine bottle corks from that country amounted to about \$5,000,000 annually.

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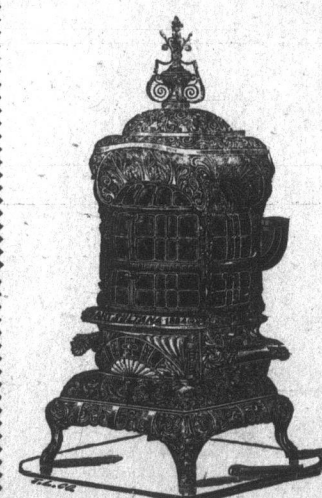
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