

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH GILBERT

Geo. Grossmith Tells of Some of the Trouble of Savoy Actors

A MARTINET author of "Patience" and Other Well Known Operas a Born Stage Manager - A Tribute to Sir Henry Irving.

London, Dec. 21-George Grossmith, one of the most famous of English comedians, now in retirement, has been compelled to an interview some interesting recollections of Gilbert and Sullivan and of Sir Henry Irving. Grossmith was one of the Savoy theatre company in the heyday of its popularity, playing leading roles with Rutland Barrington and Jessie Bond in Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

"Gilbert one day asked me to play the part of the judge in 'Trial by Jury,'" said Grossmith. "As I was anxious to get as many laughs as I could, I purposely kept out of rehearsal in going up the stairs leading to the bench. 'Why did you do that?' asked Gilbert. I replied that I thought it would be funny. 'I do not think it is at all funny,' he said, not unkindly, adding, 'besides, you must never begin by telling an audience you are a funny man, but let them find it out for themselves.'"

"Those were early days as yet in Gilbert's career. When he had built up his reputation he became a bit of a martinet. He was a born stage manager, who concerned himself with everything, down to the minutest details. In 'Patience' he did not like the hair on the heads of the characters. 'Have them taken off,' he said, and lutions of such and such a description put on. The 'dresses' returned rather in 'face' and 'trimmings' to suggest that the public would not be able to see them. 'But I see them,' retorted Gilbert.

"One of his weaknesses was that he was too self-dependent. He was a comedian, some amusing bit of stage 'business' merely because it had not originated with himself. You remember the scene in 'The Mikado' where the staid Rutland Barrington, the sprightly little Jessie Bond, and myself used to flop on the stage before the towering figure of Richard Temple as the Mikado to beg for mercy. Well, on the first night Barrington kicked up his leg at the back, and in so doing leaned with his heavy body towards Jessie Bond, who gave me a little push that sent me falling over several times. I gravely rolled back again and the audience roared. As it had gone so well we repeated the business at the next performance. Gilbert was indignant. 'What do you do that for?' he asked me. 'I said because it brought down the house. You can bring down the house by falling on a park pier,' he said, and he then forbade us to repeat our offence.

"At the succeeding performance the scene fell flat. I am afraid I was a bit nervous, but I was very strenuously in it, so much so that after a while Gilbert must have recognized for the manager. 'Daddy Caricature,' he said, and said, 'You had better do some of the old business, but not too much.' Speaking of Sir Henry Irving, Grossmith said: 'Of the members of the theatrical profession with whom I have been on terms of friendship there is one I must mention, Sir Henry Irving. What a splendid man he was, both in public and private life! I remember meeting him on one occasion at Manchester. His secretary came and said: 'Here is a letter from a fellow who says he formerly played clown to your pantomime in a provincial pantomime. It is a downright insult.' 'Not at all,' said Irving, 'what he says is perfectly true.' Then he took the letter, and finding that the poor fellow was hard up, he added: 'Put him on my pension list.' That meant a pound a week for life for the poor old fellow."

HOPEWELL HILL NEWS

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 31-Dr. J. E. M. Carnwath, who has been living on his farm at Caledonia, the past year or two, for the benefit of his health, has resumed his practice at Riverside, having taken charge of his office last week. His family intend moving out to their Riverside residence shortly. Dr. Carnwath's absence, practicing in Dr. Carnwath's absence, will leave in a few days for another field. Miss Julia Brewster spent Sunday with relatives in Moncton. W. K. Gross of Moncton, came to Hopewell today, making the trip by automobile. Prof. and Mrs. McGold of Sackville, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Barber at the practice at Riverside, having taken charge of the music at the Albert Methodist church this evening. The price of poultry hereabout is reported to have taken quite a drop since Christmas. Geese formerly brought \$1.20 to \$1.75 and are now offered at a very little over a dollar. Chickens are very plentiful, and one dealer, who had quite a lot on hand, was offering them this week for less than they cost him.



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ST. JOHN'S PROSPECTS FACE LOANS FROM THE CHINESE PRINCES

Booster Dinner Was Great Success Forward Movement Here Now Launched in Earnest

That Was the Talk, Backed by Facts, at Last Night's Dinner Given by L. P. D. Tilley for Real Estate Men and Optimists - \$2,500 Made in Potatoes - Western Man Wants 10,000 to 50,000 Acres in New Brunswick - Reasons Why This is the Best Town in the Dominion.

Friday, Jan. 4. St. John received a host of generous and effective proportions last night at a highly successful and enjoyable dinner given by L. P. D. Tilley at the Prince William hotel, the new apartment building in Prince William street.

Mr. Tilley, believing the time had come for an exchange of views between those interested in the forward movement in the city and province, informally called to see more than a score of citizens identified in one way or the other with the real estate movement.

On one page of the menu, which was a most inviting one, there appeared the following optimistic bill of fare for consideration of all and sundry.

NEW BRUNSWICK COMING INTO BEING. St. John, New Brunswick, will be the Canada which New York is to the United States.

Among Mr. Tilley's guests were the following: F. P. Starr, Col. E. T. Sturdee, R. H. Bruce, Beverley R. Armstrong, Percy W. Thomson, E. Maxwell McCarty, Walter C. Allison, J. M. Robinson, A. C. Jardine, H. L. Robinson, Stephen B. Busby, W. T. Fenton, Alfred Burley, Frank R. Fairweather, J. M. Quisen, C. B. Lockhart, Frank Ellis, J. A. Lasky, J. H. Doody, A. M. Belding, T. T. Lantulum, John McKay, F. N. Brodie, R. G. Haley, D. P. Pilon, J. H. McCready.

Dinner occupied a well spent hour and after coffee and cigars had come along in the form of a very pleasant and interesting talk. Mr. Tilley briefly stated the object of the meeting and after welcoming the guests called upon R. H. Bruce to address the company.

JAMAICA FEARS RETALIATION BY UNITED STATES

Would Like to Have Reciprocity With Canada, But Wants to Keep Its Sugar Trade With Americans.

Have McManigal Concealed Near Indianapolis

McNamara's Accomplice to Tell His Story of Dynamiting to Grand Jury.

Dual Language on Canadian Stamps

Postmaster General Plans to Have "Centimes" Used as Well as "Cents" on Face of Postage.

Many May Run for Mayor of Moncton

Special to The Telegraph. Moncton, N. B., Jan. 4-The city council tonight decided against the tunnel via Foundry street, and the closing up of Main street at the T. C. R. crossing.

Yuan Raises Big War Fund

Manchus Fear the Wily Premier Will Drain Them of Their Wealth and Then Declare for a Republic - Rebels Capture and Loot Important City.

Hill Interests Buy 900 Acres in Port Arthur

U. S. Warships Will Come High

Says Packers Made All Their Profits from By-Products

Miss Kay's Sprint Didn't Save Garage

No Settlement of British Cotton Mills Strike Yet

Four Boys, on a Double Runner, Drowned in River

FOSS ANXIOUS TO MAKE BOSTON CANADA'S PORT

Governor, in Inaugural Address to Legislature, Predicts Great Boom in Canadian West, and Suggests Plan to Capture the Carrying Trade for the "Hub."

It is Said That Canadian Northern Plan Big Terminals and Shops There.

Rebels Capture Lanchow

Minister to Washington Quite

Rebels Issue Paper Money

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Special to The Telegraph. Toronto, Jan. 4-Toronto will be treated to one of the most unique spectacles in its history on Monday afternoon next, if the present plans of the Chinese reform association materialize.

MISS EDMANDS IS WANTED BY STATE

Anxious to Know Her Present Abode District Attorney Will Extradite Her if Out of State

Montreal Girl, Dying, Doctor and Youth Arrested

Ante-mortem Confession of Domestic Implicates Three People - Woman Who Advised the Operation Wanted.

McNamara's Chum Before Federal Grand Jury

Pinkertons Sue Montreal Herald

Want \$100,000 Damages - G. C. Dougherty, Supt. New York Police, Sues David Russell for \$25,000.

Frank Eckhoff Believed to Have Given Details of Many Explosions.

TRAIN KILLED MOTHER, BUT HER BABE ESCAPED

Child, Who Was in Woman's Arms, Was Tossed Into a Field When Engine Struck Them.

STR. EMPRESS OF IRELAND IS DUE HERE TONIGHT

C. P. R. Liner Left at an Early Hour This Morning, After Having Trouble in Docking at Halifax.

SAYS PACKERS MADE ALL THEIR PROFITS FROM BY-PRODUCTS

MISS KAY'S SPRINT DIDN'T SAVE GARAGE

NO SETTLEMENT OF BRITISH COTTON MILLS STRIKE YET

FOUR BOYS, ON A DOUBLE RUNNER, DROWNED IN RIVER

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