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GLADSTONE.

The hundredth anniversary of the birth of William Ewart Gladstone was enthusiastically commemorated yester-"little peoples" of Eastern Europe, the their good angel in the days of their op year has been notable for the centenary celebrations of Darwin, Lincoln, Ten-Gladstone—a constellation names. There is a deep between Gladstone and Lintheir ideals and their achievethe aristocratic atmosphere of Oxford, other in the backwoods of Kentucky, but they became alike in their hatred of oppression, their pas- with those of another progressive sion for humanity, and their trust in Unionist, Mr. Ellis Barker, a German the instincts of the common people, who has become a naturalized Eng-Both did their noblest work in the lishman, even to the extent of Angli-When he took up the cause of Ireland, in obedience to the sense of justice which burned in him like a to convert their own party before it flame, he severed life-long ties and can be said that there is such a thing will have to go to a landscape painter was merely a shallow watercourse made they are only faint indications of the broke with the remnant of his patrician support. No man in England was more reviled or detested by the section which Gladstone himself described as the "upper ten thousand." In Morley's will be found his arraignthis class at a time when it was befriending Turkey, while Gladdenunciations of the Bulgarian mas-

"From this body there has never last half-century have contributed qualities. so much to the fame and happiness of England. They did not emancipate the Dissenters, the Roman Catholics, and Jews They did not reform the parliament. They did not liberate the negro slave. They did not abolish the corn law. They did not take the taxes off the press. They did not abolish the Irish established church. They did not cheer on the work of Yet all these things have been than theirs, and despite their oppo-

The successors of Gladstone must fight the same enemy. In this they are obeying his last political testament. Fifteen years ago he warned were deprived of its absolute veto power. Timorous counsels prevailed at the time, but the Liberal party has seen nearly the whole work of a Liberal House of Commons for four years contemptuously destroyed by the representatives of the upper ten thouhas also been entirely converted to his view that England owes Ireland self-government as a reparation for centuries of wrong and op-

Time has vindicated every one of Gladstone's great policies. The voice of detraction is being silenced by the verdict of history. His figure is growing greater with the years, and dwarfs rivals and contemporaries in the pub-

SIR GILBERT PARKER ON THE LAND QUESTION.

Sir Gilbert Parker, in the current Fortnightly Review, discusses the land gressive unionist. The land, he says, has been too much the victim of a vas," was the reply. certain narrowness of thought: without reason it has come to be regarded as a luxury, as something apart from the stern activity of a nation working

While trade and been growing, agriculture has been declining, and Great Britain has every year become more dependent on for- theus Unbound'?" eign countries for food. While the general population has been increasing, the fields have been drained of men, and the result is the nation is deprived of the source from which it has drawn its real strength, its homely permanent vitality. All schools of political thought see the direction in which the solution must be sought-by placing the people back upon the land, by increasing the number of holdings, by the development of intensive cultivation. But here they part company, irreconcilably divided on the question rox.

As a true Unionist, Sir Gilbert does ments will never stand for it." not believe the remedy lies in "communal purchase" and occupation and state landlordism, but sees real reday by his fellow-countrymen. The ferm in small ownership, land banks ership alone, he admits, will not aid Armenians and Montenegrins honor- in repopulating the countryside; it ed in their own way the man who was must be accompanied by co-operation and credit. He refers to what has been accomplished in other countries Greece, too, raid homage to through co-operation in agriculture, the memory of the great Phil-Hellen- which provides associations, without bowed before his shrine. The present the farmer, if he be honest, can obtain Paris)-Have you ordered? credit on personal security at the low-

Sir Gilbert believes that small ownership would kindle the ambition and do I know? stimulate the energy of the people of the soil, give them an honorable and Both were emancipators. Lin- ings, save them from the bitter necescoln freed the slaves of the republic; sity of expatriation, or the more more than any British statesman of wretched life of the overcrowded the child with the aid of a stethoscope. the nineteenth century Gladstone freed dwellers in the towns. Organized comhis countrymen from the shackles of bination, he believes, would enable abuses. One was reared in them to meet and overcome the many difficulties of the hard struggle which the child's reply. modern conditions demand as the price

> Elzbacher. But with Lord Lansdowne declaring that the Unionist peers will nead. The first fasts only until the next meal; the second while you are near him; never consent to a policy of using the the third forever. public money to put landless men on the land, it looks as though Sir Gilbert Parker and Mr. Ellis Barker will have as a Unionist land policy.

A vote for the garbage removal bylaw is a vote for a clean city.

The ratepayers should put the Kan., said: "If they would jack the latest Niagara power bylaw under- whistles up and put new engines under

How the high protectionists of Canada and the United States must laugh stone was shaking England with his in their sleeves at the Chamberlain fairy tale that a tariff of 10 per cent will cure all Great Britain's troubles!

Gladstene won immortality by caron any occasion within my memory rying his conscience into public life. I frequently wake up and hear my wife's proceeded the impulse that has Other British statesmen have done prompted, and finally achieved, any this, but none of his contemporaries of the great measures which in the had the same combination of great

Police Magistrate Love doesn't agree with the Toronto judge who decreed indulge." that cigars were a drug. Whether it is judicial or not, the magistrate's decision is a judicious one in this great judge was referring only to Toronto good deal by watching my game.

The great Liberal Moderate, Sir Ed-Italian freedom and reconstitution, ward Grey, says that the hereditary element must be eliminated from the done, and done by other agencies House of Lords. This "Socialistic, hysteria" will bring down upon him Enpeck. the wrath of the Toronto Mail, the grown we have a commission form of partment. I hear such nice things Hamilton Spectator, and the London Free Press, What would England be to them without the hereditary peers:

President Schurman, of Cornell, throws the cold water on the study of modern languages, and the classics. Anything that doesn't directly help a man to make a living is tabooed even by many so-called educationists. The chief end of man is to improve his circumstances, not himself, is an been forced into Gladstone's position article of their creed. Happily, howby the logic of circumstances. It has ever, the idea of learning for learning's sake has not wholly died out.

EXPLAINED.

[M. A. P.] Vicar (severely)-I was surprised and sorry, Mrs. Smith, to observe that your husband walked out of church in the middle of my sermon last Sunday. Mrs. Smith-Oh, you really must ex cuse him, sir; 'e's a somnabulist, and walks in 'is sleep, you see.

HOW THE GERMAN BLINDED HIM.

[Philadelpiha Times.] J. Campbell White, secretary of the lay men's mission movement, during his work being put upon production by agreefor missions, had had some queer experiences, but one he had in a mining camp in Montana some years ago gives him much amusement when he reverts to the conspicuous of his from home. He was illiterate, and no one

the man from the banks of the Rhine clapped his hands over Mr. White

ed Mr. White, after he had been able question from the standpoint of a pro- to free his ears from the fellow's palms.

NEW YORK'S LITERARY GIRLS.

[New York Sun.] young man who said he'd never if he liked Trollope, was outdone the other day in a Fifth avenue book store. A girl of 17 came in and asked the clerk "Prometheus," by a man named Kelley or Sheets, or something like that. "Oh," said the clerk, "Shelley's 'Prome-

"Yes," replied the girl "that's it. But if you please, I'd rather have it bound. It's so easy to lose the pages, you know,

NEXT TO NONE. [Illustrated Bits.]

Hardup-There was a time when people ised to say that I had more money than brains, but they can't say that now. Wife-Why not? Hardup-Because I've come down to my Wife-Well, you've still got a shilling

[Washington Evening Star.] "What do you think of that English notion of abolishing the House of Lords? "It's an outrage," answered Mr. Cum-"It's worse than bankruptcy. It's repudiation. We American millionaires who have made big matrimonial invest-

CHANCE FOR ANANIAS II.

[Lippincott's.] If some bright genius only would Invent a brand new story For married men who stay out late, He'd pave his way to glory.

A MEAN INSINUATION. [Boston Transcript.]

Lawyer-Yes, and where were you? Witness-Sir

WAITING TO FIND OUT.

Cincinnati Tourist (who, for the first time has just entered a restaurant in St. Louis Tourist (who has reached the table some minutes before, and who looks up from a French bill of fare)-Yes. Cincinnati Tourist-What did you order?

WHAT THE DOCTOR DID.

Gustave Ullyatt has a little daughter who hasn't been well recently. The other day a physician was called to the Ullyatt home to see her. He examined When her father came home that evening he asked what the doctor had said. "Nothin'," replied the little girl. What did he do?" asked Mr. Ullyatt. "He just telephoned me all over," was

DUE TO HIS BUSINESS.

[Baltimore American.] "So you discovered a cab driver who Well, what sort of writes poetry? "Naturally, he's a hack writer."

THE THREE WAYS. [Judge.]

There are three ways to reach a man-

IN THE WRONG SHOP Meggerdorfer Blatter.

Lady-I would like you to paint my portrait with my hat on. Painter-Good gracious, madam, you

SLIGHT REPAIRS NEEDED. [Kansas City Star.]

Discussing the Central Branch lo tives, an old railroader in Frankfort, them, they would have some good engines.

THE MEANEST JANITOR.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] A South Side man claims that the janitor of the flat building in which he lives tor of the flat building in which he lives place for the disposing of the garbage, city of the proposed change. Among the management is the proposed change and the proposed change are left. never gives us enough steam during the said the complainant, "and at night teeth chattering on the bureau.

KNOWLEDGE HIS GUIDE.

St. Louis Star.1 "Do you believe that spirits talk and reveal secrets? "Unquestionably. That's why I never

HANDED HIM ONE. [Life.]

Kitty Quicktongue-No, thanks. I never could profit by other people's mistakes. THE LATEST IN HOME RULE.

[Washington Herald.] up, now. Who's the head your family?" "But since my daughters are

WANTED TO KNOW. [Somerville Journal.] Lawson-He is going to give her an mbrella for a Christmas present. Dawson-Are they engaged or mar-

Lawson-Married. Why? Dawson-Oh, I just wanted to know whether he will pay \$7 for it or \$1 50.

POOR WOMAN. [Judge.]

My dear wife's memory is bad-I tell this with regret; For she remembers everything She really should forget.

DULL TIMES IN JAPAN

rice following a bounteous harvest.

from home. He was illiterate, and no one in the camp understood enough German to read the letter to him. He was, of course, overjoyed to learn that Mr. White course, overjoyed to learn that Mr. Whit

Waiting for Owner

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 30.-Twentyfive thousand dollars is lying in the "Dot letter vas from mine girl. I hold safe of the German Hospital, awaiting your ears so you don't hear vat in it the finding of heirs to the estate of Mrs. Tindel, who died at that institution of apoplexy.

The money was in large bills, concealed in Mrs. Tindel's clothing, and eaten any, to somebody who asked him was brought to light, together with her will, after her death.

Apoplexy claims hundreds of victims r. Yet apoplexy is but an advanced stage of blood poisoning which manifests itself in headaches and backaches. Very frequently the cause is constipation. Such a case as the above shows the

importance of keeping the bowels active, the kidneys regular, the skin healthy, so that the blood will be always pure and rich. "Fruit-a-tives"—the famous iver tablets-are safe and efficient

regulators for stomach, liver, bowels, kidneys and skin. "Fruit-a-tives" are sold by all dealers at 50 cents a box, 6 for \$2 50, or trial size, 25 cents.

FRENCH TREATY IN EFFECT FEB. 1

Ottawa, Dec. 29.-Ratifications for the Franco-Canadian treaty are being exchanged, and it was announced today that the treaty would come into effect on Feb. 1, a month later than originally

CORRESPONDENCE

The Money Bylaws.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: In a few days the property owners of our city will be called on to say whether we will add another mortgage on our my maid was in my boudoir arranging city of \$160,000. In wonder will this never end until we are totally bankrupt. What would happen to any firm or individual if they would keep heaping on debt as our city has been doing? Ruin and disaster would be inevitable. Is it not a fact that over one-quarter of the city's income is needed to pay interest on deentures at present.

Now let us see what this \$160,000 is wanted for. First, for placing some o hydro-electric wires underground, still leaving a whole host of them on poles above the streets, and if poles are needed for the wires through the city, as it seems they are by the number of them recently set up, why should \$70,000 more be spent to put part of them underground?

Would it not be better to wait a few years to see how the enterprise is going to pay? In my opinion the Niagara power scheme is costing the city too much already, without putting on us such a large sum before it is known whether it will pay or not. After some time, if it is found to be a paying business, then let the profits from it put the wires underground, the same as the other companies ave to do at their own expense

As for the \$60,000 asked for storm sewers: I would say that whoever was responsible for making holes in the streets for running the water into the sewers in the time of rainstorms, had, to say the least, not much common sense I am sure we have all seen thunderstorms that washed sand and dirt off the streets into those holes until they were closed rubbish: then the water had make its way to the river as it did before through his stomach, his heart or his we had any sewers. Indeed, the natural head. The first lasts only until the next drainage of our city is so good that in what they learned, but to extending a few minutes after the ran is over it is all gone. But what sand and rubbish goes into those manholes before they are partly closed is enough to put the sewers out of business in the near future. Then there will be a job cleaning them out. paid her own substitute. These are a What then? Should we spend \$60,000 for storm sewers? Certainly not; for if there but like bubbles on the top of a pot at some of the street crossings, all the heat beneath, the ardent zeal they water would run off to the river and bring to their work. That the result creeks, as it did before there were any is high efficiency is shown by the sewers, and as it has to do in West fact that the whole six of the assist-London and other streets where no sew-lants trained in London in that year

As for the garbage plant which we are asked to vote \$30,000 for: I do not quite which the board is trying to quench understand what the garbage is. Is it all by the unkind and undeserved treatkinds of refuse that we see on a public ment which has been meted out to dump, such as old tinware, ashes, wire, etc., or only such things as will burn,

the kitchen, etc.? will be have to pay for the taking of it from our premises? If a majority on any \$1,400. Of these three, two are kinderstreet refuses to petition for the removal gartners who have taken post graduof their garbage, will it not be taken away? And will the owners of property \$600 each, not including the loss of alone have to pay all the bills? I for one would like more light on the above ques- So highly esteemed were they that one tion before I vote even for the garbage A CITIZEN. London, Dec. 29.

Does Enthusiasm Pay?

Not long ago a member of the said that he seemed unable to enthuse Conceited Bridge Player-Come hers his class. Whether the criticism was conception of the real value of things, cigar centre. Perhaps the Toronto and sit by me, Kittie. You can learn a justified I do not know, but the trustee and that his figures are as much at certainly recognized the importance in fault as when he makes another item a teacher of that rare faculty—the read: "Increase for five teachers, \$150. power to inspire love of his subject. The value of this power cannot be set down in dollars and cents, and when it is found it should be appreciated far beyond the salary paid. The board "My wife used to be," admitted Mr. did very wisely in retaining Miss Macabout her management and the pride her girls take in their work that feel the \$200 extra would have to be multiplied several times to compensate the city for her loss.

Why not apply the same principle

stand as regards that unpurchasable tion have furnished the quality-enthusiasm? A few days ago the characters for numerous plays, but I quoted from the inspector's report "The Lost Trail," by Anthony E. Wills, regarding the teachers as a whole. It which comes to the Grand tonight, and also contains complimentary references seen in all the principal cities of the to the courses of lectures and the work of the Mothers' Clubs, both of which excellent features were inaugurated by the kindergartners. In the clubs they have tried to arouse in the mothers more thought about the right with some very successful operas bringing-up of their children, some- Since her initial visit here she has been thing much needed. In the lectures a strong favorite and with three per Tokio, Monday, Dec. 26.—The eco- they have given, at considerable finan- formances to be given of "Marcelle" nomic situation in Japan at present is cial risk to themselves, an opportunity on Friday, Saturday and Saturday not favorable, and its looked-for re- for culture and literary enjoyment vival has not arrived. As a result the depression in manufacturing is great, and great agricultural sections throughout the island are gloomy. This is primarily due to the low price of Ross once happily characterizing them tend the theatre on Friday night to as "the literary elite of London." More "See the old year out and the new year The weaving industry is particularly than this, the kindergartners had dur-in." hard hit by this depression, a limit is ing the year courses of lessons from tion, with all the beautiful scenery and ment among the weavers. Immediate release from this embarrasisment is not looked for in accounting accounting the second of the control of th looked for in economic circles, but on games, and Miss Cronise, of the Chiaccount of the fact of a magnificent cago kindergarten, in brush work and story. There was a German immigrant in the camp, who had received a letter gether with the recovery of the bal-

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the benefits to others. Miss Laidlaw visited the schools of England entirely at her own expense. The board merely granted her leave of absence, but she few things that show their enthusiasm,

passed the departmental examination them, as well as by compelling them to work under conditions in which e. g., paper, wood and all refuse from they will be greatly handicanned. Trustee Graham recently published the items is this: Three teachers left, ate courses in Chicago at a cost of their salaries for the time required. of them is now teaching in that city at a salary of \$120 a month. The other will doubtless have no reason to regret that her spirit was too high to permit her to apply to the London board When Mr. Graham considers their going a gain to the city, he shows that board of education, criticizing a teacher he is not fit to be intrusted with our educational interests, that he has no

> that is \$50x5-3150. AN INTERESTED PARENT.



"The Lost Trail" Tonight. The far west and the pioneers who to the kindergartens? How do they opened that great territory to civilizafound homes there before railroads United States and Canada the last four seasons, is said by critics to be one of the best of this class.

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PITTSBURG'S PERIL

A Sudden Thaw May Cause a Disastrous Inundation.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30. - Pittsburg is The official measurements of the floods of local history, due, so the authorities here say, to the unusual and

length of time, the Allegheny River ice-pack will be broken with a rush the results of which will be incalculably disastrous to all shipping interests and water-front property on the Ohio River points south of here.

threatened with one of the worst snowfall during the past two weeks is flood of 1907 was much less. The river is now at a six-foot stage severe weather conditions of the past and Pittsburg experienced zero wea-