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CIVIC POLITICS.

The T. R. A. are discovering that some of the gentlemen in whom they reposed confidence last year are now finding it expedient to make excuses. They have hid speeches from two of them, Messrs. Baxter and Lockhart and they must have been highly entertaining. It will be a difficult matter for those gentlemen to persuade the people that they did not change their minds atter they were elected. Either or both of these aldermen may possess qualities that make them desirable representatives but they have not proved that they could stand to a measure of reform upon which they were elected. If the Tax Reduction Association would be successful and gain a council pledged to do its utmost for reform, the men it selects must be free from all associations with the old council. It seems that a mistake was made last year when a part of the reform council was selected from the men who had represented the city. In one or two cases they proved excellent representatives but on the whole they seemed rather anxious to make it appear to the public that the rule of themselves in the past had not been extravagant and there was no chance to make re-

This was borne out by the report that the investigating committee brought in which was nothing more or less in its conlusions than a coat of whitewash for their predecessors. The speeches of the mayor and aldermen about the time they were seeking election and their remarks to day furnish a remarkable contrast. We think Mayor Robertson was sincere, that he has tried to do his best in the interests of the c ty, but, no matter how much he wanted to do his hands were practially tied. He has no power-only that of suggestion, which after all, does dot amount to much if the council behind him is not sympathetic and

There is some rumor that the Tax reduction Association as not thoroughly in sympathy with Mayor Robertson. We hope there is no truth in it. The work le has done this year fairly entitles him to a second term and, in our opinion, the T. R. A. cannot do better than recognize this

THE BIBLE AND INGERSOLL.

Abbe Hogan, in an article in the March Donahoe's, discusses Ingersoll's recent question, "What has the bible done for commerce, for agriculture, for all the arts and comforts of life?" The abbe says that an appropriate answer to tais question would be to ask, for instance, what Mr. INGERSOLL has done for the improvement of Boston harbor, and that Mr. INGERSOLL'S reply to this question would naturally be, "That is none of my business." "Just so," says Abbe Hogan, "and in the same way, it is no part of the bible's business or purpose to help in any one of the ways alluded to by Mr.

Perhaps a better answer to the eloquent colonel would be a more straightforward one. Surely no one can deny that the christian religion has been one of the greatest comforts of life to many people. Even those who consider it wrong must acknowledge its great comforting power as evidenced in its believers with whom they have been associated. And people of the religious views of INGERSOLL would scarcely devote so much attention to attacking the bible did they not think that it had done, and is doing, something for the religion that it is their prime aim to discredit.

As thorough a student of the bible and its effects as Abbe Hogan must be can scarcely say that it has done nothing for commerce and the arts and comforts of life, leaving out the great comfort coming from the christian religion-any more than such a thorough student of the bible and its effects as Col. INGERSOLL must be can conscientiously do so. That commerce and the arts, and agriculture, which WASHING-TON called "the most noble occupation of man," have been largely benefited by the great text-book it is ridiculous to deny. paupers increase on an even higher ratio. descend as desired.

The maxims of SOLOMON, the lessons of CHRIST are applicable to and calculated to benefit every kind of work, and every kind of worker. The direct influence on literature and art of the pible is in itself enough to stamp INGERSOLL's question as essentia'ly toolish.

It is clear that a better answer than Abbe Hogan gives to the man who

Thrills his listeners, oh irrevenent times. Smashes their doctrines-and secures their dimes would be a straightforward one. If, however, an evasive reply be used, it would better be the counter-question, "What have INGERSOLL's lectures done for conmerce, tor agriculture, tor all the arts and comforts of life?"

Dr. JOHN WOOD, the eminent arc' a )logist and authority on art, should be an even more popular a man with the New Woman as Dr. PARKHURST, or any other of the pampered masculine pets of the day. Dr. Wood says that the modern woman's figure differs decidedly from the typical woman of Greek art. This at first sight might be thought to be a rather doubtful compliment, so much his it become the fashion to think the typical Grecian woman the most perfect in form of any typical woman of any age. But Dr. Wood follows up his first statement by saying that the modern Caucasian woman has more tapering limbs, that is, smaller wrists and ankles, and a deeper and finer chest. In carriage, too, the modern woman excels. She has a more erect position and a flatter back. Score a few more for the New

The world is getting bran ler and better. A gratifying instance of protestant tolerance was the respect paid by those of that taith to the great Canadian statesman who conscientiously gave up his religion for that of the Roman catholics. A gratifying instance of catholic tolerance is that shown to the young Oltawa lady who has gone over to the presbyterians from the church of her uncle, Archbishop DUHAMEL. The world is getting broader and better.

An old cartoon by CHARLES KEENE, which has as its victim GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN, soid last week for \$33. On the margin Mr. KEENE wrote to the editor of Punch, "Will this do, or is it libellous?" The editor evidently considered it would not do, as it was never published, and Punch was spared the wrath of the man whose wrath is more to be dreaded than that of potentates.

The New York Advertiser seems to be as untrustworthy in its reports of Nova Scotia news as some of its New York contemporaries. It makes a humble apology to Mr. ZACHARIAS A. HUBLEY, of Worcester, Mass., whom it charged with intent to defraud certain insurance companies, under a claim for damages by reason of an accident which happened in Nova Scotia in

MAX O'RELL says: "In going hastily through a country don't ask me what my opinion is; ask me my impression. It I wanted opinions about Canada I would go to well-informed Canadians." The observant Frenchman would probably find that the opinions about Canada that he would get from different Canadians at the present time would be widely divergent.

DEBS threatened he would do it, and he did. At a late Chicago meeting he charged all that the acts of violence and crime committed during the PULLMAN strike were traceable to the General Manager's Association, just as he promised he would. Now he has got that off his mind, he can become a peaceful citizen once

The United States post office department has decided that the statute prohibiting the use of postal cards for dunning purposes covers the case of poil-tax colectors. Any government which puts further obstacles in the way of poll-tax collectors than are natural in the course of human events, is a government without a

The California legislature, which made the big theatre hat illegal, has since defeated a woman's sufferage bill-which was wise. It the way is opened up to the admission of women into that body, the time may come when a Californian will not be able to wear a knife in his boot.

The march of modern improvement taking the poetry out of everything. In lumbering, to cite a certain istance, the portable mill is surely conquering the mill run by the water of the brook. Where the log used to be taken to the mill, the mill is now taken to the log.

Society, which suffered a direct loss in the recent death of WARD MCALLISTER, has now suffered an indirect one in the death of M. WORTH. WORTH has successors, however; McAllister has not.

The Ladies' Home Journal is bringing Mrs. SHAKSPEARE to the notice of the world. Now we will have some cryptogrammist ciphering out that she was the wife of Lord BACON.

Philadelphia is suffering from intemperate charity. It has 1,600 charitable societies, and as the number is added to the

### VERSES OF VESTERDAY AND TODAY

Reminiscence.

The full moon stopped before your tent, That night I saw you stand; In Shir z val , O Persian maid. And took your dainty hand. By pearl oasis and golden sand. How lovely the moonlight, How still the land.

O maiden loved in Shiraz vale, The cushion at your feet, Your silken robe and turban light, Were ever and ever so sweet. But lovelier far your face to meet; As .ovely as the twilight sky,

The pink acacia bowed in prayer. Ly yonder minaret; The silence in the fragrant air, My soul can ne'er forget, And Allah's blessing when the day was set,

How often in that love light calm, We wandered where the roses love, The nightingale to be;

By wheat fields kissed in golden bloom. So musical to me. By purple grapes in clusters hanging free; How tender in the starlight there,

Your eyes to see.

My soul's delight.

O what were scarlet poppies gay, Or lilies robed in white; No flower there could touch my love, Or be her in my sight. True glory of the heavenly scene;

My queen excelled the night,

Whenever in your white tent door. O maid of Shiraz land; With bowl rose watered whence the stem.

Brings dreams of one far strand, The summer winds your cheek has fanned: Have borne again the old song back, Out of this shrouded land.

#### Pansy Porch, Feb., 1895. CYPRUS GOLDE. In Memoriam.

ANNIE WENMAN (MRS. JAMES T.) HALL. May 21st, A. D. 1894. The heart that warmed to all distress, And beat with sympathy and love. That held no thought of selfishness,

And faithful, kind did ever prove, Where christian thought and faith had place,

Is still and cold in death's embrace. The cheery voice, the moistened eye, The willing ear to hear complaint, The tongue that sweetly made reply, Exemplified the earthly saint, And her own sorrow, a full cup, We ponder o'er, and treasure up

Yes, she with Christ did tread the way Where trial, sorrow, pain are found, And ever found in Him a stay, The source from whence blessings abound. But ere she entered into rest,

Sweet peace and rest are hers today, The peace of heaven's eternal rest, 'Mid blissful scenes far, far away, In many mansions of the blest. Aid us, O God, to find that peace, Through Jesus Christ's abounding grace.

An Arrival at Biliville.

The brass band's at the station -The flags wave from the dome: We're glad as all creation Our Congressman's come home

The birds bave gone to singin,' An' white the millpo ds foam; The cattle bells are ringin'— Our Congressman's come home The weather's bright and sunny,

Both pockets full o' money-Our Congressman's come home ! So, git the old mule ready; The larks are in the loam;

He'll hold the plowstock steady— Our Congressman's come home! With glory we will heap him; No more we'll let him roam; We're all a goin' to keep him

# At home, at home, at home! —Atlanta Constitution.

The Witch o' Warnie There leev'd a witch on Warnie braes. Her cheeks were red an' bouny, They ca'd the deil her cronie. Her lips were o' the cherry's hue, Her footsteps licht an' airy. She had a waist a king micht lo'e,

An' jimp as ony fairy. Ilk auld wife tauld me to beware, An' no' gang near the h zzv, For she had glamor in her lair Wad keep a parson busy. But ae nitcht I thinks to mysel', I'll tak' the risk an' see ber; An' losh! the lassie worked sic spell

On me, I couldna lea' her. She stole my e'en, she stole my heart, An' witched me athegither; Sae I just played the wooer's part, An stole her frae her mither She leaves nae mair on Warnie braes But at my fireside couthie; She spends her time in wifely ways

### The Women's Mite.

Bewitchin' my wee bothy.

Some charitable women who have not great deal of money to give away have what they call their penny purses. They have little banks standing in some convenient place in their bedrooms. In these they make it a point of conscience to drop all the pennies which come to them in the way of change. They are not missed, and still they amount in a tew months to quite a sum to be bestowed on the favored philanthropy.

### He had a Reason.

An old lady walking in St. James' Park, London, the other day saw a boy throwing a lot of bread in the water. Struck with the boy's action, she went up to him and

"Why are you throwing all that bread time past. to the pretty ducks, my boy?" "Cos my Sunday school teacher always told me, it you cast your bread upon the watar it'll return to you after many days." "And do you think your bread will come

back to you P" "Well, mum," replied the boy, "if it don't come back to me I shall have a jolly good excuse for sneaking one ducks."

### Where Cripples are Unknown.

There are no deformed or crippled Chinamen. It a child is born detormed it is at once made away with. You may humbug." travel all over China and never see a maimed native. When a serious accident betalls one of them he is likewise put to death. This is a part of their religion, to which they adhere closely.

A Restaurant With no Waiters. An international exhitition is to be held durnig the summer at Amsterdam. One of the novelties will be an electric restaurant, where no waiter will be seen, and where, by simply touching a button the dish required by the guest will rise and

## TIN CAN AND SQUIRT GUN.

An Anecdote of Hon. George E. Foster and John Thomas Bulmer.

Apropos of the recent visit of Hon. Messrs. Foster and Costigan to this city, Progress recalls an amusing little incident which occurred in a certain Nova Scotia town some years ago when Mr. Foster met in gladiatoral combat, figuratively speaking, Mr. John T. Bulmer, that eloquent exponent of prohibition in the sister province. Mr. Bulmer was at his best and in all the glory of evening dress, and bright sparkling wit succeeded in talking himself right into the heart of his hearers. His speech was rich in the metaphor; his vivid imagination conjured up the most pathetic scenes, and "John Thomas" was feeling pretty good from the combined effects of loud, frequent applause and the fact that many of his hearers were in tears.

"In conclusion," said the elequent speaker, "I wish to say that it is perfectly useless for the honorable gentleman to array himself against the cause; why, he might just as well come to this province with a squirt gun and tin can to fight a vast forest fire, as make any attempt to stop the onward march of prohibition;" and with a benign smile and a self satisfied twitch at his immaculate vest Mr. Bulmer took his seat amid the most flattering ap-

A moment later Mr. Foster got in a neat little piece of work which completely kill-

ed the temperance orator's remarks. "Gentlemen," said he, with that sarcastic smile which the majority of ns know so well. "I did not come to Nova Scotia either in the cause of prohibition or forest fires; neither did I come provided with a tin can or squirt gun. The tormer I am sure I could purchase here, were I to require it, while the latter-well, as for thit, my triend here"- patting Mr. Balmer's shoulderin a good natured sort of way, "is an one squirt gun I would need."

### SUNLIGHT AND SHADOW.

A Walk on King street at Noon on a Ma. Day.

March is here. It is a curious m It is even more of a curious and fick : . . . inconsistent month than April, which . I the poets have classed as the most in the sistent and fickle month of them all. A is one hour in tears, the next smiling the bards; but March is cold and ..... thawing and trozen, all at the same time

It was King street at noon one day this week that this anomaly struck a PROGRESS representative. He was in the shadow of one of the street's mignificent buildings, and he was cold. The breezs was of the variety addressed by Shakspeare when he sang his famous lyric, "Blow, blow, thou winter wind, thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude"-one inference being, cf course, that though the wind was not quite so unkind, it was unkind enough. Tae ice was hard, and the scribe found it slippery. The collar of the PROGRESS representative was turned up, and he wis cold.

Just then he struck Germain, street, and got out of the shade. The air was balmy, and the wind that fanned his cheek was warm. He unbuttoned his overcoat. He

slipped no more.

But Germain street was soon passed, and once more the wind was cold, and the air was cold, and the scribe was cold. One might imagine oneselt in the changeable climate of some of the western states. where a man dies of sunstroke through not being able to get his tur cap off quick enough.

It was a strange sight to watch the people going up and down King street that March noontide. One minute they were shivering, the next minute they were warm. One minute they were slipping, the next minute they were getting soaked. All the length of the street there could be seen pedestrians slipping or wading, tasting the delights of spring or "tholing the eranreuch cauld" of winter, according as they were in sunlight or shadow.

### BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Donahoe's for March has an interesting article on what the writer terms "the present political chaos" in the United States. "The Social Aspects of Religion" will interest people of all denominations. That pleasing St. John writer, Mary B. O'Sullivan, discusses the fashions this month. The illustrations are up to their old-time excellence, which they have not been for some

#### A German's Logic. Professor Zweibeer is rather a dissipated

old man who gives lessons in music for a living. A friend, feeling a kindly interest in the old man, took him aside and said-, "Professor, if you were to stop drinking and keep sober, you would be engaged to give lessons in some first tamilies in the town, and make a great deal of money."

"Dot ish all humbug!" replied the old man indignantly, "I give lessons so as to get beer. Now you vants me to keep sober so I can give lessons. Dot ish all

### A Boy's Fish Story.

Charlie went fishing one day, and when he came home his father said: "Charlie. how many fish did you catch?" Charlie answered: "Oh I could not count them." "Why, you little fibber," said his father, "you haven't any fish at all." "I know not count them."

A Schoolboy's Puzzling Question. The late Professor Tyndall always en-

of a towel that had been dipped in water was darker than the dry portion, and the man of science remarked that no man had ever asked this question, and very few would have been able to give the correct

### The Newsboy was Grateful.

A condition of moral degeneracy is commonly attributed to newsboys, but there are exceptions. A physician who recently moved up New York took an evening paper from a small newsboy and dived into is pocket for the change. "That's all right, Doc," remarked the

little chap. "I won't take no money. Don't you remember Jimmie you cured last winter with the fever?" Then the physician recognized in the tall

and sturdy boy a little chap whom he had pulled through a fever without any pay-"But that's all right, Jimmie," he said.

'and you must certainly let me pay you tor you paper." "No," said the boy, "I won't Where

come and see you." He hasn't vet turned up to see the doctor. but every morning and evening he slips a paper under the door, and to have a proper first paper he scribbled a little notice, "Please, doc, accept these papers allus. from Jimmie.

#### He had "Anither Son."

A good story is credited to Lord Rosebery. On one of his shooting excursions in Scotland he was accompanied by a gillie, with whose skill and service he was much pleased. Subsequently, Lord Rosebery bestowed some desirable situation on this min's son. On his return in a year, he did not torget his former mountain tollower. When the man called to pay his respects and acknowledgments, he has most courteously received by his nobls master. After some friendly conversation. the highlander left the room, but a few moments later the door was opened again. In walked the gillie, and said, without

turther preface-"I thought it right to tell your lordship that I've got anither son. Good day, your lordship.

It is not improbable that as Prime Minister, Lord Rosebery is often reminded by certain supporters that they have

"anither son."

### It Brought Patients.

A French physician employed a very ingenious artifice. When he commenced practice in a town where he was not known, he pretended to have lost his dog, and whomsoever should bring it to him. The crier took care to mention all the titles and academic honors of the deetor, as his place of residence. He soon became the talk of the town.

"Do you know," says one "that a famous physician has come here, a very clever fellow? He must be very rich, for he offers a hundred trancs for finding his dog." The dog was not found, but patients

She Should be Busy.

An enterprising young woman who has lately opened an office announces that she is ready to render practical help to men and women of affairs to save them time annovances. She proposes, it people will give her opportunity, to act as representative, private secretary and intermediary, where discretion, diplomancy and good judgment are required; as a purchasing agent for the household, buying anything from groceries to wedding outfits and brica-brac; as a dispenser of charity where investigation is required; in fact, protession-ally to fill the office of a "capable person" in the community. As in every large city there is a constant demand for just the services that this young woman proposes to render, there seems to be no reason why she should not succeed.

A Fixed Orb. Too much assurance in speech sometimes results in a moment of cnagrin and confusion. An eminent living physician has related a comic instance of a lecture in class at an hospital. The students had gathered about a man with a badly diseased heart. One of the poor tellow's eves was enormously dilated. Some very learned and "cocksure" opinions had been forthcoming as to the connection between the two facts. The heart was said to dilate the pupil of the eye in this remarkable fashion. But suddenly the man himself

upset all these confident theories. "Gentlemen it's a glass eye," he quietly observed.

#### When Approaching an Iceberg. The captain of an ocean steamer in most

eases finds out when his vessel is approacl ing an iceberg from the men down in the egnine room. That seems strange, but is a tact nevertheless. It appears that when going its propeller runs taster. Such water usually surrounds the vicinage of bergs for mauy miles. When the propeller's action, therefore, is accelerated without the steam power being increaesed, word which is passed up to the officer on the tridge that icebergs may be excepted and a close lookout is established.

### "First House in America."

Some time ago, a foreign letter came directed to "Patrick Mahoney, First House in America." The letter was from Ireland, and, after the usual inquiries, the clerk for two or three days in sulphate of potaslearned the time that the vessel bearing the letter arrived. As an experiment, he placed it in the hands of a carrier, who was instructed to deliver it at the end of - Pier. The house was a sailors' borrding-house, and, strange as it may seem, Patrick Mahoney was found. When the letter was opened, the only contents were found to be a draft for \$400.

### He Knews all the Bible.

There is now at La Rochelle, France, an old man of the name of Jules Zostot. who possesses a marvelous memory. He that," said Charlie; "that's why I could knows by heart all the verses of the Bible. You can ask him at random any of these verses; no matter whether it begins a sentence or is a continuation of the proceeding verse, his memory is never detective, what is called in France the "Conscription couraged schoolboys to ask him questions. and he will recite the lines. Some mem | Maritime."

One of them wanted to know why the Ipart | bers of the La Rochelle synod have caused him to go with success through a most difficult experiment on the subject.

#### Castle, Heme, and Yacht.

Of the spider family we have a liking for living in or near a piece of water. One of most remarkable members is that known as the "rat spider." This creature constructs an odd little raft of leaves and sticks, held together by the silken threads which all spiders use. On this raft the spider sails about, not stppping in any one place, but steering his little boat wherever the fancy takes him His food consists of small insects, which he finds in the water around him. He is said to be able to run upon the water as well as sail upon it, so altogether he is quite an accomplished creature.

#### Ben Butler on Harvard Professors.

Gen. Butler tried a case before Judge Merrick, who was of the counsel for Dr. Webster for the murder of Dr. Parkman. P. olessor Horsford was on the stand as wit ess. Butler treated the professor a e you living up here, Doc? I want to rather cavalierly, and Judge Merrick asked Butler if he was aware who was on the stand. "Yes, your honor, Mr. Horsford." 'Professor Horstord, professor in Harvard University." "Ah, yes, your honor, understanding in the beginning with the I never knew but one professor at Harvard, and he was hanged.""

#### A Conditional Appointment.

The Keighley Board of Guardians recently advertised for a married coup'e to act as porter and cook at the workhouse infirmary. One of the selected couples was Mr. J. E. Eastwood and Miss Hartop, both at present employed at the Penistone Workhouse, and in their application they promised to get married torthwith if they received the appointment. They were eventually selected for the vacant posts conditionally on their mar-

#### The Deepest Sounding.

A little more than thirty miles from the coast of Japan the Pacific Ocean is tound to be over four 4,643 fathoms deep. Some officers surveying for a telegraph c .ble had their wire break at this deptn without reachiug the bottom. This is said to be the de-pest sounding ever made, and it so deep that the two highest mountains in Japan, placed one over the other in this abyss, woul I leave the summit of the upper one two-thirds of a mile below the surface of

### Handed Down.

It is the custom for the Puma Indians of North America to select several promising youths of their tribe from time to time for r positories of their traditions, and they ordered the public crier to offer with beat | are carefully instructed in the historical ot drum, a reward of a hundred francs to | legends pertaining to their tribe, being required to commit them faithfully to memcry. They in turn instruct their successors, and thus preserve the traditions in the exact language recited by their ancestors of many years ago.

### Mrs. Vanderbilt a Cyclist.

Mrs. Willie K. Vanderbilt is going in for eveling; at first she went to an "academy" for her lessons, but now she practices under the same tuition in the great ball-room of her own house. "I haven't vet found a costume I'll wear in public," she said the other day, "but I'm having a a lot of people make me designs, so I expect to have something tolerable before summer comes."

Making it Pleasant to die. The new America rifle, which will soon be distributed to United States troops and militia, carries a small ball covered with a nickle plated steel jacket, and projects it at tremendous speed. Its design is to kill instantly, or to wound without causing great suffering from blood-poisoning and other complications. The theory is good, as well as humane. The wounded man, it is said, means a loss of three soldiers, the other two being required to carry him

## from the field.

A Vanishing Mountain. Dghebal Naibo-"The Sinking Mountain"-an isolated Algerian peak, is now only about 800 feet high, and is known to be slowly but surely disappearing. In the time of the Cæsars it was nearly twice its present height. Nesr the "Sinking Mountain" is a large, clear lake called Fezzara, which is said to have risen over a large

#### city that sunk in the year 400 A. D. Cured by Electricity.

A phisician abroad has desvised a vibrating helmet for the cure of nervous headache. It is constructed of strips of steel, which are caused to vibrate by means of a small electric motor. The sensation produces drowsiness, the patient falls asleep under its influence, and awakes free from pain.

### Versatile Octave Thanet.

Miss. Alice French, "Octave Thinet," the story writer, said recently that she took great comfort in the fact that she a steamship enters water considerably could, if nesessary, earn her living either colder than that through which it has been as a typewriter and stenographer, as a photographer, or, best of all, as a cook.

#### Bricks of Many Colors. By combining many materials it is asserted that bricks of all colors can be produced. For instance, the addition of a small percentage of iron to the clay gives a beautiful mottled brick. The departure

will exert an influence on architecture. A New Use For Leather. Artifical whalebone is now made from leather, which, after having been socked sium, is stretched, slowly dried, and subjected first to a high temperature, and then to a heavy pressure, which makes it hard

### and elastic.

The Poetess of Passion. Ella Wheeler Wilcox is an untiring patron of manicurists, givers of facial massage, chiropodists and shampooers. She says she believes, on principle, in

### being as good-looking as she can.

It has been lately discovered that the French on the approach of war, could call into immediate service a trained body of seamen outnumbering the English naval reserve by three to one. This embodies