

PROGRESS.

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CIRCULATION, 5,000.

The demand for files of "Progress" has so far reduced our supply of certain issues that we can no longer allow subscriptions to begin with No. 1.

A few files of the first six months' issues (May 5-Oct. 27, inclusive) may be obtained at this office for \$1 each.

THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME.

Though the civic elections are some months distant, the semi-official announcement has been made that Mayor HENRY J. THORNE will again be a candidate of the party which selected and elected him two years ago.

The people have plenty of time to think about the matter. The claims of no candidate require advocacy, just at this moment. Let us have our holiday season un-mixed with politics, civic, local or dominion. When the proper time arrives to think about it, choose and elect a civic chairman and representatives. We want to see some life enter into the contest. We want a progressive council in 1889—a council with ideas for the improvement, prosperity and advancement of the city. On these points it should be united.

At present, self-interest is the motto of too many aldermen. Their own axes are preferred to those of their constituents. This has been shown very plainly within the past few weeks.

The city has been your grindstone long enough, gentlemen. Give it a rest. Allow and assist it, if possible, to gain more power. Let the molecular rearrangement begin in April, 1889.

To accomplish what is necessary for the city's interests, the common council of the new year must be more representative than it is at present. Every alderman should be a citizen in the truest sense of the term.

But to get such a civic body the issues must be before the people.

HE KNEW ALL ABOUT IT.

How utterly needless and profitless is the discussion that has hinged upon the question, "Is Marriage a Failure?" No writer who has thus far taken part in it has been able to view the problem apart from his or her prepossessions. The broad consideration of the public good has been quite overlooked; the teaching of history has been altogether disregarded; and when the literature of the controversy is summed down it is found to consist of personal opinions!

And of what value is the opinion of a man who has had only one wife!

It is to the past masters of the art of matrimony that we must look for the answer to this question: to HENRY VIII., for example, or to BRIGHAM YOUNG, or, in a greater degree, to SOLOMON.

The judgment of SOLOMON should be conclusive. He was the most-married man of whom we have any knowledge. Matrimony was the joy of his youth and the solace of his old age. He had a wife for every day in the year and leap-year never found him unprovided with the extra one.

Yet SOLOMON has put it on record that, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing!" That settles it.

SOMETHING ABOUT GAS.

A correspondent complains of the price charged for gas in St. John. It is, he says, \$3 a thousand feet, while it is only \$2 in Montreal and 61 cents in London, England.

The difference in price between London and St. John is due, doubtless, to the difference in the cost of the coal required. As between St. John and Montreal, there is practically no difference. While the nominal price here is \$3, it is subject to a discount of 33 1/3 per cent. when the bill is paid within a certain time, thus reducing the actual figure to \$2. No discount is allowed in Montreal.

No doubt the St. John company could give the people cheaper gas. It has made a great deal of money. For years it has paid a dividend of 8 per cent., with occasional bonuses of 10 per cent. to the happy shareholders.

But the question of the rate charged is less important than that of the quality of the gas supplied. This is a point on which the public are very much at the mercy of

the company. There is an inspector, it is true, and whenever he inspects he finds at least a 17-candle power. Judged by the ordinary and unscientific eye, there are times when the light is very much below the standard. It appears to be one of those things that nobody can find out.

There are secrets connected with the making of gas by which the public can be served with a very weak product, and know nothing of how it is done. A certain number of hours of work will produce a standard quality of gas, and if the work be continued, with the same material, a few hours longer, the public still get gas that will burn, but they will pay much more than they ought to for a very inferior product.

It would seem, therefore, that the object of prime importance is to save money by getting good gas. The difference of a few candle-power will materially affect the amount which a consumer requires. Whether or not the price be lowered, the standard of illuminating power should be maintained.

This is possible, if the inspector does his whole duty. He will probably assert that he does. The people have to trust his word. It is not a matter susceptible of easy proof.

FOR US TO ANSWER.

Yes, gentlemen of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, there is a "Labor Question." Well for you that you have recognized that fact! Yourselves and your brethren of other trades will be the better for every meeting held to discuss that Question, provided you discuss itself, and not its simulacrum.

The Question is not, "How can I raise my wages?"

The Question is, "Is it not right and necessary that all men should have work to do which shall be worth doing and be of itself pleasant to do, and which should be done under such conditions as would make it neither over-wearisome nor over-anxious?"

And if, with the best and greatest men that the world holds today, you answer, "Yes," to that, the Question recurs in this form, "What are the needful 'conditions'?" Think of this, fellow-citizens. Read all books bearing upon it. If you are prayerful men, pray for guidance in your attitude towards it. No more momentous Questions are now or will ever be before you. Confront them like men.

He who would narrow the issue deserves nothing from you but pity. When the Labor Question is finally settled, the benefit will accrue not to you, nor to your trades-companions, but to humanity.

PROGRESS wants no anonymous letters.

If any lady or gentleman wishes to express an opinion upon a matter of public interest the communication will be received with pleasure, but the closely-written and scandalous pages of the unknown, who invariably promises to "send more if this is printed," are for no other end than the waste basket. And now a little advice. You who have nothing to do but create, circulate and magnify scandal "take a tumble to yourselves." Find some other employment. Everybody will be glad and you will not regret it.

A painting alleged to be the work of RUBENS has just been brought to light at Jamaica Plain, Mass. It ought to be added to the OWENS "art" gallery—which has no RUBENS. The only obstacle to such disposition of it is the acuteness of Mr. REED, who, having secured a BOUYVER for \$14.50 and a DAVID COX for \$17, may shrewdly, but mistakenly, object to paying more than \$23.50 for this.

The friends of an injured sailor who was conveyed to the Marine hospital, Wednesday, are complaining because he waited three hours before the "attendant physician" attended him. The fault was his own; he should have arranged to have the accident take place during hospital hours; no reasonable man would have presumed to take Dr. CHRISTIE away from his tea.

Mr. JOHN P. WELLS, "emergency banker," appeared in the new role of expounder of scripture, in Thursday's Globe. It is consoling to learn that Mr. WELLS is severely orthodox. It has been feared, hitherto, that he would never come to believe in future punishment—for example—until it was everlastingly too late.

Instruction in Elocution.

Miss Hunter, a graduate of the Boston School of Oratory, will be in St. John until the 8th of December to organize a class, or arrange for private pupils in elocution. Persons wishing to take lessons can have terms, etc., made known to them on application to her at No. 4 Wellington row. The course will embrace voice culture, articulation, the Delsarte system of gesture and dramatic presentation. PROGRESS is glad to be able to commend Miss Hunter as a thoroughly competent teacher. Larger cities would gladly offer superior advantages to an artist of her ability, but it is earnestly to be hoped that she may be induced to remain here.

"I Can't Do Without It."

A new subscriber from Canso, who has had PROGRESS irregularly from friends, writes: "Please send me PROGRESS for one year. I have come to the conclusion that I can't do without it."

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

As usual on our counters will be found all the new and interesting CHILDREN'S BOOKS of the season, in colors, etc. principal among which is the "BOYS' and GIRLS' OWN ANNUAL"; "ZIG-ZAGS," in the Antipodes; "THREE VASSAR GIRLS IN FRANCE;" "CHATTER-BOX;" "WIDE-AWAKE STORIES;" "PANSY;" "LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN;" "BABES OF THE YEAR;" "HISTORY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT," in words of one syllable; "BABYLAND;" "THE NURSERY," and hundreds of other different books for children to select from. Our price on Children's Books has always been lower than elsewhere, and we still continue to give our usual HOLIDAY DISCOUNT.

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We think you will find the choicest assortment of suitable GIFT BOOKS at our store for your convenience, and will mention a FEW OF THE LEADING ONES: "MILES STANDISH," illustrated by leading artists; "TENNYSON'S FAIRY LILLIAN," illustrated; "SEA VISTAS IN MANY CEMES," illustrated by Susie Barstow Skelding; "BITS OF DISTANT LAND AND SEA," illustrated; "MODERN ART AND ARTISTS," by Milford Maquell, and others which it is impossible to enumerate.

STANDARD WORKS.

Dickens, 15 volumes, cloth, illustrated, \$8.70; Thackeray, 11 volumes, cloth, illustrated, \$8.50; Scott, 12 volumes, cloth, illustrated, \$8.70; Carlyle, Ruskin, Shakespeare, Washington Irving, at equally low prices. This lot is a special lot brought below regular rates, and must be cleared out. All the STANDARD POETS, in different bindings, including the Seal Russian Persian padded, that we sell at \$1.75; also, a complete assortment of BIBLES, PRAYER and HYMN BOOKS, published by the Oxford University Press.

OUR PRICES ARE LOWER THAN THE LOWEST ON BOOKS.

PEN AND PRESS.

Two esteemed contemporaries, the Chicago Horseman and the Toronto Saturday Night, are hard at work on Christmas numbers which will, the publishers say, be emphatically first-class. PROGRESS expected something of the sort, for both papers are models of beauty and braininess every week in the year.

The New York Graphic, an alleged newspaper which for the last ten years has been alternately in the hands of sheriff and auctioneer, has come under the control of a gentleman who proposes to make it Republican in politics. It is a question which has been most thoroughly sold by the transfer—paper or purchaser.

The old denominational papers are becoming more tolerant of what is known as the "continental Sunday" in America. The last Christian Visitor has a report of a Sunday evening entertainment, Spiritualism Exposed, in which there was a great lot of fun. The Visitor refers approvingly to the affair. The world moves.

Mr. James H. Crockett, of the Fredericton Gleaner, is canvassing St. John merchants with seductive circulars about his paper and its value as an advertising medium. They are neatly printed and well-written circulars, and show that Mr. Crockett is a live business man and that he has never heard of the sad fate of Ananias.

Alleged Sad Fate of a Coroner.

William McCarthy was found dead in a house at Pocologan the other day. The coroner was sent for and began an inquest, the abrupt termination of which is told by the St. Croix Courier:

The floor has many holes in it which are covered with barrel heads, and is so weak that the coroner, Dr. Reynolds, of Musquash, fell through into the cellar while holding the inquest. The verdict was death from natural causes. The old man evidently fell backwards and struck his head against the wall, as his neck was broken.

Apart from the fact that Coroner Reynolds does not belong to Musquash, is not an old man, and did not break his neck, there may be some truth in the item.

Now ready for inspection at D. McArthur's Bookstore, Gift Books, Xmas Cards, Booklets, Albums, Flash Goods.

LOOKING FORWARD.

I do not ask, oh Love! that you'll remember, My own heart tells me you will not forget; The changeless love that made a June of bleak December, Shines clearer now than when our hands first met. The passing years that brought us joy and sorrow, And scattered silver threads amid our hair, Have only forged a link with each tomorrow To make the golden chain more strong, more fair. Therefore I know that in the far off future, Within your heart you'll keep my vacant throne; Till time dispels the clouds of grey and silver, And calls the exiled king to claim his own. —Cecil Gwynne.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Who Got the Hay?

TO THE EDITORS OF PROGRESS: I am watching with some interest the independent and manly manner in which you attack and expose existing wrongs. It is so new to the citizens of St. John to have a paper that dares to tell the truth, it is really refreshing, and I sincerely hope you will continue—but my mind goes back to instances of papers starting in this city, with equal boldness, that were soon pushed to the wall, or forced, or bribed into comparative silence by the power and influence of the rotten institutions attacked. Should you continue your fearless course there would be a great field for you in our civic affairs. Don't think the Portland city government is the only one where high morality is at a discount. If you were to go back and examine our city affairs, I fancy you might unearth many things that did not savor of moral purity, and that have tended to make a great deal of our present burden of taxation, though I am open to admit that if you did, it is doubtful if it would interest the taxpayers. They take no interest in anything connected with the city, but then it might amuse them. Let me give you a clue, as the chief of police would say: we have a fire department, a fine body of men, if properly handled. At the time of which I write there were 13 horses in the department. The chamberlain's books show that from Nov. 1, 1882, to Nov. 1, 1883, the council paid for 90 tons of hay, equal to 7 tons per horse. From Nov. 1, 1883, to Nov. 1, 1884, about 65 tons were paid for, equal to 5 tons per horse. On the 1st of November, 1884, a contract was entered into for 60 tons, and on the 1st of November, 1885, there were left 142 bundles unconsumed, leaving the actual consumption about three tons per horse. Any person acquainted with horses knows that three tons of hay a year is an average consumption for a horse. As I previously remarked, I don't think it will interest the taxpayers, but it might amuse them to know whether the 4 tons extra per horse in 1884, and the 2 in 1884 were ever delivered and if so what became of it.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

St. John, Nov. 27.

Mr. Martin is the Man.

TO THE EDITORS OF PROGRESS: Could you tell in your next issue what kind of a sidewalk has been laid down on Duke street, between Sydney and Charlotte streets? Could you tell the reason why the crossing on Sydney street, intersecting Duke street, is in such a dilapidated condition? By trying to answer these questions you would greatly oblige.

SYDNEY STREET.

St. John, Nov. 29.

TO HABIT MAKERS.

WE direct Dressmakers and others to our very complete Stock of Linings for Dress and Wrap purposes; this season several novelties have appeared for Dress furnishings, among them we mention the new Waist Linen and Dominion Skirt Lustre, these Linings will be found superior to any in use. The Ever-Ready Waist Steel is becoming more popular day by day; we show them in four sizes and five colorings. Dress Preservers in the most improved makes. The Paragon we guarantee to be thoroughly vulcanized and to retain their shape and insure satisfaction. The Dress Sleeve Holders are selling rapidly.

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N. B.—TO THE YOUNG FOLKS: The SLATE DRAWINGS have all been distributed; we expect more next week.

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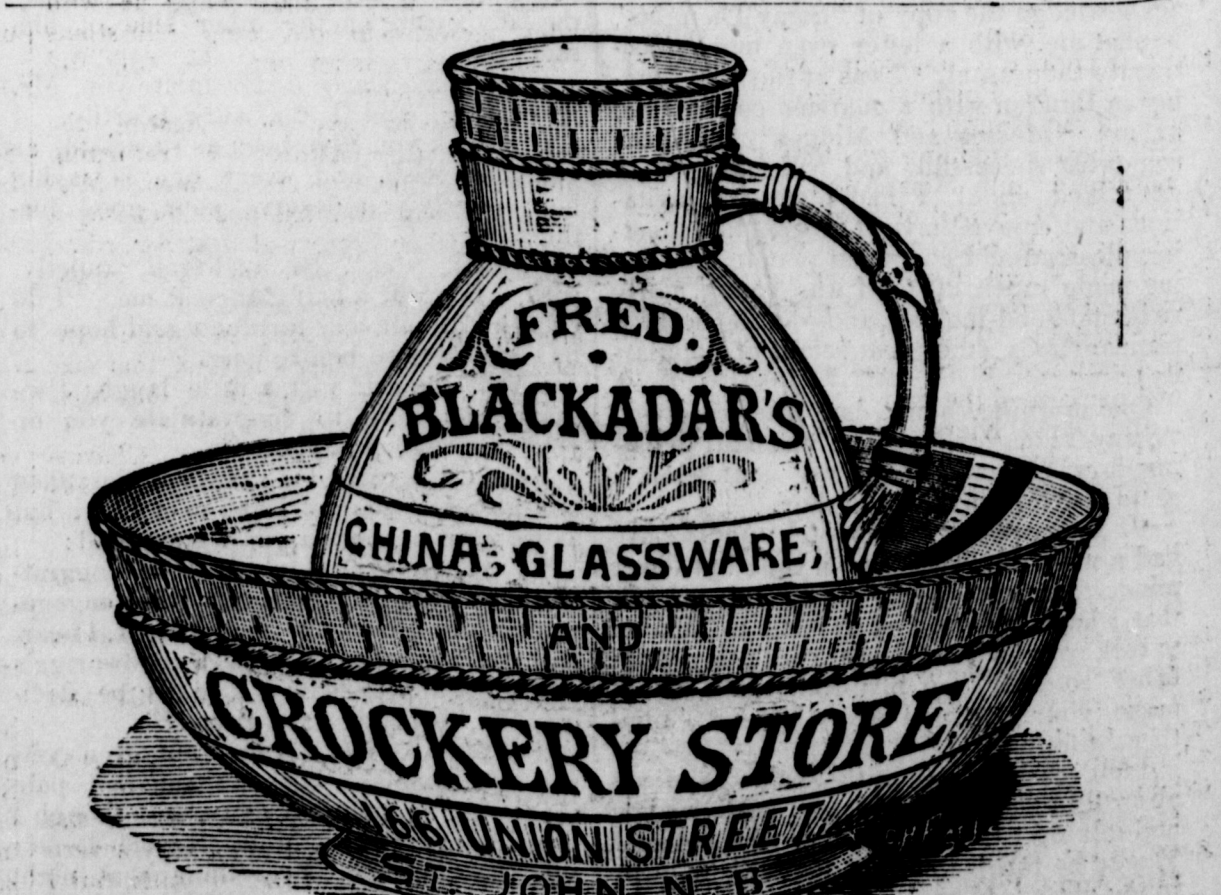
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