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THE ONLY REMEDY.

What a spectacle that was in the Portland council, Monday night! A scene of disgrace and disorder, the principal figures in which were the mouthing bombasters who reflect on the name of "aldermen."

Recrimination and abuse, hatred and jealousy in every line! Language unused in any other deliberative body was bandied across the floor, and a fitting finale to the whole discussion was the bitter and uncalculated attack of the chairman, who vented his spleen upon his predecessor and circulated his opinion of two aldermen at the same time, using expressions as unwarranted as they were undignified and ungentlemanly.

Composed as it is at present, the town council of Portland can neither command the respect nor the interest of the citizens. They carry things with a high and extravagant hand, caring nothing for the opinion of the public or the welfare of the city.

There can be but one opinion on this subject. If Portland would be a city, respected by other cities, if she would have her credit restored, she must get rid of the majority of her present board of aldermen.

THE SYSTEM OF TENDERS.

Superintendent GLASGOW of the ferry has explained to us that by getting the cargo of coal referred to last Saturday as they did, they saved 30 cents a ton on the cost, landing it for \$3.10 per ton instead of \$3.40.

The brightest and ablest men of our dominion are crushed and disheartened by the fact that college governors look to the old country to fill any professional vacancy.

HAVE FAITH IN OURSELVES.

We are glad to find such an influential journal as the World, of Toronto, speaking its mind upon the question of "professional importations."

We think the government have made a mistake in passing Canadians over. We believe as good a man could be got for the post right here in Canada.

We are importing too many professors and too many bishops from England and Ireland. We believe in the native article for both offices.

The gentlemen who came direct from the old country to fill chairs in our provincial university will not, we are sure, take it that we question their scholarship or their loyalty.

We echo every sentence in the above quotation. Canada ought to be and is able to supply her colleges with professors and her churches with ministers.

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The existence of such a condition of things cannot be denied. It may have been necessary in the past, but let us look to the future, have faith in ourselves and give the rising generations something to work for, something to live for.

THEY DESERVE HELP.

We agree with everything that has been said in praise of the Oratorio society and its objects and regret that their commendable efforts to give the people of St. John the best music has not met with the financial success they deserved.

IS MR. CHESLEY CONSISTENT?

Mayor Chesley made a remarkable statement at the last meeting of the Portland council. He said, according to the Telegraph's report, that during the past couple of years that Ald. Busby has been sitting at the board he has received from the city the sum of \$500 or \$600 for coal furnished to the city; it was against the law for a member of the board to receive money from the city and yet Mayor Sturdee winked at these proceedings for two years.

Truly a remarkable statement! Taking our italicized sentence for a text, let us see how many of the Portland aldermen are, according to Mayor Chesley, law-breakers, and in consequence unfit for their civic positions.

To begin with yourself, Mayor CHESLEY: you are a member of the Union commission for which you will receive a certain sum from the city of Portland.

memory and prudence Mr. Mayor, when you spoke those words.

Again, according to you, there are few aldermen who are not amenable to the law. In what position stands Ald. PRICE, who every now and then repairs the city hose carts? and Ald. JONES, who supplies some of the departments with oil? and Ald. MURPHY, who occasionally is employed as civic carpenter? and Ald. McGOLDRICK, who has supplied city employees with coats? and so on to the end of the list.

Again, Mayor CHESLEY, is it not true that the late Mr. S. HOLLY, while chairman of the city, sold it supplies, and Mr. HENRY MAHER, when he was in a similar position?

We believe with the law that no alderman or civic employee should enter into a contract with the city, and it will be a fine day for Portland and St. John when the law is carried out, but let us in the meantime, Mayor CHESLEY, recommend to you the consideration of the good old adage, "Those who live in glass houses should never throw stones."

It is easy to understand why Leinster street Baptist church should hesitate to part with its able and excellent pastor, Rev. J. A. GORDON; nor can we wonder that he should regret to say farewell to an united, appreciative and zealous people.

In the course of a few remarks uttered at the Portland Council, Monday evening, Alderman WALLACE said that, "If some of the members of the board had seen Alderman FORREST in the state he had seen him their opinion of him would not have been so high."

Where Christian science is concerned, the Toronto courts are plainly sceptical. One STRATTON, an apostle of the new creed or cult or fad, who had sold 50 cents' worth of faith cure to a Mrs. THOMAS, has just been fined \$75 and costs, or three months' imprisonment.

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We would like to see the 16th, 17th and 18th proximos made gala days in St. John. Let us try to give the old countrymen a grand reception and at the same time make their visit and the sports in which they will participate a great attraction for thousands of New Brunswickers to visit the city.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars meet at Moncton, Tuesday, and the session promises to be one of unusual interest. We are in sympathy with the order and its objects, and wish it increased membership and influence.

The great question of Imperial Federation will furnish material for a series of carefully prepared articles in this paper, the first of which will appear about August 1. The gentleman who will handle the subject has watched it from its inception, and has studied it so carefully that he is well fitted to handle it with all the critical force for which he is noted.

The Toronto Telegram quotes our remark, that "Mayor THORNE is a good presiding officer. So far, no person has found any fault with his record, private or civic," and adds, "Heaven is his home." That may be, but he seems to be reasonably well contented in St. John—which is the next best place, to be sure.

It looks now as if, like that other great Bostonian, Mr. JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Mr. MICHAEL KELLY is unable to stand prosperity. Mr. KELLY ought to remember, if

his capacity in this direction is limited, that the public can take away his glory just as quickly as they gave it to him.

We trust that the meeting called by President SKINNER for next Tuesday evening will afford proof of PROGRESS' belief that those interested in the opera house plan are many in number and that their interest is of the kind which works as well as talks.

We congratulate Rev. G. A. HARTLEY and the Carleton Baptist church upon the 30th anniversary of a pastorate which, because of its length and its results, might well serve as a precedent for all the churches.

"Yes," said the Texas journalist, thoughtfully, "since Monday, I have been shot at three times and cowhided twice. My last number must have been very readable."

Through an error "Principal" was associated with Mr. CREED's name under his portrait. It should be H. C. CREED, Esq., A. M.

Music at the Brink of Death.

The special train from the north, which carried a part of Camp Chatham home, passed Hampton station at a good rate of speed early Sunday morning. A box car and truck had been emptied of their living freight—horses—at Sussex, and about opposite the station jumped the track.

Independent Order of Foresters.

The officers of Court Carleton, No. 162, at Centreville, Carleton county, were publicly installed Monday by the High Chief Ranger, who afterwards addressed the audience on the objects and principles of the order.

Court Carleton, though somewhat remote from all others, is in a highly prosperous condition.

The several encampments of Royal Foresters in the province are holding their quarterly convocations this week and next. Six new courts were instituted during the month reported in the Independent Forester for June.

Good Enough to Keep.

If the publishers of Canada are half as enterprising as their brethren of the United States, they will turn a favorable eye upon the "Millecote Philosophy" of Mr. A. M. Belding, as it appears from week to week in the columns of the Sun.

Brighter and Better than Ever.

Jury, which has changed its day of publication, to its own advantage and therefore for the benefit of the public, is roasting rascals in a way that warms an honest man's heart. In its last issue, it turns over and bastes on one side certain persons whom PROGRESS had thoroughly cooked on the other. May it live long and prosper.

A Queer Fancy.

What strange fancies come to one in a barber's chair! A gentleman in a King street shop looked up Germain street and after a few moments of deep study, evolved the following: "Now if that awning was removed two doors up street and the first letter changed from 'T' to 'D'—Drinks—it would be quite an appropriate sign."

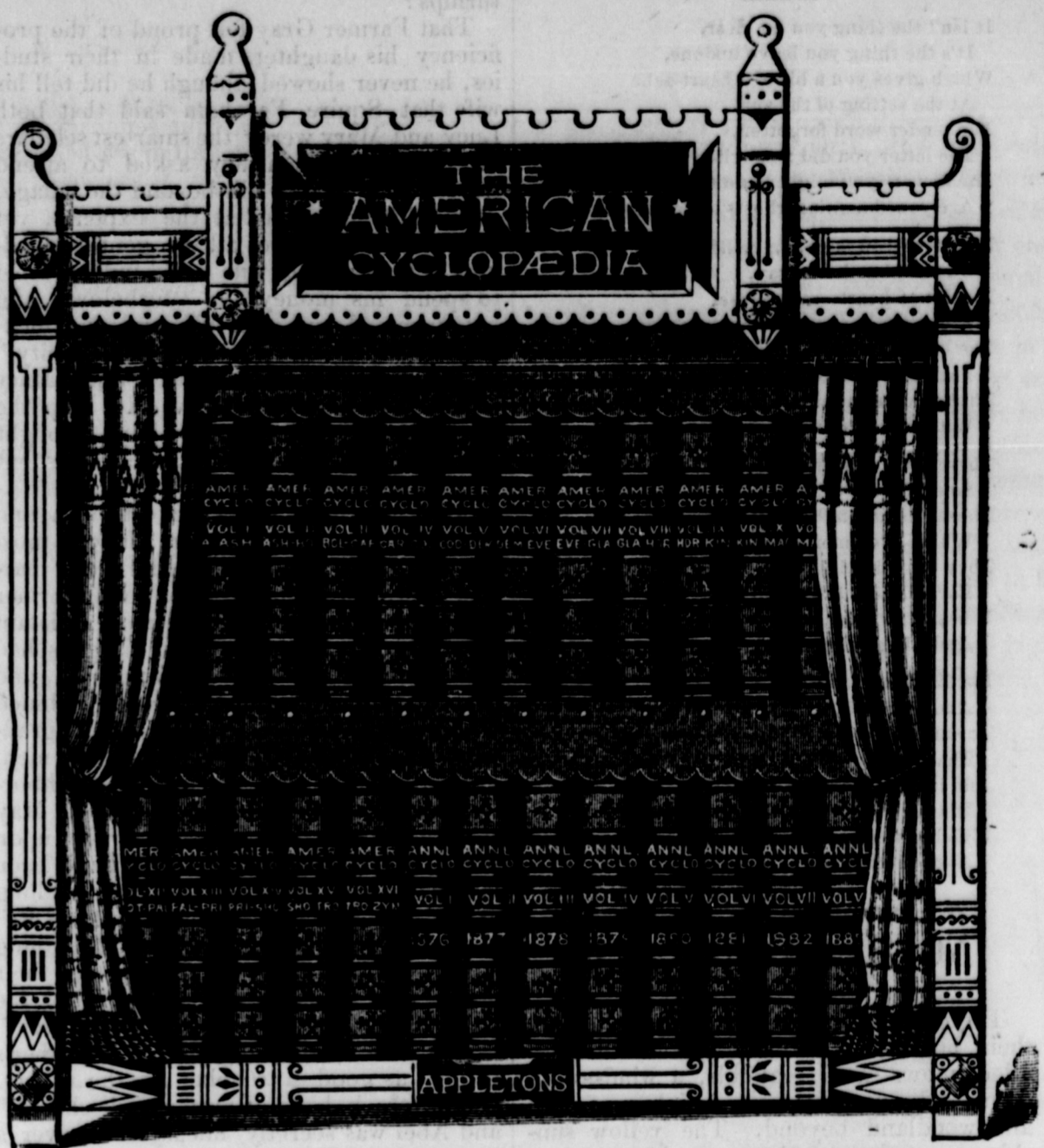
From Europe to Asia.

A lecture which is announced to be given in Centenary church lecture room, next Tuesday evening, ought to be well patronized. It is to be illustrated with fine oxygen light views, and the lecturer, Mr. Armstrong, is said to be one of the most entertaining of Canadian platform speakers.

RHYMES FOR THE RECKLESS.

To the Citizens of Portland. Sing a song of aldermen With stomachs full of rye: Every man's supreme concern To match his neighbor's lie; When the council opens Each one yells and swears— Isn't that a pretty crowd? To run the town's affairs? To the Chief of Police. Drive a bay mare, When Sundays are fair, While Abraham sells lager at King square; Reins in your fingers, A ring through your nose, You shall hear music whenever she goes. MOTHER GOOSE.

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