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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 complete to Sept. 15, (Nos. 1 to 20, inclusive) may be obtained at this office for \$1 each.

SOME HINTS WORTH HEEDING.

The scarlet fever is raging. What do you intend to do about it, gentlemen of the board of health?

You are armed with ample authority to enforce the law. Why don't you do so?

It is no excuse for you that the physicians are negligent. You know the doctors who report to you and those who do not report. If you did not, PROGRESS would be glad to publish their names for your benefit.

If the Public Health Act is of any use it ought to be enforced. No old practitioner is above your reach, gentlemen, nor is any young one too insignificant for you to notice.

If they are at liberty to ignore you in the matter of scarlet fever and diphtheria, they are at liberty to take the same course should the epidemic be small-pox. What they think or do not think of the importance of obeying you has nothing to do with the case. Scarlet fever exists, scarlet fever is spreading, and scarlet fever will kill. You know this much.

But you must not expect too much of the doctors, even when a minority of them choose to report to you. Nor can you hope to reform greedy hackmen and careless undertakers by sending them printed circulars to read.

It is your business, not the doctors', to see that the public hacks are not turned into hoarses to spread the infection broadcast. Look after them.

Look after the schools, if you can. And you can if you make the doctors toe the mark.

There is plenty of work for you, and the sooner you understand this the better.

DEVILS' BROTH.

He who runs may read the last report of the state analyst of drugs, Dr. B. S. DAVENPORT, to the Massachusetts Board of Health. He who reads will run—from the patent medicines therein named.

Good people who abjure alcoholic beverages while they drink quack medicines by the quart, will be interested to learn from this report what substantial "tods" they take when they dose themselves. In Burdock Blood Bitters, for example, they get 25.2 per cent. of alcohol. BOKER'S Stomach Bitters gives them 42.6 per cent. Nearly a quarter of the LIEBIG Company's Cocoa Beef tonic—to be exact, 23.2 per cent.—is alcohol. SCHENCK'S Sea-weed tonic which, says the label, is "distilled from sea-weed after the same manner as Jamaica spirits is from sugar-cane," is indebted to the latter process of distillation to the extent of 19.5 per cent. Alcohol enters into the composition of other varieties of devils' broth, as follows: Hop tonic, 7 per cent.; MOSES ATWOOD'S Jaundice Bitters, 17.1 per cent.; DRAKE'S Plantation Bitters, 33.2 per cent.; FLINT'S Quaker Bitters, 21.4 per cent.; Hop Bitters, 12 per cent.; HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters, 44.3 per cent.; Sulphur Bitters "contains no sulphur, but has 20.5 per cent. of alcohol"; RICHARDSON'S Concentrated Sherry Wine Bitters, 47.5 per cent.; WARNER'S Safe Tonic, 35.7 per cent.

Topers who reside in Scott act towns will doubtless cut out this list and paste it in their hats.

These analyses, however, significant as they are, lose interest when compared with the report which the analyst makes of two popular "tonics" that are recommended to victims of the liquor and opium habits. PARKER'S tonic, of which the proprietor asserts that, "inebriates struggling to reform will find its tonics and sustaining influence on the nervous system is great help to their efforts," is loaded with 41.6 per cent. of alcohol. Of Scotch Oats essence, a preparation recommended for the cure of inebriety and the opium habit, the analyst says: "In the simple essence 35 per cent. of alcohol was found on assay. Further examination of this article reveals a still more dangerous ingredient in its composition. The sample analyzed was found to

contain one-fourth grain of morphia to the ounce of the so-called 'essence of oats.'"

Alcohol and morphia for the cure of inebriety and the opium habit! An effective prescription, indeed!

The analysis of 50 tonics and bitters are given in the report from which these quotations are made. Only one of these "medicines" contains no alcohol. The average quantity of alcohol in the 31 preparations not named above is 18.9 per cent. To temperance men, if to none others, the moral should be obvious: These nostrums are made by scoundrels for the use of fools.

"WHO'S AHEAD?"

CLEVELAND, we think.

It is not easy to dispossess a ruling party and our cousins never engage in such a miniature revolution except they are convinced that the party has become hopelessly corrupt. No such sentiment now prevails. It is beyond question that Mr. CLEVELAND has been an honest and, on the whole, a dignified, administration.

What of issues?

As between the two great parties honest is, today, the essential, while tariff reform, though exciting deeper interest than ever before, is felt to be a question of secondary importance. Thanks to the administration, —and Mr. MILLS—the Democratic party need not fear to go to the people on either issue.

Indeed, considering only the relative standing of the parties, the Democratic vote should be larger and the Republican vote smaller than that of four years ago. The party in power is united and aggressive. The Republican party, weakened by the intestine strife which began during GRANT'S second term, and has never ended, will be further devitalized by the withdrawal of thousands of conscientious men who, if they do not vote the Prohibition ticket, will abstain from active work on behalf of Gen. HARRISON.

What of the candidates?

The most encouraging feature of the campaign is that no word has thus far been uttered against the personal character of either. Leaving out of question his foolish retaliation message, Mr. CLEVELAND has shown himself more statesman than politician. Gen. HARRISON was a brave soldier, an efficient congressman and would doubtless prove a satisfactory president. That these facts are generally conceded might almost warrant the hope that the campaign of 1884 marked the end of the quadrennial mud-throwing matches.

Morally, therefore, the contestants are up to the standard. That they are physically sound our cartoon gives evidence. Each is well trained and substantially backed. Our confidence rests upon the belief that, though Gen. HARRISON may have the longer wind, Mr. CLEVELAND has the better bottom.

THE TOWN IS ALIVE.

There's lots of life in St. John just now. Business men are busy and cheerful. Trade is good and the outlook better than it has been for a long time. Nobody complains. Grumblers have gone to work. Dispiriting influences are absent and idlers are scarce. Busy people are happy.

Much credit and every encouragement has been given PROGRESS in its move to boom this city of ours. We will claim the credit when we earn it. We are thankful for the encouragement and want all we can get.

St. John is a handsome city. On every street the trade of a city is done. Nature prevents a comprehensive view of the whole, but in parts the photographer and his art show it as it really is, one of the finest of Canadian cities.

PROGRESS' illustrations are good and they are printed on finished paper, but they cannot be too correct or printed too well to do justice to the skill of the architects who planned and the mechanics who built our city.

In this business edition of which we spoke last week, we propose to give the general idea of the business portion of St. John. The merchants are resolved to make the edition more particular and consequently more interesting and important by representing their own establishments. Every order PROGRESS has received thus far has been accompanied with a request to photograph the establishment, obtain an engraving and place it in this edition.

Can a handsome newspaper be imagined than that containing good engravings of the imposing business houses of St. John grouped around well executed street scenes?

PREACHER DAVIS AND HIS FOES.

Some religious papers have discovered a remarkable instance of Divine retribution. The Rev. W. F. DAVIS is a very good man who resides in Boston. For the last ten months his particular place of residence has been in Charles street jail. He went there because he repeatedly and persistently defied a city ordinance which he believed to be wrong. Like a certain provincial editor, he was unhappy until he got himself in prison, and preferred to pose as a martyr rather than enjoy his freedom.

The ordinance in question is one which forbids the holding of public meetings on the Common without a permit. Such permits are freely granted upon application to the proper source, but Mr. DAVIS held that he had an indefensible right to preach where he pleased without asking anyone. He did

so, boldly and defiantly. Then he was brought into court.

Every consideration was shown him. He was told that, whether the ordinance was a wise one or not, it was a municipal law which the police and the courts were bound to enforce. After this he was allowed to go, but still thirsting for martyrdom he repeated the offence and was fined. The fine was allowed to stand, but Mr. DAVIS again repeated his acts. Finally, having been convicted of four offences, and still breathing defiance, the full fines were enforced. Mr. DAVIS went to jail with great alacrity.

Since then, it seems, the chairman of the park committee has died. So have the district attorney, an alderman, and the judge who passed the sentence. These deaths are cited as a signal instance of the wrath of God.

When President GARFIELD was killed, an Albert county clergyman preached a sermon showing that the tragedy was an evidence of Divine displeasure, because CHARLES STEWART PARNELL had been welcomed on the floors of Congress.

Some people who live in the nineteenth century should have been exponents of theology in the middle ages.

There are certain facts about the city schools' coal contract which the people should know. It is the place of the school board to explain how such a costly error was repeated this year. In the opinion of many men Mr. JOHN MARCH is a painstaking and excellent official. He may be painstaking, but such a mistake shows that his methods are unbusinesslike, to say the least.

"The funniest thing I find in Portland, Maine," a correspondent writes, "is a Prohibition campaign flag bearing the legend, 'The Saloon Must Go—Fisk and Brooks,' which flag is supported at one end by a rope attached to the roof of the city liquor agency! My experience of the Maine law teaches that the toppers wouldn't suffer much deprivation if the saloon did 'go,' provided the liquor agencies stayed." Oh, Prohibition! what crimes are committed in thy name!

St. John doesn't need two opera houses, and if we mistake not it won't support their erection. There is good reason to believe that one is needed and that one will be built. The proposed new company has lots of hardihood to start out when the St. John Opera House Company has more than \$13,000 worth of stock subscribed and has given out the excavation contract. Take our advice, gentlemen: Unite your forces and build on the chosen site as quickly as possible.

The leaders in the harbor commission project are circulating a favoring petition for signature. There could be no fairer way of arriving at public sentiment, provided it reaches the masses. Let those who have made up their minds upon the subject, for or against, sign or refuse. A public ballot would give no fairer result and the "don't vote" advice would be silly. The "don't sign" argument is an insult to the people's intelligence.

The man—or woman—who writes an anonymous letter, with intent to wound the feelings of others, "is a wretch, whom it were gross flattery to call a coward." For the credit of human nature, such people are rare, but even one in a community is more than enough. The anonymous writer is of a kind with the man—or woman—who sends poisoned candy through the mails, or forwards a harmless looking parcel containing an infernal machine. The principle is the same in both cases. A sensitive nature may be stricken nigh unto death by a letter. Death itself may follow. What better is the anonymous letter writer than the sender of dynamite or poison?

PEN AND PRESS.

Another change has come over the spirit of the dream of the New York Graphic. This time it has been sold by the sheriff to the Southern Trust company, whatever that may be. E. H. Goff, formerly of Montreal, and later of Boston, did the bidding. The price paid was \$5,000, and the purchaser assumes debts to the amount of \$50,000.

The Halifax Echo thinks that PROGRESS makes a "rich" assertion in saying that the business buildings of Halifax cannot rank with those of St. John. They could not a month or so ago, and the mere fact that some of them may have been whitewashed since then, does not change the fact. It is only a year or so since the novelty of a plate glass window in one of the Halifax stores attracted such a crowd that traffic was blocked for a time. Besides, even if Halifax had fine buildings, they could not be approached for lack of passable sidewalks.

The Chatham World insists that all the utterances of its editor are imbued with the spirit of practical religion. As a proof of its sentiments it devotes a good share of its space this week to a verbatim report of a sermon.

ETCHINGS AND ECHOES.

The Football Player.

My nether ear was neatly nipped,
My collar bone was broken,
My shoulder from its socket slipped,
My larynx bruised and choked,
I lost five teeth and smashed my nose,
My left leg's very lame,
But all the same we thrashed our foes,
It was a dandy game.

TEN CENT CONCERTS

BEGIN IN THE INSTITUTE NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Something About the Company which will Give Them—Manager Ellis's Portrait and Sketches of the Members.

The clear cut features of the gentleman below are those of Dr. E. C. Ellis, manager of the Hamlin Wizard Oil Company. Readers of PROGRESS have learned something of the company, its concerts and their success in previous issues. They will doubtless verify those statements for themselves during the coming weeks when the Wizard Oil Company will appear in the Mechanics Institute. The first concert will be given next Wednesday evening when the people will be able to give their verdict.

The principal and manager of the com-



pany is Dr. Ellis. He is an old newspaper man which in itself accounts for the signal success of his management of the concert company. He isn't a born American though his conversation and actions savor more of Chicago, his home, than of Dublin his birth place. He came to America at an early age with Dr. Ellis who was a surgeon in the English army and a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin.

Father and son fought on the same side in the late American war. At the close the latter had fought in 22 engagements and was first Lieutenant of Artillery.

As a newspaper man he edited the Dallas Commercial and at the Chicago convention which nominated Garfield and Hancock he represented the Times one of the leading papers of that city.

His connection with the Wizard Oil company dates from 1881. Since that time he and his company have travelled from Mexico to Quebec and Omaha to Halifax.

The Oil company is 30 years old. Since then the increase in its business has been phenomenal. The way the Oil has been introduced has given it a great start, until now it is to be had anywhere and everywhere. The company now in St. John is only one of fifteen on the road. Each one is advertising in its own original way Wizard Oil, and each one has the very best artists who are available for money.

Their provincial tour has been marked by great success. They were two weeks in Fredericton, three in Moncton, three in Charlottetown, five in Halifax, three in Yarmouth, and propose now to give the people of the west and east sides good music, so long as they want it. The members of the company comprise, Miss Edith Ellis, who is first soprano. She has a charming voice and has been a great favorite everywhere.

Mr. W. F. Hunt, basso, is an old American soldier. He has been with the Wizard Oil company for ten years.

Mr. J. A. La Rue, baritone, is a native of New Jersey. He has a splendid voice which has been heard in Wizard oil concerts for ten years.

New Brunswickers know Mr. A. J. Foley Parker, formerly of Fredericton. He is a fine comedian and a good singer. He joined the Wizard Oil company in January and has made great hits wherever he appeared.

Mr. Edward Oakley, tenor, is a Southerner. He has a fine voice. Mr. Oakley was transferred from a Winnipeg company to sing in these provinces.

Mrs. Arthur Masters, of this city, has been engaged to play the accompaniments while the company is in St. John. She will aid to make the concerts even better than they have been.—Advt.

THE WORKING GIRL.

See the maiden come tripping the sidewalk along
Eyes dancing with mirth and lips murmuring song,
Her cheeks glow like roses, true token of health,
Which is better by far than the burden of wealth.

Where's her equal, this maiden, so trim, and so neat,
Who at dawning of morning comes tripping the street,
To yonder tall workshop, to labor all day—
Comes the maiden so pretty, so blithe, and so gay.

She is honest and fearless, her heart it is light,
Though she toils for her living from morn until night,
She guides her bark safe through this world's busy whirl,
And God will protect her, the dear working girl.

Tailoresses and Hallowe'en.

They all worked in a Dock street tailor shop and were full of Hallowe'en. Their mouths were full of water when they left the store at six o'clock Wednesday evening. The cutter had the interests of his employer at heart and waited outside. He made them giggle; there was a splash on the sidewalk; and none of them heard the voice of their future husbands. How sad!

Go and See It.

This is PROGRESS' advice in re the Feast of Days. It is something new and, considering the ladies who have it in charge, should prove exceedingly original and entertaining.

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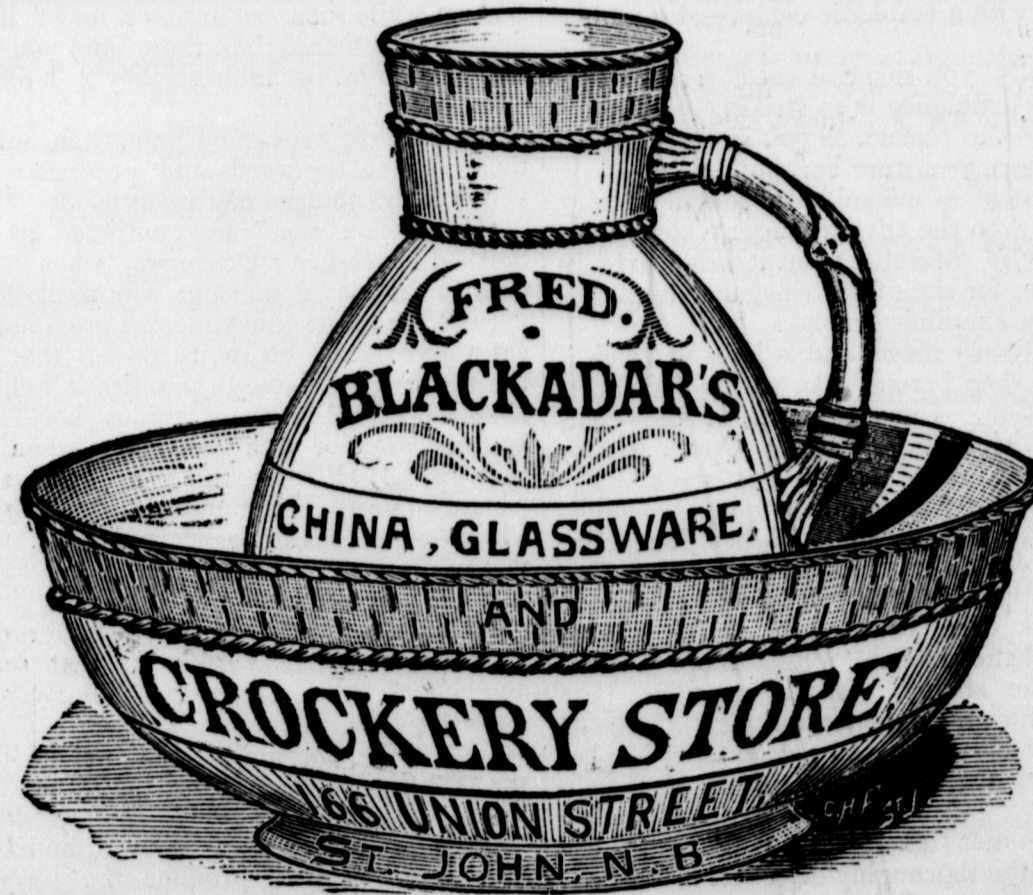
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