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THE ASYLUM MANAGEMENT.

James T. Steeves, M. D., superintendent of the provincial lunatic asylum, has been heard from and he states in a letter to the Sun that the article contained in Pro-GRESS, last Saturday, under the caption, "Hitched to the Plow," is a base slander.

Are you sure, Dr. STEEVES? Really if you had not signed your name to the "vindication" in question we should imagine that one of the patients had been suffered to use pen, ink and paper. For your sake, Dr. Steeves, we could almost hope that this were so, for then we should be relieved of the necessity of making further inquiries relative to asylum management and those connected with it-

Your defence, Dr. Steeves, resolves itself into this: The patients referred to by Progress were hauling a cultivator instead of a plow and they were doing their work in a place where it was inconvenient to use a horse-and yet had it been convenient it was work for a horse.

But this is a small matter compared with many of those connected with the asylum which are open for discussion and criticism. You have invited that criticism, Mr. Superintendent Steeves, and Progress proposes to treat you as a public official holding a public office. We will give you and issues, and if the Sun wishes to support you and your end of the discussion we will welcome it.

CARRY OUT THE LAW.

In a brief public conversation with Capt. RAWLINGS and Mayor CHESLEY last Saturday, we called their attention to the violation of the Sabbath by some Portland liquor dealers. The daily papers of Monday said that several liquor saloons had been found in full blast the preceding day and had been reported.

Reported! and what does that amount to? We grant that is the limit of the duty of the chief of police, but the police magistrate has yet to figure in the affair. Why has justice not been meted out to the offenders? Will the respectable, churchgoing people of Portland be forced to pass and repass on their principal street Sunday before reeking and open dens? Has no committee of the town council desire or power to see the law carried out?

Have instructions been given Magistrate TAPLEY, or is he acting on his own responsibility in not carrying out the law? It would appear from the present condition of things that the Sabbath is observed in Portland as the liquor aldermen and party would have it, and not according to laws or the people's will.

But with every other question laid aside: with the Scott act forceless; its supporters discouraged and disheartened by the apathy of the authorities; with a class of men engaging in a trade which is licensed or restricted in every other Canadian city, there should be some means to prevent Sabbath desecration in Portland-and if the authorities fail in their efforts, let the people try their hand.

THEY MUST LEARN TO WAIT.

Four of the vest-pocket political parties of the United States have already nominated candidates for those positions which, as the stump-orators tell us, "the humblest citizen may aspire to"-and which, of late years, the sharpest and trickiest citizens usually get.

The Industrial party came first to the front with Albert E. Redstone, of California, and JOHN COLVIN, of Kansas, whom it planted upon a legal-tender-money, woman-suffrage platform.

The Equal Rights party nominated Belva A. Lockwood, of Washington, for president, and ALFRED H. LOVE, of Philadelphia, for vice-president, and declared for woman-suffrage, pensions for all needy soldiers, protective tariff, with free sugar He had nothing to hire with, and the and lumber, and repeal of tax on whiskey poverty of the apostolic church was one and tobacco, and against unrestricted emi-

gration. The Union Labor party committed its principles-"the abolition of usury, monopoly and trusts"-into the hands of An-DREW JACKSON STREETER, of Illinois, and CHARLES E. CUNNINGHAM, of Arkansas.

to the breeze a banner inscribed with the names of ROBERT H. COWDRY, of Illinois, and W. H. T. WAKEFIELD, of Kansas, who will represent the HENRY GEORGE hook them out of perdition with salaried idea.

The Socialistic Labor party and the Pro-

hibition party are yet to be heard from. We shall view with some concern the inevitably take place in November; but we shall sorrow not as those without hope.

That thousands of men have dared to brave the misrepresentation, ridicule and abuse which assail every independent thinker, gives evidence of a growing discontent with existing abuses which the old parties have neither the courage nor the honesty to remedy; gives evidence, also, that the people are preparing to work out their own salvation.

These "come-outers" are honest men their position, in itself, is proof of that Some of them are mistaken men, but time and experience will correct that fault, because their attitude shows that they are willing to learn. In this campaign, they will gain the political experience which they need. By the close of the campaign, the people will have come to recognize their honesty, and they themselves will have learned that they have dealt some of their hardest blows at those who were really their best friends. Four years hence, these six parties will single out certain issues which they hold in common-labor reform and prohibition, for example-and make a campaign as an united body; and the 'great" parties, which have no issue except the offices, will look for the last time upon the White house and the Capitol and say, "Good-bye, forever!"

We adjure our friends of the vest-pocket parties to feel no discouragement at their impending defeat. Their time will come.

MOUNT ALLISON AND ACADIA.

The closing exercises of those excellent educational institutions, Mount Allison and Acadia, will end in a few days, and the brain and beauty of the Methodists and Baptists will leave musty collegiate halls and seek rest and vigor at home. No institutions in the provinces are doing more or better work in their line than those at Mount Allison and Wolfville. The number of students in each is increasing every year; the professional staffs are efficient and painstaking, and what is of almost greater importance, energetic in their public advocacy of the claims of their colleges.

We know of no better place where a young girl can receive an education which ally think that was all, and they never two months, for the heinous offence of atthe public some interesting facts in later will equip her with what every woman asked the question whether it was all there should possess, than the ladies' colleges at Sackville. Any one who has attended their closing exercises will acknowledge that they are a feast of music, art and literature.

Of Acadia we can do no better than quote the words of three of her distinguished graduates, Prof. J. G. SCHURMAN of Cornell, Prof. WILLIAM ELDER of Colby, and Principal Corey of Richmond.

Prof. Schurman says, "The excellent results it has achieved in spite of its limited equipment always astonish me. Its graduates hold many of the most exalted positions in the dominion. And of the American universities I know best, S. MACVANE is an honored professor at Harvard, as HARTT was an illustrious ornament to Cornell, where death snatched him prematurely from

Principal Corey writes, "The enthusiasm f the teachers, the thoroughness of the drill, that influence so helpful to religious life, - all these so took hold of my entire being that I came away from the college another man. I may add that from observations made during the twenty-five years of public life, I have found no place where

better work is done than at Acadia college." Prot. Elder says, "Acadia was to me, as it has been to so many others, the goal of boyish ambition, and the one institution that opened the way to an education.'

"THIS BOARD BUSINESS."

"Too Many Engines," is the title under which, in the New York Observer, Rev. Dr. tendency to devote more or less of the energies of a Christian church to societies which are organized for specific purposes. Dr. PARKHURST holds that machinery is expensive; that the church itself should be a Christian Endeavor society, a Society for the Suppression of Vice, "an accoutred of the press! army girded for the warfare of the LORD"; and that the intelligent Christians who are ready enough to join societies would ally themselves as heartily with a Christian church, if they knew what its animus was or if they were quite sure that it had any

animus. Dr. PARKHURST concludes:-One detrimental consequence of all this board business is that it keeps at arm's length from each other the class that needs to be ameliorated, and the class that just as much needs to be the means of ameliorating it. The great mass of christianized people are reaching the great mass of unchristianized people only through hired intermediaries. Both parties suffer in consequence. Christ set the example by doing what he did himself. He touched the leper, not hiring Peter to touch him. reat element of its wealth. The kingdom of Christ on earth never grew with such phenomenal rapidity as in those old days when there were no such things as committees and societies, and too little money to create any temptation in that direction. We, on the contrary, hire an agent to do our leper-touching. We pay a missionary to go down in the next street and love Last of all, the United Labor party flung the poor sinners there and see if he cannot convert them. It is easier to give him ten dollars to love them than it is to love them ourselves. We handle them with gloves; yearn after their dear souls at a distance; fishing tackle. Money is cheap. The most our belief, no commissioner neglected-or expensive thing in the world is love; love from person to person, unmediated, direct. Men and women can not be bought out of hell into heaven, but only loved out. The

a mint and a mine, but a cross, and since then has widened fastest where there has been least mechanics and most warm blood.

It cannot be denied that there is much to be said on this side of the argument. To us, however, it appears that, by this very delegating of her work, the church allies herself the more closely to the people. If the societies of which Dr. PARKHURST speaks are properly organized, they can never move very far away from the recognized centre of religious life; and, as we have all observed a thousand times, their final appeal for guidance on any controverted question is to the church. More than this, in the multiplication of societies it is easy to give to the new convert, whatever his strength and disposition, congenial work; and this is an advantage not to be under-estimated, since in the religious life, as in business, it is sometimes quite as difficult to find the place for the man as it is to find the man for the place. Finally, even Dr. Parkhurst to the contrary notwithstanding, "intelligent Christians who are ready enough to join societies," do ally themselves with the church.

For every church that dies of decentralization a hundred perish of inanition. It is not a broadening, but a lessening, of activity, that Dr. PARKHURST should dread.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

In all the evidence taken in the Maritime bank investigations and cases, no statements, so clear, convincing and unqualified as those made by ex-accountant Botsford, Wednesday, have been given to the public. In the cross-examination, conducted by Attorney-General Blair, he said:

In making up the statements I did for the directors' meetings, I pursued the instructions of the president, and simply acted under my instructions as a clerk The statements so made were not inaccurate, but they were misleading. In all cases they did not give a truthful statement of the affairs of the bank. I mean by that that the directors had representations made to them, and statements which purported to be taken from the books and laid before them as to the state of the bank which were not true statements. What was in them was correct, but it was not all there. It

How does this look in cold type?

FORTUNATE FOSTER!

Congratulations to Hon. George E. FOSTER upon his appointment to the responsible and honorable post of minister of finance !- the most responsible and honorable of government positions, and one which has always, under the present administration, been worthily filled by a man from the Maritime provinces.

Congratulations to him also upon his approaching marriage! and after he has placed her portfolio in the hands of the associate governor of his home, may her estimates never be disallowed, and may he never be obliged to bewail a veto!

That the member for Kings should be advanced politically, and made happy personally, at one and the same time, shows him more fortunate than most men, as he is more deserving. Progress rejoices with him, and trusts that in the future, as now, the gifts of the blind goddess may never come to him singly.

A CENSOR OF THE PRESS!

How tired you must have been, Mr. LEMUEL ALLAN CURREY, when Mr. Justice KING smiled upon you, Monday morning! How wearying it must be to be treated so indifferently by those whom you seek to guard from contempt! We knew you were ambitious, Mr. CURREY, that you overflow, PARKHURST writes forcibly of the growing in fact, with laudable and every other kind of ambition, but we were ignorant until that hour that you would be a censor of the

We recognize your ability, Mr. CURREY, we see in you a man fit for almost anything save, and our eyesight may be dim, a censor

We could imagine you hovering on the outskirts of a Methodist conference, Mr. CURREY; we can see the fathers of the church sorely troubled by your injunctions; we can fancy you the guardian angel of a political candidate, with a loving regard for the interests of him and his people; we bow to that wonderful legal astuteness which can convert a minority into a majority; we see in you the CICERO of Queens, the idol of the farmers; we give you the first place as a manipulator and commissariat-general of a political convention; we must acknowledge your mesmeric influence over the electors of Broad Road and Waterborough, your celerity as an advance courier of victory we see in you a probable candidate for Queens county at the next local election; but we cannot, no, we cannot, elevate you to a censorship of the press; and vet we concede that you are a very good judge of contempt, Mr. CURREY.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Canadian Manufacturer, loses its temper needlessly over our statement that some efforts looking towards the organization of labor were put forth in this city by certain members of the Labor commission. For its benefit, we further state that, to the best of exceeded-his duty in this regard. Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. HEAKES and their friends spent some time in visiting unions and ad-Isaughter of these candidates, which will kingdom of Christ began on earth, not with dressing meetings-when the commission last week.

was not in session; and we respectfully submit that they had as much right to utilize their leisure in this way as they would have had to employ it in strolling about the city, attending prayer-meeting or reading the Canadian Manufacturer.

St. John saloon keepers, who think that a license fee of \$150 is an outrageous exaction, would probably resort to violence if placed in the position of their brethren in Joliet, Illinois. In that city, the highest license charged in the world, \$1,000, has been in force for a year or two past. Fifty saloons exist in spite of it. The city council is now considering the proposition of its license committee to raise the fee to \$5,000, at which rate, it is thought, fifteen liquor sellers will continue to do business. An interesting feature of the situation is that all the saloons are to be confined to a certain quarter of the city, and the man who sells outside of that will forfeit his \$5,000.

It is to be hoped that the postmaster general will do more than "consider the possibility" of reducing the rate of letter postage to three cents an ounce. The United States has found it profitable to make its letter rate two cents; so profitable, indeed, that a few months ago a further reduction was said to be seriously contemplated. There is no reason why the discrepancy between the Canadian and United States rates should be so marked.

There are others besides the loyal people of Berlin who will applaud the news that FREDERICK seems to be gaining strength. While heir-apparent, he was not so conspicuous as some other crown princes, but he was decidedly more decent; and Germany has reason to believe that he will never disgrace her by his follies, even though he may inaugurate no great reforms. That, we are told, is more than can be said of his son WILHELM.

"Today," says a Berlin cable message, 'thirteen men were arrested and tried, rewas misleading, because they would natur- ceiving sentences of from fourteen days to tending a picnic on the anniversary of the death of LASALLE." No one will have reason to wonder if these men sometime celebrate in the same way, but in quite a different spirit, the anniversary of the death

> The Methodist General conference took a step forward when it established an order of deaconesses, but it carefully guarded against further advance by providing that these ladies should be under male direction. Our Roman Catholic friends are more wise; they realize that, in the ministry to the sick and the poor, a pious and devoted woman needs no instruction from the other sex.

> The energy, industry and public spirit of few score of young men have changed the once unsightly appearance of Haymarket quare. If the common council feel any ability to further beautify the city we hope that a sufficient sum will be voted to repair the band stand and renew the walks on this, the "Polymorphians' pride."

> We invite the attention of those people who are, year in and out, crying, "Hard Times," to the words of Mr. Charles H. FAIRWEATHER in another column. have no doubt that this gentleman knows whereof he speaks when he says the trade of St. John is steadily increasing.

> Ex-secretary, ex-candidate and possiblepresident BLAINE continues to smile and say nothing with his accustomed ability. The reporter who meets Mr. BLAINE, these days, is understood to carry away as good an idea of the sphinx as though he had spent a year in Egypt.

Congratulations to the St. John Cricket and Athletic club upon its brilliant opening of the season of sport! The energetic committees deserve the thanks of the members and they in turn the unqualified words of praise which the public and Progress accord them.

The Almshouse commission is talking of repairs, coupled with six, seven, eight, nine, \$10,000. Such figures lead to the supposition that the commission has in view a place of permanent entertainment for themselves, the council or the county.

The bill for the proper observance of the Sabbath, introduced in the United States senate by Mr. BLAIR, of New Hampshire, is about as comprehensive as the decalogue -and likely to prove quite as popular with the law-makers.

At the present moment, it appears that BOULANGER and France have formed an unlimited partnership, to which the latter will contribute all the capital, while the former will withdraw all the profits.

We note with some surprise that Montreal is about building a main sewer three and a quarter miles in length. What's the matter with the Gazette?

The date of the union of the Presbyterian | But fifty dollars weekly and big extras-Phew! It's church was 1875 instead of 1877, as stated Just walk into my parlor and we'll put you on a

PROVINCIAL CHAT.

It pays to be straightforward. This is illustrated by a good story about a St. Stephen woman who got herself into trouble by trying to sneak out of a debt. Six months ago she bought a set of teeth, and since that time she has dodged the dentist. The other day, however, he saw her, and signalled her from the other side of the street, and, making a virtue of neccessity, she went to him.

"Oh, doctor!" she proclaimed, as she approached. "I've been wanting to tell you that I don't like those teeth."

"Come in to the office," he said, and she and her companion followed him up stairs. The heroine of this tale climbed into the operating chair, and her companion concluded to strengthen the case against | Mail. the dentist by putting in a word of her

"I don't like those teeth myself," she said. "I think she looks just horrid!"

"Looks just horrid, does she?" said the doctor, smiling sardonically. He took the teeth out of the woman's mouth. "How does she look now?" he asked.

Then he went into the other room, locking the door behind him, put the teeth in a safe place and walked down the back stairs; and the woman who didn't like her teeth waited half an hour for him to come back, and finally went away toothless.

In congratulating its citizens upon being spared a visit from "that most unmitigated of all nuisances," the Royal Labor commission, the Woodstock Press says they have had many tribulations trying to escape scorchings in this world and the next.

Don't shout too soon, Mr. Holyoke. Unless Progress is mistaken a day will come when you would like a little of that freshet you are so tired of now.

Here is the way a Charlottetown firm advertises :-

Our clothing is not made of pig's wool and caterpillar's eyebrows, and sewn to-gether with a red-hot needle and burning thread-but, etc., etc., etc.

This is as picturesque and striking as a daub of red paint on a barn door.

George Francis Train, crank though h may be, knows how to make himself popular. At Digby while waiting for the Annapolis boat, he gathered around him some 20 little girls, who became his warm friends at once, a liberal supply of figs adding not a little to his popularity. In a body they followed him to the boat, where he showed them around, and when the time for his departure arived they stood on the wharf and cheered at the top of their voices until the boat was out of sight. At Yarmouth, the western metropolis, he was the "lion" of the day, and everywhere met with a most cordial reception. Who wouldn't be a crank?-Moncton Times.

You wouldn't, Mr. Stevens, you couldn't A first-class crank has brains.

Henry Leary is a Richibucto resident who has been under the ban of fire underwriters for some time, for reasons which he gives himself in the tollowing characteristic letter to a St. John agent :-

Dear sir: My cook-house was burned last night. No insurance. If it had been insured you would say I had burned it my self. Good day.

A well-known manufacturer told some of his friends the other day an interesting incident in his prosperous career. "That man and I," he said, pointing to a passerby, "were married the same night. He went to Boston and New York on his wedding tour, spent \$200 and came back dead broke. I went into the country and my trip cost me \$40 and I sold \$100 worth of goods." It is the man who knows how to combine business and pleasure that takes the confectionery in this

In a modest editorial paragraph the Chignecto Post announces the commencement of its nineteenth volume. Progress tenders it hearty congratulations upon this happy anniversary and the evidences of prosperity which are stamped upon it. The Post is a good paper that aey man might be glad to own and proud to write for.

INVITATION TO SUMMER BOARDERS.

Will you walk into my parlor?" says the landlord with a smile, 're fixed for summer boarders in the very latest Ve've a second-hand piano and some gorgeous chromos gay, hammock and a tennis-court—not big enough for

Our little sweat-box bed-rooms, with stained matting on the floors, Are fitted up with extra nails for clothing on the The walls are newly papered-for the seventh time And bugs in beds of cobble-stones are eager for a

"Our roachy, fly-specked dining-room has brand-new bills of fare, And boarders will be highly pleased—if they can Our waiters cannot be excelled-for making people And tipping dishes on 'em if their own tips aren't

"We feed you farmers' veg'tables-that were last summer canned. And fresh eggs—from the city, and spring chickens—Noah's brand; —Noah's brand; We furnish milk—like water, and the sweetest but-Our view-of barns and shanties-is the finest ever

"We've still and ocean bathing-in a pitcher and a bowl; The fishing here is splendid—if you have a ten-mile pole; The hunting is magnificent—for anything but game; No 'skeeters or malaria—in winter—here we claim. "Our prices are so little for the luxuries we give That we have got to erowd you in to make enough

-H. C. Dodge in New York World.

OF COURSE IT IS.

"Progress" is Clean,

The moral tone of the paper is good and t promises well in every way .- Presbuterian

Maintaining its present standard must become popular .- Woodstock Sentinel .

Handsome,

A handsome six-column quarto.—Press and Printer.

Looks very fine. - The Jury.

Makes an excellent appearance mechanically, printed on superior paper from new type.—Daily Telegraph.

Typographically and otherwise presents very attractive appearance. - Halifax

Its neat appearance makes it very atractive. - Newcastle Advocate.

Original,

Occupies a field peculiarly its own .--Daily Sun.

The various departments are admirably filled, being in charge of able men.-Halifax Mail.

Contains a large amount of interesting reading matter, principally original .- The Represents in several respects new de-

parts in our provincial journalism .- Daily Telegraph. Is entirely free from plate matter and is

filled with bright, racy articles, nearly all of which are original .- Sackville Post. Exceedingly well got up and filled with excellent reading, mostly original.-Pres-

byterian Witness. We are very much pleased with its appear-

ance.—Chicago Horseman. It purposes occupying a field in journalism which is certainly not overcrowded.-Charlottetown Guardian.

Etc., Etc., Etc.,

A bright, newsy sheet .- Portland Tran-

The characteristics of the new-comer include good typographical work, good taste in arrangement of matter, and good paper and presswork. It Progress will give some special attention to the manufacturing industries of the maritime provinces it will help wonderfully in "booming" Canada.-Canadian Manufacturer.

Looks well, and is fresh and newsy .- Religious Intelligencer.

Neatly printed, ably conducted, and full

of interest .- Windsor, N. S. Journal. Promises to be a lively, wideawake and readable paper, independent and fair in criticism on all subjects .- Chatham World. Contains a great deal of reading matter and presents a good appearance.—Halifax

A real live journal.—Maritime Farmer. The editorials are sharp, bright and well to the point, and the selected matter is of

he best.—Halifax Mail. Newsy and well printed .- Montreal Share-

A bright, newsy paper, neat in its makeup, independent in politics, and generally

interesting.—Charlottetown Guardian As Might be Expected,

The editors are a promising couple of live young journalists, with ability and experience, who will undoubtedly give the Bluenose metropolis a good newspaper.— Bangor Industrial Journal.

Promises exceedingly well, and under the energetic and painstaking literary direction and supervision of Messrs. Carter and Sawyer, will no doubt more than sustain the favorable impression already formed.—Daily Telegraph.

Gives evidence of marked ability on the part of the editors .- Educational Review. Far exceeds the expectations that were formed of it .- St. Croix Courier.

Reflects credit on its enterprising proprietors.—Moncton Transcript. More than fulfills all the promises contained in the prospectus .- Woodstock

Therefore It Takes the First Place

From a typographical and literary standpoint, the paper has every claim to a place in the front ranks of Canadian journalism .-Boston Evening Traveller.

A paper which has been unsurpassed in its particular line in the history of New Brunswick journalism .- St. Croix Courier. A most desirable addition to maritime province journalism.—Halifax Critic.

A most creditable addition to the New Brunswick press .- Newcastle Advocate. The matter is all spicy and readable, and

the paper ought to make a great hit .-Bangor Commercial. Shows a thorough knowledge in selections, bright and newsy locals and sparkling editorials, that will ensure for it the first position among provincial publications .-

South Portland, Me., Sentinel. There is plenty of room for such a paper, especially at the top .- Charlottetown Guer-

And Has Come to Stay.

Bound to be a success .- Sackville Post. Must become popular .- Woodstock Sen-

Its success is assured.—St. Croix Cour-

Should "catch on" with the people of St. John, who generally know a good thing when they see it .- The Jury.

It will no doubt meet with success .- The

It is bound to succeed .- Halifax Mail.