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THE RING MUST NOT RULE.

It is time that the citizens of Portland were at work in readiness for the municipal elections. So far they have talked of what they intended to do, but, as well as can be judged, have not yet begun to do it.

This is not as it should be. It is a good thing for the ring, but a bad one for the citizens. The ring, it must be considered, is already in power. It has the sinews of war because it is in power, and it has no plan of campaign to prepare.

It will take every advantage of the temporary distraction caused by the union question to strengthen its position. If the people are not alert it will so manipulate matters that, despite the wishes of the best citizens, it will again hold the reins of power.

The citizens have no time to lose. They cannot afford to wait until the union question is settled before going to work in earnest. There is no time like the present time for them. Their opportunities are in the today, and not in the morrow.

Otherwise, by hook or by crook, and in spite of the will of the people, the ring will continue to rule. This will be a sad humiliation to the best citizens. It will be a dark day for Portland.

Candidates should be chosen in every ward. They should be men who have something more than their own interests to serve, they should be men who have some stake in the city, and they should be men who will be respected as representatives at the board.

As to the choice of a mayor, several good men have been mentioned, but none of them are anxious for what they may consider a somewhat dubious honor. It is to be hoped that the right kind of a man will see his way clear to serve. Such a man will give the place an honor which it has not now, and will be remembered hereafter as a public benefactor.

IS IT OFFICIAL?

There is a gentle youth connected with the Liverpool, Eng., Review, who has devoted much study to osculation, and who claims to be able to give points to most people in that sugary fine art.

Never kiss a girl if she doesn't want you to. The main ingredient that makes kissing endurable is willingness on the part of the female. If it depends into anxiety so much the better.

The Presbytery of St. John is right. The Scott act is a failure. One reason for this is that a good many of its loudest-voiced "supporters" have proved to be failures as temperance men.

If the people of the two cities are as sensible as we believe them to be, the advocates of union will have but one subject of anxiety on the evening of the 19th of March: the size of the majority in favor.

So the L. C. R. has "had a car-load of rubbers on the way since the 20th February," has it? What's the matter with closing the railway and going back to the turnpike roads?

A German book entitled Letters from Hell made a great success, last year. There should be a suggestion in this for future literary efforts on the part of the late Mr. Pigott.

ROBERT REDIVIVUS.

Life, of New York, describes most graphically a recent visit to its dramatic editor by a gentleman who announced himself on his card as: "Mr. ROBERT ELSMERE of London, England, on show business."

"Hello, Bob!" said his old friend. "Glad to see you! But I thought you died out in Algiers?" "Not much!" replied Mr. ELSMERE, very decidedly. "Mrs. WARD made me do the soldier-of-

the legion act just to satisfy her faulty sense of the dramatic proprieties. I'm all right, I tell you! I weigh 26 pounds more than when I saw you last. What between my improved appearance and the wrong impression that Mrs. WARD gave them, most of my old friends didn't know me when I dropped in on them."

"What are you doing over on this side?" he was asked. "Working the WARD ad. for all it is worth," replied the gentleman in the striped shirt and the loud trousers. "What is left for any clergyman to do who has shed his last shred of orthodoxy? Not die, because that satisfies the dramatic proprieties; but go on the stage and dissatisfy them, likewise accumulate the golden dollars. Why, man, I've had the biggest advance notices in the annals of the histrionic art. I cannot do the tragic heavies like the Reverend MILN. Mrs. WARD gave it to you straight about my sore throat. But I've got voice enough left for the variety business, and have organized a company that will make TONY PASTOR stare. What with my reputation in polite society, I expect to elevate the variety stage even higher than Mrs. PASTOR has the legitimate."

"How's the family?" Mr. ELSMERE was asked at parting. "They're with the show. CATHERINE'S a little slow, but she's got a good topical song that's sure to go. MARY, the kid, we're billing as an infant phenomenon. We're training her up to do a swell male turn."

It is a very suggestive bit of humor and one likely to provoke considerable thought on the part of those who have read the book. If ROBERT ELSMERE were a real life character, instead of a hero of fiction, we should watch his career with a good deal of interest. He might be a dismal failure like MILN, or a paroxysmal crank like MURRAY, or a quiet citizen who would keep his mouth shut and mind his own business—but he would almost certainly be amusing.

What has the Sabbath Observance society to say about the telephone experiments between St. John and Fredericton, last Sunday? If the daily papers are to be relied upon, a number of people were amused that day with a series of experiments which required work from telephone and telegraph employees, which work was neither of necessity, mercy or charity. It was a secular amusement, and the mere fact that the sound of hymns or fragments of prayers came over the wire did not make it anything else. Probably there was no harm in it, but it is a question if it was not quite as bad as some other Sunday recreations which the clergy are prone to condemn.

From an esteemed exchange published in the United States, we learn that President HARRISON: Wears a high-buttoned, double-breasted frock coat, and seldom has a suit all of the same piece; Takes a No. 7 1/2 hat; Prefers a No. 6 1/2 shoe, but can wear a No. 6; Appreciates open-front shirts, for which he pays \$27 a dozen; Goes to bed at 10, and gets up between 5 and 7; Smokes clear Havana cigars; Keeps a horse; And patronizes the national game, base ball. The country ought to be safe!

JOHN WANAMAKER, postmaster general of the United States and the millionaire merchant of Philadelphia, presided at the 21st anniversary of his Sunday school a few days ago. There is a remarkable similarity between the terse expressions of his speech on that day to over 3000 children and the combination twisters that make his business announcements world famed. Is there a possibility that JOHN'S advertising genius wrote his Sunday school address?

Lent will not wither nor fasting stale the infinite variety of Progress' society department. We shall have no parties to chronicle, but in the place of news of this sort we expect to present a feature that will prove even more attractive. Our readers may set their hopes high; they will not be disappointed.

There is a curious suggestion of blue mold and dry rot about the announcement that the directors have resolved to proceed with the erection of the opera house. It strikes us that we have heard something like this before. Nevertheless, it is a good resolution, and deserves to be acted upon.

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Lady Max, 2:42, as a four-year-old, is owned by Mr. George Carvill, of your city, and trotted in the four-year-old class throughout the New Brunswick circuit in 1888, and obtained her record at Woodstock, after a very close contest with Maggie T., the latter mare making her record of 2:46 in this same race.

Maggie T. is a bay mare of good size and substance, bred by the late Mr. Alex. Thompson, of Nashwaaksis, and owned by Mr. John McCoy, the owner of Sir Charles. When a foal, Maggie T. fell through a railway bridge into the water below, and in this fall injured one hip. The injury it was feared would prove permanent, but time overcame it, and the mare was last summer able to trot out her miles in hotly-contested races of split heats. She was never handled for speed until the summer of 1888, and her improvement was almost phenomenal.

Sir Charles was purchased by Mr. McCoy, and brought to Fredericton in 1883, when seven years old. Since then he has been kept for service in this vicinity, with the exception of part of the season of 1888, when he was in St. John. He has colts here coming five, four, three, two and one year old, and promising ones among them. A filly, coming four years old, owned by a gentleman at Nashwaaksis, is very favorably spoken of by those who have seen her speed, and one Sir Charles enthusiast goes so far as to say that she is the filly to look to, to next season lower the four-year-old record of 2:42.

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[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

FREDERICTON, March 5.—Having just learned that the standard-bred trotting stallion Sir Charles (2745) is to make the coming season in St. John, a short description of his breeding and of the ability of his get follows:—

Sir Charles is a handsome stallion, now almost white, standing 15 3/4 hands high and weighing over 1100 pounds. He was bred by Mr. T. B. Barker, of St. John and was foaled in 1876, and is therefore now 13 years old. He was sired by Mambrino Charta (868) a beautiful golden chestnut stallion, brought to St. John in 1874 by Mr. John Fitzpatrick. The dam of Sir Charles was the famous mare Lady Messenger, the dam of Crown Prince, 2:25, Crown Princess, trial in 2:20, and Grey Chester, credited with considerable speed. Charta was a well bred horse and was also a trotter himself, having obtained a record of 2:30 1/4 after leaving St. John, and was the sire of Helena, 2:32, and other good ones.

It will thus be seen that Sir Charles is bred for speed on both sides, and he does not belie his breeding, for he can probably show as much speed as any horse living.

This may seem an extravagant statement to make, but it is founded on the facts that he has several times trotted quarters in 34 seconds to a road wagon, and is credited with a trial quarter to sulky in 32 seconds, without being conditioned for fast trials. In the light of these facts, the statement may not seem so extravagant to the unprejudiced.

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lay and 1,200 bushels of oats, are among the improvements. A half-mile track entirely covered by a weather shed will be ready for use in the spring. The famous stallion Lumps, 2:21, will stand at Bates farm, near Boston, Mass., this season. Edgardo, by Rumor, and Elation, by Electioneer, dam by Volunteer, will be kept at home. Edgardo will be trained by the farm manager, James Kehoe, an expert in every way, who is likely to put this young horse in the 2:30 list at Mystic. Adele Gould, 2:19 is in foal to Elation, and so is Kate Taylor, 2:23 1/2. Old Emeline's daughters, Daisy Hartshorn and Alice Blackwood, will be bred to Bell Boy, and then put in training with the object of lowering their records."

A word to the wise: Buy "Ideal" Soap.

WHY?

Sometimes how near you are, Sometimes how dear you are; Then, then, so far, so far, Like some far star you are.

Sometimes through you, through you I see the gray sky blue, And feel the warmth of May In the December day.

Sometimes, sometimes I let All burdens fall, forget All cares and every fear, In your sweet atmosphere.

Then, then, alas! alas! Why does it come to pass, Before the hour goes by, Before my dream doth die.

I drift and drift away Out of your light of day, Out of your warmth and cheer, Your blessed atmosphere?

Why does it come to pass? Alas! and still alas! Why doth the world prevail? Why doth the spirit fall,

And hide itself away Behind its wall of clay? Sometime began: alas! Why doth it come to pass?

—Nora Perry, in the Boston Transcript.