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THIS PAPER GOES TO PRESS EVERY FRIDAY AT TWELVE O'CLOCK.

CONSIDER IT CAREFULLY.

The people have said that they do not want harbor commission, and by their decision have removed the only excuse the common council has had to block the consideration of improvements.

No more delay is needed, and the aldermen who favor necessary repairs, and who do not, will find that it is to their interests, as well to the city's to proceed at once with them.

There is an impression that some aldermen with conservative inclinations, will endeavor to balk any improvement scheme that may be mooted on the ground of economy. There should be economy in every expenditure, and those that preach it should practise it.

These gentlemen whom it is thought would introduce dominion politics into civic questions will find if they pursue such a course they will attract little sympathy and less support.

The question of harbor improvements should be carefully considered on its merits, and every improvement necessary to retain and increase the trade of our port should be made promptly.

We hope that the question will be considered from a non-partizan stand point, that the aldermen will for the time being remember that they are citizens, and conclude to do what is in the best interests of the community.

THE UNION STREET OPERA HOUSE.

The following letter from the architect who prepared the plans for the Union street opera house will have considerable interest for the stock holders. PROGRESS understands that Mr. John Morrison has secured the contract for the masonry work, and Messrs. Cassidy & Sharp the carpenter work:

Am glad operations are about to be started, and think this a good time to do something, as the people generally seem anxious to have a suitable building at once. The one proposed by these plans will be first class, and the situation, notwithstanding the expressed opinions of some parties to the contrary, has no equal in St. John. The lot seems naturally adapted for such a building; the audience room will be away from the noise of the street, exits all that could be desired, horse cars pass the door, and what more could be desired? except, perhaps, a little greater width to Union street. That, however, is a very slight defect to urge against the situation. To my mind, the street is wide enough, and it has the advantage of being a level street to enter the building from, which is a great consideration where horse and street cars are so much in requisition for conveying people from meetings. When work started I can take a trip over and see the committee about any matters under consideration in connection with construction.

The latest absurd and silly contention is that a "parson" has no right to express a public opinion on public questions. We doubt very much if the Rev. George Bruce is troubled by any such contemptible newspaper attacks as was made on him Wednesday evening. Mr. Bruce has an opinion on every question, and what is better, never hesitates to express it. We saw no article on the harbor commission that expressed better, than Mr. Bruce's letter in the Globe, the muddled and unsatisfactory condition of the people's mind on this important topic. Mr. Bruce is well able to take care of himself, and such an uncalled for attack will only serve to strengthen his popularity.

The cheering statement comes from St. Andrews that the new and palatial Algonquin has proved a great success, and that at the end of this, its first season, there will be a considerable surplus. This is more than the stockholders ever hoped for, and must be eminently satisfactory to all parties interested. We congratulate them upon the result of their enterprise, and hope that the next, and succeeding years, will find St. Andrews still as popular with the American and Canadian summer visitor.

Sporting men generally, will read with sincere regret the explanation elsewhere of the failure of the Fredericton races to fill.

It is unfortunate that three unprincipled horsemen have had it in their power to run the Maritime circuit meetings. No matter what punishment is held out to them so long as it is in accordance with the rules of the National trotting association, the local tracks will find that their decisions are sustained.

The death of Captain RICHARD removes a citizen whose life was a link between the good old days of "clippers and Black Ball liners and the age of steam. He was a fine specimen of the careful, skillful and mainly shipmaster of other days, while as a citizen in later years his life was one which aimed at a conscientious discharge of all his duties by his Maker and his fellow men.

TELEGRAPHING IN BATTLE.

Some Curious Incidents of the Sensibilities of Telegraph Operators.

In Butler's advance on the Petersburg and Richmond railroad, 7th of May, a line was carried along with the column to within sight of that road, and worked until Beauregard struck us at Drewry's Bluff, on the 16th, when Gen. Butler ordered his chief operator to "bring the line within the entrenchments." In these trenches, one night, Maynard Huyck was awakened from sleep, not by the familiar voice of his instrument, but by the shriek of a Whitworth bolt, a six-pound steel shell, which passed through the few clothes he had doffed, then ricocheted, and exploded beyond. Congratulating himself that he was not in his "duds" at the moment, the boy turned over and slept through the infernal turmoil of an awakening cannonade, until aroused by the gentle tick of the telegraph relay. We used no "sounders" in those days at the front.

In illustration of the sensibility of hearing acquired by the military operators for this one sound, the writer may be pardoned another personal incident. At Norfolk, in April, 1863, he happened to be alone in charge of the telegraph when Longstreet, with a large force, laid siege to Suffolk. In the emergency, he remained on duty, without sleep, for three days and nights, repeating orders between Fort Monroe. Towards morning on the third night he fell asleep, but was aroused by the strenuous calls of the fort, and asked why he had not given "O. K." for the messages just sent. He replied that none had been received. "We called you," said the operator at the fort; "you answered, and we sent you two messages, but you failed to acknowledge them." The dispatches were repeated and forwarded. When on taking up a volume of Scott's novels, with which he had previously endeavored to keep awake, the writer was astonished to find the missing telegrams scrawled across the printed page in his own writing, some sentences omitted, and some repeated. It was a curious instance of somnambulism.

On one occasion an operator started out from Fairfax station on a hand-car propelled by three contrabands to attempt to restore the line so that Pope's operators could communicate his whereabouts. Finding the line cut beyond Pobjick Bridge, he spliced it and got signals from both directions. While so engaged a party of guerrillas emerged from the woods to the track and surrounded him. Bidding the negroes stand fast, he dictated a swift message over the line, which was being repeated back to him and copied as the Confederate leader leaned over his shoulder and read the significant words: "Budford has sent back a regiment of cavalry to meet the one from here and guard the line. If you are molested we will hang every citizen on the route." The instrument ceased ticking as the operator firmly replied, "O. K." A painful pause ensued. The Confederate might have suspected a ruse if at the moment a gleam of sabers had not shone in the direction of Fairfax Court House. Hastily starting for the woods, the leader exclaimed, "Come home, boys; these were ain't our niggers"; and they disappeared, while the hand-car, as if driven by forty contraband power, sped rapidly rearward. Pope's wires were not well guarded at any time.

AN OPPORTUNITY LOST.

There Should Have Been a Photographer at Chubb's Corner, Last Tuesday.

A great opportunity for a man with a detective camera was missed last Tuesday. The expressions of some of the faces at Chubb's corner, as the election news came in, should have been preserved and handed down to all posterity. That of Mr. Geo. Robertson would have made a study for some future painter of An Early Christian Martyr, while that of Mr. James A. Estey would have served for a portrait of Simeon Chanting Nunc Dimittis. The pencil which could have caught the mingled emotions visible on the face of Mr. James Hannay, could have immortalized itself by depicting the various expressions of rage, despair and hatred of the human race. The face of Ex-alderman Lantaulm would have served to adorn an allegorical figure of Hope Triumphant. There were many other interesting studies in the human face divine. The failure to secure photos of them was a great opportunity lost.

RHYMES OF THE SEASON.

[Boston Courier.]
Sweet September.
How bright the days are!
The solar rays are
No more oppressive, the nights are mild,
And clear the skies are,
And gay the dyes are
In the maple grove and the woodland wild.
Schoolm'ar and master,
Layman and pastor,
Are back from the mountain and ocean's shore,
Robust and healthy,
Although less wealthy,
And down to labor have bent once more.
The shore's deserted
Where couples flirted,
And the youth no more 'neath the starlight pale
His love confessor,
And the bathing dresses
No longer flap in the noonday gale.
The Fashions Change.
When in her bathing suite beside
The ocean's shore she sits,
Her dress is cut high at the neck,
And high, too, at the skirts.
When for the ball the gentle maid
Her person doth bedeck,
Her dress is longer at the skirts
And lower at the neck.
Her Reverie.
Under the shade of the maple tree
The couple sat together,
While the robin sang with merry glee
In the sweet September weather.
He noted a shade on the maiden's brow,
And he felt at his heart a sinking,
As he wisely said, "Oh! tell me now,
My darling, of what you're thinking."
"I thought," she murmured, in accents low,
As she leaned on the arm of her lover,
"Thought that things would be awfully slow
When the base ball season's over."

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YEARS before the Company developed its present popular Twenty Year Distribution Policy, the advantages of reserved dividends were known to, and appreciated by our policy-holders. The value of the plan is admirably shown under Policy No. 13,531, reported in our last Weekly Statement. On August 18, 1854, Mr. S. L. M. Barlow of New York city, took out a life policy for \$10,000, semi-annual premium \$110.40. That eminent lawyer died in the past month, and on the 14th ult. the Company paid the amount of the claim as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Original amount insured: \$10,000 00. Dividend additions: 12,630 00. Total paid by the Company: \$22,630 00.

Impressed with the advantage of building up his policy into an investment as well as holding it as a security, Mr. Barlow paid the premiums in full for the entire period of the insurance, amounting in all to \$7,728 on which his estate realized a net profit of \$14,902. The persistent and continuous payments of the full cash premiums resulted in steadily increasing cash and insurance values to the policy.

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Table with 8 columns: Dividend period, Total Premiums Paid, Reserve at Four per cent, Total Cash Dividends, Total Cash Value, Percentage of Total Cash Value to Total Premiums Paid, Total Additions to Policy, Total Insurance in Force.

It is noticeable that at the time of Mr. Barlow's death, the reserve and cash dividends together (10,908.98) amounted to more than the face of his original policy, thus making of a whole life policy an endowment to the full amount with even an additional surplus. The insurance then actually in force and paid by the Company, exceeded two hundred and ninety per cent. of the total premiums paid during thirty-five years. Under the workings of an actual Twenty Year Distribution Contract, the cash values would be vastly larger as the dividends would be compounded at yearly interest and would not be used to increase the death losses during the first twenty years. The results of this policy produced five and four-tenths per cent. compound interest on the premiums paid. This is better than a savings bank.

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