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News and opinions on any subject are always welcome, but all communications should be signed. Manuscripts unsolicited to our purpose will be returned if stamps are sent.

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IMPROVING ON THE PRIMER.

The Globe has come to the conclusion that "the great sources of education for the masses of the people are the common schools, the newspapers and the novel," but it takes a singular objection to the former in respect to the quality of the reading matter placed before the children in the primary grades.

To the cultured mind of the writer of that article it may seem a reflection upon the boasted civilization of the nineteenth century that the children should use primers, and patiently learn spelling and grammar by the old-time methods.

Supposing, however, that the child, dulled in intellect, though having been taught as the men who have made the literature of the past and the present have been taught, reaches that critical period between the primer and higher grades when, as the Globe asserts, the newspaper and the novels supply the want which the stupidity of the primer has created.

It is not likely that they will be, if they can comply with the existing regulations in regard to immigrants, and they will little heed the cool welcome of the press in the land of their adoption. They will all be voting in a year or two, and dictating instead of asking terms. What is the native American to do about it?

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be trouble" about something, with a variety of other information expressed in a much more flowing style than is found in the "hackneyed readers." The newspaper is ahead of the school book, in some respects. Nobody can doubt it.

AN AMERICAN PROBLEM.

The reconciliation of the spirit of the United States constitution with the practical running of the country on American principles is becoming more difficult every year. It was once the American boast that its shore offered a refuge for the poor and oppressed of all nations.

They came. Over crowded and famine-stricken Ireland began to send out its oppressed and liberty loving sons, until the world began to wonder how the little green island could have held so many people at one time.

For no enumerator has ever come within millions of estimating the population of the Flowery Kingdom, and when the road to America was once known the Mongolians began to pour in with alarming alacrity. They made themselves at home, ousted the American workmen, grew rich, and when they died refused to leave even their bones to enrich the soil that had supported them.

It is a hard matter for the exiled patriot from the effete monarchies of the old world to get into New York today. He must have money or friends, and if he has not he is promptly sent back.

Just now some of the New York papers are calling for more Congressional legislation for the prohibition of undesirable immigration. The cause of this outcry is the report a wholesale exodus of Maronites from Mount Lebanon is in prospect, and also that a large body of Armenians are trying to get money enough to reach the land of the free.

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Congress can make such regulations as it pleases to exclude the people of any nation or all nations, but when the people build a wall around the United States they violate the first principle of their constitution, and retract all that they have said in the past.

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BEFORE DOG DAYS.

A correspondent has some sensible remarks this week on dogs, mad and otherwise. There is a good deal of imagination about hydrophobia, and some people assert that there is little else about it.

One of the most foolish ways of sacrificing a valuable dog is to kill it because, without being vicious, it has bitten somebody. The life or death of the animal can have no effect on the wound, and if the dog is not dangerous there is no reason why it should die.

SUNDRY HITS AND HINTS.

Trinity church clock is showing fresh symptoms of insanity during the hot weather.

The alms-house is said to be so clean now that some housekeepers might learn a good deal by paying it a visit.

"Where did you get that hat?" is more appropriate than any party tune for a 12th of July celebration.

The bucket-shop is no respecter of persons. It can hit the highest official as hard as if he were a clerk on \$8 a week.

After all, this isn't half as foggy a country as some people try to make out. June and July have had a pretty clear record.

It did rain on St. Swithin's day, but ten to one there will not be rain every day for the next forty days, nor the half of it.

The Dorothy girls are having their photographs taken, in costume, and they say that some of them will look just too sweet for anything.

A Halifax brewery is being remodelled for the manufacture of lager beer. For export, probably; lager is not the Halifax drink, by a long way.

It was a great cross to some of the old-timers not to hear party tunes on the Twelfth, but the omission of them was the best thing possible on such a day.

The police have returned from their vacation to Westfield, feeling all the better for their outing. Send along some more burglars and give the boys another holiday.

Stanley had to sit down while he was being married, but that was better than having the wedding postponed, which, the girls say, would have been awfully unlucky.

The appointment of a "small committee" to visit Boston and get some information about graveyard fences is the next thing which the common council ought to consider.

A dispatch in telling of the burning of a Worcester hotel says "the inmates escaped with their lives." It would have been more remarkable had they escaped without them.

The centre-fielder of the Pittsburg base ball club is W. A. Sunday, which is a pretty good name of itself, and is better from the fact that he addresses Y. M. C. A. gatherings when he doesn't play ball.

It is rumored that Grover Cleveland is willing to accept a retainer from the Louisiana lottery people. That is all right. He should defend lotteries for it was a pretty big one by which he got to be president.

There is lots of trouble ahead for dogs. A scientist is experimenting in the inoculation of them for hydrophobia, and if he proves what he hopes there is a prospect of a law compelling all dogs to undergo the process.

There are people who firmly believe that a June bug has at least human intelligence, as shown by its successful attempts to elude capture. One will make his advent in the family circle and be as demonstrative as possible until an effort is made to catch it, when it will disappear and remain concealed until the pursuit is abandoned.

PERTINENT PERSONALS.

Craven Betts, one of an old St. John family, but who has for many years been resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting his friends here.

Among the New York visitors to St. John this week was Samuel Stockvis of the Dramatic Mirror, who called to congratulate PROGRESS on being the most thoroughly live paper he had come across in his travels down east.

The late D. R. Munro, whose death at Roanoke, Va., was noticed last week, was called away very suddenly. During the evening he had been sitting on the piazza of his residence chatting with his family, but shortly after he retired his son heard him coughing and ran to his assistance.

An Electrical Expert.

Mr. A. R. Bliss, whose card as an electrical expert appears in PROGRESS this morning, is prepared to contract for the construction and equipment of complete electric light and power plants.

On His Own Account.

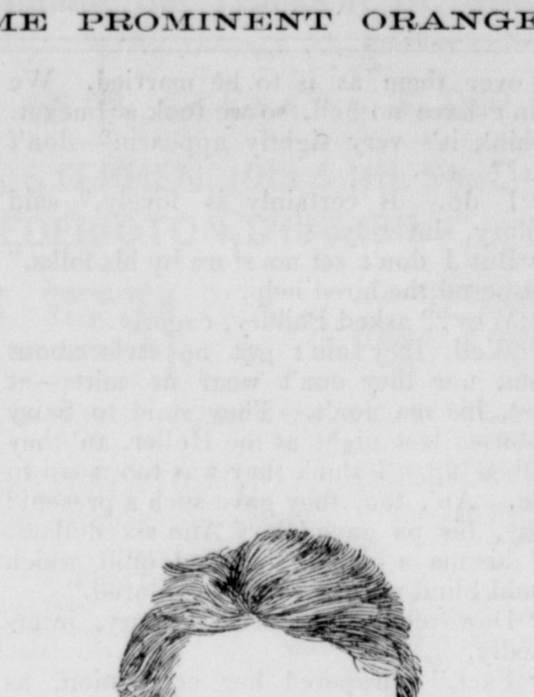
Frank S. Alwood, formerly with Messrs. Estey Alwood & Co., has gone into business on his own account on Union street, keeping a well assorted rubber and light hardware stock.

For Those Hunting Furniture.

Readers of PROGRESS see the announcement of Chas. E. Reynolds' furniture store today, for the first time. He is centrally located, and has a stock which it will be worth the while of any person seeking furniture to look at.



DAVID F. MERRITT, of Woodstock, one of the Executive Committee, is a Past County Master of Carleton County, and was Grand Master during the years 1881-82.



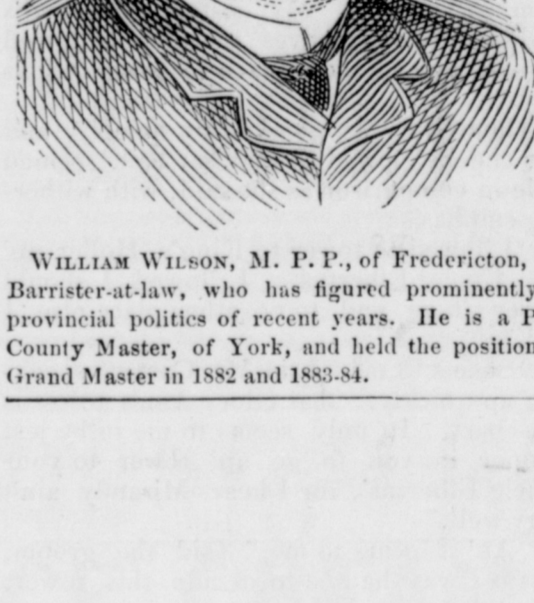
WILLIAM WILSON, M. P. P., of Fredericton, is a Barrister-at-law, who has figured prominently in provincial politics of recent years.



THOMAS A. KINNEAR, barrister-at-law, and late Clerk of the Circuit for Westmorland, is a native of Sackville, where he was made an Orangeman in Lorne Lodge, 88, and is now a member of 62, Moncton.



R. A. C. BROWN, of St. John, one of the Executive Committee, is a Past County Master of St. John, and was Grand Lecturer of New Brunswick for two years.



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BASE HITS OF "OLD KRANKS."

It was on last Dominion day A sportive friend to me did say, "For once, Old Man, come straight away, And see a rushing game."

When we arrived upon the ground, We saw some female kranks; and found The tough—whose species did abound— Was lavish with his chin;

I heard the umpire loudly bawl With lungs stentorian: "Play ball," Then nine proud athletes at the call, Upon the diamond sprang;

The "coacher" made a choice harangue, 'Twas uttered with a nasal twang, And coughed in choicest down east slang Discordant, senseless, queer;

The "swirler" posed with graceful mien, Within "the box" his glances keen, Took in that all absorbing scene Inside the lofty fence;

A batter with a lounging gait His station took near the "home plate," With club upraised he seem'd to wait A chance to strike "the sphere."

I heard the umpire loudly shout "Strike one, strike two, strike three, and out," If anything was struck,—no doubt It was the atmosphere.

I learn'd lots of baseball lore Strange terms I'd never heard before, Such things as "miss, muff, run, and score, The plate, the box, the bags,"

I comprehend decisions "rank," The "whitewash," "goose-egg," "hit" and "blank," The "slyster," "kicker," and the "krank,"

CHATS WITH CORRESPONDENTS. JACK, Westfield—You will see that another correspondent had anticipated your letter, and any additional items which you had were too late to be used.

HAZEL, Newcastle.—It is against the rule of this office to publish any social or personal notes unless the name of the writer is known.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

They Don't Encourage Strangers.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: I attended one of the Episcopal churches last Sunday, and was surprised at the smallness of the congregation.

Wants the Streets Watered on Sunday.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: Don't you think it would be a good idea to have the streets watered on Sunday, as well as any other day?

Tonsorial Jurisprudence.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: A man goes into a barber's shop to be shaved; there are several ahead of him; all take their turn in rotation until it comes to his immediate predecessor.

THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY.

(Written for use in the author's congregation, and recited by a little girl at an evening concert.) This is the Children's Sunday: Oh, it is fit that they, Of all the blooming June-time, should have one glad, bright day!

For their Festival of Worship, their Festival of Flowers. This is the Children's Sunday: Now let them trooping come; Let the church's flowery altar seem to them a second home!

This is the Children's Sunday: For them the Word be spoken; For them, with loving fingers, the bread of life be broken;

This is the Children's Sunday: As we in the Prophet read, So shall it be on this day,—"A little child shall lead!"

There Were Double the Number. The statement made by a daily paper that there were seventeen banners in Saturday's procession, was quite a revelation to the Orangemen.

FOR WOMEN WHO WORK.

One Way to Enjoy the Hours of Dog Days.

I want to say a few words of common sense to my friends, the men and the women, the youths and the maidens, who are all perspiring in these warm, sultry July hours.

Yes, I am taking my ease and comfort these warm days. Instead of washing and ironing I am letting Mr. Ungar do it. Now don't turn away in disgust and say that this is an advertisement.

I read it much the same way as you read this, and then I began to calculate what I had spent on boilers and tubs and lines and irons and goodness knows what, beside the wear and tear of myself.

PORTLAND METHODIST S. S. PICNIC.

The Annual Picnic and Social Gathering of the Congregation and Sunday School of Portland Methodist Church, will be held On TUESDAY, JULY 22nd, On the Beautiful Grounds at DAY'S LANDING.

A well supplied refreshment table, in charge of the young ladies of the School, on the Grounds. Dinner of Tea, 25c. Ice Cream, Strawberries and Cream, Bananas, and the usual Picnic Games, Sports and Swings will be provided.

SAINT JOHN PRESBYTERIAN S. S. PICNIC at HAMPTON, On TUESDAY, JULY 22nd.

The usual attractions for the young will be on the Grounds. Trains leave at 9.30 a. m., and 2.15 p. m. Tickets 40 cents and 25 cents.

St. Stephen's Church SUNDAY SCHOOL PIC-NIC, WESTFIELD, JULY 22nd.

Archery, Games, and the usual Pic-nic Sports will be provided. Refreshments can be had on the grounds. Trains leave I. C. R. Station at 9.30 a. m. and 1.20 p. m., local time. Returning, will leave grounds about 6 o'clock.

KITCHEN GIRL WANTED at 115 King Street East. 7-21-1